



PSA *VOICE*

May 2016

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATION

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHAIR

April was a busy month for the Professional Staff Council. Members and committees were active in many productive meetings: collaborating at the state level with other institutions (highlighted later in this newsletter), representing staff at open forums for diversity initiatives and the mid-cycle HLC visit, planning for the Annual Meeting to be held on May 25, and coordinating the brown bag seminar, "Office Qigong for Stress Management," to name a few. PSC strives to increase PSA participation in university and staff events, and we encourage all staff to attend when able. Please contact us if you have any suggestions or would like to become involved. Elections for PSC will be held next month and we hope you will consider self-nominating or nominating a colleague. Watch your email for upcoming information!



Lori DeShetler



IN THE SPOTLIGHT *JING DENG MEYER*

Jing is a Director of Student Services for the Professional Division at the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

How long have you been a Rocket and in what capacity?

I first became a Rocket in fall 1997 while I started my Master of Higher Education degree in the Judith Herb College of Education. After graduating from the program, I have worked in Owens Community College and Bowling Green State University. In July 1, 2003, a great opportunity brought me back to UT as a professional staff member.



PSC ELECTIONS SCHEDULE

Nomination Period

Monday, May 23—Friday, June 3

Voting Period

Monday, June 6—Friday, June 17

Details forthcoming via email



In the Spotlight continued

Since then I have been working in the College of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences for over 12 years now.

How would you describe your job?

As the Director of Student Services for the Professional Division, I am responsible on managing a professional adviser and faculty adviser dual advising model for the PharmD and BSPS programs. I develop all the College's professional division advising materials; train faculty advisers; communicate advising information to faculty, staff and students; conduct group advising workshops as well as meet individually with students; develop and manage the database of all professional division students and track their progress through the programs; provide student data for accreditation; monitor professional division students' academic performance; manage an early academic alert process, provide early intervention, early referral, and intrusive advising to students experiencing academic difficulty; participate in recruiting, admissions and retention activities; conduct graduation clearance for BSPS and PharmD graduates.

I love the diversity of my job. Sometimes I am a teacher, sometimes a counselor, sometimes a service provider, sometimes a records manager, sometimes a stern advocate. It is amazing to witness students overcoming hurdles and successfully completing their degree programs. It is tremendously rewarding to help students open their eyes to the various curricular and career options offered by our college.

BROWN-BAGGING IT ALL YEAR



BROWN BAG IT

What is a brownbag seminar? For professional staff, brownbag seminars are 60-90 minute professional development opportunities that can be completed during the noon hour—all while enjoying your own packed lunch and networking with fellow staff members.

Hundreds of professional staff participated in the 2015-2016 brownbag seminar series. In November, we explored *Time Management* with Impact Solution's David Rust. In January, College of Business and Innovation's Carol Stamm helped us ring in 2016 with *New Year, New You: Refreshing your Professional Profile*, which focused on the modern resume and creating a high quality LinkedIn profile. In March, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences' Jing Deng Meyer helped us relieve stress and create wellness with *Office Qi Gong for Stress Management*.

Participants gave very positive feedback on these sessions, and we would love to see you there! Be on the lookout for more brownbag seminars to help with your professional development. If you would like to suggest a topic, please contact Emily Creamer, PSA Professional Development Committee Chair, at Emily.Creamer@utoledo.edu or 419-530-8048.



Lisa (Elizabeth) Akeman and her daughter, Tiffany, sport their medals for participation in the relay portion of the 40th Glass City Marathon, held on a sunny, cool day in April. Way to go, ladies!





