

## Task force completes sexual misconduct assessment

By Meghan Cunningham

A task force created by President Sharon L. Gaber to review The University of Toledo's practices and policies related to sexual assault awareness, prevention and adjudication and compare them to best practices at other universities has completed its assessment.

UT is among the safest campuses in Ohio with consistently low reports of sexual misconduct and has strong prevention programming and support services that meet or exceed those offered at peer institutions, according to the Sexual Assault Misconduct Assessment and Recommendations report produced by the task force.

The task force put together a list of 27 recommendations to enhance the programs and services available at the University to position the institution as a leader in

the prevention and adjudication of sexual misconduct.

"The task force did a thorough review of the University's practices and those of our peers to ensure we are providing the most effective prevention and support services for our students, faculty and staff when it comes to the issue of sexual misconduct, which unfortunately continues to be a concern on college campuses across the country," Gaber said. "I look forward to working with the campus to implement the recommendations to ensure UT continues to be a safe and welcoming environment."

UT's resources in this area include a Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Program; an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention Program; a University Counseling Center; a Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness; a partnership with

YWCA HOPE Center; and a director of Title IX and compliance, who will now report to the vice president for student affairs to facilitate better communication and collaboration.

The Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention and Adjudication Task Force identified strengths, gaps in services, and ways to improve the delivery of services. The recommendations are focused on four themes: comprehensive university-wide efforts; prevention and programming efforts; resource availability; and investigation and adjudication.

Among the recommendations are:

- Create a Title IX committee to coordinate comprehensive implementation of programs and services across campus. The committee should be chaired by

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## Weeks of Welcome events scheduled for students

Students: It's time to get involved! Make new friends, have some fun, and learn about The University of Toledo during Weeks of Welcome events.

"The first few weeks of school are so important for all students," Dr. Sammy Spann, interim associate vice president and dean of students, said. "Weeks of Welcome events are designed to help students succeed by bringing them together with their peers and giving them the chance to meet faculty and staff while learning more about the University and having a good time."

Check out some of the events the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership in the Division of Student Affairs has planned to welcome students to campus:

### FRIDAY, AUG. 25

- Graduate Student Field Day, 1 to 4 p.m., Centennial Mall. The Graduate Student Association will

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## Towering job



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Repairs to the ornamental stone features surrounding the top of University Hall's iconic 205-foot-tall tower are being made to preserve its architectural integrity, according to Jason Toth, associate vice president for facilities and construction. University Hall was the first building constructed on Main Campus in 1931.

## UT wins national teacher education award for excellence and innovation

By Christine Billau

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) honored The University of Toledo with its Christa McAuliffe Award for Excellence in Teacher Education in recognition of a successful program that engages teachers and parents in supporting a young child's natural curiosity through interactive, inquiry-based science lessons.

The national association of nearly 420 public colleges, universities and systems selected UT for the competitive award that recognizes one institution each year for excellence and innovation because of the University's NURTURES Early Childhood Science program, which aims to improve the science readiness scores of preschool through third grade students in the Toledo area.

In a letter to UT President Sharon L. Gaber, AASCU President Muriel A. Howard called the program "an exemplary one that can serve as a model for other institutions and help to advance practices in the field."



NURTURES, which stands for Networking Urban Resources with Teachers and University to enRich Early Childhood Science, is a professional development program and collaboration between UT, local daycare centers and nursery schools, Toledo Public Schools, informal science centers, and other community resources to create a complementary, integrated system of science education. The program was supported with a \$10 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

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# New restaurant, renovated dining halls provide refreshed spaces to enjoy meals

By Meghan Cunningham

The addition of another national restaurant chain and complete renovations of the on-campus dining halls will provide a more engaging dining experience this year at The University of Toledo.

Chick-fil-A is open in the lower level of the Thompson Student Union across from Steak 'n Shake, which served its first burgers and milkshakes on campus in April.

The upgraded dining hall in Ottawa House East opens Monday, Aug. 21, and the refreshed South Dining Hall in the Thompson Student Union will open Monday, Aug. 28.

“Our students have requested national restaurant chains, and we are happy to be able to provide new options to campus,” said Bonnie Murphy, associate vice president for auxiliaries. “This summer we also renovated the dining halls to provide a more engaging user experience where our students, as well as faculty, staff and community members, can enjoy their meals in a relaxed atmosphere with their classmates and colleagues.”

