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## Homecoming block party



Photos by Daniel Miller



It was a happy Homecoming as the Toledo Rockets blasted past the Bowling Green Falcons, 52-36, Saturday in front of 24,685 fans in the Glass Bowl. UT retained possession of the I-75 Trophy for the ninth straight time. Junior Reggie Gilliam blocked a punt in the first quarter and then caught a touchdown pass to cash in on the turnover.

The Rocket faithful celebrated the University at the Edward C. and Helen G. Schmackel Homecoming Parade, which was presented by the Blue Key National Honor Society.

## Day of Giving set for Oct. 16

By Laurie B. Davis

The University of Toledo provides students with so many opportunities for success, and UT's annual Day of Giving is a chance for the entire campus community to help students reach their goals by giving to Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives. Go to [utfoundation.org/rocketforward](http://utfoundation.org/rocketforward).

Alumni, faculty and staff members, students and friends of the University who support its mission are encouraged to give during this second annual Day of Giving. The fundraising campaign will begin at midnight Tuesday, Oct. 16, and will last until noon Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Every donor and every dollar will make a difference in this 36-hour campaign to raise money for student scholarships, athletic and educational programs, and resources for UT's academic colleges, among many other areas.

"We encourage Rockets everywhere to join together on Oct. 16 and 17 to give back and have a significant impact on the lives of our students and all that The University of Toledo does to support them," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. "Philanthropy is essential to continuing the University's mission to educate the next generation of leaders. I look forward to the possibilities of the combined efforts of our global, national and local alumni and friends when they support our Day of Giving and keep UT moving forward."

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# UT study details link between social media and sex trafficking

By Christine Billau

**S**ocial media is increasingly being exploited to contact, recruit and sell children for sex, according to a study by The University of Toledo Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute.

The study, which was requested by the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission, reveals how traffickers quickly target and connect with vulnerable children on the internet through social media.



Williamson

"It is vitally important to educate parents, professionals and youth — especially our middle school or teenage daughters who may be insecure — about the dangers of online predatory practices used by master manipulators," said Dr. Celia Williamson, UT professor of social work and director of the UT Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute. "Through this outreach and education, we can help save children from becoming victims of modern-day slavery."

"We know predators are using the internet to find their victims, and this eye-opening study highlights what a predator looks for in a victim and helps parents recognize the signs that their child may be a target," Ohio Attorney General Mike

DeWine said. "Using real-life examples, this study provides valuable information that parents can use to start open and honest conversations with their children about staying safe online."

Through a series of 16 in-depth interviews by the institute's staff and student interns with knowledgeable members of Ohio law enforcement, judges, direct service providers, advocates and researchers who engaged with victims who were trafficked online, the study outlines how traffickers connect to vulnerable youth online, groom the children to form quicker relationships, avoid detection, and move the connections from online to in person.

"The transition from messaging to meeting a trafficker in person is becoming less prevalent," Williamson said. "As technology is playing a larger role in trafficking, this allows some traffickers to be able to exploit youth without meeting face to face. Social media helps to mask traditional cues that alert individuals to a potentially dangerous person."

Williamson cites a 2018 report that says while 58 percent of victims eventually meet their traffickers face to face, 42 percent who initially met their trafficker online never met their trafficker in person and were still trafficked.

The experts, whose identities are not being released, said the traffickers educate themselves by studying what the victim posts on commonly used view-and-comment sites such as Facebook, Instagram or SnapChat, as well as dating apps such as Tinder, Blendr and Yellow, or webcam sites like Chatroulette and Monkey, in order to build trust.

"These guys, they learn about the girls and pretend to understand them, and so these girls, who are feeling not understood and not loved and not beautiful ... these guys are very good at sort of pretending that they are all of these things and they really understand them and, 'I know how you feel, you are beautiful,' and just filling the hole that these girls are feeling," said a professional contributing to the study.

One expert in Columbus shared a telling story: "The guy was reaching out to a lot of girls all day long. One girl, who is actually in a youth home, she had access to the internet, and he connects with her on a social media platform. He drives all the way up from Columbus to Toledo, picks her up at her foster home, and drives her back down to Columbus, and then traffics her here in Columbus. You know, 20, 30 years ago, he would have never been able to connect with her, but because of social media, that connection was immediately made in over a few hours. He found out where she was, and she told him, 'Yeah, please come get me. I want out of here.'"

