

## Pulitzer Prize-winning author to speak at UT Oct. 22

By Lindsay Mahaney

**D**rawing from life experience is a theme in an American author's work that he will discuss later this week.

Novelist, short-story writer, screenwriter and teacher Richard Russo will be featured in The University of Toledo Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series. The series is back for its second bout of engagement and innovation from noted professionals Thursday, Oct. 22.

With several distinguished achievements under his belt — including a Pulitzer Prize for his 2001 novel titled *Empire Falls* — Russo knows the key to good literature. He will discuss his 1998 book, *Straight Man*. The novel tells the tale of William Henry Devereau Jr., a reluctant

chairman of the English Department in an underfunded Pennsylvania college, who in the course of a week has his nose mangled by an angry colleague, imagines his wife is having an affair with the dean, and wonders if an adjunct is trying to seduce him with peach pits. All of this leads to the pinnacle where he threatens to kill one of the campus ducks every day on television until his departmental budget is finalized.

"I'm looking forward to talking about my novel *Straight Man* with the good folks at The University of Toledo, where I plan to kill a duck a day until my demands are met," Russo joked.

His talk and all lectures in the series will take place at 7 p.m. in Doermann

Theater, located in University Hall on Main Campus. Space is limited for the free, public lectures, so attendees are encouraged to register for tickets in advance at [utoledo.edu/honorslecture](http://utoledo.edu/honorslecture).

"Richard Russo is well-known within academic communities for this book, *Straight Man*. Its setting is a fictionalized university within the Midwest," said Kelly Moore, interim dean of the Jesup Scott Honors College.

"Richard Russo is a keen observer of what is around him. Often we take for granted what we see, hear or do every day. He is also a writer who reminds us of the importance of paying back — gratitude for



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## U.S. News honors UTMC for its commitment to health care's digital future

By Brandi Barhite

U.S. News & World Report is recognizing The University of Toledo Medical Center for its digital prowess when it comes to patient safety and engagement.

UTMC is one of 126 U.S. medical centers in 34 states to be named Most Connected Hospitals for 2015-16, per U.S. News standards that span both electronic medical records and quality care.

The selection was based on responses to a set of 26 questions selected by U.S. News from the 2013 American Hospital Association Annual Survey Information Technology Supplement.

"UTMC prides itself on being committed to health care's digital future," UTMC CEO Dave Morlock said. "Digital technology is paramount when it comes to

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## UT named a Top Military-Friendly University

**F**or the third consecutive year, The University of Toledo has been named a Top Military-Friendly University by Military Advanced Education & Transition.

"A record number of schools responded to our extensive survey, and [Military Advanced Education & Transition] staff evaluated each submission by our strict criteria," said Kelly Vodel, editor of the magazine. "Schools are evaluated by their achievement in military culture, financial aid, flexibility, general support services, on-campus support and online support services."

While this designation underscores the efforts of the University and the Military Service Center, officials are continually looking to expand services to service members, veterans and their families.

"Being named a Top Military-Friendly University is a testament to the commitment of the University's administration, staff and faculty," said Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz N. Ghanbari, UT director of military and veteran affairs. "Our students bring a wealth of experience to the classroom, and we remain grateful for their service to our nation."

The Military Service Center is a one-stop shop for those eligible to receive Department of Defense or Department of Veteran Affairs educational benefits. Located in Rocket Hall, the center works closely with



Adult, Transfer and Military Admission, Online Admission, and the various support and academic offices throughout the University.

"The support for our current service members, veterans and their families extends beyond the sidewalks of the University," Ghanbari said. "The relationships we have with various organizations in the community are invaluable. We are extremely thankful for the many individuals and companies who continue to invest in the future of our students."

For more information, the Military Service Center can be reached at 419.530.VETS (8387).



## UT Health physician receives 'Doctor of the Decade' award

By Brandi Barhite

Dr. Blair Grubb of The University of Toledo Medical Center has been recognized as the "Doctor of the Decade."

Grubb was awarded the Medical Professional of the Decade Award from the British Heart Rhythm Society and Arrhythmia Alliance in Birmingham, England, on Oct. 5.

Grubb, director of Electrophysiology Services at UTMC and Distinguished University Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, is one of the only non-British subjects to have received recognition from these organizations.

"It is gratifying to know that my work has had an impact far beyond the confines of Toledo or Ohio or the United States," Grubb said. "My work has helped medical professionals everywhere better understand and treat autonomic disorders and has helped better the lives of untold millions of people who suffer from these disorders all over the world."