Both all-you-care-to-eat dining halls will continue to have a variety of options in addition to the grill, pizza, salad, soup and bakery stations. The popular cereal bars also received an upgrade with waffles and made-to-order omelets also available for breakfast.

UT is planning a Delicious Destinations series throughout the year where pop-up type venues offer foods from different cultures around the world, in addition to regular theme nights connected to holidays and campus events.

The dining hall in Ottawa East also features a fire oven for pizza, calzones and toasted sandwiches, and a new allergy-friendly station where the food is prepared without milk, eggs, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat and soybean.

“We wanted to upgrade from the traditional cafeteria

line format and provide our guests with a more open space to easily move among the different stations to take advantage of the many different and delicious offerings during breakfast, lunch and dinner,” said Gary Casteel, district manager for UT’s dining operation.

Guests can enjoy meals at the dining halls using meal plans, as well as for a flat rate of \$7 for breakfast, \$8 for lunch or \$9 for dinner paid with cash, credit or Rocket dollars.

Regular weekday hours for the dining halls throughout the academic year are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for Ottawa East and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for South Dining, which closes after lunch Fridays for the weekends. Ottawa East is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the weekends.

The Chick-fil-A Express, which offers a select menu of the restaurant’s chicken nuggets, sandwiches, waffle fries and salads, is currently open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and hours will be extended until 7 p.m. after the academic year begins next week.

In addition to Chick-fil-A and Steak 'n Shake, Freshens restaurant opened last year on the engineering campus.

Phoenicia Cuisine also will provide a new experience to guests in a new location in the Thompson Student Union. Phoenicia is moving up one floor to the former location of Rocky’s Attic, where it will offer students a casual lounge space for snacking and visiting in addition to a restaurant area with booths and high-top tables to share meals. Renovations are ongoing with plans to open in the new location during fall semester.

Also new this year is Carter Market available in Carter Hall, which is open this year for students while renovations are made to Parks Tower. The market is a convenience store with grab-and-go food options.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**ON THE MENU:** Gary Casteel, district manager for UT’s dining operation, talked about the new allergy-friendly station in Ottawa House East.

## Under pressure



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

A worker power-washed the south side of Gillham Hall to prepare the exterior for repairing mortar joints. The project also includes weatherproofing and sealing the building, according to Jason Toth, associate vice president for facilities and construction.



## Reminder to register for parking

All faculty and staff are reminded to register for parking for the 2017-18 academic year. The University's new parking registration webpage went live, Aug. 5, and parking enforcement will begin Monday, Aug. 28.

To avoid ticketing, visit the myUT portal or [myparking.utoledo.edu](http://myparking.utoledo.edu) to register. Because the parking registration webpage has been redesigned, be sure to follow the prompts or refer to the step-by-step instructions that also are available on the webpage if needed.

Employees in collective bargaining agreements have the option this year to choose between a "U" permit or an "A" permit, paying more to park in lots that have a higher demand. This selection should be made when you register your vehicle at [myparking.utoledo.edu](http://myparking.utoledo.edu). However, these drivers are reminded to first review all information in the Frequently Asked Questions document and "Where May I Park" on the parking website to consider their options before registering as they may not change their permit type until the end of the semester.

Among several modifications being made to parking in 2017-18, all UT drivers should print a permit confirmation and display it on their dashboard whenever parking on UT property.

"This permit should be used as a reference to ensure you're parking in a lot appropriate for your permit type," said

Sherri Kaspar, manager of public safety services.

Also new this academic year, drivers may register — and park — only one primary car at any given time; however, they may save multiple vehicles in their online profile.

"This makes it easy for you to switch from the primary vehicle you registered to another vehicle, such as your partner's," Kaspar explained. "Remember that when you drive a different vehicle to campus, you will need to print off the permit confirmation for that particular car so it matches the vehicle you're parking that day."

Parking Services' new registration webpage was designed to be mobile-friendly and so it will provide all users a smooth interface with their smart phone, plus any other digital devices they may use. Additionally, a new UT parking app will be available soon. Watch for more details in NewsBreaks and UT News.

