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ABC News veteran to share inspiring story Sept. 21

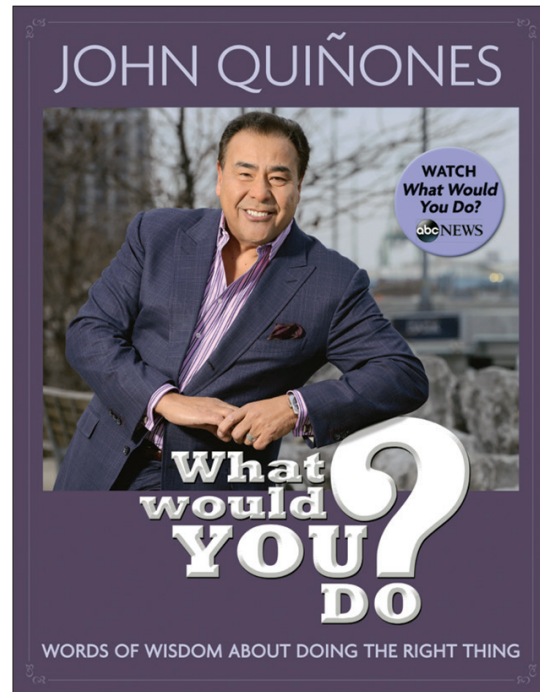
By Christine Wasserman

As part of many activities planned for celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month, The University of Toledo will host John Quiñones — ABC News veteran, anchor for 20/20 and Primetime, and host of the popular series “What Would You Do?” — Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. in Doermann Theatre.

The event marks the first of this year’s Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture series, and is being supported by the Honors College, the Division of Student Affairs, and the Office for Diversity and Inclusion.

Quiñones has emerged as an inspiring keynote speaker, combining his moving life story with a wide-ranging career in TV journalism that has spanned more than

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What a win!



Photo by Daniel Miller

On a night when UT honored some of the greatest football players in its 100-year history, the Rockets and senior quarterback Logan Woodside came through with a performance worthy of the ages. Woodside threw for 458 yards and a school-record-tying six touchdowns as the Rockets rallied from a 21-point deficit to defeat Tulsa, 54-51, before 24,239 ecstatic fans in the Glass Bowl Saturday. The third-biggest Toledo comeback of the century went in the books when junior placekicker Jameson Vest booted a 33-yard field goal with no time on the clock.

On target



Dr. Sammy Spann, interim dean of students, took his turn in the dunking booth during the President's Backyard Barbecue last week. With her underhand pitch, Dr. Paulette Kilmer, professor of communication, was the first to sink Spann. He gamely stayed in the booth for several soakings.

Photos by Daniel Miller

Prime time



UT alumnus Kareem Hunt set an NFL record in his professional debut and landed on the cover of Sports Illustrated last week. The former Toledo football star amassed 246 yards and three touchdowns to help the Kansas City Chiefs defeat the New England Patriots, 42-27, Sept. 7 in Foxborough, Mass. He set a record for yards from scrimmage for a player in his first NFL game.

UT to host International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference Sept. 21-22

By Christine Billau

A University of Toledo professor and advocate fighting against human trafficking will unveil the first comprehensive, evidence-based guide to preventing the sex trafficking of children at the 14th annual International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference.

Survivors, social workers, law enforcement officers, educators, nurses and researchers from across the globe will come together for the two-day conference at The University of Toledo to bring the sex and labor trafficking trades out of the shadows and help end the abuse through education and advocacy.

The conference, which is hosted by UT's Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute and the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition, will be Thursday and Friday, Sept. 21 and 22, in the Thompson Student Union on Main Campus.

Dr. Celia Williamson's pioneering research, which was supported by a grant from the Ohio Department of Higher

Education for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, provides a multi-tiered system targeting at-risk youth and the adults who interact with them. Her presentation will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

"This research project and dozens of others that will be presented at the conference will help communities all around the world end this form of modern slavery and save victims from suffering," said Williamson, UT professor of social work and director of the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute.

Since 2004, this annual conference has welcomed presenters from more than three dozen states and 15 countries to lay the groundwork for future collaborative research, advocacy and program development.

Additional speakers will include:

- Dr. Lauren Martin, director of research at the University of Minnesota Urban Research Outreach



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

Engagement Center, will share how she is mapping new information about who sex buyers are in Minnesota, where they live and purchase sex, and how they enter the marketplace of this criminal underworld, at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in the Thompson Student Union Ingman Room.

- Dr. Jesse Bach, founder of the Cleveland-based nonprofit The Imagine Foundation, will explain how issues such as race, poverty and prison-industry profit turned child gang members into "forgotten" child soldiers in the United States, at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21,

in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

- Dr. Vernon Murray, associate professor of marketing at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Dr. Sherry Dingman, associate professor of psychology at Marist College, will present about moral authority and their view that if the United States wishes to encourage anti-trafficking attitudes, it should pass Senate Bill H.R. 40 regarding reparations for the descendants of African slaves, at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, in Thompson Student Union Room 2591.

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Enrollment steady at UT while retention, academic preparedness improve

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo continues to make strides in student success as it works to retain and graduate more students.

Total enrollment for fall semester is 20,579, according to official 15-day census numbers. UT had 20,648 students enrolled in fall semester 2016.

