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## **Summer Research Success**



Last summer was a good one for faculty research, as UT's College of Natural and Health Sciences and College of Arts and Letters received nearly \$1 million in federal grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The grants will fund four faculty research projects. The three research projects funded by the NSF focus on gene sequencing instrumentation, dark matter and dwarf satellites, and epidemics and wildlife. The project funded by the NEH

provides for a summer institute to be held at UT on José Martí and the immigrant communities of Florida in Cuban independence.

Our receipt of this funding is another step forward in UT faculty increasingly undertaking impactful, relevant and thought-provoking research. Not only does this sort of research answer questions, solve problems and make discoveries, it also keeps faculty at the top of their fields. And, due to UT's size and mission, it allows students to take part in sophisticated research side-by-side with faculty, be published and consider future research of their own.

UT has long made faculty-student research a top priority. It is a main pillar in UT's experiential education initiative, which allows students to use the theories and skills gained in the classroom to solve real-world problems, giving them an edge on the competition for jobs and graduate school. And, faculty-student research was a primary focus in UT's recent Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which created UT's Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry — a central clearinghouse to coordinate faculty-student research.

"Our receipt of this funding is another step forward in UT faculty increasingly undertaking impactful, relevant and thought-provoking research."—RONALD L. VAUGHN

One thing that is somewhat unique about the three grants from NSF is that all three of the faculty who wrote the grants, and are the principal investigators, are women. This is especially noteworthy since, according to NSF, approximately one in four proposals to NSF are submitted by women, with the same proportion of NSF awards being held by women.

We're proud to be successfully hiring female teachers and researchers for academic positions, especially in the sciences. But it also shows our success in generally diversifying our faculty ranks. This year, of 72 new faculty hired, 49 percent are women, and 19 percent are racial and ethnic minorities.

While \$1 million is a lot of funding, UT is committed to pursuing larger and more impactful research grants. We continue to build the faculty and the campus to accommodate cutting-edge research. But while UT will always be an institution focused on teaching, faculty research provides tremendous opportunities for students, as well as for UT's intellectual growth and national and international renown.

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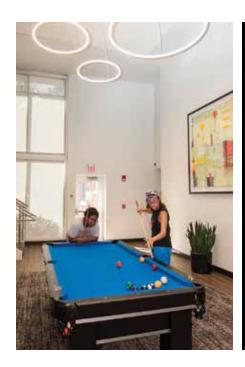
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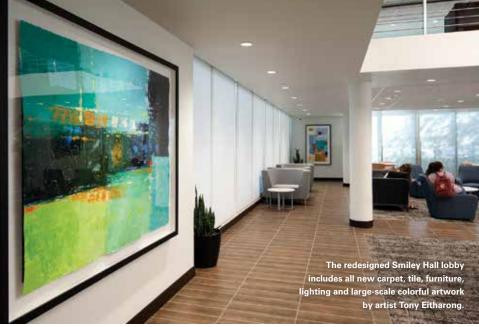


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## **Better Than New**

Smiley Hall renovations transform one of UT's oldest residence halls

IT STARTED AS A SUMMER PROJECT TO improve the plumbing in Smiley Hall.

"Initially this was an internal project to upgrade the plumbing. It was just infrastructure, so the residents wouldn't have even seen the changes," said Charles Jackson, project manager in UT's Design and Construction Services.

But after the first phase was complete at the end of summer in 2017, the scope of the project broadened considerably.

"Looking at all the work we'd done to McKay Hall, we decided we wanted to do Smiley as well," said Jackson. "Now, interior-wise, it's a brand new building."

And residents have definitely noticed the changes.

"It's so much brighter," said Jacob Peters, an area coordinator for Residence Life who oversees Smiley. "This is one of our oldest residence halls, so it's changed a lot from when it was first built. But previous residents even from just last year are jealous."

While the plumbing (and electrical) did indeed get an upgrade, the more noticeable changes to Smiley include a redesigned lobby and kitchen, with all new carpet, tile, furniture, lighting and appliances. The bathrooms in each suite were also renovated with new fixtures, counters, tile and additional storage space.

Other upgrades include new railings, tile, furniture and blinds throughout the building, a new fire sprinkler system, drinking fountains with bottle refill stations (which Peters said residents are really enjoying), and large-scale, colorful

artwork by Tony Eitharong.

One of the biggest improvements is the addition of an elevator on the north side of the building, which required a portion of the breezeway to be enclosed in glass.

Peters said while the newer residence halls are bigger and can accommodate more students, Smiley has a smaller, homey feel.

"Students are always hanging out in the lobby areas watching TV and studying," he said, pointing to a group gathered in front of the new big screen TV, talking and laughing together.

Smiley is home to about 130 residents, mostly first-year students, including the Living Well Community for students committed to staying substance-free.

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"If you're motivated by compassion and social concerns, that's very different than being motivated by money. You're so motivated by the mission itself that you're willing to pivot and change"

THOMAS PITTZ, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT, ON SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## **Catalyzing Social Innovation**



As an entrepreneurship and strategy scholar, Thomas G. Pittz, assistant professor of management, has seen a shift in how decisions about the direction of a business are made.

"In the '80s and even '90s, decisionmaking was really closed off. Often, it happened as clandestine meetings of corporate elites who would sit in a room and come out to make their pronouncements. That's changed," he said, explaining that technology requires businesses to respond more quickly.

"Customers have much more direct avenues to give feedback and can express their desires and needs much more quickly than ever before," he said. "So the idea that a certain small group of people even have the ability to make those decisions is really a passé phenomenon."

Instead, Pittz said businesses now use more of an open strategy approach, where they solicit information from not only those within an organization, but also from external stakeholders.

With the rise of social entrepreneurship — the use of startup companies to develop solutions to social, cul-

tural or environmental issues — Pittz wondered how open strategy would apply to these more altruistic ventures.

Together with colleagues at East Carolina University, Pittz used an inductive case study approach to explore the motivations and methods of five social entrepreneurial ventures — College Politics, Food 4 Thought, Delta Books, ImmuNOcancer and Underwater Farms. Their findings, "Catalyzing Social Innovation: Leveraging Compassion and Open Strategy in Social Entrepreneurship," were published in the New England Journal of Entrepreneurship.

"It was an exploratory study to ask, 'Does compassion breed resilience? Does open-governance structure breed flexibility that allows these businesses to thrive and survive in pretty difficult market circumstances where a regular business would otherwise not?" he said.

The answer to both questions, at

least in the case of these five ventures, was yes.

When compassion was the motivator for founding the business in the first place, it made the founders more open to change.

"If you're motivated by compassion and social concerns, that's very different than being motivated by money," said Pittz. "You're so motivated by the mission itself that you're willing to pivot and change."

As for open strategy, of the five social entrepreneurial ventures, several organizations significantly redesigned their businesses in light of feedback from stakeholders.

"If your motivation is truly compassion and your goal is social betterment, does it matter if someone over here has a similar idea and it takes off if it's achieving that end goal? In a perfect world, you're happy for them, you're working together. That's the ultimate goal," he said.



GETTING HANDS-ON On Aug. 31, the University celebrated the grand opening of the Graduate and Health Studies Building with a brief program, followed by an open house and tours of the facility. In the Digital Anatomy Lab on the third floor, Fraser Houston, professor of instruction in health sciences and human performance, demonstrated the Anatomage virtual dissection table, a virtual reality cadaver that will help students in the physician assistant medicine program master human anatomy.

# Bailey Arts Studios Reimagined into "Maker-Space"







This fall, part of the Bailey Arts Studios is undergoing a transformation into spaces for innovation and creativity amongst student and faculty inventors, designers, entrepreneurs and artists.

Most notably, the project includes a digital fabrication lab (the Fab Lab) that will be an entrepreneurially focused, collaborative maker-space for students and faculty to turn their ideas and dreams into prototypes and products.

"Virtually anything can be created in a fab lab, even things we haven't dreamed of yet," said David Gudelunas, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, pointing out that most fab labs are at large research institutions or affiliated with major think tanks. Only 4 percent of colleges and universities in the country have a fab lab, and

an even smaller number make these technologies available to undergraduate students.

The space will include laser cutters, 3-D printers, computer numerical control (CNC) routers, large format printers, vinyl cutters and state-of-the art computer technology.

In addition to the Fab Lab, the rebuilt Bailey Art Studios will include:

- A modernized, state-of-the-art photography studio and environmentally friendly darkroom complete with professional-grade lighting studio and staging areas.
- Two new high-tech classrooms that encourage interpersonal and technological engagement to support the growing graphic design major and the digital arts generally.
- A reimagined printmaking studio with safety and technological improve-

ments that diversifies the printmaking capabilities and combines traditional processes with new emerging digital tools

• Enhancements to the Scarfone/ Hartley Gallery.

According to Chris Valle, chair/professor of art and design, all of the rebuilt spaces will take their design cues from the edgy and collaborative vibe that is the standard in tech startups and other creative professional spaces.

"These new spaces are a physical manifestation of the vision of the art and design department and the College of Arts and Letters," said Valle. "Art and design majors will have access to spaces that are as imaginative and aesthetically focused as they are. It is a perfect match."

The project is set to be completed in the spring semester.

## **SAY GOODBYE TO PLASTIC STRAWS**

When students returned for class this fall, plastic straws were no longer on the menu.

Joining a wider anti-plastic straw movement, in August the University announced the elimination of single-use plastic straws on campus in partnership with its dining services provider, Sodexo. (Paper straws are still provided upon request.)

This step goes hand-in-hand with UT's efforts to substantially reduce its use of other plastic products, including installing water bottle refill stations across campus, offering biodegradable clamshell to-go containers in dining venues, and replacing Styrofoam or plastic cups and lids with compostable equivalents.

## Forensic Science Major Uses Lasers, Plasma in Mass Spec Research

Breaking things in the Cass Building's Lab 201 happens on a near weekly basis for Gaston Merideth II '18. The forensic science major said it's all part of experimentation.

"Research teaches a lot of good skills, like patience, because things break a lot and you have to sit there and wait, wait for it to get fixed, wait for the part to come in," said Merideth. "I like research, because there's no given answer to the problems. We're trying to discover new things. We don't know what we're looking for."

Since his first year at UT, Merideth has been working with Kenyon Evans-Nguyen, associate professor of chemistry, on finding ways to analyze forensic evidence quickly in the field.

Mass spectrometry is the most common technology used in forensic chemistry evidence analysis, but preparing samples for the mass spectrometer can be a long, arduous process.

"Our research is focused on creating innovative methods for easy sample preparation for the mass spectrometer," Merideth said. "To do this, the research is focused on the dynamics of plasmas and lasers that provide near instantaneous sample preparation."

Samples fed into a mass spectrometer have to be processed in such a way that they form a clear liquid so the machine's ion source, which is like a lens, can read the sample.

Currently the process is something like: Hunt around at the crime scene for samples, take them back to the lab to rinse with solvents, filter and prepare them until they become a clear liquid that is then pumped into the mass spectrometer, which converts it to ions read by the scientists, confirming or negating the presence of what-



ever substance they were looking for (explosives residue, blood or drugs).

Merideth and Evans-Nguyen are focused on ambient elemental analysis — using the mass spectrometer's commercial ion source to read elements like zinc, copper and iron from solid or more opaque samples.

"We would love to be able to do it quickly in the lab. A lot of other people are working on a portable mass spectrometer that you'd have in your crime scene van that you're using at the scene," Evans-Nguyen said.