Have a suggestion for our next newsletter? What about nominating someone for the Spotlight feature? Did you attend a PSA or UT event and have pictures to share? Let us know the answers to these and any other burning questions with a simple email to utpsc@utoledo.edu

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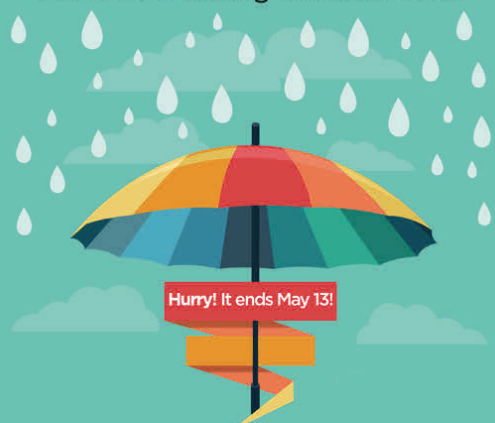
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2016 Campus Culture Climate Survey

We aren't talking weather here!



We need your opinion! This survey is a way for UT to understand how everyone is feeling on campus. The results are used across your campus to make UT a better place.

Find the link in your UT email account.

Enter to win more than \$1,300 in prizes, including an iPad Mini, various Fitbits, lokal bead bracelets, gift cards, UT swag and more!



Thank you to our UT partners: Office of Institutional Research, Office of Internal Audit and Compliance, College of Graduate Studies and College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Your response provides important information about your overall campus experiences, will assist in grant research, and be used to improve the culture of the UT community. Since 2010, more than 30 initiatives have been created or promoted as a result of the survey responses.

Fill it out online from the email link sent on April 20, or by paper, available at several locations including the Catherine Eberly Center for Women and the UT Medical Center lobby on Health Science Campus.

DEADLINE: MAY 13 Questions? Contact Office of Institutional Research: 419.530.1241

PSA ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 25

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Health Science Campus

100 Health Education Building

Lunch will be provided

Bring a Book

and support Reach Out and Read of Northwest Ohio, an organization that helps ensure children grow up with books

Plus, Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle with proceeds to the PSA Scholarship Fund. Cash and checks accepted.

Shuttle available; Parking available in Lot 43

Watch your email for full details



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What distinguishes UT from other workplaces?

To me it is the diverse, inclusive and family-like atmosphere. The College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is like a big family. It is one of the best places I have worked.

What resources are a 'must have' to perform your job?

Supportive colleagues and supervisor, other campus student services offices, such as the Office of the Registrar and the Academic Enrichment Center, computer, internet, UT Portal, Banner, Web Report Library, Document Manager, and degree audit are important resources to perform my job.

What is your favorite thing about UT?

I have to say it is the UT's campus. UT has a beautiful campus. Its architecture and landscaping make it an attractive place to study and work. One side of my office wall is a large window; I enjoy standing in front the window relaxing my eyes and doing the qi gong stretches while taking a break from work.

OSCHE SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Ohio Staff Council of Higher Education (OSCHE) <http://osche.org/> met for its spring meeting on April 8th in Columbus, Ohio. Representatives from Bowling Green State University, Columbus State Community College, Sinclair Community College, The Ohio State University, the University of Akron, The University of Toledo, and Wright State University were present. Emily Creamer (PSC member), Lori DeShetler (PSC Vice-Chair), and Elissa Falcone (PSC Chair) attended from UT. Below are highlights from the meeting.

The group discussed improving the method of sharing information across institutions. Presently, the OSCE Executive Committee is developing a matrix that will be available on the OSCE website to member institutions. Matrix items will include parking fees; healthcare premiums; winter break policy; vacation/sick leave; holidays; wellness initiatives; enrollment; work force reductions; employee tuition assistance; tobacco policy; fundraising; performance reviews; and professional development per institution.

Jim Bennett, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Data Management for the Ohio Department of Higher Education, presented on Free Community College. This initiative is also referred to as college credit plus or dual college/high school enrollment and is funded by the reallocation of state dollars. In fall 2015, the state saved students over \$50 million through this program.

The meeting concluded with institutional updates. Topics included staff scholarships, professional development, fundraising, etc. The UT Professional Staff Council met on April 20th to discuss these issues and is considering how PSA might implement some of these new ideas in 2016-17.



Left to right: Emily Creamer, Elissa Falcone, & Lori DeShetler