The academic preparedness of the incoming class improved with an average ACT score of 22.9, an increase from 22.7 in fall 2016, and an average GPA of 3.42, up from 3.36 the year before.

Included in the enrollment numbers is an increase in the first-year to second-year undergraduate retention rate, which is the fourth consecutive year the University has experienced an increase as it intensifies its focus on retaining and graduating more students. UT also saw an increase in the number of students continuing their education across all class levels.

"Today's students have many options as they seek an engaging

college experience, and we continue to work hard to share the wonderful opportunities available at The University of Toledo," President Sharon L. Gaber said. "We don't want students to simply enroll. We want them to succeed, graduate from UT, and go on to pursue successful careers. We are committed to maintaining this positive momentum."

The fall 2017 enrollment includes 16,194 undergraduate students and 4,385 graduate and professional students. The fall 2016 enrollment included 16,247 undergraduates and 4,401 graduate students.

Among the areas of notable growth for UT is the College of Law, which experienced a more than 10 percent increase in students this fall, and the colleges of Business and Innovation, Engineering, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Nursing.

Dedicated space



Photo by Daniel Miller

Lt. Col. Thomas J. Orlowski spoke Friday during a ribbon-cutting ceremony that marked the official opening of the veterans lounge named in his honor in Carlson Library. The lounge previously was located in Rocket Hall. The new Lt. Col. Thomas J. Orlowski '65 Veterans Lounge was part of the recent \$6 million renovation project to the library made possible by state biennium capital funds. A \$20,000 donation from the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes supported the creation of the new lounge, which is larger with a separate social area and private study section. The coalition's gift was made in recognition of Orlowski, as a UT alumnus and Army veteran, who is the immediate past chairman of the organization's board. Orlowski graduated from UT in 1965 with a degree in English literature, and he also was a middle linebacker for the football team. He joined the Army later that year, and his 20-year military career included assignments in the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), HQ U.S. Army Europe, HQ U.S. Continental Army Command and the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army.

NSF awards UT \$1.8 million grant to engage high school students with cybersecurity

By Christine Billau

Can self-driving cars be hacked? The University of Toledo will teach more than 2,000 local high school students and teachers how to use mathematics and computational thinking to solve cybersecurity problems in smart vehicles as part of a new \$1.8 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

The three-year federal grant for the INITIATE program, which is officially titled Understanding How Integrated Computational Thinking, Engineering Design, and Mathematics Can Help Students Solve Scientific and Technical Problems in Career Technical Education, funds the partnership between UT, NSF and Toledo Public Schools.

At the end of each year, students compete in a “modern pinewood derby”

where each team races a smart vehicle through an obstacle course without another team hacking the vehicle to crash or disable it.

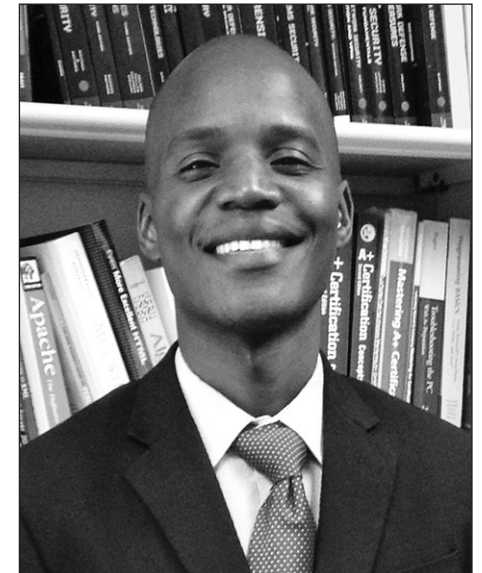
“This grant is a great step toward preparing a workforce in the United States that focuses on cybersecurity and smart vehicle technology,” said Dr. Jared Oluoch, UT assistant professor of computer science and engineering technology, and principal investigator of the project. “The concept of smart vehicles is appealing to high school students because it is a new, intriguing idea. Our goal is to improve algebra and geometry standards among the students and prepare them to pursue STEM disciplines in college.”

The program engages local high school students in how to design secure

technologies and helps science teachers in grades nine through 12 integrate computational thinking into their curriculum. The project also investigates whether focusing on a specific problem is an effective way to make mathematics more engaging and relevant to students.

The program includes a two-week summer institute for 12 teachers and ongoing academic year meetings designed to assist those teachers in implementing the project into their classrooms with 2,217 students.

Oluoch oversaw the development of the INITIATE program along with Dr. Charlene Czerniak, professor emeritus of science education and research professor in the UT College of Engineering, and Dr. Ahmad



Oluoch

Javaid, assistant professor of computer science in the UT College of Engineering.

UTPD increases community policing efforts

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo Police Department received a state grant to support its efforts to increase community policing programs on campus.

UTPD is one of 20 law enforcement agencies in Ohio to receive up to \$40,000 from the Office of Criminal Justice Service to support initiatives aimed at improving relationships between communities and the officers who serve them.

“Keeping students safe is the No. 1 priority for all of us here at The University of Toledo, and it is important that we all work together to ensure our campus remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone to study and work,” said Jeff Newton, UT police chief and director of public safety. “This additional state support will allow officers to expand the outreach we already do to engage students, faculty and staff about the safety resources available to them.”