Merideth wants to go into law enforcement when he graduates in December. He chose forensic science, because he loves learning about science. He also thought it'd be good to have another career option.

"It's been really good to learn more about my field, what's going on in forensic science, what techniques are new," said Merideth, who presented his research at the American Society of Mass Spectrometry in 2017. "It really helped me understand what this degree is about, and if I ever got a job in forensics, what it would entail."



## THE CLASS OF 2022

25,065

Number of applications received

2,642

Number of first-year students enrolled (UT is considered "selective" as only 48 percent who applied were accepted.)

## 10% of first-year students are international

TOP COUNTRIES (IN ORDER)
Kuwait, Trinidad and Tobago,
Norway, Brazil, Cayman Islands
NEW COUNTRIES
Federated States of Micronesia,
Paraguay, Uruguay, Latvia,
Democratic Republic of Congo,
Botswana, Albania

Increase in students from Texas and California (13th and 14th amongst incoming students)

## 22.1% qualify for the UT Honors Program

MOST POPULAR MAJORS (IN ORDER)

Biology, Nursing, Marine Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Finance, Sport Management, Psychology, Entrepreneurship, Forensic Science

PHOTOGRAPH BY JAMIE PILARCZYK

## spartan sports



## Eight Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Seven former student-athletes and one contributor were inducted into the UT Athletic Hall of Fame in October.

At the ceremony, UT also honored the 2006 national championship baseball team, which finished the season with a 54-6 overall record — a .900 winning percentage that is the best-ever for a national championship team.

The 1983 men's heavyweight varsity 4 crew team, which won multiple state and small college national championships, was also honored at the ceremony.

This represents the 28th class for the UT Athletic Hall of Fame, which began in 1962. The Hall of Fame now includes a total of 178 members.

#### **JESSIE BARDIN '10**

Bardin swam for UT from 2006–2010. A two-time NCAA national champion, Bardin became the second four-time All-American in program history, and remains one of four in UT women's swimming history to earn that status all four years. She remains the UT school-record holder in the 200 Free with a time of 1:47.75 in the event

in 2009. She also won the Bluegrass Mountain Valley Championships in the 50 Free and 200 Free.

#### **MARK BORDERS '06**

Borders, a member of the UT men's basketball team from 2003–2006, recorded more than 649 assists throughout his career, which ranks him first in University history. He also ranks first in assists per game with 7.5. Borders ranks seventh in 3-point field goal percentage in UT history, fifth in career steals, third in steals per game and fifth for playtime per game.

#### **TOM DOAN '65**

Doan played football for the Spartans from 1961-1965. He was a four-year letter winner who earned the Most Underrated Player trophy in 1963, the Spartan Award in 1964 and the Outstanding Sportsmanship Trophy in 1964. Doan joined the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967-1969, where he attended Officer Candidate School. He was awarded a National Defense Service Medal. Vietnam Service Medal and Silver Star Medal for combat action. Throughout his career, he taught at seven schools, coached five sports and was dean of students for 14 years at William R. Boone High School.

#### **ROY FINK '03, MBA '06**

Fink, who played soccer for UT from 2000–2003, is the current head soccer coach at Franklin Pierce University. Fink was named the 2001 NCAA Division II National Player of the Year, and was a two-time All-American and four-time all-South Region selection. He was named the Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Player of the Year in 2001, and earned SSC Freshmen of the Year in 2000. He was named to the All-SSC Conference team all four seasons at Tampa.

#### **ERIK MIRZA '98**

Mirza, a member of the UT baseball team from 1995–1998, was starting centerfielder for the 1998 national championship team. A 1996 All-American, he was a four-time all-South Region selection and the 1995 Sunshine State Conference Freshman of the Year. He was named to the NCAA South Regional all-tournament team three times, and honored as a member of the NCAA Championships all-tournament team for his play in Montgomery, AL. Mirza remains the UT career leader with 80 doubles and games played.

#### **MIKE RABELO '11**

Rabelo played baseball for UT from 1999–2001 and was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in 2001. He advanced to the majors, playing for the Detroit Tigers and Miami Marlins, one of seven Spartans to have played

at the highest level. He is currently the manager of the Lakeland Flying Tigers, the Class-A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers. Rabelo still ranks as the most difficult catcher in UT program history to steal against, as he threw out nearly 40-percent of baserunners and threw out a UT-record 50 runners.

#### **MELISSA VANDERHALL '10**

Vanderhall played volleyball at UT from 2006–2010 and was a member of the 2006 national championship team. She finished her career as one of the most decorated individuals in University and Sunshine State Conference (SSC) history. Vanderhall was a three-time first-team All-American who was twice named the SSC Player of the Year. She was the first person in program history to become a two-time South Region Player of the Year and a two-time SSC Player of

the Year. Her success extended to the classroom as well, where she became the first player in program history to be a three-time College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District member.

#### **GERRY LUCEY**

Lucey served as the UT women's soccer coach from 2007-2014. The program's all-time winningest coach, Lucey captured the program's lone national championship. He left with an all-time record of 114-43-20 at UT. At the helm of the Spartans, Lucey led his teams to one Sunshine State Conference (SSC) regular season championship, four SSC tournament championships, two NCAA South Regional titles and the 2007 NCAA national championship. Lucey's teams also earned National Soccer Coaches of America Team Academic Awards all eight years of his tenure.



SPARTANS WHETHER IN OR OUT OF THE WATER Nearly 200 swim team alumni gathered on Oct. 20 for a reunion in the Plant Hall Music Room and to celebrate Ed Brennan's 40 years as head coach. Earlier in the day, attendees cheered the current men's and women's swim teams to a win against Nova Southeastern University at a meet on campus. To view photos and to support the team, go to www.ut.edu/giving.





BY MICHELLE BEARDEN McCABE



WO YEARS AGO, David Wheeler, assistant professor of journalism, got his first clue that his

profession was under fire.

A fellow traveler seated next to him in a plane asked him what he did for a living.

"I teach college journalism," Wheeler replied.

The man responded immediately by holding up his fingers in a cross, as if he was trying to ward off Dracula.

That response was a far leap from when Wheeler first fell in love with the field as a 12-year-old playing an anchor on a Saturday morning kids' news show on the local CBS affiliate in Huntington, WV.

"To be honest, my friends didn't like it, because it interfered with the cartoons," he says, laughing. "But we certainly weren't the enemy."

That sinking public opinion isn't the only challenge journalism is facing these days. Other issues:

Plunging advertising revenues. A shift in readership trends. The lightning speed of digital platforms that makes traditional forms obsolete. The sheer volume of news available on demand at the reader's fingertips.

Perhaps most dramatic is the shrinking job market. Newsroom employment across the United States continues to decline, driven in large part by job losses at newspapers, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of federal labor statistics.

From 2008 to 2017, newsroom employment in the U.S. — which includes newspapers, broadcast television, radio, cable and other "information services" — dropped by 23 percent. Newspapers took the biggest hit, with employees dropping by 45 percent over that period.

"The internet changed everything," says Stephanie Tripp, chair/associate professor of communication. "When we have information shifts like this, it can cause chaos and confusion. We got that sorted out, but now we're in another period of transformation. We're at the end of an era, and things are a little messy now."

## TEACHING A PROFESSION UNDER FIRE

In the meantime, journalism professors like Tripp and Wheeler have to adjust their teaching goals to get students prepared for a rapidly changing profession.

Some basic skills remain constant. Among them: Excellent storytelling, critical thinking, an inquisitive mind.

Now other objectives are on the curriculum. Future journalists no longer follow a print or broadcast track. They are expected to learn multiple modes of media so they can tackle it all: writing, producing, editing, graphic designing, and shooting video and photos. They have to understand technology, algorithms, content management, search engine optimization and all forms of social media. With a

24/7 news cycle, they need to learn how to feed brisk, accurate reporting to several platforms.

Wheeler says there's no question that young reporters are being asked to take on more responsibilities and skills than ever before. But he thinks the expectation that you have to do it all equally well has tapered off.

"Not everyone can be a genius writer, top-notch video producer and creative graphic designer," he says. "What I tell the students is to master two or three of them. And above all, good writing should always come first."

All those skills must include fact checking, which is a challenge these days with so much access to material.

"The difference between information and knowledge is verification," Tripp says. "With so much distrust in the media, that can't be stressed enough."

That mission of fair and balanced reporting is both taught and practiced by Wheeler, who is also a freelance contributor to CNN, *The Atlantic Monthly* and other publications.

Wheeler recently shared with his students an email he got from an editor at *The Atlantic* about one of his stories: "As for the tone, some of it still has an undercurrent of moral outrage at schools' practices and suspicion of their objectives." That shows mainstream media does care about covering both sides and keeping stories objective, he says.

"We all have biases, and we all need editors to show us where these hidden biases show up in our reporting," Wheeler says. "I teach my students that when they're writing a news story, if someone can tell where they stand on the issue, they've done the assignment incorrectly. Keep re-writing the article until they get it to the point where a reader would say, 'I love how thorough and accurate this article is, but I have no idea where this reporter stands on the issue."

Wheeler applies that same code of balanced treatment with his students.

"The internet changed everything. When we have information shifts like this, it can cause chaos and confusion."

—Stephanie Tripp, associate professor and chair of UT's Department of Communication



# MORE THAN ONE WAY TO TELL A STORY

Miles Parks '09 is a reporter and producer on National Public Radio's Washington desk, covering election interference, voting infrastructure and breaking news. Given today's climate, the high-profile beat is intense and exhilarating — a challenge he embraces.

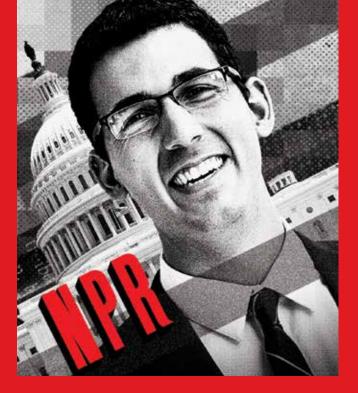
"I think the general skepticism or even vitriol towards the media has absolutely increased. But I don't know that it's a direct reaction to President Trump, as many people want to pretend it is," says Parks. "He is tapping into something that has been brewing for a long time."

After college, Parks worked for *The Lakeland Ledger* in Lakeland, FL, covering police and government. His selection for a prestigious fellowship in 2014 gave him stints at *The Washington Post* and NPR that changed his direction.

When covering Election Day 2014 for the *Post*, Parks says he remembers trying to talk to people outside of polling places in suburban Maryland and getting screamed at.

"That had never happened to me before," says Parks, explaining that while he had gotten into arguments while reporting in Florida, it started to feel different from 2014 on.

His current beat puts him smack in the middle of the contentious political division the country is experiencing now. That means that some of his stories will trigger opposite reactions by different camps. He says he knows he's done a fair job when he's got people on both sides of the partisan lens coming after him. And Parks says unlike some national news outlets with perceived slants in



their coverage, NPR has the advantage of being credible with both liberals and conservatives.

"The interesting contradiction is that these unstable times are actually helping my career. Who would have thought there would be so much interest in our voting system?" Parks says. "I'm optimistic people still want the truth, and they look to us to give it to them."

When Parks made the transition to the *Post* from the *Ledger*, he says he was amazed by how similar it was.

