

College of Business Administration designated 'Best' business school by Princeton Review

By Allison Sproul

The University of Toledo's College of Business Administration is an outstanding business school, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company selected the college for inclusion in the 2008 edition of *Best 290 Business Schools*.

The college recently received The Princeton Review's "Best" designation in the publication with a two-page profile explaining its academics, student life and admissions. Schools were selected based on several criteria, including academic programs and offerings, institutional data, and the opinions of students attending the school. *Best 290 Business Schools* 2008 edition hit bookshelves Oct. 9.

"The UT College of Business Administration's focus has long been on creating real-world business experiences that set UT graduates ahead of the curve right from the start," said Dr. Thomas Gutteridge, dean of



Photo by Daniel Miller

SHARING GOOD NEWS: David Chatfield, director of MBA and EMBA Programs, showed last year's copy of The Princeton Review's *Best Business Schools* to MBA students Lindsay Czerniak, center, and Phaedra Capranica and told them the College of Business is included in the 2008 edition.

the college. "Recognition from respected sources like The Princeton Review serves as evidence that our path is the right one."

The designation follows UT's Oct. 4 groundbreaking for the college's new Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement, a 54,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility that will house high-tech classrooms, action learning laboratories and academic programs.

"This new building will house the high-tech tools and interactive environment that the next generation of business leaders will need to be successful," Gutteridge said. "The UT College of Business Administration is already well-known, and the addition of this beautiful building will only make UT more enticing. In addition, the complex will help to bring the college's relationship and engagement activities with

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Journal offers educational insight by giving voice to first responders, professionals who helped after Katrina, Rita

By Vicki L. Kröll

Dr. Brenda McGadney-Douglass has kept a close eye on the recovery efforts taking place in New Orleans.

The associate professor in the Physician Assistant Studies Program has friends and colleagues there. She was an assistant professor and director of the Aging Studies Program at Southern University at New Orleans from 1977 to 1982. Since hurricanes Katrina and Rita blew through, the school has lost 19 departments, including students and faculty.

After attending the 2006 annual meeting of the Council in Social Work Education in Chicago that focused on rebuilding New Orleans universities, McGadney-Douglass wanted to help.

She and her husband, Dr. Richard Douglass, professor of health administration at Eastern Michigan University, decided to collect narratives of first responders, volunteers and professionals who helped follow-

ing the deadly storms.

"Comprehensive recovery from the most violent hurricane and greatest natural disaster in U.S. history must include an understanding of the personal impact on those on the front line," McGadney-Douglass said. "We thought there was a lot to learn by giving voice to academics and volunteers who needed to share their experiences of pain, survival, hope and resiliency as responders to Katrina and Rita."

The couple edited a special issue of the journal *Reflections, Back Into the Storm: Helping Professionals Return to the Gulf*, which came out earlier this month. The 148-page publication features 15 peer-reviewed narratives from a cross-section of students, first responders and faculty members.

"I think the stories are very vivid, heart-wrenching and full of a lot of hope," McGadney-Douglass said.

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REBUILDING: Dr. Brenda McGadney-Douglass, right, and her husband, Dr. Richard Douglass, posed for a photo in August with Joyce Hickman, longtime resident of New Orleans, who was checking on the progress of her home that was being rebuilt after Hurricane Katrina.

Health Science Campus provost gets surprise honor from faculty

By Jim Winkler

Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold had a big, wide smile for several minutes.

That's when you knew how much it meant to him.

One of the most visible senior UT administrators in his role as Health Science Campus provost and executive vice president for health affairs and College of Medicine dean, Gold was caught off-guard at the recent 18th annual Faculty Recognition Dinner when he received a handsome glass plaque from Health Science Campus

revitalize the 700-student College of Medicine during its successful 2006 accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, for his leadership during the UT Medical Center's winning accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, for leading the recruitment of new faculty members and department chairs, for strengthening education, scientific research and patient-care programs, and for the growth of the school's reputation.



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GOLDEN MOMENT: A humorous remark by Dr. Lawrence Elmer; at podium, drew smiles from Dr. Jeffrey Gold, left, and Dr. Kris Brickman during presentation of an award from the Health Science Campus faculty to Gold.

faculty members for his work to develop the University's reputation as a leader in health education, biomedical research and patient care.