The Office of Public Safety Day on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Varsity T Pavilion and nearby South Tennis Courts and South Basketball Courts is one opportunity to meet the police officers, security staff, and safety and health officials who serve campus. Students and other members of the UT community are invited to see the public safety vehicle fleet, eat pizza, and play basketball, tennis, corn hole and other games with the staff.

Additional community engagement events are scheduled throughout the academic year and include “Pizza with the Police” where students can ask officers safety questions. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 11, at noon in Carter Hall’s main lobby. UTPD is offering personal safety and self-defense classes during fall semester; one session will take place Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center Double Meeting Room.

The police department also provides ALICE training to the campus community. ALICE, which is an acronym that stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate, is a national program that instructs participants on how to survive an active shooter situation.



MEET-AND-GREET: Lt. Julie Lavey shared a laugh with a couple University students at last year’s Office of Public Safety Day.

UTPD is increasing its social media outreach to engage with students in the platforms they use to communicate. Using videos and graphics, the department is sharing important public safety information on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. Follow the police on Facebook at

facebook.com/UToledoPD and on Twitter at @UToledoPD.

For more information about the UT Police Department and full schedule of the events, visit utoledo.edu/depts/police.

Detour for west-bound Bancroft Street to begin Sept. 25

As installation of a new storm sewer line continues, it will be necessary to close west-bound lanes on Bancroft Street.

This closure is scheduled to start Monday, Sept. 25, and is expected to last three weeks, weather permitting.

During that time, a detour for west-bound Bancroft will be posted for drivers to take University Hills Boulevard to Douglas Road to Dorr Street to Secor Road.

Lane restrictions for east-bound traffic on Bancroft Street will continue.

“We want to remind drivers the speed limit in the work zone is 25 miles per hour,” Doug Collins, director of grounds and transportation, said. “We ask everyone to be patient, drive slowly, and be aware of pedestrians.”

To avoid congestion, students, employees and visitors to Main Campus are encouraged to use the west entrance off Secor Road or the south entrance off Dorr Street.

“We will keep the campus community informed as we receive updates from the city of Toledo on this project,” Collins said.

Conference

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- Amy Smith and Sarah Brenes, program manager and director, respectively, of the anti-human trafficking services and unaccompanied minor services at the Institute of Minnesota, will present opportunities, challenges and issues associated with a large-group agricultural labor trafficking case, such as balancing law enforcement priorities with victim immigration and social service needs, at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in

Thompson Student Union Room 2584.

- Dr. Willie McKether, UT vice president for diversity and inclusion, and Jennifer Pizio, associate director of the UT Office of Diversity and Inclusion, will focus on what makes human trafficking possible in society and culture, at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in the Thompson Student Union Ingman Room.

For additional information and a full schedule of presentations, visit traffickingconference.com.

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three decades. Titled “A 20/20 Vision for America: Building Bridges, Not Walls,” his presentation at UT will touch on his odds-defying journey, celebrate the life-changing power of a college education, champion the Latino American Dream, and provide thought-provoking insights into human nature and ethical behavior.

“We’re extremely pleased to have John Quiñones speak here,” said Dr. Michele Soliz, assistant vice president for student success and inclusion. “Based on his incredible journey, I’m sure many of our students will draw on his personal stories and professional advice to aspire to their own successful career through obtaining their degree at UT.”

Born in San Antonio in 1952 to a Spanish-speaking family, Quiñones did not learn English until he began school at age 6. When he was 13, his father was laid off from a janitorial job, so his family joined a caravan of migrant farm workers. They

traveled to Traverse City, Mich., to harvest cherries, and then later picked tomatoes near Toledo. It was here that his dad challenged Quiñones to choose education over a life of manual labor.

Thanks to the federal Upward Bound program, Quiñones prepared for college and eventually earned his master’s degree from Columbia University’s School of Journalism. Among numerous accolades, Quiñones has received a Gabriel Award for a poignant report that followed a young man to Colombia to reunite with his birth mother after two decades, a CINE Award for a report in Israel about suicide bombers, and an ALMA Award from the National Council of La Raza.

Tickets for this event are free and are available through the Office of Multicultural Student Services at 419.530.2261 or the Honors College at honors@utoledo.edu or 419.530.6030.

New staff leadership program launched, participants sought

A new leadership development program for University of Toledo staff members is being launched, and applications and nominations are being accepted through Monday, Oct. 2.

The program was created in response to feedback received from staff and leadership throughout UT’s strategic planning process.

The program is designed to develop emerging, high-potential leaders to help them grow in their existing positions at the University and later assume expanded leadership roles. In addition to providing a path for career development and improving leadership skills and abilities, the program will broaden participants’ understanding of how UT operates. And it will strengthen cross-campus networking, dialogue with current leaders, and the continuity of UT’s future leadership.

The UT Staff Leadership Development initiative is a one-year program comprised of courses, lectures, assessments and experiential learning. The courses will be facilitated by UT’s senior leaders and subject matter experts on specific topics.

Twenty participants will be selected to attend the program sessions each month for two to three hours from October 2017 through October 2018. Although no courses will be scheduled for July and August 2018, participants will be required to complete summer reading assignments and submit a capstone project in October 2018.