"That's not to say it wasn't jarring to be there and look in any direction and see a Pulitzer winner. But journalism is still journalism no matter where you're doing it," he says.

Parks says being open to different mediums will give aspiring journalists more opportunities.

"My love of the written word is why I got into journalism in the first place, and that will never change," he says. "I just have more than one way to tell my stories now."

He's had a handful of students in his classes who arrive with a mindset that the news media is biased, corrupt or even evil. He makes it known that everyone is welcome, and there are high-quality news outlets for all sides of the political spectrum.

It's hard to predict where the journalism jobs will be in five years. Wheeler believes economic conditions, the technological environment and human nature will shape the profession's future. And in his own experience at UT, where students aspire

to work after graduation is following national trends.

"It's pretty evenly split among print, broadcast and digital," Wheeler says. "The kids know they've got plenty of challenges ahead of them. But that's all they've ever known. They're up to it."

#### **OPTIMISM DESPITE THE ODDS**

For the last three out of four years, newspaper reporters have earned a title they really don't want:

The worst job in America.

That's according to CareerCast, an online job-search site that bases its rankings on several factors, including job and wage growth, stress and environment.

So why would a student choose to study journalism?

"I get asked that question a lot," says Katelyn Massarelli '19. "Especially by my parents when I first told them this is what I want to do. But they see how I'm following my dream, so they're very supportive."

In her senior year, she's already

## STILL HERE, STILL PUTTING OUT A PAPER

War correspondents in foreign countries know the risks that come with their work. According to Reporters Without Borders, some 1,035 professional journalists have lost their lives on the job in the last 15 years.

But today, some journalists are feeling the heat on the domestic front. On June 28, 2018, Selene San Felice '16 was in the *Capital Gazette* newsroom in Annapolis, MD.

She remembers hearing shattering glass, and thinking a big platter had dropped and broken in the nearby cafeteria.

"Someone's going to be in trouble," she thought.

Then came a succession of ominous sounds: pop, pop, pop. That's when she knew it was something far more serious.

A man with a shotgun had opened fire on the office glass doors and was moving through the newsroom like a hunter stalking prey. Instinctively, San Felice grabbed her purse and ran for the exit, only to find it barricaded. She and an intern dived under a desk in a frantic attempt to escape the erupting chaos.

In the heart-pounding minutes that followed, she heard the footsteps of the gunman and sprays of bullets. A colleague she had just been talking to fell to the floor, blood pooling around him. Hands shaking, San Felice texted her parents that she loved them.

She remembers thinking: "We're just the local newspaper. We cover your kids' lacrosse games. Why us?"

And then something no 23-year-old should think about: "Are we all going to die like this?"

In the end, four *Capital Gazette* staffers died in the news-room; a fifth employee, shot in the upper body and arm, died later at the hospital. Two others were wounded while trying to flee. The gunman, Jarrod Ramos, fled the scene and was later arrested. He faces multiple counts, including five for first-degree murder, and is awaiting trial.

This was no random act.

Ramos had a long-standing dispute with the newspaper, including a dismissed lawsuit for defamation. He also sent threatening letters on the day of his murderous rampage about his intentions to "kill every person present" — letters that arrived after the mass shooting.

When San Felice chose journalism as her major at UT, it never occurred to her that she would become part of a national story one day. It never occurred to her that the field she loved so much would be dangerous and potentially lifethreatening. She didn't need a gun for her profession; her



father, a retired homicide detective, is the weapons expert in the family.

Instead, she had other concerns about her career choice. The diminishing number of newsroom jobs, an expanding workload to keep pace with digital platforms and shrinking staffs, and increasing attacks against the First Amendment and the media. She wondered what the field would be like in five, 10 years, and would there be a place for her in it.

As a survivor of a life-altering event, she knows that moving forward, things will never be the same. Certain noises will trigger frightening memories. She will never get over the loss of her colleagues, taken so suddenly and violently.

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## STILL HERE, STILL PUTTING OUT A PAPER

War correspondents in foreign countries know the risks that come with their work. According to Reporters Without Borders, some 1,035 professional journalists have lost their lives on the job in the last 15 years.

But today, some journalists are feeling the heat on the domestic front. On June 28, 2018, Selene San Felice '16 was in the *Capital Gazette* newsroom in Annapolis, MD.

She remembers hearing shattering glass, and thinking a big platter had dropped and broken in the nearby breakroom. "Someone's going to be in trouble," she thought.

Then came a succession of ominous sounds: pop, pop, pop. That's when she knew it was something far more serious.

A man with a shotgun had opened fire in the newsroom.

She remembers thinking: "We're just the local newspaper. We cover your kids' lacrosse games. Why us?"

And then something no 23-year-old should think about: "Are we all going to die like this?"

In the end, five *Capital Gazette* staff were killed — Rob Hiaasen, Wendi Winters, Gerald Fischman, John McNamara and Rebecca Smith. Two others were wounded.

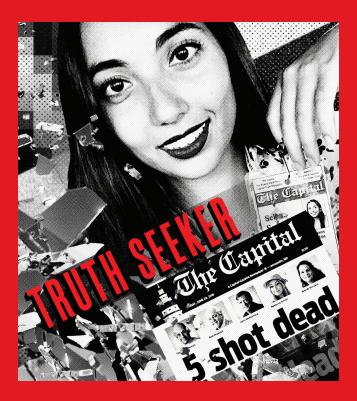
The suspect, Jarrod Ramos, was arrested at the scene and is awaiting trial on multiple counts, including five for first-degree murder.

This was no random act.

Ramos had a long-standing dispute with the newspaper, including a dismissed lawsuit for defamation. He also sent threatening letters on the day of his murderous rampage about his intentions to "kill every person present" — letters that arrived after the mass shooting.

When San Felice chose journalism as her major at UT, it never occurred to her that she would become part of a national story one day. It never occurred to her that the field she loved so much would be dangerous and potentially life-threatening. She didn't need a gun for her profession; her father, a retired homicide detective, is the weapons expert in the family.

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getting a taste of a professional journalist's workload. Besides taking three courses, she's also the editor-in-chief of The Minaret and works 20 hours a week at the Tampa Bay Times.

And though her first love is writing for print, she's embraced the reality that to get a job, she has to be a jack-ofall-trades.

"You have to be open-minded. Don't put restrictions on what you will and won't do," Massarelli says. "Down the road, I know I want to be an editor, but I also have to know how to produce video, do standups and take photos. It's a little daunting at times, especially when you know it's not your thing, but necessary."

In her mind, there's a common goal for all journalists, no matter the platform.

"We're the watchdogs for our communities," she says. "It's so important we survive. I'm always encouraging people to support the local paper. Who will do this if it goes away?"

Also daunting is the inarguable reality of her field's economic challenges. In her short tenure at the *Times*, she's already witnessed two rounds of layoffs. She's seen colleagues working hard at their craft one day, and their empty desks the next.

"You hear about this happening, but once you experience it, it becomes real. And it's painful," she says. "But it makes you even more motivated to not give up."

It's not all doom and gloom. At UT, the number of declared journalism majors is at an all-time high of 53. And nationally, observers see a trend in public support for enterprise and watchdog reporting.

"People are calling it the Trump Bump," says Tripp. "For all the negative attention the president has put on the media, we've seen a positive response on the other end. There's a sense of urgency these days to engage the public for the greater good and in civic mindedness, and authentic journalism is the best vehicle for that."

Wheeler isn't worried. He's actually quite optimistic for the profession's future, judging by the energy, enthusiasm and optimism he's seeing in young journalists, both at UT and at a national College Media Convention he attended in October.

It's not that the students are looking through rose-colored glasses. They're aware it's a field in flux, but the core mission is still intact.

"Today's students have seen how much trouble we're in as a country, and they want to do something about it. Journalism is about monitoring power and holding it accountable," he says. "Without a free and healthy press, there's no democracy."

Mauricio Rich '19 does not take democracy or free speech for granted.

He's from Venezuela, where the news is controlled by the government. Most uncensored information is passed through social media. Journalists who opt to stay are regarded as heroes for their work under watchful eyes and scrutiny; others have fled and report about the country's affairs from abroad.

He picked UT for college because of relatives living in nearby Clearwater. He's taken advantage of every opportunity possible to expand his bucket of skills, from serving as managing editor at The Minaret to working as an executive producer at UTTV, the studentrun television station. Off campus, he's an intern at Univision, the Spanishlanguage network.

Rich is more concerned about getting a work visa to practice his craft outside his home country than he is about the job market. If you're prepared and willing to tackle anything, the work is out there.

"Diversify," Rich says. "Know a little bit about everything, and be the best you can be. That includes knowledge of global affairs. You should be able to start a conversation with anyone."

Though he aspires to be a sports producer one day, he also embraces politics, economics, education and travel reporting.

"When you think about it, journalists are educators working outside the classroom," Rich says. "What I love best about it is the power to inform. It's a VIP ticket to see and experience the world. I ask you: What better career is there?"

Given the current political climate in Venezuela, he says it's unlikely he will seek a job there once he graduates. Now that he's lived in a country where freedom of the press is a constitutional right, it would be too difficult to work in a place where it wasn't.

With the negative attention put on journalism these days, Rich says he's also been on the receiving end of positive feedback and gratitude, which makes it all worthwhile.

"I've had people take the time to say 'Thank you for what you do.' And there really is no better prize than that," he says. "You can't dwell too much on the negativity. I think a lot of people really care about what we do and appreciate us, even though it may not always feel that way." UT

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Looking at Lou Bezich '76, you might not be surprised that he is a healthy guy. He's in his 60s, but looks a decade younger, and is tall and lean without looking scrawny. He's a regular at his town's Planet Fitness and at local 5Ks. He's also an executive at a health care system.

So it shouldn't be shocking either that he wrote a book about health and fitness, this one targeted specifically to a group he knows well: men in their 50s and 60s.

"At a time in life when we look at the prospect of weddings and graduations and travel and retirement and a second or third career — the things one could potentially look forward to that would provide a motivation to stay healthy — men do the opposite," he said. "They become sedentary. They die younger than women; they have more disease than women."

It's an interest — and personal motivation — that started as a senior at The University of Tampa.

"When I was going into my senior year, like all students, I was trying to figure out what I was going to do after I graduated," he said. "In addition to all the stress that comes with that, my parents were getting divorced."

To relieve that stress, he started running, starting first with just laps around his apartment complex's parking lot.

"It made me feel good. It cleared my head. I didn't know it at the time, but it set me on my journey," he said.

The stress didn't stop after he got his first job. He got married and had a stillborn son. He got divorced. He became a single dad with primary custody of two sons, "and then all the normal pressure of building a career," he said. "I found myself relying on exercise, initially, and then diet as the antidote to stress and a way to keep me focused on my mission, which was to raise my

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boys and progress in my career."

Just as his life has changed, so have his motivations. For him, staying healthy now is as important as it was in his 20s, because he wants to live a long life and experience what's yet to come.

"What started as a coping mechanism has become a passion for me," he said. "Ultimately, when I got into my 50s and now my 60s and the boys went off to live their own lives, I really found that I enjoyed the healthy lifestyle," he said. He regularly runs 5Ks and has a routine for every time he's at the gym.

What he's seen working in health care, especially with men over 50, pushed

him to share his passion with others.

Bezich is senior vice president for strategic alliances at Cooper University Health Care, which is the leading academic health care system in South Jersey and has South Jersey's only level I trauma center.