As a reminder, students should log on to [myparking.utoledo.edu](http://myparking.utoledo.edu) beginning Wednesday, Aug. 23, to check their parking permit type and to print their permit confirmation.

More information about UT's new parking system is available in the Frequently Asked Questions section on [utoledo.edu/parkingservices](http://utoledo.edu/parkingservices). Any questions not answered there may be sent to [parking@utoledo.edu](mailto:parking@utoledo.edu).

## All faculty, staff, student employees: Remember to complete compliance training

Twelve-month faculty and staff are reminded to complete their assigned compliance training courses by Thursday, Aug. 31. To date, nearly 70 percent of these individuals already have completed all of their assigned compliance training course work.

"We're extremely pleased that such a diverse workforce across multiple campuses responded so promptly in completing these courses," said David Cutri, executive director of internal audit and chief compliance officer. "Thousands upon thousands of individuals are being educated on topics that are very important to the University's culture and mission, and we certainly appreciate their efforts."

Nine-month, 10-month and part-time faculty, staff, supervisors and UT student employees should complete their assigned compliance courses between Friday, Sept. 1, and Tuesday, Oct. 31. Reminders will be sent to them via email next week.

Each of the mandatory courses requires approximately 60 to 90 minutes to complete. They include:

- Intersections: Supervisor Anti-Harassment and Title IX (all faculty and staff);
- Ohio Ethics Commission: Ethics — It's Everybody's Business (all faculty and staff); and
- HIPAA Basics (only for Health Science Campus faculty and staff, plus those on Main Campus assigned this course

because of their direct or indirect ties to patient care).

To access the courses, you may either use your email invitation (clicking the Begin Training button contained therein), or you may log in to myUT and access your courses in the Training and Career Development section.

When you complete the Intersections course (and if you are required to complete the HIPAA course), an electronic record will be made so Human Resources and Talent Development will have your course completion on file.

However, when you access the Ohio Ethics Commission course, you are linked directly to the Ohio Ethics Commission website. Therefore, you must print your certificate of completion for this particular course and send it to [trainingdevelopment@utoledo.edu](mailto:trainingdevelopment@utoledo.edu). Additional instructions can be found on the course webpage at <https://intranet.utoledo.edu/ethics-training/Home/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fethics-training>.

If you already have taken any one of the above courses since January 2017, either online or in a face-to-face setting, there is no need for you to retake it at this time; Human Resources and Talent Development has your course completion data in its records.

If you have any questions about compliance training, your assigned courses or completion deadlines, contact [trainingdevelopment@utoledo.edu](mailto:trainingdevelopment@utoledo.edu).

## Director to receive military promotion

Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz N. Ghanbari, UT director of military and veteran affairs, has been selected for promotion to the rank of lieutenant commander.

"Serving alongside our men and women in uniform continues to be one of the greatest honors of my life," Ghanbari said. "Being selected for promotion is a testament to the many mentors I have had during my military career."

For 16 years, Ghanbari has served in the military, including an enlistment in the Army National Guard, where he was honorably discharged as a sergeant. A veteran of Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia, he received a direct commission as an ensign in the U.S. Navy in 2009. He subsequently deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 and deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in 2015.

At the University, he works with veterans to help them achieve their academic goals.

"I continue to be humbled by the service and sacrifice of our student veterans," Ghanbari said. "As I continue to listen and learn about their journeys, it's important that as a community we continue to find ways to support them during their transition. Simply put, their potential is unlimited."

Ghanbari's date of promotion has not been released yet.



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz Ghanbari, who will be promoted to lieutenant commander, posed for a photo at the Veterans Memorial Plaza.



## Weeks of Welcome

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serve up a barbecue picnic complete with field games and dunk tank. WXUT will provide the music.