The British Heart Rhythm Society and Arrhythmia Alliance are the largest in the United Kingdom to deal with heart rhythm and autonomic disorders. The award was presented by Dr. John Camm, the UK's leading cardiologist who has treated the Queen of England.

"This individual is described as having a dignified and quiet demeanor who demonstrates compassion, humility, patience and thoughtfulness in his interactions with staff, colleagues, medical students and patients," Camm said when he presented the award to Grubb. "He is the quintessential gentleman and scholar."

Grubb said it is rewarding to know that he has helped give birth to an entire new field of medicine: autonomics.

"I am proud to have made The University of Toledo one of the world's



**CONGRATULATIONS:** On behalf of the British Heart Rhythm Society and Arrhythmia Alliance, Dr. John Camm presented the Medical Professional of the Decade Award to Dr. Blair Grubb. They were joined by Dr. Nick Linker and Dame Trudie Lobban.

leading centers for this emerging field of medicine," he said.

In July, Dysautonomia International presented Grubb with the 2015 Physician of the Year Award.

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the coordination and continuity of care. It promotes informed decision-making by both the health-care workers and the patients. We take pride in helping patients become more directly involved in their health-care management."

To be considered for Most Connected Hospital status, a hospital had to register a high score in the questions selected from the survey and be among the 954 facilities recognized by U.S. News as nationally ranked or rated as high performing in 2015-16 in Best Hospitals for Complex Care, Best Hospitals for Common Care or Best Children's Hospitals.

UTMC was evaluated in three areas:

- Clinical connectedness, which rates a hospital's ability to exchange or share patient information electronically with any provider who needs it;
- Patient safety, which assesses a hospital's ability to protect patients

by using bar-coded wrist bracelets to verify patients' identities before medications and other treatments are administered; and

- Patient engagement, which gauges a hospital's ability to offer patients an opportunity to access their electronic medical information and receive updates.

Dr. Bryan Hinch, chief medical information officer at UTMC, said health care is being revolutionized by digital technology.

"The standardization of electronic health records and the sharing of health information in a secure way are a huge boost for health-care quality and safety," Hinch said. "UTMC is proud to be recognized for our efforts, which are continual because technology is always improving and changing."

## Pulitzer Prize-winning author

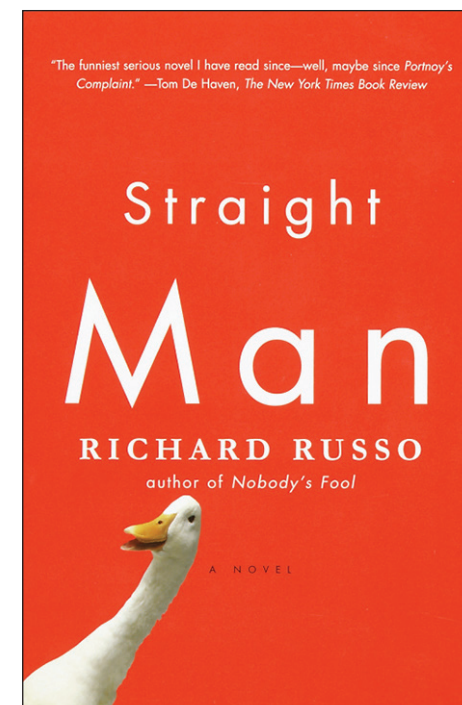
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those individuals and places that helped to shape us is often overlooked in our 24/7 environment."

Following Russo, two more speakers are set for the 2015-16 Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series lineup:

- Monday, Feb. 1 — Steve Wozniak, a Silicon Valley icon and entrepreneur. Wozniak is known for co-founding Apple Computer Inc. with Steve Jobs.
- Tuesday, April 5 — Ann Bancroft, one of the world's pre-eminent polar explorers. Bancroft is an internationally recognized leader who is dedicated to inspiring women, girls and audiences around the world to unleash the power of their dreams.

For additional information, visit [utoledo.edu/honorslecture](http://utoledo.edu/honorslecture) or call 419.530.2738.





## UT Health orthopaedic surgeon scores in 100th percentile on board recertification

By Brandi Barhite

When Dr. Nabil Ebraheim, an orthopaedic surgeon at The University of Toledo Medical Center, received his test results from the American Board of Orthopedics, it almost didn't register. He had scored in the 100th percentile.



"When I looked at it, I couldn't believe it," Ebraheim said. "I never expected that. The exam was really hard."