Gold's popularity with the faculty is tied to his leadership, according to Dr. Lawrence Elmer, former Health Science Campus Faculty Senate president and professor of neurology, and Dr. Kris Brickman, current Health Science Campus Faculty Senate president and medical director of the UT Medical Center Emergency Department.

The Health Science Campus faculty credit the dean for being the driving force to

Brickman praised Gold for his vision, energy, enthusiasm and intensity, and for leading the effort to expand and integrate programs on the Health Science Campus into the larger institution.

For his part, Gold, who received a resounding ovation and whose wife, Robin, a New York City ophthalmologist who attended the dinner, said he was surprised, humbled and honored to receive the award.

"It has been an honor to lead and serve the University," he said. "Our faculty, students and staff are truly remarkable. The best is yet to come."

UT's health-related colleges honor faculty

By Jim Winkler

The University of Toledo's health-related colleges paid tribute to more than 60 faculty members at the 18th annual faculty recognition dinner Friday, Oct. 12.

The event highlighted the accomplishments and longtime service of University faculty in teaching, mentoring and research.

Noting that the strength of the university is its faculty members, Richard B. Stans-

Baptista, associate professor of neurosciences; Cathi A. Badik, assistant professor of pediatrics; David P. Bellian, assistant professor of psychiatry; Constance J. Shriner, associate dean for faculty development and curriculum evaluation and assistant professor of family medicine; and Jonathon K. Nicholson, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics.



Photo by Jack Meade

HONORED: Dr. Jeri Milstead, professor and chair of the College of Nursing, and Dr. Kenneth Bachman, Distinguished University Professor of Pharmacology and director of the Center of Applied Pharmacology, received the Career Achievement Award at the Faculty Recognition Dinner.

ley Jr., Board of Trustees chair, thanked the professors for their loyalty, commitment and efforts in helping the University make important strides since the merger, adding that strong leadership by the faculty and administration will enhance the future.

"This is a unique point in the history of The University of Toledo, a time of much change, built upon the history and traditions of the past," said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, provost and executive vice president for health affairs and College of Medicine dean. "It is a time to grow, to believe and to achieve great things. Just as we all share great pride in our University, we share the pride in those faculty members recognized tonight."

The award winners were:

- Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence in the College of Health Science and Human Service: Drs. James A. Hampton, professor of physician assistant studies; Lori Pakulski, associate professor of health and rehabilitative services; and Julie J. Thomas, professor of occupational therapy.

- Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence in the College of Medicine: Drs. Carlos A.C.

- Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence in the College of Nursing: Dr. James A. Hampton, professor, and Karol A. Zsarnay, instructor.

- Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence in the College of Pharmacy: Drs. Curtis D. Black, Merck Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, and Vincent F. Mauro, professor of clinical pharmacy.

- College of Pharmacy Preceptor Award: Dr. Jennifer L. Grabarczyk, Prestige Clinical Instructor, Pharmacy Practice Department, and Lisa C. Richards, senior financial analyst, The Pharmacy Counter.

- Dean's Award for Mentoring: Dr. R. Mark Wooten, assistant professor of medical microbiology and immunology.

- College of Health Science and Human Service Award for Research Excellence: Dr. James Price, professor of health and rehabilitative services.

- College of Medicine Award for Sustained Research: Dr. Dorothea L. Sawicki, professor of medical microbiology and immunology.

- College of Pharmacy Award for Research Excellence: Dr. Sharrel Pinto, assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

- Career Achievement Award: Dr. Kenneth A. Bachman, Distinguished University Professor of Pharmacology and director of the Center of Applied Pharmacology in the College of Pharmacy, and Dr. Jeri A. Milstead, professor and dean of nursing.

The list of 30-, 20- and 10-year honorees, new emeritus faculty members and Faculty Club Award winners can be seen on myUT at <http://myut.utoledo.edu>.

Town Hall Meeting

with President Lloyd Jacobs

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 4 to 5 p.m.

Health Education Building Room 100
Health Science Campus

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Watch the event online at <http://video.utoledo.edu>.