To be eligible for the program, staff members must have at least two years of UT service to date. Employees may apply directly by completing the application form, while deans, vice presidents and other senior leaders may recommend an emerging leader by submitting a nomination form. Both forms are available on the Human Resources website at utoledo.edu/depts/hr/leadership-development.

The application and nomination process is open from Monday, Sept. 18, through Monday, Oct. 2.

A selection committee comprised of multidisciplinary leaders on UT campuses will review all forms, and anyone selected as part of the UT Staff Leadership Development Cohort 2017-2018 will be notified by Tuesday, Oct. 17.



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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



Dear Employees, Alumni, Donors and Friends of UT,

I wanted to take a moment to reach out to you with a message and also a request. We are so proud of this University and all the positive progress underway. We share our story whenever we can, but sometimes others tell a different narrative, which, quite frankly, is not The University of Toledo we are today. This is where we need your help.

We announced Sept. 12 that our fall semester enrollment was steady, while we improved retention and the academic preparedness of our incoming class. U.S. News also released that day its Best Colleges rankings in which UT maintained its place of 133 among public national universities and is listed 246 among all colleges.

Let me tell you why both of these are positive news for the University.

Increased competition for students

All colleges across the country are working hard to recruit a shrinking number of high school graduates. Last year UT experienced the first enrollment increase in six years, and while we worked hard to attract more students again this year, our actual enrollment was 69 students (out of 20,579) fewer. Nearly all of our public university peers in the state experienced greater declines, which tells me that we are making progress sharing the great opportunities for students at UT.

Academic preparedness of incoming class

I'm also encouraged by the increase in the academic strength of the incoming class, which has higher average ACT and GPA scores than past years. Those students chose UT over their other options, and we know they will receive an outstanding education here.

Positive momentum in rankings

Our U.S. News score did increase this year, but it didn't translate to a move up in the competitive rankings because all of our peers also are working hard to improve their positions. As you know, much of this year's U.S. News ranking is based on historic data, including the six-year graduation rate of the students who first came to campus in 2010. We cannot go back in time, but what we can and have been doing is supporting our incoming students on their paths to graduation and successful careers. We are moving in the right direction:

- Our first-year to second-year retention rate increased again for the fourth consecutive year.
- Research funding is on an upswing for the first time in five years, and the fantastic work we are doing is increasingly being recognized in national publications.
- Alumni giving is growing, which is an important endorsement from our graduates about the positive impact UT has had on their lives.
- The progress we are making in all of these areas will be reflected in our national rankings, but that will take time.

Be an ambassador for UT

So now I want to ask for your help in continuing our positive momentum. We need you to be our ambassadors. Tell our story. We have so many great success stories from our students and alumni, stories of patients who receive great care from our physicians, and stories of exciting faculty research and contributions to public knowledge.

With the breadth of programs on our campuses, we have options for students no matter what they are interested in studying. And if they don't yet know, we can help them find their passion. Encourage potential students — undergraduate and graduate — to reach out to us. We want to help them succeed. I am happy to meet with students who come to visit UT to let them know of our commitment to their success.

I will continue to work diligently with leaders on campus to strengthen our academics, bolster our financial position, enhance our student services, and expand educational opportunities to meet the needs of each student. I look to you to help us continue to spread the news of your University of Toledo to help strengthen our reputation.

Sincerely,

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

Sharon L. Gaber, Ph.D.
President

Nearly \$2.4 million federal grant awarded to help University researcher turn algae into fuel source

By Christine Billau

The U.S. Department of Energy awarded The University of Toledo a nearly \$2.4 million grant to find a faster, cleaner process to produce fuel using algae without needing to add concentrated carbon dioxide.



Viamajala

Dr. Sridhar Viamajala, UT associate professor of chemical engineering, said this three-year project to help algal fuels replace fossil fuels is a continuation of his previous work in partnership with

Montana State University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Arizona State University.

“We are trying to speed up the growth of algae by providing a very high pH environment that allows algae to take up carbon dioxide gas from the atmosphere more efficiently and prevent unwanted contamination,” Viamajala said. “Since it grows in water, algae doesn’t have as much carbon dioxide available. We are trying to improve the cleaner fuel potential.”

The project to create a comprehensive strategy for stable, high-productivity cultivation of microalgae with controllable biomass composition also includes genetic testing.

“This funding puts northwest Ohio at the forefront of a national effort to create new technologies and methods for biofuels,” said Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. “These types of programs can lead to breakthroughs that will create American jobs and enhance our energy security, which is why I remain committed to renewable energy and advanced research from my role overseeing Department of Energy funding on the Appropriations Committee. Congratulations to the researchers at The University of Toledo for receiving this award.”

The research is funded through the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and Office of Bioenergy Technology.

UT’s grant is part of about \$8.8 million recently announced by the U.S. Department of Energy for projects that will deliver high-impact tools and techniques for increasing the productivity of algae organisms in order to reduce the costs of producing algal biofuels and bioproducts.



Photo by Christine Billau

GREEN ENERGY: Dr. Sridhar Viamajala’s lab grows 10 to 20 pounds of algae a month for biofuel research.

Transformation of K-12 education law and school choice to be discussed

By Kirsten M. Winek

Over the past two decades, the landscape of American elementary and secondary education has shifted dramatically due to the emergence and expansion of privately provided, but publicly funded, schooling options, including both charter schools and private school choice devices like vouchers, tax credits and educational savings accounts.

