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Join the Alumni Association for a picnic and game at Camden Yards.

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**September** - Mwata Dyson, health and wellness advocate, and journalist

**October** - Nicole Sherrod, managing director, Trader Group, TD Ameritrade, Inc.

Ira Flatow, host of NPR's "Talk Of The Nation: Science Friday"

**November** - Christine A. Ogren, author, *The American State Normal School*

Join the celebration in 2015 as Towson University celebrates the 150th anniversary of the 1866 founding of the State Normal School. To mark this milestone, the university will launch a year-long series of academic events, lectures, concerts and exhibits.

### Family Weekend

**October 9-11**

Everyone in the family is invited to visit and enjoy TU. [www.towson.edu/main/lifetu/events/familyweekend/](http://www.towson.edu/main/lifetu/events/familyweekend/)

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West Village Commons

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## Making History



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## Spring Fever

Most folks wrestled with traffic or groused about cold temperatures when snow accumulated on campus in the first few days of spring. Not Michael Martin. The TU student grabbed his snowboard and got air on the slopes near Smith Hall.



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*“We dedicated the new Legacy Walkway, made possible with a gift from Herman C. Bainter ’35.”*

Towson’s University’s 150th Anniversary provides us the unique opportunity to look back and gain valuable understanding of how real vision, determination and commitment can transform a state workforce need into a 150-year legacy in higher education.

As a historian I find the archives and artifacts rather intriguing, but I am most excited by how the institution’s historic accomplishments bring context to the present, and, most important, foreshadow Towson University’s tremendous potential in the next 50, 100 and 150 years.

To kick off the 150th celebration, we dedicated the new Legacy Walkway, made possible with a gift from Herman C. Bainter ’35, which commemorates our origin as a teacher’s college and our leadership as Maryland’s oldest and largest provider of educators and educational leaders. The walkway heralds Towson’s historical milestones, reminding us of our forebears, past presidents and alumni, who improved lives through education.

Training teachers was the beginning of our legacy. Now with more than 147,000 alumni worldwide—80 percent of them living and working in Maryland—Towson University is

a workforce engine for the state in multiple fields including the arts, sciences, business and health professions.

Our quest for the future is simple—remove the bottlenecks to educating a civic-minded and well-prepared workforce. Our campus master plan calls for a new science facility and a College of Health Professions building which together will provide 21st century learning environments for Towson’s fastest growing majors. We need your support in conveying to our state leaders that Towson’s ability to fulfill its mission to our students and to meet state workforce needs depends on the timely delivery of these projects.

We are proud of our legacy, but we are most excited about what lies ahead for Towson, our alumni and for future generations of Towson graduates. We must all keep reaching higher and striving for more. We are the next 150.

—*Timothy Chandler*  
INTERIM PRESIDENT

## Netting First Place

Towson trio wins a “March Madness” competition convened by the Clintons



Towson University students Oumou Diallo and Jacqueline Bell met former President Bill Clinton after winning the Commitment Challenge at the Clinton Global Initiative University.

### TU Takes All

TU students Oumou Diallo, Jacqueline Bell, and Luis Alejandro won the fundraising challenge at the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U), raising over \$7,000 for “Hope of Guinea.”

Student teams from throughout the country squared off to fund their commitments in social innovation, enterprise and sustainability.

Similar to the NCAA “March Madness” tournament, the 16 student teams who raised the most money in the first round competed in a head-to-head “bracket” to crowd-fund for their cause.



### Bringing Ideas to the World

Clinton Global Initiative University—an enterprise of the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation—has brought college and university students together for a decade to turn ideas into action on local and global challenges.

The conference held last March at the University of Miami, hosted some 1,000 students representing more than 300 schools and over 75 countries. Attendees made 700 Commitments to Action: new, specific and measurable plans to address pressing challenges facing campuses and communities around the world.

### \* KUDOS PLUS

In 2014 Oumou Diallo won *The Daily Record’s* Leading Women Scholarship for 2014. The award recognizes a female student at a Maryland school who is active in leadership roles, community involvement and who works to inspire change. The business administration major not only started Towson’s Hope of Guinea, she also organizes community service projects in the Towson area, and is a member The Big Event planning committee and the National Residence Honorary Hall.

“The goal for community service is to give back to the Towson community to tell them thank you for having us and for helping us reach our goals,” Diallo explains.

