Farewell Dean Gutteridge, you will be missed!

"There is a whole new kind of life ahead, full of experiences just waiting to happen. Some call it "retirement." I call it bliss."

~ Betty Sullivan
ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL WORK AND LEGAL SPECIALTIES

Members of the Undergraduate Law Society made a journey to Columbus for an experiential learning opportunity on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Members had the opportunity to experience live sessions of the Ohio House of Representatives in the Ohio Senate renovated Ohio state capitol building. In addition, students saw, first hand, oral arguments before the Ohio Supreme Court and had a rare opportunity for personal interaction with Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger (pictured to the right).

The Criminal Justice, Social Work and Legal Specialties Career & Internship Fair will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. This fair is a collaborative endeavor and will provide area employers with an opportunity to network with students enrolled in these programs as well as Alumni of The University of Toledo.

Dr. Celia Williamson was interviewed by Toledo 11 News on a 3 part piece covering Human Trafficking and the work she is doing to help develop training programs for companies and community leaders to help their workers become eyes and ears to identify young girls that may be in trouble.

The interviews can be viewed at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8NB-sW9RR8 (Part 1)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJbiADwkFAs (Part 2)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a-1irWb5YY (Part 3)

Jacob Spellis, UT BSW graduate, current Graduate Assistant in the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute for Dr. Celia Williamson and graduate student in the social work program at the University of Michigan, was featured in a Blade article titled How mentors helped save a man’s life: People, programs allowed Jacob Spellis to turn his life around. It is very inspiring! Kudos to Dr. Williamson and Dr. Jenkins for their mentorship!

Read the full article at:
Congratulations to Dr. Kasey Tucker-Gail on spearheading the grant proposal that was awarded to UT by The Ohio Attorney General’s office in the amount of $214,000 to help sexual assault victims on campus by the creation of the Center for Student Advocacy & Wellness. Dr. Tucker-Gail worked with UT Police Chief Jeff Newton, Dr. Megan Stewart, Dr. David Lilley and Dr. Kaye Patton Wallace and Stanley Edwards on this funding which is part of $1.2 million in grants given to colleges, universities and rape crisis centers across the state to assist victims of sexual assault on Ohio campuses by providing additional programs, as well as promoting education and awareness. This funding will strengthen The University of Toledo’s commitment to raise awareness and increase education and prevention of sexual assault and violence. Look for an article in the Toledo Blade and a UT news release soon! Thanks to all who assisted and Congratulations on this awesome accomplishment!

Some Highlights from Interim Chair, Dr. Lois Ventura at the College Meeting on December 18th

- This year featured the first UT/Owens Police Academy Graduation due largely to the efforts of Dr. Wendi Goodlin-Fahncke and Mick Dier. Thank you for your hard work!
- Congratulations to Dr. Rich Johnson who has published 7 peer-reviewed articles in 2015, bringing his grand total peer-reviewed publications to 50!
- The Criminal Justice program will be collaborating with the College of Business and Innovation and the College of Engineering to develop UT’s Cybercrime initiative.
- Kudos to Dr. Kasey Tucker-Gail and Dr. David Lilley on their work towards the Toledo Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (TCIRV), a multi-agency and community collaborative effort designed to quickly and dramatically reduce gun violence and associated homicides, with sustained reductions over time.
- Congratulations to John Schlageter on the positive review he received for the Paralegal Program from The American Bar Association during their recent re-accreditation visit.
- Kudos to Louie Guardiola for his effort to address the shortage of Spanish speaking clinicians/social workers in Lucas County!
- A big thank you to Jim Tuschan and Kyle Parsons who are working on updating the technology equipment in the McQuade Courtroom located in the Health and Human Service Building. These updates will allow different programs to synchronize across campuses.
The UT School Psychology Student Organization held a bake sale during School Psych Awareness week (November 9-13). The students raised money to support their attendance at state and national school psychology conferences and collected donations of hats and gloves for Glenwood Elementary School. The basket of donations was delivered to the school by UTSPSO President, Alexa Crase, and second year school psych graduate student, Kandyce Ruiz. Great Job, keep up the good work!

Congratulations to Dr. George Goff, a member of our Higher Education Program Wayne County Doctoral Cohort, who successfully defended his dissertation study, entitled The Influence of College among Undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Majors on Career Decision-Making Self-Efficacy. Dr. Dave Meabon was the chair of his dissertation committee. We wish George much continuing success in educational management in the Detroit area.