Examples of social media posts that draw the attention of a trafficker include expressions of fear, emptiness and disappointment, such as:

- "Nobody gets me."
- "I am so sick of being single."
- "I am so ugly."
- "How do I look?"
- "My life sucks."
- "She's not my true friend."
- "My parents don't trust me."
- "I'm being treated like a kid."
- "I need to get out of here."

Predators look for indicators of substance abuse, runaway activity and destabilization within the home.

A trafficker's strategic response includes:

- "I understand you."
- "I love you."
- "I think you're beautiful. I'll encourage you to show your body. Use your body."
- "I'll make your life better."
- "I'll encourage you to take risks. You're an adult."
- "I'll protect you."
- "I'll make you successful."

Grooming children for sex trafficking consists of convincing someone to send a risky picture and then using it to extort them.

"They will use fear of repercussions as a way to compel the youth, coerce the youth

[to move them from a monitored page to a less monitored page] ... by saying, 'You don't want your parents to find out what we're talking about,'" said one expert.

Technology offers traffickers ease in advertising multiple victims at one time.

The study lists several advertising and sales sites browsed by "johns/sugar daddies," such as Cityxguide, Skipthegames, Bedpage, Seekingarrangement.com and sugar-babies.com. Williamson said Bedpage is a spinoff of Backpage, which was the focus of a 2017 documentary called "I Am Jane Doe" about the fight against child sex trafficking online.

"Even though Backpage has been shut down, other sites are being created and gaining traction," Williamson said. "The landscape is rapidly changing."

Parents form the front line in the fight to protect their child against traffickers by monitoring or blocking questionable activity.

"Parents who are educated can wage a worthy defense against potential recruitment and recruitment of their youth online," Williamson said. "Parents who work to build healthy, open and communicative relationships are more likely to have youth that share information about where they go and who they talk to online."

The study lists several resources for parents and children, including:

- [Internetsafety101.org/internetpredators](http://Internetsafety101.org/internetpredators);
- [Connectsafely.org/a-parents-guide-to-cybersecurity](http://Connectsafely.org/a-parents-guide-to-cybersecurity);
- [Cdc.gov/healthyyouth/protective/pdf/parental\\_monitoring\\_factsheet.pdf](http://Cdc.gov/healthyyouth/protective/pdf/parental_monitoring_factsheet.pdf);
- [Netnanny.com](http://Netnanny.com); and
- [Safekids.com/quiz](http://Safekids.com/quiz).

For additional resources on ways to prevent human trafficking, visit the Ohio Attorney General's website at <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications-Files/Publications-for-Victims/Human-Trafficking-An-Online-Threat>.

## De-Escalation Training Workshop Oct. 16

**I**magine walking up to a scene with a person acting aggressively in a classroom or making threats to others.

To help the University community deal with these type of situations, the Office of the Provost, in partnership with the UT Police Department, invites faculty and staff

to participate in a De-Escalation Training Workshop Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005.

This training, led by UT Police Lt. Tressa Johnson, will target interventions for use with individuals who are at risk for aggression.

"De-escalation training will give us tips and tools on the use of calm language along with other communication techniques to diffuse, redirect or de-escalate a situation," said Dr. Amy Thompson, interim associate vice provost of faculty affairs and professor of public health.

Attendees are encouraged to register for the training online at [utoledo.edu/offices/provost/de-escalation-training.html](http://utoledo.edu/offices/provost/de-escalation-training.html).



## Economic worldview



Photo by Daniel Miller

Zanny Minton Beddoes, editor-in-chief of *The Economist*, opened the 2018 Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture with a quote from Charles Dickens: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." She told the standing-room-only crowd in Doermann Theatre that line captures the complex state of affairs in the current global economy. Beddoes' Oct. 3 talk touched on concerns about China's advances in artificial intelligence, the rise of populism and its opposition to immigration, and growing income inequality juxtaposed against a strong economy in the short term. Presented by the College of Arts and Letters, the annual lecture is made possible by the Shapiro endowment left by Dr. Edward Shapiro, professor emeritus of economics, who retired in 1989 and wanted to provide opportunities for the University to bring world-renowned speakers to Toledo.