At a time in their lives when men should want to stay active and healthy so they can be part of the future of the lives of people that matter to them, Bezich observed they do the opposite.

So he wrote Crack the Code: 10 Proven Secrets that Motivate Healthy Behavior and Inspire Fulfillment in Men Over 50 to help men over 50 find the motivation to not sit on the couch, but to stay strong and healthy so they can enjoy the fruits of their success, whether that be in retirement from a long career, or in spending time with children or grandchildren.

"My motivation started with social factors, and that's the essence of the book, before you can get to any particular diet or exercise program. You have to have that underlying motivation," he said. "It's a prerequisite for healthy behavior."

He hopes that the book will help men stay in the game too, for their own health, but also for the sake of their families. "My motivation started with social factors, and that's the essence of the book, before you can get to any particular diet or exercise program. You have to have that underlying motivation. It's a prerequisite for healthy behavior."

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These days, Bezich uses his experience in building partnerships in his role as senior vice president for strategic alliances at Cooper University Health Care.

#### FROM UT TO VP

Bezich, who grew up in Haddon Township, NJ — a suburb of Philadelphia — came to UT for the same reasons many people do: for the academics, and also maybe the weather.

"The word that comes to mind is that it was 'transformational," said Bezich about his time at UT. "I was exposed to a lot of leadership opportunities that helped me grow and develop as an individual."

Those included being vice president of Theta Chi fraternity, and, in his junior and senior year, a judge on Student Government's traffic court. Both experiences "gave me responsibility and taught me how to be a leader. That served me well in my career to this day."

He now serves on the UT Alumni Advisory board, in part because of the impact the University had on his life.

Even though his bachelor's degree is in political science, in graduate school

at Rutgers University-Camden, he studied and earned a master's degree in public policy.

That lead to his career in public administration. He started as a deputy administrator for Camden County (of which his hometown of Haddon Township is part), then the business administrator and treasurer for a town in neighboring Gloucester County. He came back to Camden County as the county administrator.

It's not the biggest county in New Jersey, but one with just about every microcosm of modern

American life you can imagine — from middle and upper-class suburban towns to farms to the city of Camden itself, which had historically been one of the most dangerous and poorest cities in the country (though it no longer tops those lists).

Bezich was only 32 years old when he started that job, managing a \$200 million organization with about 3,500 employees. "It allowed me to grow professionally and network and really progress," he said.

In 1998, he left the county administrator role to start his own firm, Public Solutions Inc., which for 10 years focused on connecting the public and private sectors. His clients were mostly municipal governments and developers, both interested in economic development.

"My skills as an administrator on the county level lent itself for communities trying to develop their downtowns or turn local eyesores into new and improved facilities," he said.

At Public Solutions Inc., he spearheaded downtown revitalization projects, industrial park development and programs that revived old shopping center plazas. For example, one

project was finding a use for the former (and polluted) site of a closed diaper service facility, which is now a mixeduse apartment and retail complex.

The project finished after he had moved onto his next role at Camden County College, where he served as vice president from 2007 to 2011.

"I liked the notion that we were changing lives, that the education that we provided was really helping students," he said.

In 2011, he joined Cooper University Health Care, which has expanded to become a major health care player and provider in the Philadelphia region.

One of his first accomplishments was to create what's now called Cooper Collaborative Care, which is a program designed for employees and their families insured by Cooper who have complicated health care needs, so their treatment is cohesive, comprehensive and streamlined.

"The first thing you do in building competency for caring for complex patients is to start with the people we insure ourselves," he said.

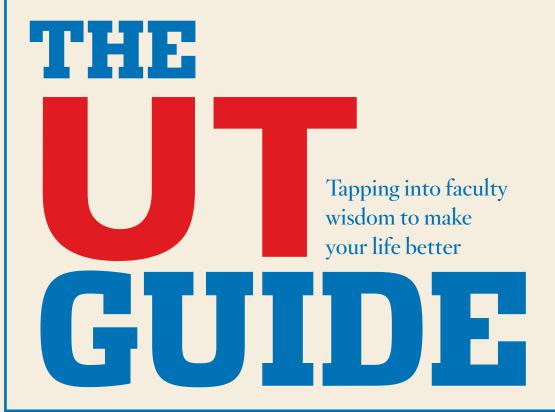
Right now, he oversees government relations and real estate plus strategic relationships with other organizations. For example, he helped secure more sports medicine contracts. Cooper doctors now work with the sports programs at Rowan University.

One big initiative he's spearheading is a \$30-million cogeneration and power plant upgrade at Cooper. He's also overseeing the university's military program that offers health care and education for service members.

And then there's *Crack the Code*, with a message he's looking forward to sharing to help men of his age live longer, healthier lives — in ways that have led to the balance he's achieved in his own life.

"It will give men a blueprint for identifying social motivators that will inspire them to live healthy," he said. **UT** 

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## WORKING OUT MORE EFFICIENTLY

Life is busy, and for many of us, one of the first activities we nix is a regular workout. Who has time to get it in?

But according to Eduardo De Souza, assistant professor of health sciences and human performance, if you work out right, you may need less time than you think.

"We know that if you work out at least twice a week, that will produce benefits for your health already," said De Souza, whose research has covered molecular, morphological and functional adaptations in response to several training regimens and nutritional interventions.

To save time, De Souza recommends doing HIIT, or high intensity interval training. Studies show that rather than walking or running for 40 minutes, you could do short bouts of more intense exercise and get the same results on cardiorespiratory fitness and fat loss.



## **WORKING OUT MORE EFFICIENTLY (continued)**

De Souza said if you do three or four intervals where you sprint for 15 seconds, followed by a two-minute active rest period (walking or running at a slower pace), you could finish your workout in as little as 10 minutes.

"That would be enough," said De Souza.

What's more, researchers found that in people who were new to exercise, overweight or obese, HIIT increased muscle mass as well. Which is good, since muscle expends more energy than fat.

However, DeSouza recommends combining both resistance training and cardio exercises to maximize results.

"Best scenario would be to combine both cardio and resistance training, but if you only have time to do one, do resistance training," said De Souza. "If you're going to do cardio, do HIIT, because the high intensity can preserve or even increase your muscle mass."

## THE FLU VACCINE

Flu season is upon us. According to Susan Berg, associate professor of nursing and a family nurse practitioner, the best flu prevention is getting the flu vaccine.

"Everyone who's 6 months and older needs to get a flu vaccine. We cannot give the flu vaccine to children under 6 months old, so it's really important that everyone around them gets the flu vaccine," said Berg.

The earlier, the better: It takes two weeks for the vaccine to be effective, so the goal should be to get the vaccine as early in the season as possible (October or November).

Over 65? Go for a high potency vaccine: "The people we worry about are the very young and the very old, so under 6 months and over 65," said Berg, who explained that every year after age 65 your immune system

weakens a little bit. For this reason, those over 65 should get a high potency flu vaccine.

Flu vaccine 101: The flu vaccine in the U.S. is based each year on the strains most seen during flu season in Asia and Australia. Most flu vaccines are quadrivalent (four parts), with two influenza A strains and two influenza B strains.

### **DEBUNKING VACCINE MYTHS:**

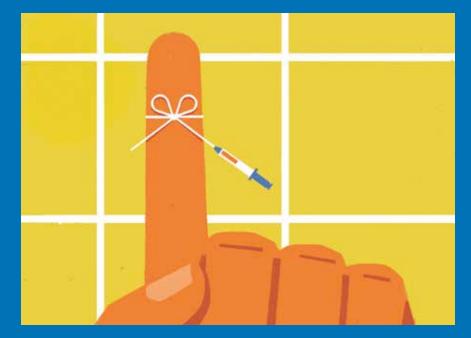
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It used to be if you were allergic to eggs, you couldn't get the vaccine.

"They've changed that now to if you only get a rash, you can get the vaccine anywhere. If your allergic reaction is more severe, such as breathing issues, you have to go to the hospital or a clinic where you can be monitored. So it's no longer a full out contraindication," said Berg.

I can't get the flu vaccine, because I'm scared of needles.

You can still get the live flu vaccine through Flu Mist (for those ages 2 to 49) or there is a needleless shot that works using compressed air.





I'm worried about getting the flu shot, because it gives me the flu.

According to Berg, you cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine. What you may experience is your body's immune response to the flu vaccine, which can be minor body aches or minor fatigue.

"If you do feel that, then you should just think, 'Good, my immune system is working, and I'm going to be protected against the flu.'"

I'm not getting the vaccine, because I got the flu shot last year, and I still got the flu.

Yes, it is possible to still get the flu even if you've been vaccinated.

"If you do get the flu, it's going to be a lesser course," said Berg. If the flu usually runs seven to 14 days, if you've been vaccinated, it may be only be five to seven days instead. The vaccine can also lessen the symptoms of the flu.

## **BUYING BEAUTIFUL ART**

"The first thing I want to say, and I want to say it loud, is never be discouraged in your ability to collect original artwork," said Francesca Bacci, associate professor of art and design.

Start with art students. "Students may sell to you for as low as \$20 — that's the price of a pizza — but is still an original artwork that, even if the artist doesn't make it big, will still hold a ton more value than a poster at the same price."

If you do purchase an original artwork directly from the artist, make sure they sign it and take a photo with them. If they should become famous, you'll need to be able to prove the piece is their work.

If a piece you love is beyond your price point, talk to the artist. They may be willing to set up a payment plan.

If your budget is a little smaller, consider prints. These are cheaper, because the artist creates multiple copies of the same piece.

When evaluating a flea market find:

Use all of your senses. "Pick it up. If it's painted on wood, if the wood is light it means the wood is older, if it's very heavy it's a newer wood. Smell it. If it's a religious painting it might smell like candles, it might have been in a church a long time," said Bacci.

- Look at the back of the canvas to see if there are any stamps, marks or handwritten notes.
- Ask where the art was found and if it's been restored.

"That will start to give you a sense of whether something could be special," said Bacci. "The rule of thumb is, would you pay that much money if this was made today by a machine just because it's so freaking beautiful you can't stop looking at it? If the answer is yes, go ahead and buy it."

Commission art. "If you see art that you like, contact the artist and see if they can make a special work tailored to your taste and budget. You can always say, 'Well this just doesn't suit me right now, but thank you for your time.' But maybe, negotiating, you'll end up having a piece that nobody else has on the planet," said Bacci.

There's nothing wrong in buying a piece of art, realizing you don't like it and giving it away. "There are artworks that give it all at first glance. They might be beautiful, but they also might stop talking to you rather quickly," said Bacci. "And then there are artworks that you keep finding little things that surprise you, and you are never done looking. That's the art that will stay with you for a long time."

Educate yourself and stay informed by going to exhibitions, taking an art history course, reading art blogs, following the artists you like on Facebook and emailing them.

"Chances are some of them will reply to you," said Bacci. "Art is closer to your ability to be involved than you might think."

If you are serious about getting into the art market or becoming a curator at an art museum, UT offers a museum studies program: www.ut.edu/museumstudies.

## USING SMARTPHONES IN A SMART WAY

Tips from Mia Plachkinova, assistant professor of cybersecurity.

Make sure you set up a passcode or fingerprint to unlock your phone. "A lot of people don't think about their phones as a mini computer, but essentially it is. We have our social media, email, banking information, health data, even access to our home alarm on our phones," said Plachkinova.