Board certification is a voluntary process, but many doctors get re-certified every 10 years because it demonstrates expertise in a particular specialty.

In 2004, Ebraheim scored in the 99th percentile. It was his goal to get in the 100th percentile of the about 1,100 people who took the test.

"It has always been a goal, but I never thought I could get in the 100th percentile," he said.

"It is an honor and a privilege to have such a gifted physician in our community, let alone on our staff at UTMC," said Dan Barbee, vice president of clinical services at UTMC. "Even better is the fact that as a faculty member and orthopaedic residency director, our students and residents are being trained by one of the finest surgeons in the country."

Ebraheim said he studied for the exam, but attributes the achievement to his 30 years in the field. He graduated from the Cairo University School of Medicine in Egypt and completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

He came to Toledo in 1985 and serves as professor and chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, director of the Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program and the chief of orthopaedic trauma.

"As you get older, the tendency is you are less current and less up-to-date, but I try to be the opposite."

## Finding relief



Photo by Daniel Miller

Dr. Iman Mohamed, UT professor and chief of the Division of Hematology and Oncology, spoke Thursday night at the Focus on Lymphedema educational night at the Radisson Hotel. Lymphedema is a painful condition that can affect women who have undergone, or are undergoing, breast cancer treatment. Those who suffer from lymphedema — the lack of lymphatic drainage — experience severe swelling in their arms or other extremities. The free, public event was part of the Tie One On Awareness Lecture Series hosted by the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center.

## Clinic offers free screenings for University community

By Cassandra DeYoung

The University of Toledo Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is offering free hearing screenings for UT students, faculty and staff.

"A hearing screening is very quick; it only takes approximately five minutes, but it can help determine if a person would benefit from a full hearing evaluation," said Amy Remer, coordinator at the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic.

Located in Health and Human Services Building Room 1240 on Main Campus, the clinic offers a wide range of services for communication disorders and provides communication and learning

problem evaluations, along with separate audiological evaluations.

Services are conducted by graduate and advanced undergraduate students in the UT Speech-Language Pathology Program under the supervision of certified, licensed speech-language pathologist and audiologists.

The clinic offers all services at a discounted self-pay rate, including hearing evaluation for \$25.

All services are by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, call the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic at 419.530.4339.

## Happy to give



Photo by Daniel Miller

Darren Gordon, a student in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, donated blood with the help of Johnna Smith of the American Red Cross Western Lake Erie Region during a drive earlier this month on Health Science Campus.

## In memoriam

**Rolland D. "Rollie" Jakubowski**, Toledo, an internal auditor at MCO who retired in 1995, died Oct. 11 at age 82.

# Donor lives up to daughter's ideal

By Paul Hood

**T**om Litzinger is the last person who would want any publicity for what he's doing for the College of Medicine and Life Sciences at The University of Toledo.

But he knows he can't help a future medical school student without drawing attention to his cause.

In memory of his late daughter, Litzinger donated his \$100,000 life insurance policy to the College of Medicine to support the Amie Litzinger MD Class of 2013 Endowed Scholarship Fund. This is in addition to his \$25,000 pledge after Amie's death.

Amie died Jan. 1, 2013, from a genetic heart disease, just months prior to her scheduled graduation from medical school. She was awarded her diploma posthumously, the only student in the history of the College of Medicine to be so recognized.

"Amie loved the College of Medicine," Litzinger said. "Amie could not say enough kind words about her fellow classmates, staff, faculty, administration and friends."

"As a father, how can I not give back to the institution that provided so much for Amie? Amie loved her role at the UT College of Medicine. It truly is an incredible institution that deserves my commitment and dedication."

Howard Newman, UT associate vice president for development, said Litzinger has been active in raising money and awareness in the University medical community. He has been a champion for medical students.

"In addition to being a truly generous philanthropist, Tom has been a tireless volunteer for Amie's Fund," Newman said. "He has motivated people in the auto industry, his local community and at UT

to support this wonderful scholarship as a legacy to his daughter's spirit of caring."

Litzinger, who lives in Brighton, Mich., said education is expensive and he doesn't want someone to forgo medical school because of the cost.

"I will continue to give so we can secure any potential medical school student the opportunity to attend medical school," he said. "Amie, unfortunately, will never become the caring physician that she desired to become. Her patients must have viable replacements to pick up where Amie left off."

For information about how to donate to Amie's Fund, contact Newman at 419.383.6840 or email [howard.newman@utoledo.edu](mailto:howard.newman@utoledo.edu). Donors also may give online at [UTfoundation.org](http://UTfoundation.org).