## Freeze frame



Photo by Mike Henningsen

Documentary filmmaker Elaine McMillion Sheldon spoke Oct. 4 to an audience of University and community members gathered at the Collier Building on Health Science Campus for the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture, where her film "Recovery Boys" sparked a wide-ranging discussion on dealing with the opioid crisis. Afterward, the Academy Award-nominated filmmaker and director of the Netflix original documentary "Heroin(e)" talked with Jerrin George, a second-year pre-med honors student majoring in psychology. Sheldon also screened portions of "Heroin(e)" Oct. 5 in Rocket Hall on Main Campus for an event called "Coping With the Toll of Responding to Opioid Overdoses."

## Center dedication



Photo by Daniel Miller

The Judith Herb College of Education dedicated the Herb Innovation Center last week. Attending the Oct. 4 event were, from left, Dr. Raymond Witte, dean of the Judith Herb College of Education; UT President Sharon L. Gaber; Judith Herb, UT alumna and benefactor; and Dr. Andrew Hsu, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. Located on the third floor of Gillham Hall, the center's mission is to evaluate and inspire peer-reviewed research in the college to improve and advance education and endow a great society. "We are grateful to Judith Herb for her generosity and dedication to her alma mater, and for her belief in the power of education," Witte said.



## Influenza vaccination schedule announced

It's time to get a flu shot.

“Recent news from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases that 900,000 people were hospitalized and 80,000 died from the flu in the U.S. last season represents a dramatic increase from past years,” Dr. Susan Batten, UT associate professor of nursing, said. “The loss of life from communicable disease is always tragic; however, there are hidden costs as well.

“Health-care professionals who get influenza will miss work or worse yet try to provide care while ill. Students and teachers will be absent from school, and parents will need to juggle family and work responsibilities in order to stay home with sick children.”

UT students, staff and faculty can minimize the risk for getting seasonal flu by practicing good handwashing and by getting a flu shot, Batten said.

“The vaccine contains four strains of virus A and B lineage; each dose contains only non-infectious viruses, so it does not cause influenza,” she said. “The single-dose vaccine that is provided does not contain mercury-based preservatives. Regular-dose, high-dose for those 65 and older, and egg-free vaccines are available.”

The University provides free influenza immunization for students and employees. Walk-in clinics will be held on Health Science and Main campuses in October and November. Nurses and nursing students will administer the vaccines.

UT Medical Center faculty, staff, students and volunteers not granted a waiver for medical or religious reasons are required to receive an influenza vaccination. Prior to their vaccination, employees must fill out a consent form, which is available at [influenza.utoledo.edu](http://influenza.utoledo.edu). Those who have received flu shots elsewhere also may upload documentation of their vaccination at the same website. Proof of immunization must be received by Dec. 1.

Main Campus students and employees can save time and register at [influenza.utoledo.edu](http://influenza.utoledo.edu) before going to a clinic.

Clinics will take place:

- Tuesday, Oct. 9 — Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 10 — UT Medical Center Gift Shop 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 11 — Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 17 — UTMC third floor from 7 to 11 a.m. and UTMC Gift Shop from 11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 18 — UTMC Gift Shop 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 23 — Health Education Building Lobby from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 24 — Collier Building Lobby from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 25 — Health Education Building Lobby from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



- Friday, Oct. 26 — Pinnacle Lounge from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 31 — Stranahan Hall Lobby from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 1 — Savage Arena Lobby from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 7 — Health and Human Services Building Lobby from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 8 — Thompson Student Union Lobby from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In addition, vaccines will be available at the hospital from midnight to 3 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10; Friday, Oct. 12; Monday, Oct. 15; Friday, Oct. 19; Monday, Oct. 22; and Wednesday, Oct. 24. Nurses and nursing students will walk the halls and administer shots.

## Day of Giving

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Participation is an important goal for Day of Giving, which aims to encourage as many people as possible to support the University. Gift matches and gift challenges are ideal options for making a donation because they double the investment and double the impact.

In 2017, an anonymous donor challenged the colleges to compete for Day of Giving participants to support them. The College of Nursing and the College of Arts and Letters led the colleges, garnering the support of 99 and 95 donors, respectively. The colleges also received the additional \$5,000 (Nursing) and \$4,000 (Arts and Letters) for their progress funds via the donor's gift.