### OTHER COMMITMENTS BY TU STUDENTS

- Mobilizing Minds in KPK, an initiative of TU senior Reema Rias, aims to increase literacy rates of girls and women in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, by providing mobile devices.
- Streamlining Resource Efficiency in Business Practice and Waste Management, an initiative of TU senior Bilcia “Jasmin” Rivera, combines machinery with uncompromised public policy to better handle the world’s natural resources and successfully manage waste.

### “Hope of Guinea”

“Hope of Guinea,” one of TU’s fundraising commitments, provides a safe community center for academic success and civic engagement in Ratoma, Guinea.

It is part of the first chapter of Hope of Guinea at Towson University, which raises funds and awareness to help underprivileged children of Guinea gain access to education and opportunities for success. The community center provides residents access to tutoring programs, resources for a community garden, physical education programs and opportunities for community service.



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### CARNEGIE AWARD

Towson University won the 2015 Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Towson is one of only three institutions in Maryland to receive the classification, and one of only 361 institutions that are classified nationally. Towson first received the classification in 2008. The ranking means Towson recognizes its priorities and emphasis on engaged and collaborative teaching, learning and scholarship that deepen students' civic and academic learning and enhance community well being.

### NOTEBOOK

## Hello Kitty

Ten Towson tigers came face to face with some of the 400-pound wild cats last winter at the Carolina Tiger Rescue. The women were volunteering with Alternative Break Connections, a program that engages students in community service during winter and spring breaks.

Some of the volunteers were also members of Towson Tigers 4 Tigers, a student group for tiger conservation.

They helped build a new fence, chopped wood and moved trees around habitats at the Pittsboro, North Carolina, rescue site, sometimes only a few feet away from the big cats.

"When we were working on part of the fence, one of the tigers came up right next to us and was just sitting right there," says Ceanne West, a TU senior. "It was so cool to be able to work near them."

Most of the tigers were rescued after previous owners mistreated them or could no longer care for them. West recalls two cubs that were exhibited at a hotel, but when the animals got older, hotel management no longer wanted them, she explains.

Each tiger has its own story. "It was great hearing about their personalities because [at the rescue] they were treated like they were people," West says, recalling how the staff affectionately addressed each tiger by name.

▼ TU students pose with Jellybean, the Carolina Tiger Rescue's white tiger.



## Financial Gains

When it comes to financial analysis, five students from TU's College of Business and Economics are winning wizards. Matthew Appelbaum '15, Brandon Fanelle '15, Tyler Rees '15, Joseph Schisselbauer '15 and Steven Seeley '15 won a local competition in the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Investment Research Challenge on Feb. 27.

### THE TOWSON MEN ADVANCED TO THE AMERICAN REGIONAL IN GEORGIA.

The CFA competition required student teams to analyze a publicly traded company, then defend their financial recommendations. The TU business majors examined Avalon Bay Communities, which develops, acquires and manages apartment homes.

Led by faculty adviser Jian Huang, the Towson men beat out University of Baltimore, Johns Hopkins, Loyola, Maryland, American and Georgetown to advance to the Americas Regional final in April.

## Cyber Deals

Forget yard sales and want ads. There's an app for local students who want to buy or sell books, DVDs, electronics and a host of other items. Echo Trades, developed by Towson University's Scott Knowles and University of Baltimore's Alex Greif, provides an online marketplace for users to sell or purchase trash and treasures.

The duo developed the app after meeting during an internship at Morgan Stanley in Baltimore.

"Echo Trades aims to fill a specific niche in the college environment so students can maximize their buying/selling options on campus," says Knowles. It's available to students at Towson, UMBC, UB and Maryland.

## Ready to Launch

A \$9,900 grant from Proctor & Gamble backs the TU Student Launch Pad, a program sponsored by Division of Innovation and Applied Research (DIAR). Begun in late 2014 and now located on the fourth floor of Cook Library, the Student Launch Pad provides opportunities for students to learn about entrepreneurship and innovation.

The money will help the program reach more students and provide more events, office resources and software. For information about programs and events, visit [www.TUlaunchpad.com](http://www.TUlaunchpad.com).

### NUGGETS

## City School Commissioner



▲ Martha James-Hassan (center)

Martha James-Hassan is on board. The director of kinesiology graduate programs in TU's College of Health Professions became a member of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners in January.