Litzinger

## Flu shot calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 20	7 a.m. to noon	UTMC first floor outside of the gift shop
Tuesday, Oct. 20	12:30 to 2 p.m.	Dowling Hall Room 0075
Wednesday, Oct. 21	7 a.m. to noon	UTMC first floor outside of the gift shop
Thursday, Oct. 22	7 a.m. to noon	UTMC first floor outside of the gift shop
Thursday, Oct. 22	1 to 2:30 p.m.	Ruppert Health Center west hall
Monday, Oct. 26	7 to 10 a.m.	UTMC ground floor
Monday, Oct. 26	10:30 a.m. to noon	Mulford Library lobby
Tuesday, Oct. 27	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Health Education Building front lobby
Wednesday, Oct. 28	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Collier Building lobby
Thursday, Oct. 29	8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Student Union lobby by the fountain
Friday, Oct. 30	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Glendale Medical East Room 1206
Friday, Oct. 30	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Welloween at the Student Recreation Center
Monday, Nov. 2	8:30 to 10 a.m.	Dowling Hall Room 0075
Tuesday, Nov. 3	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Stranahan Hall lobby
Wednesday, Nov. 4	8 a.m. to noon	Memorial Field House
Wednesday, Nov. 4	1 to 5 p.m.	Law Center
Thursday, Nov. 5	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Health and Human Services Center lobby
Monday, Nov. 9	7 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.	Four Seasons Bistro's Pinnacle Lounge
Tuesday, Nov. 10	1 to 3 a.m.	UTMC roaming the ground floor to the sixth floor
Wednesday, Nov. 11	7 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.	Four Seasons Bistro's Pinnacle Lounge
Thursday, Nov. 12	1 to 3 a.m.	UTMC roaming the ground floor to the sixth floor
Thursday, Nov. 12	7 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.	Four Seasons Bistro's Pinnacle Lounge

*Flu shot information: [utoledo.edu/fluprep](http://utoledo.edu/fluprep)*



Fret work



Photo by Daniel Miller

UT students Chad Schoen, left, and Adam Derby played guitars on Centennial Mall Oct. 9 when the food trucks were on Main Campus as part of Homecoming week festivities.

Color our world



Horn of plenty



Photo by Daniel Miller

Famed jazzman Dave Liebman performed during a master class Thursday in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. The noted musician played saxophone and flute in the Miles Davis and Elvin Jones groups, and received multiple Grammy nominations and a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master Award. He also was named a Jazz Educators Network Legend of Jazz and is the founder and director of the International Association of Schools of Jazz. Expansions: The Dave Liebman Group also performed in concert Thursday evening on campus.



Photos by Angela Riddel

Quinton Babcock, a student in the Arts Diplomacy class, helped paint a public mural under the direction of guest artist David Loewenstein earlier this month. The mural marks the entrance of the Frederick Douglass Community Association's James B. Simmons Jr. Neighborhood Facilities Building in Toledo. The community project was funded by the UT offices of Debra Davis, dean of the College of Communication and the Arts, and Interim Provost John Barrett.



## Medical student receives top honors

By Lindsay Mahaney

**C**ommitted, intelligent and extremely busy are just a few of the qualities professors used to describe Adam Blatt.

When he heard that his professors had spoken well of him, Blatt sipped his coffee, chuckled and joked, “They’re just keeping it professional.”

But his repertoire proves that couldn’t be further from the truth.

Blatt is the recipient of two prestigious honors: the Dr. Freimer Excellence in Microbiology and Immunology Award and the Dr. Freimer MD/PhD Scholarship. The first is awarded to the student who receives the highest marks in the Infection and Immunity block of the medical curriculum, a course every medical student is required to take. The second is a \$1,500 endowed fund that has been established to help support MD/PhD students conducting research in the Infection, Immunity and Transplantation track — and it’s not even awarded on a yearly basis.

“I was shocked when I found out,” Blatt said. “There were three other candidates that were all very good, so I was just shocked and felt a little lucky because I know they all do exceptional work.”

Blatt’s research takes up the majority of his time. Focusing on a group of proteins in the immune system, he looks at their role in cardiovascular diseases. The primary goal of his research is to identify targets for therapeutics to treat or prevent diseases

associated with increased thrombosis — the clotting of blood in the circulatory system — and inflammation. The dissertation project is co-funded by a National Institutes of Health R01 grant and his American Heart Association Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.