Congratulations to Dr. Becky McBride, a graduate of our Higher Education Doctoral Program, who recently accepted a position as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at Fletcher Technical Community College in Louisiana. We wish Becky much success in this new position.

Congratulations to Meredith Blaine, a graduate of our master’s degree program in Higher Education, who recently accepted a position as UT’s Clery Act Compliance Officer.

Congratulations to Dr. Lisa Augustine, who successfully defended her dissertation study, entitled A National Study on 100% Tobacco-Free Campuses in the United States. Dr. Dave Meabon was the chair of her dissertation committee. We wish Lisa much continuing success as the Program Coordinator in Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Lorain County Community College.

Congratulations to Dr. Jamie Harter, a member of the Findlay Doctoral Cohort, who successfully defended his dissertation study, entitled The Impact of Tuition Discounting on Net Tuition Revenue at Private Liberal Arts Colleges. Dr. Snejana Slantcheva-Durst was the chair of Jamie’s dissertation committee.

Congratulations to Dr. Matt Rheinecker, a member of the Monroe County Cohort, who successfully defended his dissertation study, entitled The Implementation of a Strategic Plan at a Small Private College in Michigan. Dr. Deb Harmening was the chair of his dissertation committee. We wish Matt much continuing success as the Director of Financial Aid at Adrian College.

Congratulations to Dr. Kathy Shepherd, a member of the Monroe County Cohort, who successfully defended her dissertation study, entitled The Influence of the College Environment on Community College Remedial Mathematics Instructors’ Use of Best Practices in Remedial Mathematics. Dr. Ron Opp was the chair of her dissertation committee. We wish Kathy much continuing success as a mathematics faculty member at Monroe County Community College.

Some Highlights in the Department from the College Meeting on December 18th

- Dr. Laux was happy to report that the Department was given approval to hire a new faculty member for the School Psychology program. He thanked Dr. Wendy Cochrane and Dr. Jennifer Reynolds in particular for their hard work in keeping this program accredited.
SOME OVERALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLEGE MEETING ON DECEMBER 18TH

• Dean Ingersoll announced that the merger between CSJHS and CHS was provisionally approved by President Gaber pending approval from the Board of Trustees.
  – The Higher Education program will remain in the College of Social Justice and Human Service through the Spring 2016 semester.
  – The Public Health program will be housed within the College of Health and Human Services.
  – Identifying Chairs for the Schools will be the first priority and Dean Ingersoll is eager to receive feedback and nominations from faculty. He will follow UT policy in recommending these chairs to the Provost’s office for appointment.
  – Communication is crucial during this transition phase.
  – New College elaborations will need to be created and the process will begin soon.

• Dr. Wendy Cochrane, CSJHS representative on the University Assessment Committee, informed the College that our Assessment Report has been submitted and thanked Dr. Roseman for his assistance in getting this accomplished. She also informed the College of different assessment types but stressed that the focus is on improving student learning.

• Jim Tuschman informed the College that he is continuing to work with Kyle on transforming our College website into an interactive one, providing recordings of faculty members speaking about their programs, specifically addressing potential students. He is also working to update our alumni list.

• Dr. Celia Williamson provided a detailed update on the work that the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute has been doing and asked the College to contact her if they are interested in any collaborations.

Please send along any stories, ideas, announcements, comments, etc. for future newsletters to angela.campbell@utoledo.edu

Some Important Dates
You can find a copy of the University Calendar on the Provost’s webpage at https://www.utoledo.edu/offices/provost/calendar/

Here are some highlights:

January 1st              New Year’s Day – offices closed
January 4th             Pre-Tenure Evaluation Years 1&2 Renewal Due to DPC
January 11th            First Day of Spring Semester
January 15th            Evaluation of Lecturers Due to School Chair
January 18th            Martin Luther King Day – no classes, offices closed
January 18th            Five-Year Post-Tenure Professional Assessment Due to CPC
May your new year be blessed
with peace, love and joy.
Sending you my heartfelt wishes
With joy that never ends.
Raise a toast to yesterday’s achievements and
tomorrow’s brighter future.

Happy New Year!

Thomas G. Guttenridge