The board—nine community members and one student representative—oversees the

budget and policies of the district, makes long-term decisions and meets immediate needs of the schools.

"Working with kids and helping them succeed feeds my soul and gets me out of bed in the morning," says James-Hassan, who spent nearly 20 years working in K-12 urban education.

"Towson and the city's schools can work together and address city shortages," she adds. Her appointment "also has an impact on my research and helps how I design and teach my classes."

## Studying "Cool Critters"

From studying climate change to investigating "cool critters," TU's SciTech Learning Lab is a hit with local school kids.

Backed by a BGE grant for the third consecutive year, the program sponsors field trips to Towson's hands-on, environmentally focused lab on the waterfront in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Run by TU's Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics, the learning lab helps students explore local and global issues and their role in environmental stewardship.

"I liked finding all the cool critters. I was able to learn lots of new facts and my little brother loves hearing about the trip," says a seventh grader from Patterson Mill Middle School.



## GLOBAL STUDIES

Two TU students won the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, which sent them abroad to study.

**Leili Zamini '15**, an Honors college student and chemistry major, spent the semester in Seville, Spain.

**Shereen Ahmed '15**, a criminal justice major, studied in Prague, Czech Republic.

The Gilman Scholarship was created to open up study abroad opportunities to underfunded students of diverse backgrounds.



▲ "House of Cards" filmed at TU's IWB and Wellness Center last year.

## Look Familiar?

"House of Cards" (Netflix) and "VEEP" (HBO) had distinctly Towson auras as both shows filmed on campus last year.

Look for Doug Stamper (Michael Kelly) in TU's Institute for Well-Being and the Wellness Center as he goes through rehab or talks with his doctor in the premiere episode. Keep your eyes open for more IWB appearances later in the season.

"Veep" used Auburn House for Congressional offices and SECU Arena for a hilarious scene between Julia Louis-Dreyfus and her on-screen daughter involving JumboTron embarrassment.

These productions and a few commercials and photo shoots brought in approximately \$20,000 for various Towson programs.

## Levy's Legacy



Hank Levy ▶

Towson is tied to the Academy Award-winning film, "Whiplash," which takes its title from the Hank Levy composition of the same name.

Levy, the late professor of music, founded TU's jazz orchestra and directed the jazz studies program. He is known for his novel compositions that

used five, seven or even more beats per measure.

Unlike the tyrannical movie character portrayed by J.K. Simmons, who won best supporting actor, Levy was revered as a TU professor and jazz innovator.

### SPORT SHORTS

## Hoopla for Autism

TU's annual "Autism Awareness" game was preceded by a basketball clinic hosted by the men's basketball team for students from TU's Hussman Center for Adults with Autism.

The clinic featured drills run between players and students, a group shoot-around, a round of the popular game "Knockout," and a scrimmage between Towson and the Hussman Center, which ended in an upset with "Team Hussman" coming out on top 9-2.

"This is what we like to see—natural, social opportunities like this," says Hussman Center Program Supervisor Rufus Platt.

Men's Basketball Head Coach Pat Skerry, whose son has been identified on the autism spectrum, came up with the idea of holding an "Autism Awareness" game every February.



## Timothy Chandler keeps Towson on course



Chandler's career embodies the autonomy of a leader with the deference of a teammate.

He misses warm beer, collects fountain pens, and in a moment of introspection, wishes he'd spent less time playing sports in prep school and more time hitting the books.

But Timothy Chandler's zeal for athletics—he once dreamed of becoming a professional cricket player—has shaped the career of the man who unexpectedly took the helm as acting and now interim president of Towson.

"I think my family is surprised at where I ended up," he says.

They shouldn't be.

Along with his success on both cricket and rugby pitches, Chandler's background displays an impressive array of research, teaching and increasing responsibilities in higher education leadership.

Back in college, he was the consummate student-athlete, playing fullback on the rugby team, and batting and bowling for the cricket team at Loughborough University, while also completing a bachelor's degree with honors.

Then the United Kingdom native "stepped across the pond" to pursue studies in the fledgling field of sports history at Dalhousie University in Canada. "I couldn't find a graduate program in the United Kingdom that really met my needs," he explains.

A master's in hand, he went on to complete another master's degree and a Ph.D. at Stanford in 1984 and now has published dozens of journal articles, proceedings and book reviews. Chandler has also written five books, two of them on rugby.