“Last year was our first Day of Giving and it was a huge success,” said Charlene

Gilbert, dean and professor of the College of Arts and Letters. “Our faculty and staff had the second highest number of donors. Their generosity demonstrated their deep belief in the mission of the University and the college. The money raised last year allowed us to provide strategic support to students who were close to graduating and just needed a little financial assistance. The result of that was our ability to graduate a record number of students and contribute to the University's overall increase in our six-year graduation rate.”

Despite the rain last year on Day of Giving, students, faculty and staff members came out to Centennial Mall for free cupcakes handed out by the president, to hear the UT Rocket Marching Band perform, and to cozy up with some canines at a popular dog-petting station. Multiple activities are planned for

Oct. 16 to celebrate the day and raise awareness of the opportunity to give.

For early risers, the Student Recreation Center will offer a Rise and Shine cycling class at 6:15 a.m. Oct. 16. With a \$5 donation to Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives, you can attend the class, which also will be open to non-members of the center.

The UT community is invited to Centennial Mall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 16 when WXUT FM 88.3 will provide popular music entertainment. Student-run organizations will offer booths featuring carnival-style games. Participants can donate dollars for game tickets, and donations may be made with cash, credit cards and Rocket dollars. Dog-petting will return to this year's Day of Giving Centennial Mall event, and for a \$1 donation you can pet a pup. Foodies

can get their fill by visiting three food trucks that will be on the scene: Koral Hamburg, The Leaf and Seed, and Holey Toledough Handcrafted Doughnuts.

On Health Science Campus, giving stations will be located in the Collier Building and the Four Seasons Bistro inside UT Medical Center. The College of Nursing will host activities, as well.

Gifts to [rocketforward.utoledo.edu](http://rocketforward.utoledo.edu) during the Day of Giving can be designated to specific funds that support causes donors are passionate about, and there are more than 2,000 funds to support.

Support UT Oct. 16 and 17 during its Day of Giving, Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives fundraising campaign, and remember to share messages and encourage others to give using #rocketforward.



# Lake Erie Center photo contest seeking submissions

By Bailey Sparks

The Lake Erie Center's ninth annual photo contest is accepting entries through Friday, Nov. 2.

Amateur photographers of all ages and skill levels are invited to share their nature photographs featuring the beauty of the region extending from Oak Openings to Maumee Bay.

"We host this contest every year because we feel it is important to mesh art and science, and we enjoy showcasing the amazing photographs we receive each year," said Rachel Lohner, education program manager at the Lake Erie Center.

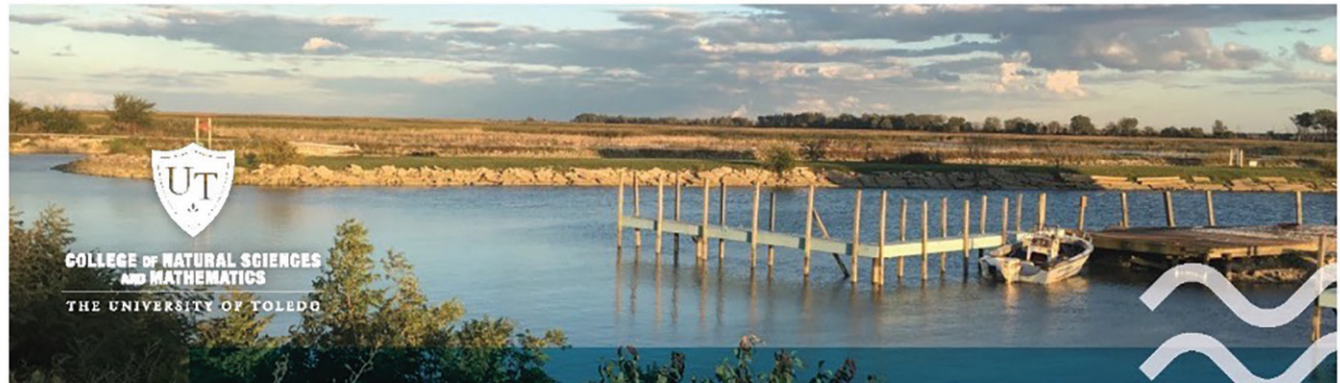
The theme of the contest is "The Nature of Our Region: From Oak Openings to Maumee Bay."

Color and black-and-white photographs will be accepted. Entries are limited to three per person.