Make sure you enable your phone's "Find My Phone" application in case you lose your phone or your phone is stolen.

Install additional software that helps protect your device — many are available for free. "I have an app on my phone that screens any application I download or update. It checks automatically for any type of viruses or malware," said Plachkinova.

Look into the permissions on all of the applications you have. "Oftentimes when you're installing an app, it wants to have access to everything. At the same time, they don't tell you what they do with your data," said Plachkinova. "Who has access to this information? Where is it stored? All of those are concerns people should think about."

Be cautious when using public WiFi.
"I can set up a fake hotspot and call
it FreeAirportWiFi, and people will
connect to me just because it's free," said
Plachkinova. "If I'm the bad guy, I can see all
of their traffic, anything they log into."

Plachkinova recommends if you really must use a free public WiFi connection, don't access any sensitive information, such as anything that requires you to log in.

Make sure to update your devices regularly. "I know a lot people hate the updates all the time, but it actually helps you, because if there is a security vulnerability it gets fixed," said Plachkinova.



## **CRYPTOCURRE**

Tim Smith, assistant professor of information and technology management, likens the furor over cryptocurrency to the excitement when the internet was new.

"I've been around long enough to have experienced when the internet was new," said Smith. "Not since that time have I seen a technology that has the potential to be as disruptive to business."

#### How did this all start?

Bitcoin was first introduced in a paper by Satoshi Nakamoto in 2008, which he released to a discussion board. No one knows who this person is, even now. The paper brought a lot of different ideas together to create something truly unique.

## What is cryptocurrency?

It's a digital currency. It's not backed by any government. It can be used to make purchases. We're seeing it used as an investment vehicle for many people. Bitcoin is the first cryptocurrency, but there are now more than 2,000 different cryptocurrencies. Some of them may be classified as scams, or they won't survive the test of time. But some of them are really interesting

experiments in adding new functionality that doesn't exist in Bitcoin.

#### What gives it value?

The dollar has value because of decree, so we call it a fiat currency. It's moved away from being backed by something like gold. Now it's not backed by anything other than government decree. It's also obviously a social construction, because if we stop believing in it, it has no intrinsic value. It's only paper and ink until we all believe in it. Similarly when we're talking about something like Bitcoin, as long as we believe in it, it can be used in exchange. The issue now is, do we believe in it?

#### What is affecting the price?

What we're seeing now is really a supply and demand interaction creating the price. Bitcoin has scarcity. Roughly 17 million Bitcoins have been released, and there's only ever going to be 21 million. And we have a number of people wanting to invest in it. So the combination of this demand with the limited supply sets the price. Our current price is a little over \$6,000 per Bitcoin. It's gone as high as \$20,000.



## **NCY 101**

## How are people using it?

Some of the initial use we're seeing is in developing nations. In those countries we don't have strong institutions like we have in the U.S. But if you have a mobile phone, you can create your own "bank account" through a mobile application, and there's no bank that needs to support it, but in a sense it behaves just like a bank account.

#### What can you spend it on?

There's a list of sites that accept it, they come and go. One of the interesting examples, in January KFC Canada had a special Bitcoin Bucket, and you could only purchase it with Bitcoin. Their ad campaign said, "We don't know exactly what Bitcoins are, or how they work, but that shouldn't come between you and some finger lickin' good chicken." That's the next challenge ahead: how to use this. We're at that stage now, where it's going to be a success or a failure based on our ability to move from this idea we're investing in, to one we use in our daily lives.

UT will be offering a graduate-level cryptocurrency/block chain course this summer.

## REDUCING SINGLE-USE PLASTICS IN YOUR DAILY LIFE

"Why would you make a disposable product out of a material that's meant to last forever?" said Dan Huber, professor of biology, who teaches courses in UT's sustainability minor.

According to Huber, a plastic bag takes 1,000 years to break down, and ultimately many plastic products end up in the ocean. Huber said the really damaging part is when all of those items start breaking down into microplastics.

"The microplastics are consumed by aquatic organisms. Then we consume fish, and guess what happens? Because the plastics don't break down, the plastics end up in us," said Huber.

To reduce the number of single-use plastics in your daily life, Huber suggests the following:

Stop using plastic straws. "It's such a common item that has such a short life cycle, yet has a dramatic impact on the environment," said Huber, referencing a recent viral video of a boater removing a plastic straw from a sea turtle's nose.

Use reusable shopping and produce bags. Reusable shopping bags can be found for a few cents or a dollar in just about any grocery store, but you may need to go to a smaller organic market to find reusable produce bags.

Use reusable beverage containers, such as water bottles or coffee tumblers.

Where possible, buy things in boxes as opposed to bottles. "One of the big ones is liquid hand soap," said Huber, explaining the pump assembly on liquid soap is not recyclable since it contains a metal spring.

Buy in bulk as opposed to individually packaged items. "It's amazingly convenient to have your little fruit cup and your little string cheese and all of these things with their neat little packages, but it's also destructive. So anything to minimize the quantity of packaging in your food is a big thing," said Huber.

Make your own cleaning products. Huber suggests a fifty-fifty mix of water and white vinegar with a few drops of a citrus essential oil.

If you pack your lunch (or your kids' lunch), try bento boxes. Huber said it can make for healthier eating, too!

In the health and beauty aisle, avoid products with microbeads. "They're actually tiny plastics that increase the abrasiveness of the product to help you exfoliate," said Huber. "But that shortens the timeline from it going from the end user to being ingested by the aquatic organism."

If you're going out to eat, bring your own to-go containers. (Huber admits this wouldn't work if you put in a to-go order, but suggests it for taking home leftovers.)

If you have a baby, consider cloth diapers. "This is admittedly the least practical thing you could do," said Huber. "But given the number of diapers that babies go through, it can make a big difference." UT



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## class acts

WHAT'S NEW? Stay in touch by sending us your Class Acts. Go to alumni.ut.edu today!

Deloris Carter, is coowner of Umatilla Ace Hardware in Umatilla, FL, according to Hardware Retailing. Deloris ran an antique shop inside the store for many years. When she recently retired, her daughter, Dee Ann, changed the space into a baton twirling studio where she coaches Dee's Dolls competitive twirling team. Deloris attended UT on a twirling scholarship.

Augie Martinez and his wife, Maril (Anderson) Martinez '73, visited campus in August as part of their 45th wedding anniversary celebration.

Jeffrey Dootson opened Northeast Oral Surgery

& Implant Center in Columbia, SC. the third and newest location of his oral and maxillofacial surgery practice that started in 1993, according to the Chronicle-Independent (Camden, SC).

James King retired from the United States Postal Service on Jan. 31 after 30 years of civil service.

Doug Cook was featured in the Redstone Rocket's series of articles about Vietnam veterans commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Doug served as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force, and went to Vietnam as a 30-year-old married captain and father to three children. Doug flew 279 combat missions as an F-100 tactical fighter pilot and



From left: Linda Devine, vice president for operations and planning, Augie Martinez '73 and Maril (Anderson) Martinez '73

received 15 Air Medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Anthony "Tony" Crimi was hired by M/I Homes as the sales and marketing vice president of the Sarasota division, according to the Sarasota Herald Tribune. Tony has more than 35 years of experience in the Tampa-area homebuilding industry.

John Crumbley was named one of the top coaches in Tampa Bay history by the Tampa Bay Times. John, who was No. 15 on the list, won 575 games, made 11 trips to the final four and captured three Class 4A state titles as baseball coach at Jesuit High School, then won a Class 8A state title at Steinbrenner High School.

Lisa (Phillips) Diehl, lecturer at the University of North Georgia, was part of the Governor's Teaching Fellows 2018 Summer Symposium.

Chris Catanach, UT's head volleyball coach, was named one of the top coaches in Tampa Bay history by the Tampa Bay Times. Chris, who was No. 18 and the only 1,000-game winner on the list, has won two national titles, four runner-up finishes, 32 NCAA Tournament trips and 25 Sunshine State conference titles.

Paul Duncan was recently appointed athletic director at Powell Middle School in Spring Hill, FL.

Timothy Vagen is the program manager for the nationally acclaimed Highline College Personal Fitness Trainer Program.

## FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) program in UT's Sykes College of Business just passed its 45th vear.

In honor of this anniversary, the University will host an on-campus reunion for MBA alumni on Friday, April 5. As part of the event, we'll recognize successful graduates from the program, as well as highlight milestones over the years.

This event will also be a great opportunity to hear about the growth of the program and future plans for both the Sykes College of Business and the University.

We hope you'll join us as we honor the program and continue to create a vibrant network of UT MBA alumni around the world.

If you are interested in becoming more engaged with the MBA program or would like to play a role in the reunion, contact us at alumni@ut.edu.

**85 Bill Forrest** wrote to the *Journal* to say he has worked to recruit new students to UT, having most success with his own family, including his daughter, Lindsey '21, and nephew, Nolan Forrest '22.



Bill Forrest with daughter, Lindsey '21, and nephew, Nolan Forrest '22

Michael Morse and his wife, Khadeeja Morse
'88, announce the June 2018 wedding of their daughter Chalisse
Morse '11 to LaDre Watkins. The couple honeymooned in Montego
Bay, Jamaica.



Michael Morse '86, Chalisse Morse '11 and Khadeeja Morse '88

Steve Nicolucci retired from the U.S. Army after a 30-year career as an Army aviator. He will continue flying as a civilian captain with Wheels Up, a private aviation company.

Gary Pickett MBA was appointed chief financial officer of Medite Cancer Diagnostics Inc. He previously served as chief financial officer of Apex Executive Jet Center in Melbourne, FL.

**Lelo Prado** was named deputy athletic director for development at the University of South Florida.

Jeff Drushal was promoted to major general in the U.S. Army in June and selected to take command of U.S. Army Security Assistance Command in July.

Chris Hughes is the CEO of OsteoRemedies in Memphis, TN. In a recent profile in the *Memphis Medical News*, he mentioned the important role UT played in his life as part of his journey to his current role at OsteoRemedies.

Laurie Steckle is part of the inaugural Hall of Fame class at her high school, Merrimack Valley High School in Merrimack, NH.
She was an All-State athlete in both field hockey and basketball in high school, appeared in the New Hampshire vs. Vermont All-Star Basketball game, and was the first basketball player to reach 1,000 points at Merrimack. Laurie continued her career on the women's basketball team at UT.

Debra Bell has opened the Law Office of Debra R. Bell P.A., specializing in criminal defense. She previously spent more than 17 years as an assistant state attorney, starting in Polk County in 2001, then in Hillsborough County since 2003.

Craig Boortz MBA was named vice president of sales, paper, at Mac Papers, one of the largest merchant distributors in the Southeast U.S.

Julie Pacatte joined the Chazen Companies as a municipal funding specialist, according to the Capital Region Chamber (Albany, NY). For the last eight years, she has lead economic development in the city of Batavia, NY, as the executive director of the Batavia Development Corp.

Joe Urso, UT's head baseball coach, was named one of the top coaches in Tampa Bay history by the *Tampa Bay Times*. Urso, who was No. 11 on the list, has compiled a 786-227-1 record at UT.

Mike Herrin MBA was named president of Emera Maine in Bangor, ME, an electric transmission and distribution utility. Mike joined Emera as the chief operating officer in the summer of 2017 after more than 25 years with Tampa Electric.