"When you get too old or are not good enough to play at a level you would like to, you study and write about it," he quips.

But his wit belies the scholarship in what he pens. His books, articles and

presentations examine weighty topics associated with sports—masculine identity, race, gender and commerce. In 1999, BBC Television consulted him for a four-part documentary on the history of rugby.

He also studied team motivation—lessons essential for coaches that he says can "absolutely" be extrapolated to classroom teachers who strive to inspire students.

Chandler's career embodies the autonomy of a leader with the deference of a teammate. At Kent State University, he helped revise the university's liberal education requirements and chaired a task force, which provided college courses and college credit for Ohio high school students. He rose through the ranks of academia at several institutions, holding posts as professor, dean and associate provost. In January 2013 he became provost at Towson University.

He'd been on campus less than two years when he took over the president's job. (President Maravene Loeschke '69/'71 retired in December due to illness.)

The long days and breadth of issues in the president's seat may have surprised him, but he's clear on the mission. "You aren't always the driver of the agenda for the day," he notes. "But you do have to be the driver of the agenda for the week, or the month or the year."

His tenure has been marked with the new experience of testifying before the state legislature on the university's priorities. Now he's faced with balancing Towson's need to remain innovative yet affordable, all with limited capital.

Chandler, who has applied to become Towson's permanent head, finds two competing characteristics most necessary for a president: "a sense of urgency and a great deal of patience." n



### ◀ 17 STRAIGHT WINS

The dynasty lives on. The Towson University Dance Team won the 2015 National Dance Alliance (NDA) Collegiate National Championship, bringing home the title and a trophy for the 17th year in a row. Last April's competition at Florida's Peabody Auditorium and at the Daytona Beach Band shell showcased the hyper-paced precision moves, a combination of hip-hop, jazz, funk and pom routines.



## MS in Marketing Intelligence

TU's new master's in marketing intelligence, which debuts next fall, was born with feedback from local and national business leaders.

The marketing intelligence program, unlike any other program in the state, was built to address projected job growth in the market research industry.

Input from chief information officers who served on the advisory board of the Fisher College fueled the program's concepts.

The program will be housed in the Department of Marketing but will be an interdisciplinary effort between CBE and the School of Emerging Technologies, located in the Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics. Sixty to seventy percent of the courses will be taught within CBE and 30-40 percent of classes will be taught within AIT/Computer Science. n

### STUDENTS WILL FOCUS ON:

- Knowledge in marketing strategy
- Database management and data mining skills
- The ability to recommend and utilize interactive marketing tools
- The ability to evaluate marketing campaigns based on financial results.

## Nursing IDEA

The nursing department switched on the proverbial light bulb. The result was a capital IDEA for the College of Health Professions.

IDEA (Incorporating Diversity Empowers All) began in fall 2014. The grant-based program aims to address a looming shortage of nurses and nurse educators, and to remedy an inclusion gap between international and immigrant nursing students and



native English speakers.

Peer instructors coached about 25 students from Africa, the Philippines and Asia in learning medical English and how to read a syllabus or select textbooks.

Recent IDEA workshops covered dosage calculation and test-taking techniques for the nursing exam.

Students can also work with a speech pathologist to modify their accents, and understand non-verbal and behavioral cues typical in the United States. n

## A Home Run

Home field advantage never looked better than it did last spring when the Tigers swept a doubleheader against Norfolk State University 6-4 and 8-0 in their first games inside the renovated Tiger Softball Stadium.

The \$3.9 million project began in August and features improved ADA and medical emergency access, restrooms, a digital scoreboard, a concession stand and a press box. There's also room for up to 500 spectators overlooking a natural turf field with recessed dugouts and a bullpen.

"The [upgraded] facility is competitive with other schools in our conference," said Head Softball Coach Lisa Costello. "The enhancements help our players better prepare and be ready for the season. It helps us in every aspect of our program, especially recruiting." n



# Now & Then

THIS IS TOWSON UNIVERSITY—TODAY AND THROUGHOUT ITS 150 YEARS

## Celebrating 150 Years of Rich History

Since its founding in 1866 as the Maryland State Normal School, the institution has experienced many transformations, from name changes to degree programs to an ever-expanding campus. From the original Stephens Hall building on York Road to the state-of-the-art College of Liberal Arts building and West Village Commons, each portion of our picturesque campus highlights Towson University's growth, vitality and vision. Take a look at all that Towson has accomplished and its bold vision for the future.