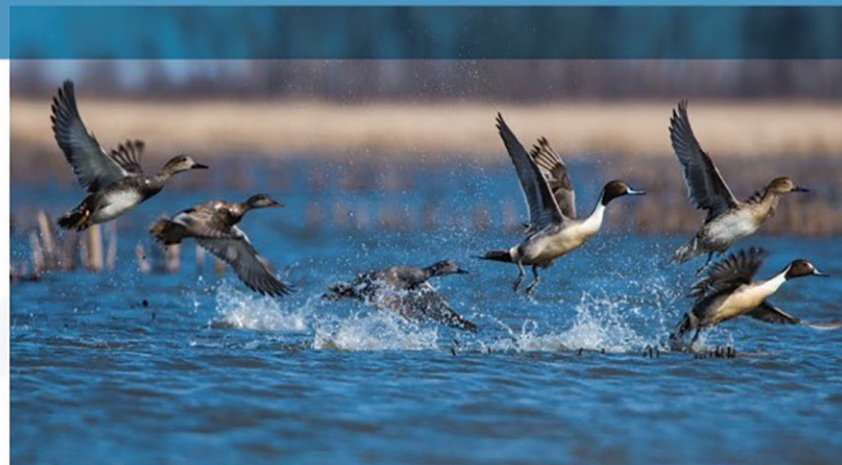
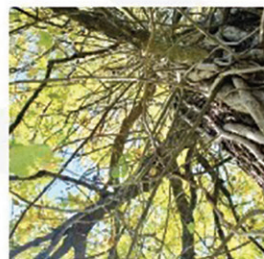
Prizes will be awarded in multiple age categories. First-place winners in each category will take home \$25, and the grand-prize winner will receive \$100.

Winners of the contest will be invited to attend an awards reception and receive their prizes in January.

Read more about the contest and enter photos at [utoledo.edu/nsm/lec/webforms/lec-photo-contest.html](http://utoledo.edu/nsm/lec/webforms/lec-photo-contest.html).



## THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO LAKE ERIE CENTER 2018 Photo Contest



### *The Nature of Our Region from Oak Openings to Maumee Bay*

Amateur photographers of all ages and skill levels are invited to share their nature photographs showcasing the natural beauty of the region extending from Oak Openings to Maumee Bay. Color or black and white photographs will be accepted. Entries are limited to three (3) per person. Prizes will be awarded in multiple age categories, including a **\$100 VISA GIFT CARD FOR THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER.**

#### *Deadline for submissions*

FRIDAY, NOV. 2, 2018

#### *Contest rules and more information*

Visit [UTOLEDO.EDU/NSM/LEC](http://UTOLEDO.EDU/NSM/LEC)

Contact the Center at 419.530.8360 or [LakeErieCenter@UToledo.edu](mailto:LakeErieCenter@UToledo.edu).





## New York political pundit to speak Oct. 9

By Bailey Sparks

Writer Dan Kaufman will talk about his new book Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 5:30 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2100.

He is the author of “The Fall of Wisconsin: The Conservative Conquest of a Progressive Bastion and the Future of American Politics.”

In the book, Kaufman chronicles how the Badger State’s progressive political heritage was overturned in 2010, and Wisconsin went Republican for the first time in three decades in the 2016 presidential election.

“Mr. Kaufman’s book examines the undermining of progressive ideals in the United States over the past 20 years,” Dr. Charles Beatty Medina, UT associate professor of history, said. “It is an important book for understanding current events and politics in the United States and how they are

negatively affecting organized labor, education and the environment.