Jacqui Phillips is a celebrity makeup artist, radio and TV host, author and entrepreneur. She recently published Reset: 6 Essential Resets to a Healthier Happier You. (See page 28.)

Megan Proulx Dempsey, senior corporate counsel for TECO Services Inc., was reappointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the Children's Board of Hillsborough County.

**Kat Heckenbach** published *Relent* in July 2017, which she described to the *Osprey Observer* as "a theologically murky, dark inspirational paranormal romance." (See page 28.) Kat is also the author of the award-winning young adult series Toch Island Chronicles.

Mike Kiely MBA was hired as vice president, controls and compliance, for Orange Lake Resorts, the home of the Holiday Inn Club Vacations brand. Mike has 22 years of experience in the timeshare industry, recently serving as senior director of controls and compliance for Marriott Vacations Worldwide.

Michael Jasperson MBA was named vice president of provider networkeast region for Priority Health, Michigan's second-largest health plan. In this role, Michael will be responsible for driving strategy and relationships with various providers in East Michigan to both improve quality and lower the cost of care for the company's members.

Shawn Marinello was named principal of Northeast Elementary School under Stamford Public Schools (Stamford, CT) in June. Shawn has been the assistant principal at Toquam Magnet School for the past year and, before that, served as an administrative intern there for three years.



Second from right, Steve Nicolucci '88

Jonee Miller, manager of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida von Arx Wildlife Hospital, was named to the *Gulfshore Business'* 40 under 40 list. The list recognizes young professionals and community leaders in Southwest Florida.



Jonee Miller '01

Sam Militello, a former pitcher for the New York Yankees and associate head baseball coach at UT, recently purchased the home he grew up in in West Tampa, according to 83 Degrees. With his family's blessing, Sam tore down the house and rebuilt on the same property.

Marlén Cortez Morris
joined the Chicago office
of the law firm Barnes & Thornburg
LLP as a partner in the litigation
department.

Michael Dilliplane is a physical therapist assistant for Tendertouch at Elmwood Hills in New Jersey.

Brandi Mueller has published her first book, The Airplane Graveyard: The Forgotten WWII Warbirds of Kwajalein Atoll. (See page 28.)

Monica Cook M.Ed.
'12, Deanna Silva '05
and Kelly McDermott '03 walked
in New York Fashion Week in New



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## Nanette Rodgers '57

82 and Still Strong, Smart and Bold

On Oct. 6, Nanette Rodgers '57 crossed the finish line of the Lake to Lake 10K in Lakeland, FL, as the first-place finisher in the 80 and over category. At 82 years old, Rodgers still regularly runs 5Ks, 10Ks, 15Ks and half marathons. She is an active member of the Lakeland Runners Club, as well as the Jeff Galloway Lakeland Running Program, one of the former Olympian's sponsored teams.

"I love the health benefits that come with the sport," said Rodgers. "I started running when I was 65, and I have never wanted to quit since. It makes me feel great. It's also exciting to surpass the challenges at my age and continue my passion."

This summer, Rodgers was honored for a different kind of achievement when she received the Julie Pope Award during the 28th annual "She Knows Where She's Going" luncheon in Winter Haven, FL. The luncheon is put on by Girls Inc., a nonprofit organization that inspires girls to be "strong, smart and bold." Rodgers received the award for representing these three characteristics throughout her life.

After earning a degree in home economics education and English at UT, she went on to earn her master's from Florida State University in 1975 and her doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in 1980.

Rodgers spent the bulk of her career as an educator, retiring in 2010 after more than 50 years.

"I met many amazing people throughout my career and had so many wonderful experiences along the way," said Rodgers.

These days, Rodgers volunteers in the Chat and Chew health study group, helping her community achieve better health through a wholefood, plant-based lifestyle. She has followed the diet for the last six years to maintain her health and continue running.

"The health benefits of the plant-based diet are amazing. I've lost 20 pounds since 2012, and I'm convinced I will live longer after following this life-changing diet," said Rodgers. "Dr. Cathy Thornhill, founder of Chat and Chew, taught me so much about the lifestyle, and I have never looked back during the last wonderful, healthy and non-medicated six years."

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## John Capolino '03

A Good Call



John Capolino '03 waited anxiously on the basketball court, reminding himself this was just another game. But as he looked down at the NCAA tournament logo painted on the court and stitched into his referee uniform, he acknowledged how special this moment was for him, his family and his friends.

Capolino, who has spent the last four years refereeing NCAA women's basketball games, reached a milestone in March when he worked his first NCAA tournament game — a matchup between Princeton and Maryland hosted by North Carolina State in Raleigh, NC.

He's come a long way from his first year, refereeing high school junior varsity games.

"I took a three-day course before officiating a local high school basketball game in Tampa, and was told I should try out for the NCAA," he said.

He advanced quickly as an NCAA official, refereeing conference championships and now NCAA tournaments.

Capolino has always been around sports, playing football, basketball and baseball at Pius

X High School in Bangor, PA. He began college at York College of Pennsylvania, but transferred to UT and graduated with a degree in sport management.

He then worked with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in club seat sales and service for five years, but left to work for a family business. Shortly after, his refereeing career took off.

"Refereeing was something I was always around and something I always wanted to be a part of, I just never had the time before," said Capolino. "I finally got the chance and opportunity, so I tried it, and the next thing I knew I was going to college camps and tryouts."

When basketball season comes around from November to March, Capolino, who still lives in Tampa with his wife, Michelle '05, is on the road five to six days a week. He travels all over the East Coast and Midwest, working in 10 Division I conferences.

"I kind of pinch myself where I am now," he said. "If I can continue to be a tournament official for the next 20 years, I'll be very happy." York City, where they were modeling for Wow Wear by Michael Galanes.



Monica Cook M.Ed. '12, Deanna Silva '05 and Kelly McDermott '03

Adam Nardelli studied desert and marine landscapes through ecological and social field methods in Baja as part of Miami University's Earth Expeditions global field course. Adam is a science teacher at Monarch High School and is a graduate student in Miami University's Global Field Program.

Margaret Peterson is excited to share that her daughter graduated from Armstrong High School in Minnesota and has started college at Macalester College.

David Silver was honored as a top financial advisor by Northwestern Mutual and was inducted into the company's elite membership, the 2018 Forum Group. Forum award qualifiers represent the top segment of Northwestern Mutual's financial representatives. It is the ninth time he has received the honor.

Natalie Wheeler joined GPS Capital Markets in their new office in St. Louis, MO. Natalie spent the last 12 years at Wells Fargo.

Sara Hokin is national director of operations for Game On! Sports 4 Girls, which recently received the 2018 Rings of Gold Award, a national award from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

**Jarrod Randel** was appointed vice president of sales for GSM

Industrial Inc. in Lancaster, PA, according to *Lancastor Online*. Jarrod most recently worked at Dixie Southern as a senior project manager.

Elizabeth (Pytlik) Cardenas was promoted to director of the compliance services division in the Hillsborough County (FL) Office of Operations and Legislative Affairs.

**Darryl Horton** has been promoted to director of operations and provider liaison at Family Doctors of Green Valley in Nevada.

Morgan McAnally married Carleigh Barse on Nov. 11, 2018. Morgan is an assistant professor of mathematics at UT.

James King earned a master's degree in marine science from the Florida Institute of Technology in 2015. He recently started a new job as a satellite fisheries oceanographer for ROFFS<sup>TM</sup> Ocean Fishing Forecasting Service.

Clare Niederpruem wrote the screenplay and directed Little Women, a modern day version of Louisa May Alcott's novel that was released this fall, according to Christian Cinema. Clare also directed the episode "Beyond the Wall" of The CW's The Outpost.

Brenton Cianci played golf for 24 hours straight as a fundraising event for Relay for Life. Brenton played 360 holes in 24 hours and raised \$5,000.

Michelle Delker M.S. was named chief financial officer of Mission Health Communities, according to McKnight's Senior Living. Michelle previously served as controller at Physician Partners of America and a certified public accountant at Granite Services.

Thamer Aldossari is doing well in Saudi Arabia, and says he is grateful for the opportunities UT afforded him and appreciates the unique educational experience he had at UT.

**Quynh Nguyen** has taken over the girls' basketball head coaching position at Liberty High School in Bealeton, VA. Quynh served as the lead assistant coach last winter.

Lanfranco Pescante is one of the owners of Nocturnal Hospitality Group in Tampa, which he founded with David Anderson in 2008. The company has opened several restaurants in downtown Tampa, including Franklin Manor, Osteria Bar and Kitchen, and their new concept, Mole y Abuela.

Kyle Bowers is a practicing general surgeon at Tampa General Hospital, Moffitt Cancer Center and the Veterans Health Administration.

Daniella Fusari married Addison Largent '10 on March 17 in



Daniella Fusari '11 and Addison Largent '10

New York City. The couple met as neighbors in Stadium Center (now Morsani Hall) at UT in 2007.

Chris O'Linger was named associate head coach of the swim team at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ, which recently transitioned to NCAA Division I.

Felipe Ramirez MBA, a vice president for Bank of America Merrill Lynch, recently graduated from Leadership Tampa Bay class of 2018 and was selected to serve on the board of directors of the organization, one of the premier regional leadership programs in Tampa Bay.

Tricia (Richardi) Vaillancourt and her husband, Jeff '11, welcomed their first child, Evelyn Josephine, on Aug. 16.

Devin Anuzis is corporate manager of customer experience at Benchmark, the leading provider of senior living services in the Northeast.

Glenne Bachman was hired by real estate firm Colliers International Boston, transitioning from NAI Hunneman. At Colliers, Glenne will focus on marketing and client

Caitlin Conroy appeared on ABC's matchmaking reality show The Proposal in July, according to Naples Daily News. While Caitlin was eliminated in the first round, she said, "the whole thing was an amazing experience. I'm not upset. I get it, not everyone is going to like me."

Tyler Hood MBA was appointed vice president of operations

at the Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, CO. Previously, Tyler served as the hospital's associate administrator.

Leslie Raymond is a resident physician in the NCH Healthcare System (Naples, FL), according to the Naples Daily News. The system welcomed its second class of 12 physicians, including Leslie, on July 1 for its three-year internal medicine residency program.

Cecily Wood co-authored "A Light-Regulated Type I Pilus Contributes to Acinetobacter baumannii Biofilm, Motility, and Virulence Functions," which was published in the American Society for Microbiology's Infection and Immunity.

Leanna Bonlarron started a new position as a social worker on the intermediate care unit at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Jamaica, NY.

Loran Tripp Jarrett M.S. '13, an adjunct professor at UT, was selected to serve on the board of directors for Leadership Tampa Bay, one of the premier regional leadership programs in Tampa Bay.

Camille Arce-Persia is the national operations retail strategy manager for Acosta Sales and Marketing in Jacksonville, FL.

Jacqueline French accepted a new job at Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, D.C. as a senior consultant..

Rebecca (Vaclav) Gibbons completed her doctoral degree in chemistry at the University of South Florida in the summer of 2018.

Batten down the hatches and set sail for the Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter's Gasparilla Brunch on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 10 a.m.—noon. Tickets must be purchased in advance, so be sure to register at alumni.ut.edu.

Kellie Hale married Evan Olson '13 on March 25.



Kellie Hale '14 and Evan Olson '13

#### Andrew Longfellow MBA

was named general manager of NaturZone Pest Control on the west coast of Florida. He is responsible for all NaturZone day-to-day operations as well as overseeing sales, administration and service departments.