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Marie Webber, a student at the University of Michigan who delayed her graduate education to volunteer, wrote about her three-week experience with the American Red Cross. She reached her assigned shelter right before Rita hit; somehow, the agency forgot about the shelter and failed to deliver food and supplies for days.

"How could we have been forgotten as a Red Cross shelter?" she wrote. "Today when anyone asks me about my experience, I have trouble putting into words how it makes me feel inside. When I sit down to write or read through the journal that I kept during the trip, my heart races, my stomach knots, and I get sick thinking of those who were still down there when I left ..."

"Marie was very descriptive — how they tried to open the Meals Ready to Eat by flashlight in the dark, all the mosquitoes and frogs, using a mattress to hold up the door because the water is pouring in from Rita — that was a tough read," McGadney-Douglass said.

There was one description by contributor Dr. Rebecca A. Chaisson, clinical assistant professor of social work and interim director of the Institute for Study of Race and Poverty at Tulane University, that McGadney-Douglass found particularly striking.

"When a colleague first came back to New Orleans, she said there were two things that were very prevalent: Everything was the color of brown and everything smelled like death," McGadney-Douglass recalled. "She said there were no birds, no streetlights. The quietness and the smell were horrific."

Another contributor noted how the media coverage of Katrina and subsequent academic research efforts showed racism.

"This [TV] exploitation of the images

of poor black people is similar to the attempted exploitation by researchers throughout the United States who descended upon New Orleans post-Katrina with an eye and an ear for collecting facts and data from local black faculty in order to inform exclusive research agenda," wrote Dr. Marva Lewis, associate professor of social work at Tulane University.

More racism was encountered when it came to trying to reopen universities. The late Dr. Jeannette Jennings, former associate professor and director of the Tulane Center on Aging, noticed how administrators at the predominantly white institution that she worked at said that Tulane would partner with historically black institutions, but this was an afterthought with no initiatives.

"... the overriding theme was 'more of the same.' I was frustrated and keenly aware that even in the midst of such a horrific disaster, it was business as usual in terms of race relations," Jennings wrote.

McGadney-Douglass hopes the journal will be educational.

"It's all about not forgetting. I think it's important to learn about the human experience of professionals who went back to help. It just so happened that this was Katrina/Rita, but it could be another disaster. How we can best draw on what we learned from this experience to help people survive future manmade and natural disasters is the goal of this project. That's what's important to me," she said.

"This actually became an issue for everybody in the United States and around the world, so how do you garner all of those resources to help? At the end of the day, it's very rewarding to see that kind of hope and to see people working together regardless of age, gender, social economic status."



Photo by Jack Meade

FARR SIGHTED: "I owe everything in my career to teachers," Toledo native Jamie Farr told more than 350 members of the Association for Business Technology Educators (formerly known as the Ohio Business Teachers Association), who gathered at the Hilton Toledo Hotel on the Health Science Campus last week for the group's state meeting. The 73-year-old Hollywood actor spent more than an hour telling jokes and humorous stories about his 54-year career in show business and friends Red Skelton, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, George Burns, Jack Benny, Milton Berle and Alan Alda. Farr, who attended Lagrange School and graduated from Woodward High School, joked that with a park on the city's north end named after him and Danny Thomas Park on the south side that "Toledo is the only city in the country guarded by two noses."

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the business community to their next level of excellence."

School officials hope that in addition to complementing its educational mission, the new building will help serve as a catalyst for increased interactions between UT and the regional business community.

Gutteridge highlighted the dedication to student success of the college's faculty

and staff, adding that their commitment to excellence was the reason UT's reputation was so strong.

Established in 1930, the college is the largest professional college at UT and since 1955 has been among only 15 percent of business schools worldwide to be fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.



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CATCHING UP: Dr. Brenda McGadney-Douglass, left, talked with Dr. Rebecca A. Chaisson of Tulane University during a summer trip to New Orleans.

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Open enrollment time: Employees to study health-care plan options

By Jim Winkler

UT faculty and staff have some decisions to make.

They can enroll for health, dental, pharmacy and vision care benefits as well as cost-saving flexible spending accounts during the annual open enrollment period.

