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**T**he University of Toledo provides students with many opportunities for success, and UT's annual Day of Giving is an opportunity for the UT community to help them reach their goals—by giving to Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives.

Alumni, faculty and staff members, students, and friends of the University who support its mission are encouraged to give during this second annual Day of Giving. The fundraising campaign will begin at midnight Tuesday, Oct. 16, and will last until noon Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Every donor and every dollar will make a difference in this 36-hour campaign to raise money for student scholarships, athletic and educational programs, and resources for UT's academic colleges, among many other areas.

"We encourage Rockets everywhere to join together on Oct. 16 and 17 to

give back and have a significant impact on the lives of our students and all that The University of Toledo does to support them," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. "Philanthropy is essential to continuing the University's mission to educate the next generation of leaders. I look forward to the possibilities of the combined efforts of our global, national, and local alumni and friends when they support our Day of Giving and keep UT moving forward."

Day of Giving aims to encourage as many people as possible to support the University. Gift matches and gift challenges are ideal options for making a gift because they double the investment and double the impact.

Last year, an anonymous donor challenged the colleges to compete for Day of Giving participants to support them. The College of Nursing and the College of

Arts and Letters led the colleges, garnering the support of 99 and 95 donors, respectively. The two colleges also received the additional \$5,000 (Nursing) and \$4,000 (Arts and Letters) in support for their college progress funds via the donor's gift.



UT's second annual Day of Giving aims to encourage all alumni, faculty and staff, students, and friends of UT to give on Oct. 16-17.

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"Last year was our first Day of Giving and it was a huge success," said Charlene Gilbert, dean and professor of the College of Arts and Letters. "The money raised allowed us to provide strategic support to students who were close to graduating and just needed a little financial assistance. The result was our ability to graduate a record number of students and contribute to UT's overall increase in our six-year graduation rate."

Multiple campus activities are planned this year for Oct. 16 to celebrate the day and raise awareness of the opportunity to give.

The UT Recreation Center will offer Rise and Shine cycling classes at 6:15 and 7:15 a.m. With a \$5 donation to the campaign, both Rec Center members and non-members can attend.

The UT community is invited to Centennial Mall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. WXUT FM 88.3 will provide popular music entertainment, and student-run organizations will offer booths featuring carnival-style games.

Dog-petting will also return to this year's event, and for a \$1 donation you can pet a pup. Foodies can get their fill by visiting three food trucks that will be on the scene: Koral Hamburg, The Leaf and Seed, and Holey Toledough Handcrafted Doughnuts.

On UT's Health Science Campus, giving stations will be located in the Collier Building and the Four Seasons Bistro inside the UT Medical Center. The College of Nursing will be hosting activities, as well.

Gifts made online during the Day of Giving can be designated to any of more than 2,000 UT Foundation funds, supporting specific causes and programs donors are passionate about.

Support UT on Oct. 16 and 17 during its Day of Giving, Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives fundraising campaign. Give online at [rocketforward.utoledo.edu](http://rocketforward.utoledo.edu) and remember to share messages and encourage others to give, by using #rocketforward.

## DR. DAVID DAVIS COMBINES INTERESTS WITH FAMILY TRADITION OF GIVING

Dr. David Davis enjoyed a career anyone would admire: He spent six years in government, including working in the Environmental Protection Agency in its earliest days and later holding a political appointment in the Department of the Interior. He was a Fulbright Professor at Nanjing University in China, and was on the faculty at Rutgers University, Cornell University, and the University of Wyoming.

Many of his favorite career memories, however, are of his 25 years serving on the faculty of the Political Science Department of The University of Toledo.

Dr. Davis, who came to UT in 1989 and retired from full-time faculty in 2014, left a lingering impact on UT—and UT left one on him. Among his highlights were heading UT's former Master's in Public Administration program as well as organizing UT's early environmental studies program.

Courses related to the environment and energy politics remained his long-term specialty. "I have always been interested in the history of these topics and how interest groups interact with the related policies, politics, and people," he said.

One of the primary rewards of teaching was his interaction with students. "I enjoyed hearing what they had to say on many topics," explained Dr. Davis. "They often provided new insights and ideas."

However, he also enjoyed other aspects of his profession, including research and writing. Throughout his career, he wrote five books, one of which went through four editions.