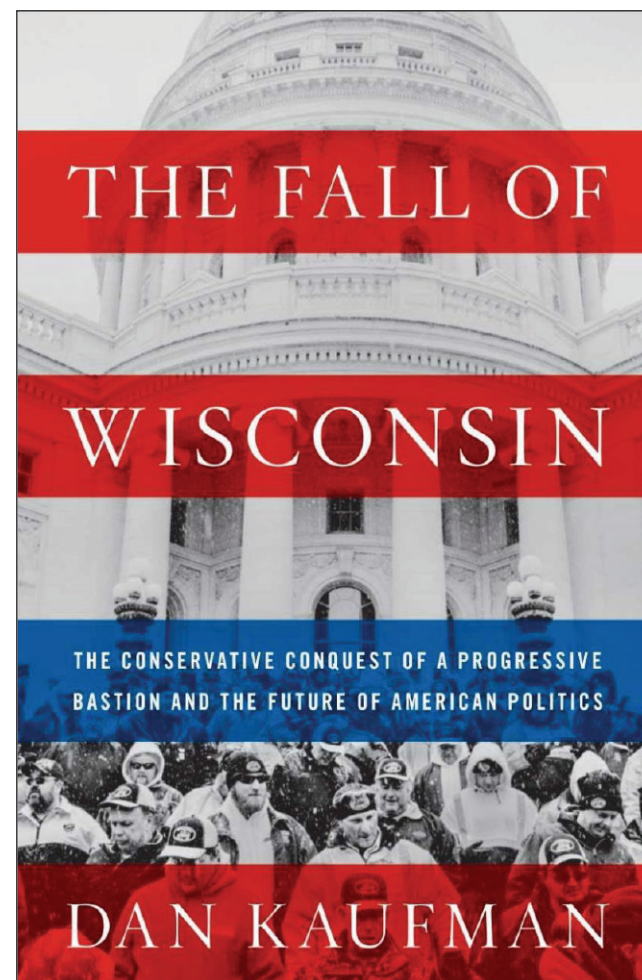
“What we want audiences to take away from the talk is the importance of understanding the current political situation in the United States and how important political participation and knowledge is in American life.”

Kaufman is a contributor to The New York Times and The New Yorker Magazine, and he has appeared on NPR.

The free, public event is sponsored by the departments of History; Political Science and Public Administration; and Sociology and Anthropology; as well as the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and the Program in Law and Social Thought.



Kaufman



## Enlightening experience



Photo by Daniel Miller

Mariam Cisse, a sophomore in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, showed off the paper lantern she made at the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. Sponsored by the Confucius Institute, the event that celebrates the second grandest gala in China was held Oct. 2 in the Thompson Student Union Ingman Room.

## Carnival time



Photo by Daniel Miller

Kevin Skinner, a freshman in the College of Engineering, gave the inflatable obstacle course a go last week during Carnival on the Mall. The Oct. 1 event was held to celebrate Homecoming and Rocky’s Big Show.



## Sign up for Rocket Your Way to Wellness Campus Challenge by Oct. 12

**F**inish 2018 strong by working on your wellness goals with the help of Rocket Wellness. The group is inviting UT students, faculty and staff to focus on finishing the semester healthier than they started with the Rocket Your Way to Wellness Campus Challenge.

Participants will compete in a three-week challenge that takes them through a variety of activities from the categories Move Well, Relax Well, Eat Well and Be Well.

Those interested can join as part of a team or as an individual and earn prizes that will vary based on participation level. Prizes include gift cards, UT Rocket gear and more.

“The University of Toledo wants to help our students, faculty and staff improve their overall well-being, and, of course, have fun. This challenge will help participants complete small behaviors that can lead to big rewards for their personal wellness,” said Wendy Davis, associate vice president and chief human resources officer.

The challenge runs from Monday, Oct. 15, through Sunday, Nov. 4; individuals and teams must be signed up for the challenge in order to compete by Friday, Oct. 12.

More information regarding the Rocket Your Way to Wellness Campus Challenge can be found at [utoledo.edu/offices/rocketwellness/coming-events.html](http://utoledo.edu/offices/rocketwellness/coming-events.html).



**CAMPUS WELLNESS CHALLENGE**



**October 15 – November 4**

Download your wellness challenge checklist today.  
Visit [UTOledo.edu/offices/rocketwellness](http://UTOledo.edu/offices/rocketwellness) for details and prizes.

## Photo op Oct. 9 for first-gen college grads who work at UT

**I**n preparation for the First-Generation College Student Celebration next month, TRIO Student Support Services is calling all faculty and staff who are the first in their families to graduate from college to come together for a photo opportunity.

One in three students at The University of Toledo is a first-generation college student, or a student whose parent(s) have not completed a bachelor's degree. This means that they and their siblings are the first in their family to attend a four-year university to attain a bachelor's degree.

“Our motivation to bring together the first-generation college students who are now members of our faculty and staff is twofold. First, we are showing what can be. Imposter syndrome is real, and when we have proud first-generation graduates

on our faculty and staff, we tell students that it is possible,” Robin Stone, director of TRIO Student Support Services, said. “At the same time, we are identifying people who can relate to the first-generation experience, that we have faculty and staff that understand, because they have been in similar circumstances.”

If you would like to be included in the photo of first-generation college students who are now faculty and staff members, come to the main floor of Carlson Library at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9.