Enrollment packets for benefits-eligible faculty and staff were mailed to employees' homes the week of Oct. 8. The enrollment period closes at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, with changes in benefits effective Jan. 1.

Faculty and staff members should review their medical, dental, vision, pharmacy and flexible spending account plans to ensure their selections continue to meet their needs during the coming year, according to Laura Miller, senior director of benefits and HRIS.

Those who wish to take advantage of tax savings through flexible spending plans for 2008 must enroll for the accounts because participation does not automatically continue from year to year. Flexible spending accounts allow employees to put money aside before taxes for specific health care not reimbursed by insurance or for day-care expenses.

UT will continue to pay the majority of the cost of employee medical coverage in 2008 — almost 80 percent on average, including much of the cost of dependent coverage. The University will continue to offer fully employer-paid dental and pharmacy coverage for full-time employees.

Aetna representatives will be available to answer questions on the Health Science Campus Oct. 23, 24, 30 and 31 and Nov. 6 and 7, and on Main Campus Oct. 25 and

Nov. 1 and 8. Check out University Announcements at <http://myut.utoledo.edu> for times and locations.

Open enrollment is the only time during which changes to pre-tax employee benefits can be made unless employees have a qualifying event such as a marriage, divorce, or the birth or adoption of a child.

The packets also included information about prescription drug coverage available for people with Medicare. Beginning in 2006, Medicare began offering outpatient prescription drug coverage called Medicare Part D to people with Medicare through Medicare prescription drug plans, and Medicare Advantage plans that offer prescription drug coverage.

However, UT Human Resources officials say they believe that for most people, it is to their financial advantage to remain in UT's prescription drug program.

In addition, UT's health plan includes benefits made available through the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, which mandates that a participant or eligible beneficiary who is receiving benefits for mastectomy and who elects breast reconstruction in connection with the mastectomy also will receive coverage for reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed, surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance, and prostheses and treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

Questions should be directed to Human Resources at 419.383.4700 or 419.530.1470.



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TAKING A SHOT: Dr. David Allison, professor of surgery, received his flu shot last week from Molly Bender, GEMINI nursing student, while Kathy Ahonen, assistant professor of nursing, watched. Free flu shots are being given to students, faculty and staff with IDs on the Main and Health Science campuses until Nov. 1. Check out University Announcements at <http://myut.utoledo.edu> for dates and times.

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In memoriam

Dr. Raspal S. Bhumbra, Toledo, who completed his residency in neurology and internal medicine at the former Medical College of Ohio in 1982, died Oct. 14 at 62.

John "Jack" Dyer, Sylvania, former instructor in the Communication Department, died Oct. 12 at age 81.

Dr. Charles H. Klippel, Paxton, Mass., died Oct. 11 at age 87. He was a professor of surgery and pediatrics at the former MCO from 1971 to 1987, subsequently volunteering in the Department of Surgery as a clinical professor for 10 years. The MCO Board of Trustees honored him with a resolution in 1989 citing his dedication as "a researcher; author; teacher; clinician and friend to countless children patients and their families."

C. Joseph Sass Jr., Toledo, who taught in the College of Business Administration 28 years, died Oct. 13 at age 66. He joined the UT faculty in 1969 as an adjunct assistant professor of operations analysis, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1970 and associate professor in 1974. When he became professor in 1988, it was in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management. During his career, Sass served as chair of the department and wrote several computer language textbooks, including *A Structured Approach to BASIC Programming* (1979) and *An Introduction to C Programming* (1993). The Toledo native retired from the University in 1997 and was granted emeritus status. Sass received a bachelor's degree in business administration and master of business administration degree from UT in 1964 and 1969, respectively.

William J. Sheehan, Glen Ellyn, Ill., who served as executive in residence in UT's College of Business Administration from 1985 to 1990, died Oct. 17 at age 87.



Photo by Daniel Miller

DOG GONE: Julie Welch, left, and Jamie Egeland served up hot dogs at the main office of the UT-MUO Federal Credit Union Thursday to celebrate National Credit Union Week. Both work at the main office; Welch is marketing director, and Egeland is a teller.