“I really like the work; it’s challenging but definitely worth it.”

He’s completed two years of medical school and is spending his third year researching in the lab. Depending on the current round of experiments, he hopes to transition back to his final two years of medical school next summer.

“Adam has the qualities of an ideal graduate student, and I feel privileged to have him in my lab,” said Dr. Viviana Ferreira, associate professor of medical microbiology and immunology. “I am consistently impressed by his intelligence, resilience, commitment, drive, team spirit, and ability to learn and apply this knowledge. He is highly creative, with an excellent ability to detect pitfalls and propose alternative approaches when difficulties arise.”

Blatt works in Ferreira’s lab on his dissertation project. She’s also his PhD adviser.

“Aside from excelling in his medical training during his first two years of medical school, he has won many graduate awards, which are testament to his exemplary work ethic. I have no doubt he will make



Blatt

Photo by Adaeze Izuogu

highly significant contributions as a future independent physician-scientist,” she said.

In addition to being exemplary in the classroom and the lab, Blatt was a student representative on the MD/PhD Faculty Committee, serves as president on the Council for Biomedical Graduate Students, assists with the microbiology labs for medical school, and volunteered to arrange dinners for MD/PhD student applicants during their interviews.

Dr. Earl Freimer, who the awards were named for, was a co-founder of the

Medical College of Ohio in 1968. He also served both as the founding chairman of the Department of Microbiology and as founding chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Medicine, and held a variety of positions at the University. Freimer passed away in 2011; these scholarships were created in his honor after his death. Gifts may be made to the Earl H. Freimer Endowed Scholarship Fund at the UT Foundation.

## Race for RockeTHON: Students invited to jumpstart fundraising efforts for dance marathon

By Lindsay Mahaney

**T**he University of Toledo community is invited to join in racing for a cause this month.

In an attempt to raise money and awareness for UT’s annual RockeTHON, a 13-hour dance marathon on campus that collects funds for the local Children’s Miracle Network hospital, a 5K fundraiser will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. The race will start and end in the McComas Village, where an optional breakfast will be available.

“It’s important to participate because all the money goes to the Children’s Miracle Network local hospital downtown,” said Brandon Alves, co-director of RockeTHON. “We’re really trying to make RockeTHON a

year-round effort and not just a once-a-year event; the goal this year is to raise more than \$130,000.”

All funds raised will go into each organization’s or person’s RockeTHON donor drive. Spirit points will be awarded to three organizations with the highest number of participants and with the most wearing green.

Registration for the run costs \$10, breakfast costs \$5, or both together for \$13, which can be paid at <http://utole.do/dancemarathonrockethon5k>. Laptops will be available on the morning of the event to register as well.

Donations will be accepted until Thursday, Nov. 5. Even if you’re unable to

participate in the race, making a donation or sponsoring a participant is encouraged, Alves said.

RockeTHON will take place Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. in Savage Arena.

Since 2001, more than \$700,000 has been raised at the annual event; in 2015, more than \$106,000 was raised.

For more information, contact Amber Gasparini at 440.653.1149 or [amber.gasparini@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:amber.gasparini@rockets.utoledo.edu).



## Fall Career Fair scheduled for Oct 28; Prep Sessions for all majors this week

By Cathy Zimmer

The Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services will host its Fall 2015 Career Fair Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

“This career fair is open to all majors,” said Shelly Drouillard, director of the Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services. “Students are asked to wear professional dress and to bring their Rocket Card and plenty of resumés to share with potential employers.”

Representatives from 100 for-profit, government and nonprofit organizations will be available to meet with students regarding full-time and part-time employment along with internship opportunities. Students of all majors are encouraged to attend. Alumni also are welcome.

Registered organizations represent a wide range of fields, and employers include Best Buy, ESPN Cleveland, Make-a-Wish America, Coca-Cola Co., The Andersons, ProMedica, Quicken Loans, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North American Science Associates, Heidelberg Distributing, among others. Participants can see a full list of employers online at [utoledo.edu/success/celcs](http://utoledo.edu/success/celcs).

Students can prepare for the career fair by attending recommended Prep Sessions from noon 1 p.m. in Student Union Room 2591 Wednesday, Oct. 21, Thursday, Oct. 22, and Monday, Oct. 26. Students are encouraged to register online for the prep session.

In addition, a Resumé Review Open House will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Career Services, located

in Student Union Room 1533. Members of Alpha Kappa Psi and Career Services staff will be on hand to review resumés in preparation for the fair. No appointment is required; students can walk-in and have their resumés reviewed.