Nicole Stelle Garnett, the John P. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame Law School, will discuss this changing landscape Thursday, Sept. 21, at noon in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

Her talk, “The Continuing Transformation of K-12 Education Law: Beyond Vouchers and Charter Schools,” is part of the UT College of Law’s Stranahan Lecture series.

Garnett will explain how changes to K-12 education resulted from education

reformers embracing a child-focused, rather than a sector-focused, reform agenda. This reform agenda’s central goal is maximizing the number of high-quality educational options for disadvantaged children across charter, private and traditional public schools. This transformation of K-12 education may have profound implications for education law, including opening the possibility of faith-based, state-supported charter schools.

“Professor Garnett is one of the nation’s leading experts on K-12 education,” said Professor Lee J. Strang. “We’re delighted Professor Garnett is delivering this fall’s Stranahan Lecture because she will shed light on not just the important reforms that have already occurred in K-12 education, but also potential future changes, including here in Ohio. Professor Garnett’s lecture is sure to spark debate and conversation.”

A well-known scholar of education and property law, Garnett has published two books in these areas: “Lost Classrooms, Lost Community: Catholic Schools’ Importance in Urban America” (University of Chicago Press, 2014), and “Ordering the City: Land Use, Policing, and the Restoration of Urban America” (Yale University Press, 2009).

She is also widely published in leading law reviews and teaches courses in property, education, local government, and land use planning law at Notre Dame.

Garnett, a graduate of Stanford University and Yale Law School, was a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

This free, public lecture is a part of the Stranahan National Issues Forum and is sponsored by the UT College of Law and its chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies.



Garnett

Horse power



Photos by Daniel Miller

Andrew McClurg gave a donation to ride Couper led by Nicole Archer, co-president of the UT Equestrian Team, Friday in the grassy area south of Memorial Field House during Horses for Humanity. The event raised \$402 for the American Red Cross and its Texas and Florida hurricane relief efforts, and collected about 30 canned goods for the UT Student Food Pantry, according to Andrea Woo, founder and co-president of the team. Couper, Salsa, Annabelle and Stanley were the horses that visited campus for short rides and photos.



Cool time



Photos by Daniel Miller

Students lined up for a sweet treat at Sundae on a Monday last week. Xinren Yu, international program coordinator for the Center for International Studies and Programs, got in on the selfie action, taking a photo with President Sharon L. Gaber and Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Phillip "Flapp" Cockrell.

UT to recognize National Service Dog Month with talks, training demonstration Sept. 21

By Madison Vasko

To celebrate National Service Dog Month, Carlson Library will host an event Thursday, Sept. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. on the third floor.

This free, public session will feature a talk by Dr. Janet Hoy-Gerlach, associate professor in the Social Work Program. Hoy-Gerlach will discuss her new book, "Human-Animal Interactions: A Social Work Guide." The book was co-authored with Scott Wehman, a UT alumnus who received a master's degree in social work in 2012.

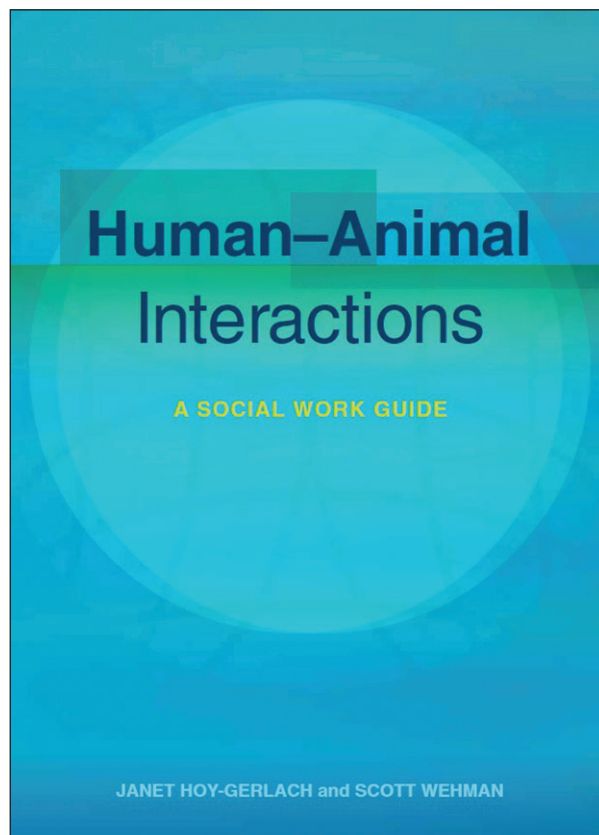
"The focus of the new book is two-fold," Hoy-Gerlach explained. "To raise awareness of the importance and benefits of the human-animal bond for human well-being, and to increase the abilities of social workers and other helping professionals to respond to people in need who have animals."

In 2017, the National Pet Owners Survey, conducted by the American Pet Products Association, found that pet ownership in U.S. households stands at 68 percent, and that most of these households consider the pet as a part of the family. Given these numbers, Hoy-Gerlach said, the focus of her book is highly relevant to many individuals, as well as for those in the helping professions that serve them.