Connor Obrochta appeared on Season 5 of ABC's Bachelor in Paradise. He was a guest on several Tampa Bay—area news programs to promote the show, and served as guest co-anchor of WFLA-TV's Daytime.

Marco Tarantino started a postdoctoral research position as an NIB Policy and Employment Fellow at Envision Research Institute in Wichita, KS.

Gregg Wilhelm MFA was named director of creative writing and assistant professor of English at George Mason University. He oversees both the BFA program and the three-year residential graduate program in fiction, poetry and nonfiction.

Shani Bennett completed her master's degree in higher education administration from Florida International University and started working as an employer relations coordinator with George Washington School of Business.

Mark Citron joined the Chicago Steel (United States Hockey League) as the team's broadcaster for the 2018-2019 season after serving as the sideline reporter with the Chicago Wolves last season. He will serve as the "Voice of the Steel" for all home games and road games.

Rosa Emmanuelli Gutierrez and Gonzalo Mazzini '15 made a documentary on Puerto Rico, Jurakán — Nation in Resistance, which has won a number of international awards.

**Nick Oliveri** bought Visionary Tattoo Co. in 2017 and has transformed it into one of the most reputable shops in Tampa, according to *The Penny Hoarder*.

Anna Snead, who interned at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, was hired as a full-time employee, according to the *Tampa Bay Times*. Sarah Spooner M.S. was appointed president and CEO at RelyOn Credit Union in Dallas. Sarah has 16 years of experience in the banking/credit union industry.

Ignacio Thielen returned to his home in Caracas, Venezuela, where he and four partners have launched VA Locator, which provides virtual assistants from Venezuela to companies in the U.S. at a fraction of the cost.

Brielle Tucker, a third-year student at Stetson University College of Law, was named a Ms. JD Fellow. Ms. JD awarded fellowships to nine law students from across the U.S. this year, selected for their academic performance, leadership and dedication to advancing the status of women in the profession.



Brielle Tucker '15

16 Brianna Kwasnik is a former Tampa Bay Times staff writer who now works in California as a freelance writer. In September, she published a human interest piece in the Tampa Bay Times recounting her battle with an eating disorder and what depictions of eating disorders in the media get right and wrong.

Emilia Meo M.Ed. '18 started an education technology company called SEED Classroom with Zac Herman. The company is fully developed and has raised almost \$70,000 in investment money. They are pitching to integrate the application in secondary classrooms around Hillsborough County.

Laura A. (Wyrick) Atallah M.S., certified advanced registered nurse practitioner, joined Watson Clinic in Lakeland, FL, according to *The Ledger*. Her areas of expertise include general dermatology services, cryotherapy, acne surgery, biopsies and wound care.

Elise Edens directed, produced and co-wrote I'm Fine, a short film about mental health awareness, according to the Quad-City Times. The movie, which is a semi-autobiographical story of a high-school junior dealing with depression, premiered in July in Davenport, IA.

Candace Martino is a sports reporter/anchor at WJAC Sports in Johnstown, PA.

Jade Turner recently performed in the Asolo Repertory Theatre's production of *Ragtime* and earlier this year appeared as Roxy in the Asolo's production of *Roe*.

Raven Wright is working on her master's degree at James Cook University in Australia. After graduating from UT, she did conservation work in South Africa prior to moving to Australia.

Harrison Bragg is third baseman for the Frontier League's Southern Illinois Miners.

Stephanie Brouwer, a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, was part of the state flag ceremony during Fort Knox's celebration of 100 years of service to the nation on the Fourth of July, according to *The Gold Standard*.

Patrick Coyle passed his boards and commissioned into the



Patrick Coyle '18







## Recently published books by alumni:

Reset: 6 Essential Resets to a Healthier Happier You by Jacqui Phillips '96; Relent by Kat Heckenbach '97 and The Airplane Graveyard: The Forgotten WWII Warbirds of Kwajalein Atoll by Brandi Mueller '04

U.S. Navy Nurse Corp. stationed at Balboa Medical Center in San Diego. He will also be a member of the USNA Comfort, a humanitarian floating hospital that will deploy next year to areas in the South Pacific or other areas of need.

**Brandon Guzman** made a special appearance in the Music Ensemble at State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota's production of *Oklahoma!* in October.

Sammi Laite is a junior graphic designer at Liquified Creative, an Annapolis-based marketing and advertising agency specializing in branding, creative design and digital communications.

**David Lebron** was drafted in June out of UT's baseball program to play for the High A Down East, part of the minor-league system for the Texas Rangers.

Matthew Riendeau graduated from the Law Enforcement
Academy in July. Matthew was the
first participant in the Hillsborough
County Sheriff's Office Cadet
Internship Program.

**Jaclyn Wall** is an account coordinator at Raymond James in St. Petersburg.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Diego James Almengual '49 Gerald S. "Jerry" Jackson '50 Jack H. Thompson '52 Joseph John Zalupski '55 William P. Hovanec '56 Marie Riley Davenport '58 Mary Ann Federico '61 Mickey Jackson '61 Kenneth Michael Kochekian '67 Arthur William "Bill" Gibbons '68 Joseph Anthony Kolinsky '71 Susan "Sue" Riba '71 Alfred Brunette Jr. '72 Charles Edward "Zak" Zakszeski '73 Larry Lee Hatelstad '82 Judd Andrew Harpley '03



On Sept. 12, Miami-area alumni gathered for a cocktail reception and University update. Thank you to Ariel Acosta-Rubio '84 and his family for hosting this wonderful event in their home.



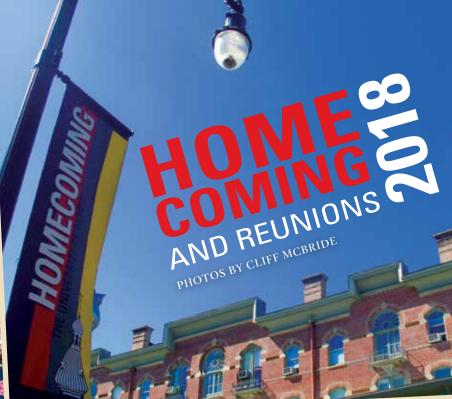
A group of Tampa Bay-area alumni enjoyed a performance of the musical *Chicago* at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts on Sept. 19.



The UT Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter hosted a networking reception for alumni at Brew Bus on Aug. 23.

## alumni report



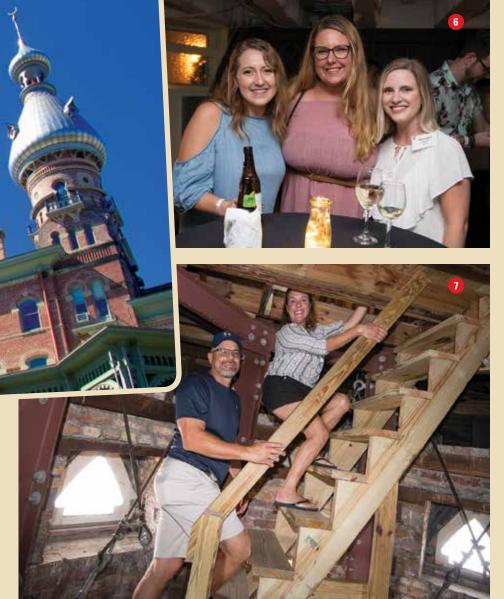
















Homecoming was an action packed few days with record crowds at all of the events. The weekend started off with the UT Athletic Hall of Fame banquet on Thursday night and ended with a great UT swimming reunion on Saturday night. Along the way attendees braved the heat on Friday night for the annual President's Reception (1,3) followed by a festive Night in the Rat (6) and a film screening of Coraline with a Q-and-A with film animator Brad Schiff '93 (8). On Saturday, UT recognized the class of 1993 (2) for its 25th reunion at the inaugural Silver Spartans Brunch (9) where there was a crowd of alumni from class years 1973–1993. UT also welcomed back the class of 1968 (5) for their 50th reunion at the Golden Spartans Lunch (4). Throughout the day the UT Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter greeted adventurous alumni in the Music Room while they waited for their turn to climb up into one of UT's iconic minarets (7). Thank you to everyone that attended this great weekend, and we look forward to welcoming you back to campus for next year's celebrations on Oct. 18–19.

# FAMILY WEGHAN LEBRUN '19





The campus community welcomed more than 1,500 families during UT's 2018 Family Weekend program Oct. 5–6. Greeted by the UT Diplomats (3), families participated in a variety of activities that showcased the beautiful campus. Highlights of the weekend included Brunch with the Dean (1, 5), yard games outside the UT Fitness and Recreation Center (4) and the opportunity to explore Tampa Bay on a 30-minute boat tour down the Hillsborough River (2).







# brick by brick

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## **WHY I GIVE:** Lauren Bentz Boehm '09, M.S. '15



Major: Education/Curriculum and Instruction Profession: Kindergarten Teacher at Macfarlane Park Elementary School Member of: UT Board of Counselors, whose mission is to aid the University in its student retention program and assist in creating public recognition of, understanding of and confidence in UT.

## O: What is your fondest memory of your time as a student?

A: I remember the first week of school crying every day and being so scared that I would fail on this new adventure seven states away from home. I had never really been away from family prior to moving to Tampa for college. Then, after meeting a few people, my professors and joining a sorority (Sigma Delta Tau), I started to feel at home. I remember realizing I had found exactly the place I was meant to be.

#### O: What are you doing now?

A: I am in my ninth year of teaching. I have taught several grade levels, as well as served as an ELA (English Language Arts) resource and contact. In my career I have always set goals for myself. After graduating with my master's degree, my next goal was to present at a conference, which I succeeded in last year, presenting at the Florida Literacy Conference in Tampa. This year, I will present at the same conference in Orlando.

#### O: How did UT prepare you for that?

A: The UT education program taught me strategies and teaching practices that would ensure my success in education. The program taught me to be confident in my field and gave many opportunities to get out into the community to practice in front of positive role models and their classrooms be-

fore ever setting foot in my own. The University itself helped me mature. I learned confidence in who I am and to give back to my community. The University gave me a home to always come back to and the want to serve.

## O: How do you continue to stay connected to UT?

A: I joined a few different boards and volunteered at open houses. A few years ago, I also decided to become a President's Leadership Fellows mentor and have mentored several students. This year I even have a UT intern! My favorite way to stay connected, though, is by keeping my connections strong. Several of my closest friends were people I met at UT.

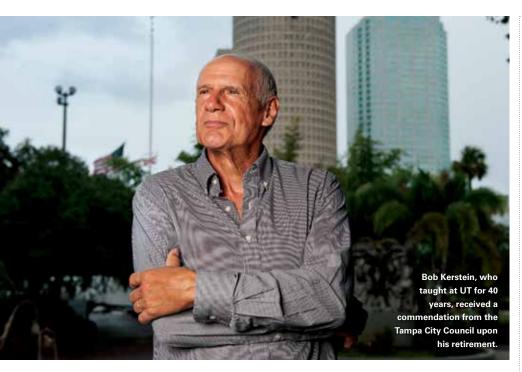
## O: Why did you join the Board of Counselors?

A: I decided to join as another way to get connected with UT in a fun and engaging way. The events are really amazing and allow me to get back on campus and represent UT out in the Tampa community. The people who are on the board are great, too. I've even had the opportunity to reconnect with other UT graduates!