- Foam Party, 8 to 11 p.m., the Flatlands. Dance and be lathered in foam! This event is sponsored by Campus Activities and Programming.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 26

- Slip-n-Slide, Kickball and Field Day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Carter Field. Meet classmates and have some fun and free food.
- Paint UT, 8 to 11 p.m., the Flatlands. Sponsored by Campus Activities and Programming, this paint party will feature black lights and music.
- Bonfire, 9 p.m., the Flatlands. The Resident Student Association and the National Residence Hall Honorary will welcome students to experience one of the biggest campus traditions: painting the spirit rock. Come hungry for pizza. WXUT and the Blue Crew will bring the entertainment.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 27

- New Student Convocation, 4 p.m., Glass Bowl. Rain location: Savage Arena. UT President Sharon L. Gaber and faculty and staff members will welcome new students and talk about what it means to be a Rocket.
- Convocation Barbecue, 5 p.m., the Flatlands.
- Jam Session and Multicultural Student Organization Fair, 7 to 9 p.m., Thompson Student Union Steps. Learn about some of the University's multicultural student organizations and support offices, and watch a step show by members of the UT Greek community.

### MONDAY, AUG. 28

- Back-to-School Pool Party, 5 to 7 p.m., Student Recreation Center. Make a splash at this event sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Success.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30

- Student Involvement Fair and Part-Time Job Fair, noon to 3 p.m., Centennial Mall. Rain locations: Thompson Student Union Auditorium and Rooms 2582/2584. Looking for a job? How about an organization dedicated to something you're passionate about? There's something for everyone; stop by and see!
- Pep Rally, 12:30 p.m., Thompson Student Union Steps. Rain location: Thompson Student Union

Auditorium. Join the UT football team and psych up for the game against Elon. There'll be food and prizes!

### THURSDAY, AUG. 31

- President's Tailgate, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., lot 25 near Rocket Hall. Students are invited to meet President Gaber. Stop by for food, games and prizes.
- Toledo vs. Elon, 7 p.m., Glass Bowl. Students are admitted free with their Rocket ID; faculty and staff can buy tickets half off with ID; \$28 to \$63.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

- Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women Ice Cream Social, 1 to 3 p.m., Tucker Hall Room 0168. Find out about the center and its services.
- Rockets in the City, 7 p.m., Fifth Third Field. Go to a Toledo Mud Hens game. For \$10, students can ride a bus downtown and receive a game ticket. Tickets are available at Ask Rocky in Thompson Student Union Room 2525.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

- Center for Success Coaching Table Outreach, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thompson Student Union. Meet the Success Coaches and see how they can help you!

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

- Healthy Eating Tips, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Student Food Pantry, located in Thompson Student Union Room 2504. Check out the pantry, grab an apple or a granola bar, and pick up some healthy eating tips.
- Introducing Student Disability Services, 11 a.m., Rocket Hall Room 1530. Learn about services provided and how accommodations can help students succeed.
- Career Services Open House, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thompson Student Union Room 1533. Meet the staff and find out how the center can help launch your career.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

- President's Backyard Barbecue, noon to 2 p.m., Centennial Mall. Students and employees are invited to lunch. Activities will include inflatables, competitions and more.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

- Learning Enhancement Center Open House, noon to 3 p.m., Carlson Library Room 0200. Stop by to see

what the center has to offer — from tutoring to study strategies.

- Club Carlson, 7 to 9 p.m., Carlson Library various floors. Explore the renovated library and discover its resources and services. There'll be corn hole, escape rooms, live music and free T-shirts.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

- UT Bookstore VIP Event, 1 to 5 p.m., Barnes & Noble University Bookstore, 1430 Secor Road. Stop by for coupons, photos and autographs with Rocksy, karaoke, crafts, and a visit from some Toledo Zoo friends.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 11

- Sundae on a Monday with President Gaber, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thompson Student Union Steps. Rain location: Thompson Student Union Trimble Lounge. Share a sweet treat with President Gaber. The first 100 in line will receive a gift; hint: #selfiewithUTPrez.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

- Center for Success Coaching Open House, 3 to 5 p.m., Rocket Hall Room 1830. Meet the success coaches and see how they can help you.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

- Pep Rally, 12:30 p.m., Thompson Student Union Steps. Rain location: Thompson Student Union Auditorium. Join the UT football team and psych up for the game against Tulsa.
- Personal Safety and Self-Defense Class, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Morse Center Fitness Room on Health Science Campus. Students, faculty and staff are invited to learn safety tips for school, office, home and public places, as well as self-defense tactics to try in a safe, comfortable setting. Participants should wear light clothing and tennis shoes, and they are advised to stretch and hydrate. Attendees must sign a liability release form to participate in the class.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

- Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women Open House, 2 to 6 p.m., Tucker Hall Room 0168. Find out what services the center offers and have some pizza.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

- Toledo vs. Tulsa, 7 p.m., Glass Bowl. Students are admitted free with their

Rocket ID; faculty and staff can buy tickets half off with ID; \$33 to \$63.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 18

- Yoga on the Mall, noon to 2 p.m., Centennial Mall. Bring your mat for a yoga session.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

- "Budget Today, Plan for Tomorrow," 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rocket Hall Room 1530. Pick up some free financial tips.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

- Personal Safety and Self-Defense Class, 2 to 4 p.m., Student Recreation Center Maple Room.
- ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate) Presentation, 4:30 to 6 p.m., Student Recreation Center Elm Room.
- Meet the Office of Public Safety Team, 6 to 8 p.m., Varsity T Pavilion. Get to know members of the UT Police Department, Health Science Campus Security, Support Services, and Radiation Safety and Health. Have some pizza and play basketball and tennis.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

- An Evening With John Quiñones, 6 p.m., Doermann Theater. The ABC News veteran and host of "What Would You Do?" will speak as a part of UT's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series.
- UT Night at Comerica Park, 7 p.m., Detroit. Join students, alumni, employees and Rocket fans to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Minnesota Twins. UT will have special recognition, including the first pitch and national anthem performance. Special ticket package includes game ticket, exclusive Detroit Tigers/UT hat, and a \$5 donation to the UT General Scholarship Fund. Go to <http://m.mlb.com/det/tickets/special-events/ut>.
- Late Night at the Rec Center, 10 p.m. to midnight, Student Recreation Center. Stop by for a workout! For more information on programs, go to [utreccenter.com](http://utreccenter.com).

For more information and a complete list of events, go to [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/welcomeweek](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/welcomeweek).



## New student convocation to take place Aug. 27

**W**elcome Rockets! UT traditions will be explained during the New Student Convocation Sunday, Aug. 27, at 4 p.m. in the Glass Bowl.

University President Sharon L. Gaber will be at the event to greet and address new students.

“New Student Convocation teaches new students about the special traditions that come along with being a Rocket. They will learn about the importance of school spirit and pride,” Ashleigh Wade, associate dean of students and director of conduct and community standards, said. “New students also will be welcomed and inducted into the Rocket family by University leadership, faculty, staff and students.”

Other speakers will include Dr. Andrew Hsu, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Phillip “Flapp” Cockrell, interim vice president for student affairs; Jason Candle, head football coach; Tod Kowalczyk, head men’s basketball coach; Tricia Cullop, head women’s basketball coach; and Student Government President and Vice President James Russell and Andrew Williams.

“Dr. Cockrell will discuss the importance of co-curricular learning and taking advantage of University resources,” Wade said.