"The book includes detailed content describing and differentiating the various therapeutic roles animals hold that assist in human health and well-being," Hoy-Gerlach said. "Of all such roles, the role of service dog requires the most extensive preparation and training; service dogs are trained for public access as well as multiple specific tasks to assist a person with a disability."

Rocket Service Dogs, a new student organization at UT, is eager to educate students on the service dog training process. The organization also will be at the event, along with several puppies that are in training.

"Knowledge about service dogs is important for the community because there is value in bringing awareness to the capabilities of the dogs, as well as the protections that they legally receive," said Summer Martin, vice president of Rocket



Service Dogs. "It is important for people to understand the huge impact that an assistance dog can have on a person's life, along with the infinite number of services the dogs can provide."

Rocket Service Dogs partners with Assistance Dogs for Achieving Independence, a program of the Ability Center of Greater Toledo, to provide participants with information and resources for fostering and training the dogs in the program.

Jenny Barlos, client service manager for Assistance Dogs for Achieving Independence, also will be in attendance at the National Service Dog Month event to present and provide a training demonstration with a dog.

For more information on Rocket Service Dogs and how to foster a dog in training, contact rocketservicedogs@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/rocketservicedogs.

For more information on the National Service Dog Month event, contact Sara Mouch at 419.530.5578 or sara.mouch@utoledo.edu.



Down to business



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Jeremiah Pickett, a sophomore majoring in entrepreneurship in the College of Business and Innovation, worked on homework in Carlson Library.

Women's basketball coach to throw out first pitch at Tigers game Sept. 21

By Brian DeBenedictis

University of Toledo Women's Basketball Coach Tricia Cullop will throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Detroit Tigers game against the Minnesota Twins at Comerica Park Thursday, Sept. 21.

Game time is 7:10 p.m.

The division matchup in the Motor City has been designated as The University of Toledo Night. In addition to Cullop throwing out the first pitch, the UT Choir will perform the national anthem, and Rocky and Rocksy will be in attendance.

Fans can purchase a special ticket package for the contest that includes a game ticket and an exclusive Detroit Tigers/University of Toledo limited

edition hat. Tickets prices range from \$20 to \$38 and are available for purchase at tigers.com/ut; \$5 will be donated to the UT General Scholarship Fund.

Cullop and the Rockets open their regular season at home against Saint Francis (Pa.) in the first round of the Preseason WNIT Friday, Nov. 10.

For ticket information, stop by the UT Athletic Ticket Office in the Sullivan Athletic Complex at Savage Arena, go to utrockets.com, or call 419.530.GOLD (4653).



Cullop

Promote health, wellness at Night at the Rec Sept. 21

By Ashley Diel

Students are invited to increase their exposure to activities, services and resources connected to their health and well-being at the first Night at the Rec Thursday, Sept. 21.

The recreational center will close at 9 p.m. and reopen at 10 p.m. for students living on Main Campus.

Students will have the chance to take part in all the center's activities and services, including basketball, swimming, the rock climbing wall, the high ropes course, and group fitness demonstration.

"The Office of Recreational Services had a desire to increase awareness of resources linked to health, wellness and well-being," said Matthew Perry, associate director for residence life. "This has turned into an exclusive opportunity for students living on campus to explore and

be exposed to all services the Student Rec Center has to offer them."

Attendees also will have the opportunity to earn points by participating in a variety of stations to be put into drawings for raffle prizes, including gift cards, sports equipment and a Zumba workout package.

The residence hall with the highest percentage of students in attendance will win a grand prize.

"Students will engage with UT students, faculty, staff and relevant student clubs and organizations in a safe environment geared toward supporting health and wellness," Perry said.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, visit utreccenter.com.

Giveaways all night!



Night At The Rec

Sep. 21st

10 pm - midnight

Come find out about all the fun you can have with UTREC!

Each program area will be set up for students to participate. Activities will have an assigned number of points to be awarded for participation, PRIZES will be awarded for earning the most points. Students will also be provided a RAFFLE entry ticket for each activity they participate in.

For more information visit
UTRecCenter.com



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Human Resources and Healthy U to host Benefits Fair

By Anna Brogan-Knight

Human Resources and Talent Development have invited vendors from medical, vision, dental, retirement, financial planning and University services for a benefits fair.

The event will take place Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center Auxiliary Gym on Main Campus and Thursday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Morse Center Basketball Court on Health Science Campus.

This is a great time to learn more about all of the benefits available to faculty and staff of The University of Toledo. It's a one-stop shop for all kinds of information, from wellness initiatives to discounts at the pharmacy to expert advice on how to save for retirement.

"We encourage faculty and staff members to take some time getting to know the products and benefits that are available," Wendy Davis, associate vice president and chief human resources officer, said. "Hopefully, everyone will learn something new that will improve some aspect of their lives, whether financial, wellness or medical benefit oriented."

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/offices/rocketwellness/healthyu/events.html.



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Screening, discussion of documentary set for Sept. 19 in honor of Constitution Day

"13th," a documentary about the 13th Amendment and mass incarceration, will be shown Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 8 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 3066.

The 2016 film directed by Ava DuVernay focuses on the 13th Amendment, which freed the slaves and prohibited slavery — unless as a punishment for a crime.