For more information about the First-Generation College Student Celebration, which will take place Thursday, Nov. 8, contact Stone at 419.530.3848 or [robin.stone@utoledo.edu](mailto:robin.stone@utoledo.edu).

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## In memoriam

**Annie P. Davis-Watson**, Toledo, who was a custodial worker at MCO from 1978 until her retirement in 1990, died Sept. 10 at age 91.

**Dr. Dean L. Meinke**, Newport, Mich., professor emeritus of educational psychology, died Sept. 5 at age 85. He joined the UT faculty as an associate professor in 1968 and was promoted to professor in 1972. Over the years, he served as chair of the Department of Educational Psychology several times. The native of Wisconsin was a licensed psychologist in Ohio.



# Glass Bowl ranked No. 4 stadium in country in national fan poll

By Paul Helgren

The Glass Bowl has been ranked by fans as the No. 4 college football stadium in the country, according to a new poll conducted by Podium.com.

An article ranking 25 of the top stadiums in the nation was published by Business Insider on its website.

The Glass Bowl had an overall rating of 4.837 out of 5. In the comment section,

the article mentioned the famous Rocket, a U.S. Army Nike-Ajax missile that sits just outside The University of Toledo's venerable football stadium.

Originally built as a Works Progress Administration project in 1937, the Glass Bowl was renovated in 1990. As a result of those changes, the Glass Bowl became

a graceful synthesis of modern technology and old-time charm and craftsmanship.

More recent improvements to the Glass Bowl include a renovation of the east side of the stadium (2016), new turf (2016), and the installation of a new videoboard as part of the Larimer Athletic Complex renovation (2014).

The Rockets have played 431 games in the Glass Bowl and have a 295-128-8 record. In each of the first four games this year, more than 23,000 fans have packed the stadium, including an above-capacity crowd of 28,117 for the contest vs. Miami (Fla.) Sept. 15.



## Top College Football Stadiums Podium.com Fan Poll

1. Bill Snyder Family Football Stadium (Kansas State University)
2. Kyle Field (Texas A&M University)
3. Jerry Richardson Stadium (University of North Carolina-Charlotte)
4. **The Glass Bowl (The University of Toledo)**
5. Memorial Stadium (University of Nebraska)
6. Lane Stadium (Virginia Tech)
7. Milan Puskar Stadium (University of West Virginia)
8. Amon G. Carter Stadium (Texas Christian University)
9. Memorial Stadium (Clemson University)
10. Spectrum Stadium (University of Central Florida)

## Toledo to hold women's basketball tipoff event Oct. 23

By Brian DeBenedictis

Toledo will hold a Women's Basketball Tipoff Event Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

The cost for the annual fundraiser hosted by the Rockets is \$55 per person, \$100 per couple, and \$10 per child age 12 and younger. All proceeds will go to the UT women's basketball program.

Attendees also can reserve an eight-person table for \$500 or purchase the MVP package for \$1,000, which includes a reserved table for eight and a signed Toledo basketball.

Attendees will be treated to live music and food donated by local restaurants while vying for numerous prizes throughout the course of the event.

"We want to let fans know the name of this year's fundraiser has changed from Cake, Rattle and Roll to Toledo Women's Basketball Tipoff because of the outstanding support for our program," Head Coach Tricia Cullop said. "Since it has become so big, it's tough to manage the size of a cake

walk. Don't worry, though, it will still be a fun-filled night with music, prizes, and a chance to get to know our players."

In addition to music and prizes, this year's event will feature current Women's National Basketball Association Seattle Storm Head Coach Dan Hughes. A two-time WNBA Coach of the Year, Hughes also served as an assistant coach for the UT women's program in 1996-97, as well as on the UT men's squad from 1991 to 1996.

The Storm last month won their third WNBA Championship in franchise history with a three-game sweep over the Washington Mystics.

"We've once again landed one of the top coaches in the WNBA as our featured

## TOLEDO WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TIPOFF EVENT



speaker," Cullop said. "Dan Hughes, a former women's and men's assistant coach at Toledo, has agreed to join us this year, and we couldn't be more excited."

For more information or to reserve your spot/table for the event, contact Lauren

Flaum, director of women's basketball operations, at 419.530.2363 or lauren.flaum2@utoledo.edu. RSVPs are requested by Thursday, Oct. 18.