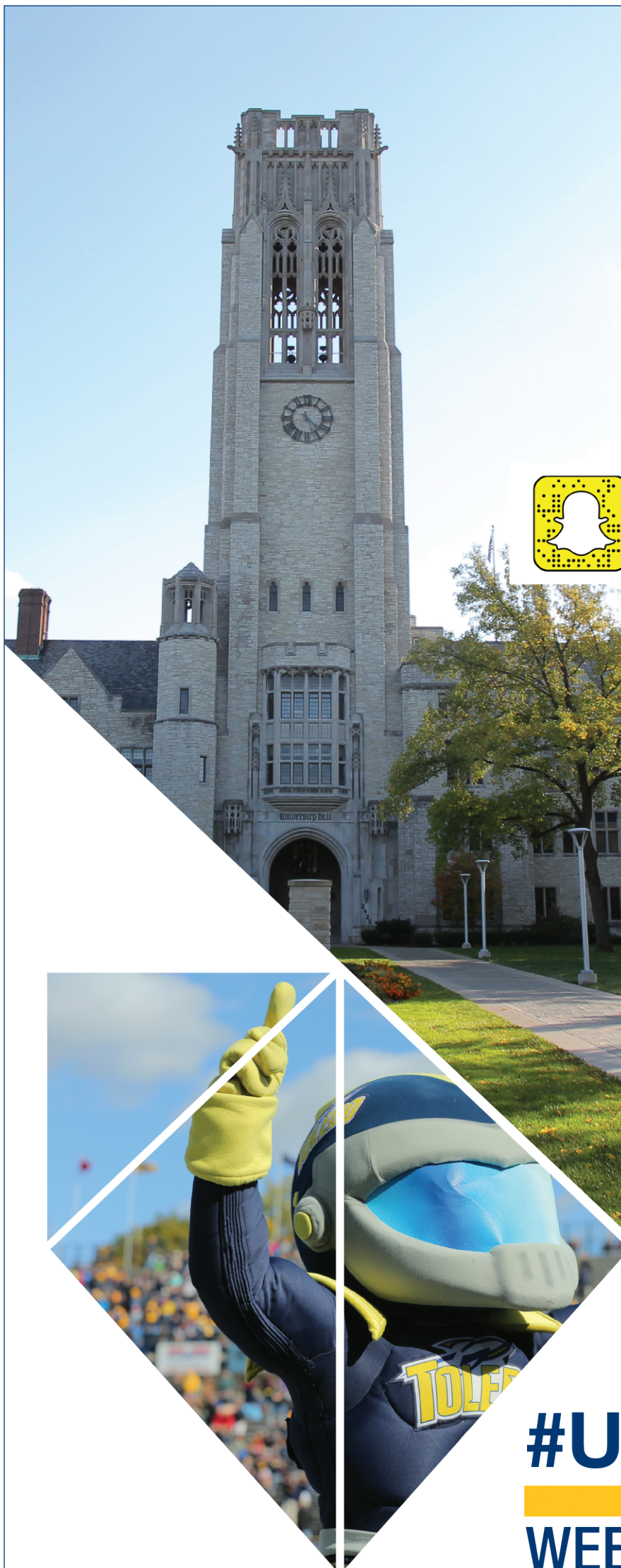
“Provost Hsu will introduce the college deans and the president of the Faculty Senate,” she added.

Blue Key will perform the national anthem, and Blue Crew, Rocky and Rocksy, the cheerleading squad, and the pep band will teach new students the University’s fight song, “U of Toledo,” as well as spirited cheers and chants.

“This event is a chance for new Rockets to become acclimated with campus life before classes start,” Wade said.

Following the event, participants are encouraged to attend a barbecue in the Flatlands.

If the weather doesn’t cooperate, the New Student Convocation will be moved to Savage Arena.



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the director of Title IX and compliance.

- Ensure full implementation of University procedures that require incoming students to disclose criminal or student conduct complaints filed against them.
- Enhance alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention resources available to students, staff and faculty.
- Expand existing sexual misconduct prevention education required for first-year students to all students prior to the start of the academic year.
- Strengthen communication with targeted messaging that promotes a no tolerance climate for sexual misconduct and encourages students to report such acts.
- Diversify programs and resources and continuously evaluate them to ensure they are evidence-based and effectively reach all members of the campus community.

“The goal of our task force was to determine what we were doing well, what we can do better, and how to

replicate evidence based-practices that other model programs have. We want to be a leader in the prevention of sexual misconduct,” said Dr. Amy Thompson, professor of public health and director of the UT Center for Health and Successful Living, who co-chaired the task force. “The recommendations put forth by the task force are a framework to plan future programs and services that help our campus continue to be a safe place for students, faculty and staff to attend classes and work.”

“Student safety is our top priority, and UT takes the issue of sexual misconduct very seriously,” said Valerie Walston, associate vice president for student affairs and director of residence life, who co-chaired the task force.

“It is imperative that we offer our University community the educational programming needed for prevention and the best support services and resources needed to respond to this issue to keep our students, faculty and staff safe.”

To review the Sexual Misconduct Assessment and Recommendations, go to [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/saep/sexual-assault-taskforce/docs/summary-recommendations.pdf](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/saep/sexual-assault-taskforce/docs/summary-recommendations.pdf).

## National teacher education award

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“We are honored to receive this award and hope that the NURTURES program will serve as an exciting model for teaching science to young children,” said Dr. Charlene Czerniak, professor emeritus of science education and research professor in the UT College of Engineering. “By engaging young children in high-quality science experiences, teachers can also impact reading, literacy and mathematics in statistically significant ways.”