A Seeilo introduction and demonstration on how you can create an online portfolio also will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. in Student Union Room 1533 Wednesday, Oct. 21, Thursday, Oct. 22, and Monday, Oct. 26.

“Career fairs serve as a valuable resource to our students. Students are able to explore career options and seek future employment,” Drouillard added. “Students will be able to discover what is out there in the work world, explore different options and career paths, meet and talk with representatives from a broad spectrum of companies, obtain valuable interview and job search experience from seasoned professionals, learn about internships, develop a network of contacts and discuss available positions, and submit their resumés in person to company recruiters.”

The Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services works to connect students to meaningful learning experiences and assist students with determining a major and career exploration. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many services offered; these include resumé reviews, mock interviews and job search strategies. To schedule an appointment, call 419.530.4341.

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**Online registration is encouraged.**

**Contact Career Services at 419.530.4341 for a resume review or to create a Career Fair strategy.**

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## University promotes safety education on campus during October

By Cassandra DeYoung

The University of Toledo spotlights Crime Prevention Month by hosting Not On My Watch, a series of student activities and programs to educate and encourage personal safety.

“One of the things we always tell students is to be aware of their surroundings,” said Virginia Speight, associate vice president for student affairs in UT’s Division of Student Affairs and director of residence life. “College is a mini-city; people think that they’re safe because it’s college, but everybody is not necessarily here to get an education.”

Throughout the month of October, the Division of Student Affairs and The University of Toledo Police Department will offer events on Main Campus that will encourage students to become active participants in their own personal safety along with campus safety.

“We started this three years ago and at first it started out really small with just Residence Life and UT Police, but we’ve been able to build and turn it into something that is divisional and spread it across campus,” Speight said.

Not On My Watch will feature a range of student activities and programs addressing safety in areas of relationships, substance abuse, violence and more.

Students can meet with members of The University of Toledo Police Department in the Student Union Trimble Lounge Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 10 to 11 a.m. and Monday, Oct. 26, from noon to 1:30 p.m. for a question-and-answer session.

An active shooter and violent intruder presentation will be hosted in the Student Recreation Center Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The presentation’s objective is to teach students how to be participants in their own survival and lead others to safety.

The Division of Student Affairs’ University Counseling Center will feature Gestic Theatre Company Dramatic Dialogues on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. The program will address sex and drugs in frank and open discussions.

In addition to the safety programs, residence halls will perform door safety checks through Tuesday, Oct. 27, in which staff will purposely lock residents’ doors that are left open to demonstrate the dangers of leaving doors unlocked.

“At first, students were furious, but we saw the number of thefts significantly decrease the next year,” Speight said. “It creates an educational opportunity to have a conversation about students’ safety.”

The Student Recreational Center also will feature a Lock It Up initiative throughout the month to remind visitors to secure their belongings.

To see more events planned for the month or for more information, visit [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/reslife/notonmywatch.html](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/reslife/notonmywatch.html).

For more information on campus safety, visit [utoledo.edu/campus/safety/index.html](http://utoledo.edu/campus/safety/index.html).

## Anti-Domestic Violence Gala to be held Oct. 22 to benefit local shelter

By Cassandra DeYoung

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., a service and scholarship fraternity at The University of Toledo, will host an Anti-Domestic Violence Gala Thursday, Oct. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

The second annual philanthropic dinner is part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and will support the Bethany House of Toledo, a safe, long-term, transitional shelter for victims of domestic violence.

“We started this event last year because we’ve seen how prevalent domestic violence is in the greater Toledo area and we want to help,” said Jojuan Campbell, a UT

student majoring in mechanical engineering and gala marketing coordinator.

The formal event will feature a fully catered dinner from Cottage Inn and will include pasta, salad and bread sticks.

General admission is \$5 at the door. Reservations can be requested by emailing [epsilonalpha1954@gmail.com](mailto:epsilonalpha1954@gmail.com).

The event is co-sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega and the Sexual Assault Education Prevention Program, and it is part of UT’s Not On My Watch to educate and encourage safety.

# NOT ON my WATCH

In honor of Crime Prevention Month, the Division of Student Affairs and The University of Toledo Police Department are partnering throughout the month of October to offer students activities and programs that will encourage them to become active participants in their safety as well as campus safety. Check out the website for event details:

[utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/reslife/notonmywatch.html](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/reslife/notonmywatch.html)



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