AT TOWSON, WE REACH HIGHER.  
WE STRIVE FOR MORE.  
WE KEEP MOVING FORWARD.

**We are the next 150.**

(Left) Students celebrate in Uinitas Stadium.  
(Opposite page, from top left) Students outside Stephens in 1947; The first home of the Maryland State Normal School at Carrollton and Lafayette avenues in Baltimore; The graduating class of 1904.

Story compiled by staff in the Communications Department and the Library's Special Collections and Archives.



## Numbers Game

This story of Towson University is 150 years old.

Founded in 1866 as a teacher training school, the Maryland State Normal School has evolved into the state's largest comprehensive public university: Towson University. It offers 64 undergraduate majors, 41 master's programs, 27 graduate certificates and four doctoral degrees in the liberal arts, science and applied professional fields.

In 2014, Towson enrolled more than **22,200** students, and conferred **5,600** degrees and certificates.

We have sent more than 147,000 graduates into the world, with 80 percent of them living and working in Maryland. They are CEOs, teachers, managers, entertainers, scientists, artists, writers and technologists.



The first commencement program in June 1866 (above) lists 12 graduates, who were probably experienced teachers seeking the diploma, a new standard for teachers in the state.



The fall 2014 freshman class had a 3.6 GPA and an average SAT score of 1,625.



U Teach rookies receive a lesson in electromagnetism.

## Practice Makes Perfect Teachers

Call it a test drive for teachers. Towson's UTeach program offers science and math majors a low-pressure, commitment-free way to explore teaching early in their college careers.

"We're giving them a chance to fall in—or out of—love with teaching," says Christine Roland, a TU master teacher working with the program's undergraduates.

"Some will decide it's not for them—and that's fine," she continues. "What matters more is that others will discover their 'inner teacher' and decide to pursue teaching careers."

A collaboration between TU's College of Education and Fisher College of Science and Mathematics, UTeach students pursue bachelor's degrees in STEM disciplines while honing the teaching, lesson-planning and classroom-management skills needed for state certification.

Towson University produces **25 percent** of all the teachers in Maryland.



The Model Elementary School, which opened Sept. 3, 1866, was the training ground where Normal School students received hands-on experience teaching elementary school students under the watchful eye of experienced mentors. Above is the Model School in Stephens Hall.



Towson University in Northeastern Maryland students can complete their bachelor's degrees in Harford County, saving time and transportation costs.



Stephens Hall, patterned on Blickling Hall, a manor house in Norfolk, England, is one of three original buildings constructed after the Maryland Normal School moved from downtown Baltimore in 1915.

### Have It All, Close to Home

Students can have it all, and they can have it close to home. Last fall more than 218 full- and part-time students began pursuing bachelor's degrees at Towson University in Northeastern Maryland. Their education takes place in a new \$28 million, 55,000 square-foot building on the Harford Community College campus.

The historic opening now lets students earn an A.A. degree at Harford Community College (or Cecil College), then cross the street as juniors to attend classes in Towson's building to finish their bachelor's degrees. They don't have to commute to TU's main campus in Baltimore County, saving time and transportation costs. While tuition is the same, fees are lower and parking is free.

Majors include business administration with a management concentration; elementary/special education; early childhood/special education; information technology; psychology; or sociology with a criminal justice concentration.

Last fall more than **218 full- and part-time students** were enrolled in TU in Northeastern Maryland.

Next fall, a degree in family studies with services to children and youth track will be added.

Future programs will continue to be geared toward workforce demand in the region.

Justine Hoerning '12, a music major and Honors College graduate, embraced the tradition of howling atop the tiger after graduation.

### The Roar of the Tigers

If you build it, they will come. At Towson, if you cast it, they will snap—pictures, that is.

When the TU Alumni Association commissioned the first bronze tiger nearly 10 years ago, they never envisioned the tradition that would ensue. The sturdy metal mascot placed in front of Stephens Hall immediately became a photo op.

Graduates wait in line for a turn to climb atop the massive **600-pound tigers**.

Now with three more tigers at the CLA Building, Cook Library and SECU Arena, graduates in cap and gown wait in line for a turn to climb atop the massive 600-pound statues. Each lets out a celebratory roar and records the moment.