While Dr. Davis was doing estate planning after retirement, making a gift to benefit UT seemed a natural decision. He recently made a provision in his will to establish a lecture series in political science.

"Everyone gives according to their personal situation and relationship," he noted. "When giving to UT, I thought like a professor. I wanted to ensure that the political science program at UT, particularly the aspects in which I'm most interested, would remain strong."

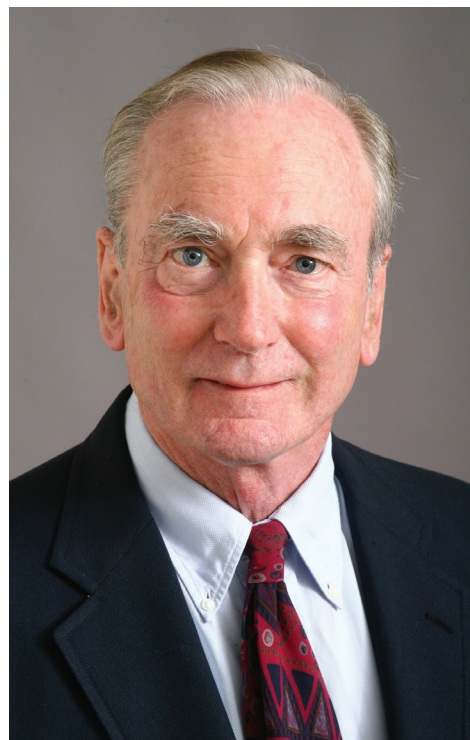
Family tradition also played a role in his giving decision. "I come from an academic family, and my grandfather and

great-grandfather both created endowed lecture series," Dr. Davis said. "I've been hearing about these since I was five or six years old. Establishing a lecture series just seemed natural."

The Dr. David Howard Davis Endowed Lecture Series will bring rising political scientists to campus twice a year, allowing UT upperclassmen to hear the latest information and research. Lecture topics will include environmental policy, energy politics, public administration, and faculty shared governance.

Dr. Davis also expects the lecture series to energize UT political science faculty. "The interaction between outside prominent political science researchers and the members of a university department is encouraging and stimulating," he said. "Ultimately, this can provide long-term benefits for faculty, staff, and students."

For more information on making a gift to UT through your estate, contact Kirk Ross, UT director of planned giving, at [kirk.ross@utoledo.edu](mailto:kirk.ross@utoledo.edu) or 419-530-5410.



Through an estate gift, Dr. David Davis has established an endowed lecture series in political science.

## WHY I GIVE: JOHN CAPOBIANCO



**Name:** John O. Capobianco

**Profession:** Retired senior research biochemist, Abbott Laboratories

**Residence:** Crossville, Tenn.

**UT Degrees:** Bachelor's of science in biology, 1967, and master's of science in biology, 1969

**Best UT Experience:** I enrolled in the early master's program in biology at the University. The challenging thesis program under the supervision of Dr. Sidney Beck provided the discipline required for contributing to pharmaceutical research. I thoroughly enjoyed the grad student pizza parties.

**UT Areas of Support:** The Joseph A. and Mary A. Capobianco Memorial Scholarship Fund, in the departments of chemistry, biochemistry, biological sciences and environmental sciences

**Why I Give:** I am continuing in our family tradition of supporting higher education, especially of gifted individuals who may not have the financial means to attend college. My graduate studies were supported by a teaching assistant grant from the State of Ohio; therefore, I am paying forward by providing scholarship funding for those in financial need.



Battling the nationwide opioid crisis, with a focus on the Toledo community, is the goal of a recent \$50,000 gift from the Reinberger Foundation. The grant is funding a mobile unit for a public health initiative including hands-on Naloxone education and distracted driving simulation. Through this mobile classroom, an interdisciplinary team of UT faculty, staff, and students will provide education at local events such as high school football games, festivals, and businesses throughout the area. The bus was donated and serviced by the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA), and local unions and organizations are also assisting in remodeling the bus interior to accommodate the project objectives.

"The Reinberger Foundation is proud to be some small part in raising awareness of the opioid crisis decimating our Northern Ohio communities," said Karen L. Hooser, president of the Reinberger Foundation. "Hopefully this mobile classroom will increase the ability of those in the front lines to respond, and more lives will be saved."

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