Sponsored by the UT programs in Law and Social Thought and Disability Studies, the event is in recognition of Constitution Day, which is officially Sept. 17.

"We chose the documentary '13th' as it shows that while our written Constitution is worthy of great praise, as citizens, we should also always regard it with a spirit of inquiry and even skepticism," Dr. Renee Heberle, UT professor of political science, said.

"The 13th Amendment enshrines slavery, albeit for those duly convicted of crimes, in our Constitution. This documentary brings our attention to the historical trajectory in the United States with respect to racial oppression, from slavery to sharecropping and Jim Crow to the contemporary situation of mass incarceration and forced labor in correctional institutions, which can be related to the fact of the 13th Amendment,

ratified just after the Civil War ended chattel slavery."

The 100-minute film was nominated for an Academy Award for best documentary feature and won an Emmy Award for outstanding documentary or nonfiction special.

Heberle and Dr. Liat Ben-Moshe, UT assistant professor of disability studies, will lead a discussion after the screening.

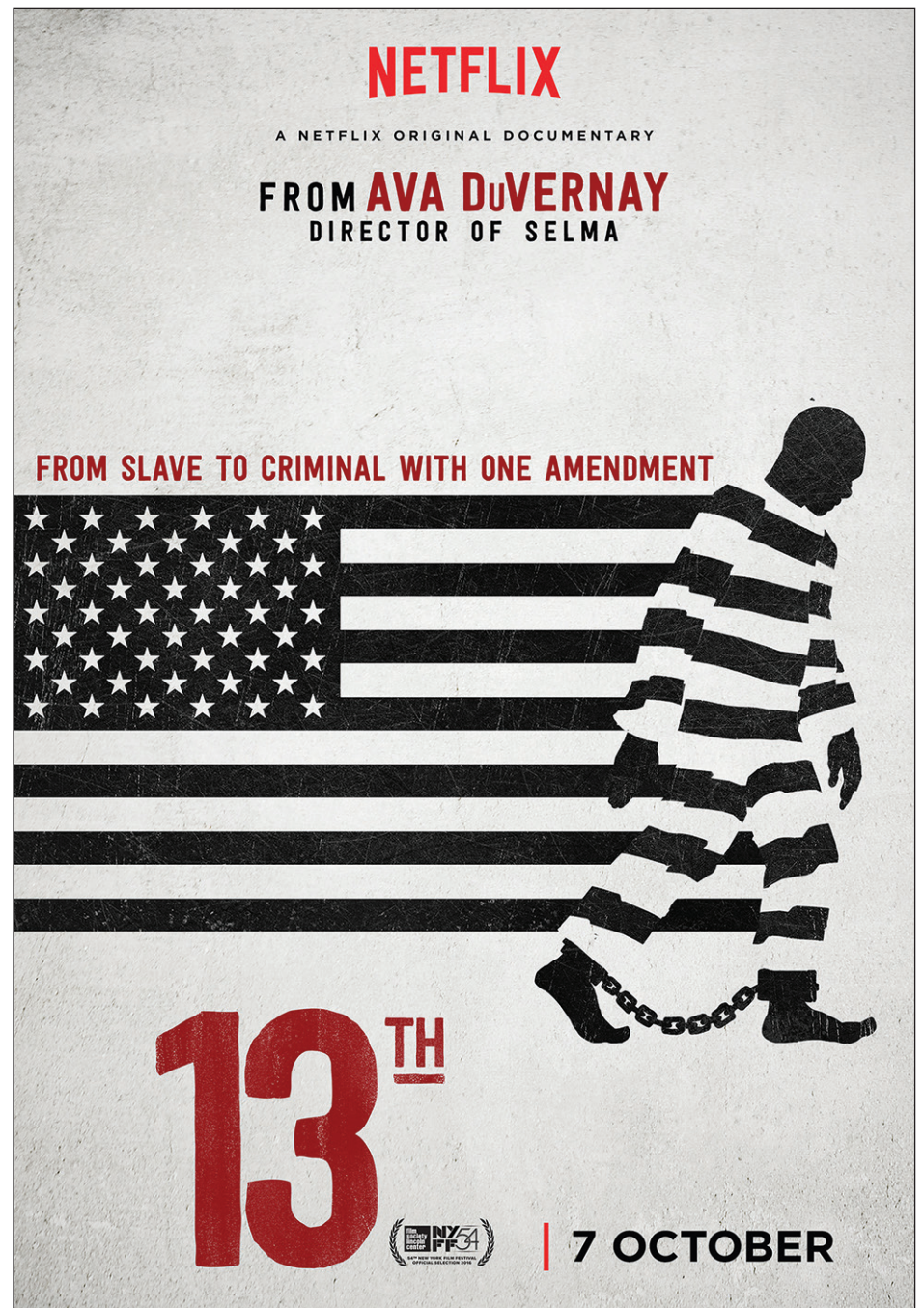
Heberle, who is affiliated with the UT Women's and Gender Studies Department, is co-director of the Program in Law and Social Thought and coordinator of the Inside/Out Prison Exchange Project, which allows University students to take a course inside a prison alongside incarcerated people.

Ben-Moshe is working on a book titled "Politics of (En)Closure" that details movements to abolish prisons and deinstitutionalization of mental and intellectual health institutions.