From 1925 through the 1940s, the Maypole dance was one of two medieval English traditions adopted by the Normal School.



Towson's overall student-athlete graduation rate of 71 percent is the best of all Division I schools in the University System of Maryland.



Some 10,000 TU students tally more than 300,000 hours of service each year.



Donald "Doc" Minnegan, a name almost synonymous with athletics at Towson, set the foundation for the celebrated sports programs today. The tiger mascot "Doc," a room in the Field House and the field in Unitas Stadium are named for him.

## We Are the Champions

Towson excels at producing student-athletes who shine in competition and score in the classroom.

Towson's African-American student-athlete graduation rate of 74 percent is the highest of all Division I Schools in the country.

**Fifty-seven percent** of all TU student-athletes earned a 3.0 GPA or higher in fall 2014.

Its student-athlete graduation rate of 71 percent is the best of the all Division I schools in the University System of Maryland. And 57 percent of all TU student-athletes earned a 3.0 GPA or higher in fall 2014.

Let the record books also show recent CAA (Colonial Athletic Association) and other championships (listed below in alphabetical order):

- **Baseball**—CAA, 2013;
- **Dance Team**—17 straight National Dance Alliance championships;
- **Cheerleading**—two of the last three National Cheerleading Association championships;
- **Football**—CAA, 2013, the team also went to the FCS National Championship Game;
- **Lacrosse (men's)**—CAA, won two of the past three seasons;
- **Lacrosse (women's)**—CAA in 2012, 2013, 2014;
- **Swimming and Diving (women's)**—CAA, won seven in the last eight years.

## Beyond the Books

Even before they enter a classroom, some Towson freshman and transfer students have kick-started their education via Project Serve, a three-day volunteer experience in Baltimore City or Baltimore County.

This sets the stage for community service activities throughout their college careers, yielding students who are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and make the surrounding neighborhood—and parts of the nation and the world—cleaner, safer and more hospitable for all.

From working at a tiger rescue in North Carolina to funding a club to empower underprivileged children in New Guinea, to Alternative Spring Break trips, TU students are making a difference.

For example, during the Big Event more than 1,900 Towson University

students—almost twice as many as last year—volunteered on a Saturday. Participants cleaned up more than 120 sites, from as close as Newell Garden to as far as Bread and Cheese Creek in Dundalk.

Towson has been recognized by the **President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll** eight years in a row.

All told, some 10,000 TU students tally more than 300,000 hours of service each year.



In 1931, freshmen were inducted into the college by the Student Council, dressed as Greek maidens, during the "Lighting of the Way" ceremony.



In 2010 Towson was the first university in Maryland to establish a Veterans Center on campus.

### From Combat to Classroom

Towson University serves those who have served with its Veterans Center. In 2010 Towson was the first university in Maryland to establish a sanctuary for veterans on campus, easing the often difficult transition from military to civilian life.

Located in the Psychology Building, veterans find a one-stop shop to learn about admissions, scholarships and other financial aid, counseling and disability support services, academic advising and student activities. It is also home base for the Veteran Student Group, an SGA-sponsored student organization that supports veteran-related community service projects.

More than that, the center provides a safe space where people understand the jarring reality of coming home. Veterans, accustomed to a highly regimented, always-alert lifestyle, find a place to unwind.

The center has scored high marks, not only with Towson's veterans. *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Colleges for Veterans," ranked Towson No. 17 in the North and the best among all schools in the University System of Maryland.

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The honor comes on the heels of a citation from *G.I. Jobs* magazine, which has named TU a Military Friendly School for five consecutive years.



During WWII the university corresponded with graduates or staff who enlisted in the military. The late Luther Cox '40 (second from left) sent a postcard from a German POW camp, where he spent two and half years after his plane was shot down.

### Growth spurts

The College of Liberal Arts Building is made of red brick with a decidedly green hue. The largest academic building in the history of TU's campus, and the first in 30 years, is LEED Silver Certified. Completed in two phases, construction wedded environmental design with technological innovation.

From carpet tiles, manufactured with 50 percent recycled materials to light sensors to window panes that filter out UV rays, the 300,000 square-foot building is an illustration of sustainability. It's also a picture of cutting-edge technology in every corner—flat screens, wired video cameras and retractable computer consoles.

Completed in two phases in 2009 and 2011, construction of the **CLA Building** wedded environmental design with technological innovation.