According to research published recently in the *Journal of Research in Science Teaching*, every year that a student has a NURTURES program teacher adds on average 8.6 points to a student’s early literacy standardized test score compared to control students, 17 points to a student’s mathematics score, and 41.4 points to a student’s reading score.

“Our innovation comes in through the multifaceted way the program engages teachers, parents and the community in science for young children,” Czerniak said. “Science focused on preschool through third grade is not the norm. And by engaging children in school-based, at-home-based and informal-community-based science, we build a model for helping young children learn science and improve in reading, literacy and mathematics as well.”

The NURTURES program enhances teacher understanding of science content to improve classroom practices and offers classroom extension activities and family learning opportunities in the Toledo area.

It includes five primary components, including:

- A two-week summer institute for preschool through third grade teachers in which they have access to both scientists and instructional coaches;
- Academic year professional development, including monthly professional learning community meetings and one-on-one coaching;

- Family science activity take-home packs that each include a newsletter with directions for the investigation, necessary materials for the activity, and a journal sheet for children to record data or visually represent understanding;
- Family community science events, such as engineering challenge simulations, and observations and demonstrations at a park, zoo, science center, library or farm; and
- Public service broadcasts on television that promote family science activities.

Czerniak oversaw the development of the NURTURES program along with Dr. Joan Kaderavek, professor of early childhood, physical and special education in the UT Judith Herb College of Education; Dr. Susanna Hapgood, associate professor in the UT Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the Judith Herb College of Education; and Dr. Scott Molitor, associate professor in the UT Department of Bioengineering in the College of Engineering.

The award for teacher education will be presented to UT Sunday, Oct. 22, during the American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ annual meeting in California. Awards also will be presented to institutions in six other categories: civic learning and community engagement; international education; leadership development and diversity; regional and economic development; student success and college completion; and sustainability and sustainable development.

“Innovation at America’s state colleges and universities is focused on advancing the quality of the educational experience for their students and the distinction of their institutions in service to their communities,” Howard said. “The programs for which these universities are being honored will inspire not only their AASCU colleagues, but all of higher education.”

## UT NEWS

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## In memoriam

**Christine N. Brown**, Toledo, a nurse at MCO/MUO from 1974 to 2001, died Aug. 5 at age 67. The UT alumna received a bachelor’s degree in 1996.

**Norman J. Frankowski**, Toledo, who taught at the former University Community and Technical College, died Aug. 11 at age 95. The UT alumnus received a master of liberal studies degree in 1988 and a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1994.

**Linda “Sue” Huffman**, Toledo, a staff nurse at UT Medical Center from 2008 to 2011, died Aug. 9 at age 52.

**Thomas “Tom” Liewert**, Blissfield, Mich., a plumber at the University from 1999 until his retirement in 2014, died Aug. 9 at age 71.

**Michael W. Metcalf**, Adrian, Mich., director of advancement of information systems at the MCO/MUO Foundation from 1997 to 2006, died Aug. 6 at age 63.

**Joanne F. Pearson**, Toledo, a longtime volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary, died Aug. 12 at age 91.





## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

### Dear Faculty and Staff:

Welcome to fall semester! I hope you had some time to relax during the summer and are refreshed as we begin a new academic year at The University of Toledo.

With your help, we've accomplished a great deal in the last year, and we are excited about all of the upgrades we've made to campus in recent months.

We completed the University's five-year strategic plan, which focuses our priorities as we approach UT's 150th anniversary in 2022. The plan was approved in June by the UT Board of Trustees. Please plan to get involved in the coming months as your college or division develops its own strategic initiatives in support of this plan.

I'm also pleased to share that research has increased for the first time in the past five years. We continue expanding research opportunities for our students, and our research has afforded both faculty and students recognition in national publications.

This week we're welcoming 65 faculty members to new roles. Please take a moment to reach out to them as they transition. Additionally, a number of new deans have joined the University: Dr. Linda Lewandowski, College of Nursing; Charlene Gilbert, College of Arts and Letters; Dr. Michael Toole, College of Engineering; and Beau Case, University Libraries.

There also are new leaders for the Division of Student Affairs. Dr. Phillip "Flapp" Cockrell is interim vice president of student affairs; and Dr. Sammy Spann was recently named interim dean of students, transitioning to that role from the Provost's Office. Congratulations to them both, and please remember that all of us are ambassadors to help recruit, retain and graduate students in whatever role we serve at UT.