"We hope to inspire discussion about issues of constitutional justice and how and whom we punish," Heberle said.

Refreshments will be served at the free, public event.

For more information, contact Heberle at renee.heberle@utoledo.edu.



In memoriam

Charles S. Barbour III, Titusville, Fla., a former instructor in the College of Business, died Sept. 6 at age 94.

Sharon L. (Quiroz) Musch, Toledo, a monitor technician at MCO/MUO/UTMC from 1993 until her retirement in 2012, died Sept. 8 at age 68.

Dr. Aron Wajskol, Toledo, associate professor emeritus of anesthesiology, died Sept. 13 at age 92. He joined the MCO faculty in 1974 and retired in 1993. Wajskol wrote the chapter on the first 25 years of the Anesthesiology Department for the 2011 book, "A Community of Scholars — Recollections of the Early Years of the Medical College of Ohio." The native of Poland survived the Holocaust and often shared his story; he appeared in the 2012 documentary, "Bearing Witness: The Voices of Our Survivors."

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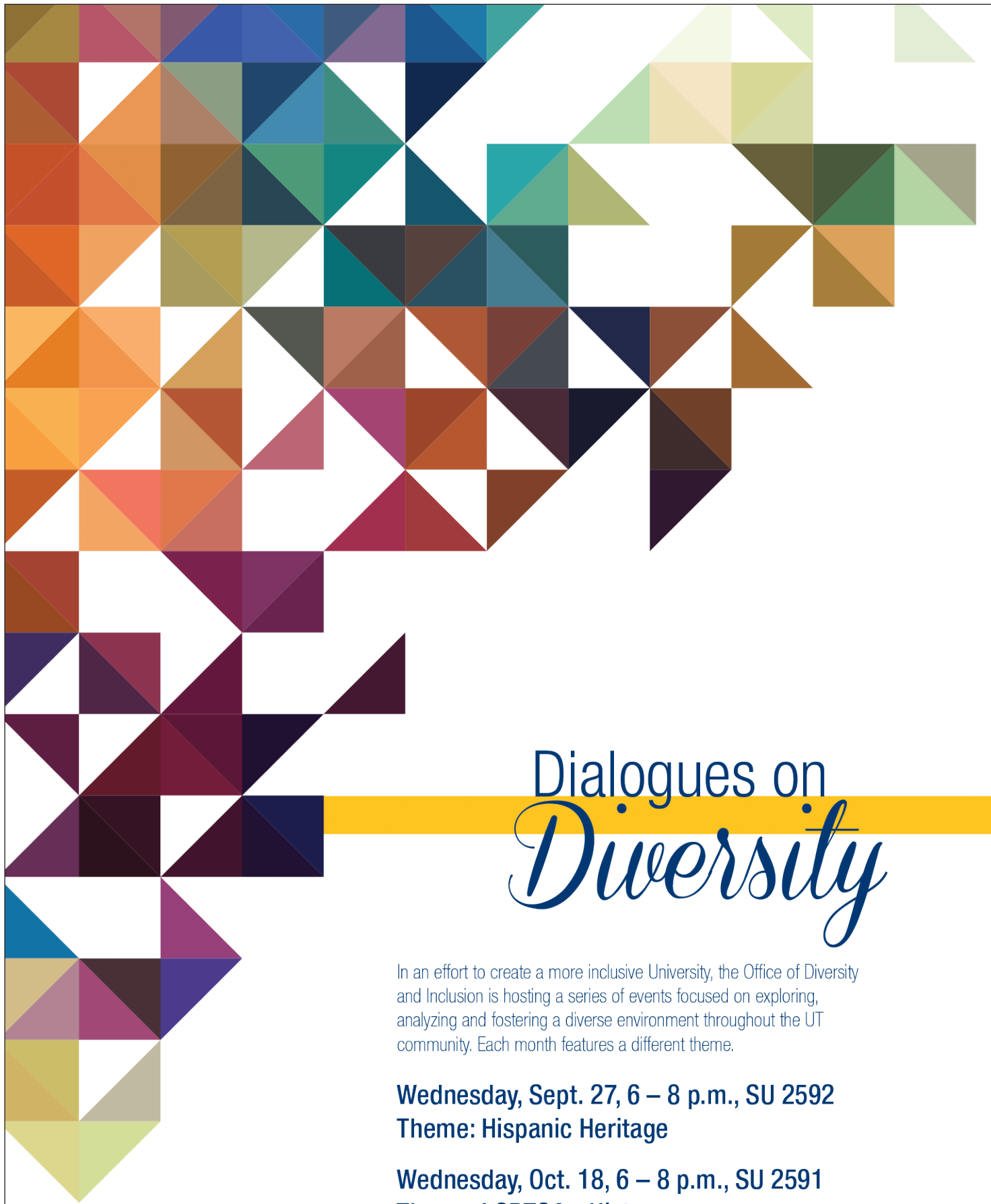
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In an effort to create a more inclusive University, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion is hosting a series of events focused on exploring, analyzing and fostering a diverse environment throughout the UT community. Each month features a different theme.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6 – 8 p.m., SU 2592
Theme: Hispanic Heritage

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 6 – 8 p.m., SU 2591
Theme: LGBTQA+ History

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6 – 8 p.m., SU 2591
Theme: Veterans Issues



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