#### Q: Why do you support UT?

A: I support UT because I believe in its mission. I believe in the philosophy toward learning. I truly believe that the University shaped me into the person I am today. It gave me the confidence to always grow and learn, and to always be appreciative and give back when I can.

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# Retired, but Still Committed to Students

WHILE AT THE KEY WEST PUBLIC Library conducting research for his book Key West on the Edge: Inventing the Conch Republic, Bob Kerstein, professor emeritus of political science and international studies, struck up a conversation with a woman who had just bought a home in Key West. In course of conversation, he discovered that the woman had not only been a UT student, but also took his classes.

"In particular, she remembered that I sometimes took the class to the Rathskeller, which at that time was a popular drinking spot," he said. "I didn't recall this, but found it easy to believe. Regardless, Karen and her husband, John, have become good friends of my wife, Robin, and me."

Kerstein's easy manner belies a serious commitment to his work and, in particular, his students. Many of them remember their professor as a caring, methodical instructor who spent hours working with them.

Adam Labonte '07, a former student of Kerstein's, remembers his classes were challenging and interesting.

"His passion for the topics that he taught was always evident," Labonte said. "Bob was always available to talk with me, and I spent many hours talking with him."

Kerstein retired in May 2017 after 40 years of teaching at UT. In honor of his retirement, his students were responsible for arranging two commendations from the Tampa City Council, one for his book, *Politics and Growth in Twentieth-Century Tampa*, and the other for his career and retirement.

"I very much appreciated the students' efforts in doing this for me," he said.

Kerstein also appreciated his time at UT and the opportunity he was given to enhance his teaching skills through outside pursuits.

"I was fortunate that my UT position offered me much flexibility in deciding the courses I taught, the research I pursued and the community activities I engaged in," he said, adding he was able to integrate some of his research and community activities into his teaching about urban politics and other subjects. He was also able to travel to London and Cuba with other faculty and students, and said both trips were "outstanding experiences."

Looking at his career and his time at UT in retrospect, Kerstein is keenly aware of the financial challenges of students trying to pursue a college education. As a result, he decided to create an endowed scholarship for UT students through his estate plans.

"When I was chair of my department, I played a role in allocating scholarship money to students and realized how important it was to enable many of them to pursue their studies," he said. "I do not know the figures for UT students, but I have read articles regarding the high levels of student debt. Some of them have great difficulty in paying off student debt and some default on their loans. Scholarships based on need and performance alleviate the need for significant loans and make it easier for students when they graduate."

Now that he is a man of leisure, Kerstein said he and Robin have been traveling in the U.S. and abroad. He also has been reading quite a bit and hitting the gym.

"I started trying to play golf about six years ago but am quite bad," he said. "At least it gets me out of the house, which is a good thing for Robin."



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# **UT Board Welcomes Nine New Members**

THE UT BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS added nine new members and four exofficio members:

#### **BILL GOEDE**

Goede is market president for Tampa Bay at Bank of America, serving as the senior executive representing customer and community interests and providing business, civic and philanthropic leadership in Tampa. He also serves as business banking market executive for the Tampa Bay/Northwest Florida region. Goede is involved in many community organizations, including the Straz Center, Homeless Emergency Project and the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

#### **CHARLENE GORDON**

Gordon retired in 2002 after 26 years in sales and management, culminating with Pilgrim Software Inc., working the vertical market of aerospace and defense to assist customers in managing processes for ISO certification. Since retirement, she has been involved as a volunteer for several organizations, and served for six years on the UT College of Arts and Letters Advisory Council. She sponsors the Charlene Gordon Award to help three graduating UT students in the dance, theatre and music programs.

#### **THOMAS GRAHAM '82**

Graham recently retired after serving as vice president, people strategy and human resources, for Pepco Holdings in Washington, D.C. During his 30-year career, Graham held several leadership positions that included president, Pepco region, and regional vice president. Graham served on the board of the Center for Energy Workforce Development, the D.C. Chamber of Commerce and Prince George's County Economic Development Corp., among others.

#### **RAYMOND T. KELLY**

Kelly was CEO of MidAmerica Retirement Solutions prior to his retirement in 2018, and currently serves on the board of Webinfinity.com in Tampa. Prior to joining MidAmerica Retirement Solutions, Kelly served as CEO of Graduation Alliance and Certiport. He founded and led The Cancer Challenge and was a member of the Foundation Board of Utah University and a trustee for America's Promise Alliance.

#### STEPHEN H. MAULDIN '90

Mauldin is co-CEO of CNL Financial Services, overseeing CNL's enterprise-wide real estate investment and fund management, legal, compliance and other corporate functions. Prior to joining CNL in 2011, he was president, CEO and a board member of Crosland LLC. Mauldin is immediate past chair of the Central Florida Partnership board of directors. A former collegiate All-American and professionally drafted baseball player, Mauldin is a member of UT's Athletic Hall of Fame.

#### **DANIEL RODRIGUEZ**

Rodriguez is the founder and chairman of Veredus Corp./Hays U.S., an information staffing company based in Tampa. He founded the company in 2000, which has offices throughout the southeast. Prior to founding Veredus, he worked as an executive for a national staffing firm. He supports many charitable causes, including the Jacksonville School for Autism, Metropolitan Ministries and Tampa Museum of Art, among others.

#### **SHERRY SMITH**

Smith is the CEO of Triad Retail Media, which creates, manages and operates digital retail media programs for companies such as Walmart.com and is the largest marketing firm in the Tampa Bay area. Smith has more than

two decades of traditional and digital advertising industry experience and most recently served as Triad's global chief customer officer, overseeing all core aspects of Triad's client services. Before joining Triad, Smith was the vice president of sales and marketing at Mass Connections.

#### MICHAEL S. SOUTHARD '82

Southard has relocated to Tampa from Ohio where he was national sales manager for Kichler Landscape Lighting. He joined Kichler in 1995, managing an independent sales force, new product development and development of distribution channels. He has also served as president of Powerline Business Services, vice president of Gorman Plastics and assistant vice president for Huntington National Bank's asset-based lending division. Southard previously served on UT's Board of Trustees.

#### **NANCY TOWER**

Tower is president and CEO of Tampa Electric. She previously served as chief development officer for Emera, focusing on mergers and acquisitions and the advancement of strategic growth projects. She played a lead role in the deal that brought TECO Energy into the Emera group of companies. Prior to her work with Emera, Tower held senior positions with Nova Scotia Power. She is a 2011 recipient of Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award.

#### **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

New ex-officio members include Katherine "Maggie" Andretta, chair of the Board of Counselors; Monica M. Cook '05, M.Ed. '12, president of the UT Alumni Association; Esther Hammer, president of The Chiselers Inc.; and Eric Sidor '00, chair of the Board of Fellows

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# Experiences, Connections Help Students Succeed



Just like the famous saying, "It takes a village to raise a child," Frank Lento believes it takes an entire community of people interacting with a university for its students to reach their full potential.

As a parent, donor and a member of the UT Family Association Board of Directors, Lento is continuously engaging with UT, which ultimately enhances the educational experience of our students.

Based in New York, Lento is a global director of cybersecurity for Cisco Systems Inc. His daughter, Jillian Lento, is a sophomore communication major at UT who has been involved with the University's equestrian team. His passion about the quality of her education is why he chooses to give back to UT.

"I believe she is attending a university that provides platforms for students to figure out what their focus will be for their future." he said.

To that end, in March, Lento and representatives from BBVA facilitated Cisco Security Day at UT, which was a focused career exploration for students interested in cybersecurity.

"This event was unique, because it was a parent in the industry who came to us with an idea for a workshop that painted a picture for a career path students might not have known existed," said Matthew Battista, manager of employer relations in UT's Office of Career Services.

The first portion of the day consisted of a Cybersecurity Marketing Fair. Next, students could attend a lecture on the cybersecurity market and see demonstrations with different products. It was an opportunity for attendees to hear firsthand what it's like working with real customers and products in the industry.

Finally, Lento sat one-on-one with

more than 25 students to answer questions, give advice and look over resumes before handing out his business card to further connect.

In total, the event reached nearly 100 students — on a Friday evening! Battista has been talking with companies in other industries to see if they would host a similar event.

"We as parents have the opportunity to bring our own experiences and connections to enable students to succeed," said Lento.

Lento has also hosted events in his home state as a representative from the Family Association board.

While the families of every student are members of the UT Family Association, the board is comprised of parents and family members of current students who act as leaders in the UT community through ambassadorship and financial support. Members support the University through volunteer engagement, receive advance University news and updates, and provide feedback for ideas.

To learn more about the Family Association and how you can get involved, go to www.ut.edu/familyassociation.



Need more information? Contact Jennifer Tyler, Director of Annual Giving jtyler@ut.edu (813) 258-7401



**Go #allinforUT** Save the date for UT Give Day! On April 23, 2019, Spartan alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends will have the chance to show their Spartan pride by giving back during #allinforUT. Watch for more details in the next issue.

# TD Bank Grant Establishes Crescent Scholars

THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED A \$250,000 grant from the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank®, to develop a co-curricular experience to better support first-generation and/or underrepresented students who have significant unmet financial need.

Eligible students who complete specific program requirements — behaviors known to contribute to overall student success — will receive additional financial support each semester over the course of four years, up to \$10,000.

Special consideration will be given to students from Puerto Rico and the Caribbean islands who were displaced by Hurricane Maria.

Based on student development research and UT's experience, the identified tasks, events, workshops and activities will help the students, to be known as Crescent Scholars, engage in academic behaviors that promote student success; develop a financial readi-

ness plan; develop a personal career strategy; and graduate in four years.

Lorie Kittendorf, director of student transition and persistence, said she is excited about this partnership.

"We have extensive literature outlining the student behaviors and high impact practices that lead to student success, and it's exciting that the support of TD will allow us to package and present these practices as a program that will yield significant financial reward for students who are willing to engage at that level," said Kittendorf.

Mike Nursey, market president of TD Bank, said education and economic development are important pillars to TD Charitable Foundation, so they are proud to partner with UT in support of its student success programming.

"UT is a great institution, and we truly believe that this program will help underrepresented students achieve their academic and career goals."

The program is expected to launch with an initial cohort of 50 students during the Spring 2019 semester.



DANCING WITH THE UT STARS Jim MacLeod '70, vice chair of UT's Board of Trustees, and his wife, Liz MacLeod '16, took a spin on the dance floor during the Minaret Dinner After Party on Nov. 2. The event is held each year to thank members of the UT Minaret Society for their support.

# CONCERTS NAMED FOR REX DAMRON

# THE DAMRON CONCERT ARTIST SERIES

The University's popular, standingroom-only concert artist series, which features concerts in the Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values, is now sponsored by Geneva M. Damron in memory of the late O. Rex Damron.

The series, which is free and open to the public, is now called the Damron Concert Artist Series.

Rex Damron was a professor emeritus at Kent State University and a longtime UT trustee.

"Rex would have been pleased to support this culturally engaging program that engages both UT students and the UT community," said Geneva Damron.

Ronald Vaughn, UT president, said the concert series has become one of UT's most anticipated and well-attended events on campus, and "having the Damrons support the series provides a solid foundation for its moving forward."

The remaining concerts in this year's series include a performance by one of the most soughtafter organists in the world, Felix Hell; a celebration of the music of Sergei Rachmaninoff; and a voice and harp duo.

For more information, go to www.ut.edu/sykeschapel.

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