It's an exciting time on campus with our residence halls full and many more second-year students living on campus, which should add to the vibrancy of student life. We also have new national restaurant chains available in the Thompson Student Union, as well as several upgraded dining halls.

Additionally, we are completing the renovations to Carlson Library. The second phase of the \$6 million project included replacing the east wall of the building with glass to let in natural light. The project has added a large number of group study rooms and a veterans lounge, as well as new furniture and accessories to make this a great space for our students to study.

Our football team has been voted to finish first in the Mid-American Conference's West Division by members of the league's media contingent. We're proud of our Rockets for success both on the field and in the classroom; our student-athletes broke a school record in spring with a combined GPA of 3.27!

Finally, I want to emphasize that the safety of our students is our top priority. As you know, there are unsettling events taking place on college campuses and elsewhere nationally, so I ask that you be aware of issues and work any concerns through campus resources, such as the UT Police Department or the Rocket Care Form in the myUT portal under workplace resources.

I always look forward to the start of a new school year and the possibilities it brings. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to teaching, research, clinical practice and community service as we start another promising year.

Go Rockets!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon L. Gaber".

Sharon L. Gaber, Ph.D.  
President



## Rockets to team with Huntington Bank in support of 1Matters

By Paul Helgren

A new partnership between Huntington Bank and The University of Toledo will help house homeless veterans. For every extra point scored by the Rockets during the 2017 football season, Huntington will donate \$100 to 1Matters to support its Veterans Matter program.

1Matters is a Toledo-based nonprofit sparked and supported by singer John Mellencamp that creates and funds initiatives to move people to financial and domestic autonomy. Veterans Matter is the organization's national program designed to help homeless veterans and their families recapture their lives and return to domestic autonomy. To date, Veterans Matter has housed more than 1,600 veterans in 17 states.

"This is an exciting partnership that will benefit homeless veterans in our community and region," said Huntington Regional President Sharon Speyer, who is a member of the UT Board of Trustees. "The importance of an extra point, where one point can matter in the outcome of a tightly fought game, will now have a significant impact on the life of someone who served our country."

"Our mission is simple: house as many homeless veterans as we can, as fast as we can, to provide the fresh start," said Veterans

Matter founder Ken Leslie. "With this high-powered Rocket offense, and the support of Huntington, we can impact as many as 10 more homeless veterans this season. One point really does matter."

The Rockets were selected as the pre-season favorite to win the Mid-American Conference by media covering the league. The team returns one of the nation's most explosive offenses, led by senior quarterback Logan Woodside. Toledo averaged 38.0 points per game and led the MAC in total offense with a school-record 517.8 yards per game in 2016. Last season, Toledo converted 61 extra points.

"We are very pleased to be teaming with Huntington Bank in support of such



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a great cause," Toledo Head Coach Jason Candle said. "It's a privilege to participate in something that helps many of the veterans who have served our country."

The Rockets open their season at home vs. Elon Thursday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. in the Glass Bowl.

For ticket information, go to [utrockets.com](http://utrockets.com) or call 419.530.GOLD (4653).

## Women's golfer to participate in 2017 Summer World University Games

By Steve Easton

Junior Pinyada Kuvanun will represent Thailand at the 2017 Summer World University Games being held this month in Taipei City, Taiwan.

She will be part of a three-golfer squad that will compete at the Sunrise Golf & Country Club Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 24-27.

"Pinyada has had an unbelievable summer of awesome golf," Head Coach Nicole Hollingsworth said. "She has really worked hard and played in so many events. To qualify for this and to represent her country is a big deal, and I can't wait to see what this year holds for her at The University of Toledo."

Kuvanun earned second-team All-Mid-American Conference honors as well as team most valuable player accolades in her first season as a

Rocket in the 2016-17 campaign. She paced Toledo with a 74.9 stroke average and eight top 10 finishes.

The World University Games, known around the globe as Universiade, is an international multi-sport event organized for university athletes by the International University Sports Federation. The Universiade is an international sporting and cultural festival staged every two years in a different city around the world, representing both winter and summer competitions. It is second only in importance to the Olympic Games.

The 29th Universiade will conclude Wednesday, Aug. 30.



Kuvanun