The CLA building ushered in other green construction projects—the Leed Gold Certified West Village Commons and the Leed Silver Certified West Village Housing, both completed in 2011. Other campus construction included SECU Arena, the pedestrian bridge over Osler Drive, the Public Safety Building, as well as facelifts to Richmond and Newell Halls, and Ward and West.

Earl T. Hawkins, president from 1947 until 1969, oversaw the beginnings of at least 13 buildings on campus and one of the largest changes in academic programs as the State Teachers College became Towson State College in 1963.



The College of Liberal Arts Building is TU's first entirely new building in 30 years.





Last fall, 18 goats ate their way through the Glen, feasting on invasive species.

### The Campus Oasis

All in all it was not a b'aad way to remove an invasive species. Last fall, 18 goats ate their way through the Glen, feasting on pesky English ivy and other groundcover. The voracious landscapers were an "environmentally safe and effective" cleaning tool for Towson's 12 wooded acres.

Along with a small army of students who volunteer to weed, mulch and plant, the work is part of the Glen Arboretum's initiative to establish the Glen as a habitat for every species of tree and shrub native to Maryland. There's even a list of the "Ten Most-Wanted" trees.

For four decades, the Glen was central to campus life. It provided the bucolic setting for countless picnics and celebrations, class outings and musical

performances. It was home to the intrepid Glen Players, a student troupe that entertained audiences alfresco long before TU offered a theater program.

The Arboretum's mission envisions the Glen as an educational resource and a refuge for wildlife.

Now the Arboretum's mission envisions the Glen as an educational resource for the campus and off-campus communities and a refuge for wildlife, much like it was 100 years ago.

In the mid-1930s, an ambitious landscape plan for the Glen was implemented by the federal government's Works Progress Administration. It cost \$74,000—nearly \$1.3 million in today's money.



### Education for All

Towson University's commitment to diversity weaves the richness of backgrounds, cultures, talents and interests into a safe, inclusive, welcoming and peaceful community that respects all who study and teach here.

The university's policies and practices promote recruitment and retention of diverse students, staff and faculty. The overall minority retention rate is 85.5 percent, with 89.2 percent retention rate for African-American students, based on fall 2013 cohorts.

A student-produced diversity video, "What's Your Stand?" won a Communicator Awards **2014 Gold Award of Excellence** and a Bronze Telly Award.

TU's Center for Student Diversity brings thoughtful—and sometimes provocative—speakers to campus to challenge misconceptions and stimulate meaningful conversation. The center works for all students of color as well as women's groups, religious groups and those who identify as LGBT.



Vivian Kernes



Cornelia Juanita Martin



Jeanette Cornilia Smith



Dolores Elaine Snipes

In 1954, with the passage of Brown vs. Board of Education, the State Teachers College opened its doors to African-American students. These four young women (left) were all graduates of Morgan State University, who graduated from Towson with a "Fifth Year" certificate in 1956. Myra Ann Harris, the first Towson student of color who attended for all four years, graduated in 1959.



WTMD's First Thursdays, free concerts at Canton's Waterfront Park, attract throngs of music lovers.



Today's library is a welcoming place that provides a mix of spaces and resources to facilitate collaborative learning.



The call letters of Towson's radio station include: WVTS—"Voice of Towson State," a closed-circuit broadcast to campus buildings that began in 1971; WCVT-FM—"Community Voice of Towson, which went live on Feb. 12, 1976; and WTMD—"Where Towson Makes a Difference," beginning in 1991.

## On the Air

No doubt about it. WTMD-89.7, Towson's nonprofit, noncommercial radio station, makes waves.

It reaches 100,000 listeners a month from its broadcast headquarters at One Olympic Place in Towson, where it moved in 2012. That year it won an Emmy in collaboration with Maryland Public Television for its "Concert for the Chesapeake Bay," from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Television Academy of Arts and Sciences.

WTMD programming features live, in-studio performances and hosts free concerts during First Thursdays at Canton's Waterfront Park. The events

attract throngs of music lovers and received kudos from *Baltimore Magazine*, which said the event has the "feel of a bona fide music festival."

WTMD reaches **100,000 listeners** a month.

It also partnered with BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. Travelers near baggage terminal 5 can listen to local musicians perform at 7 p.m. on the last Friday of the month.

## The Heart of the Campus

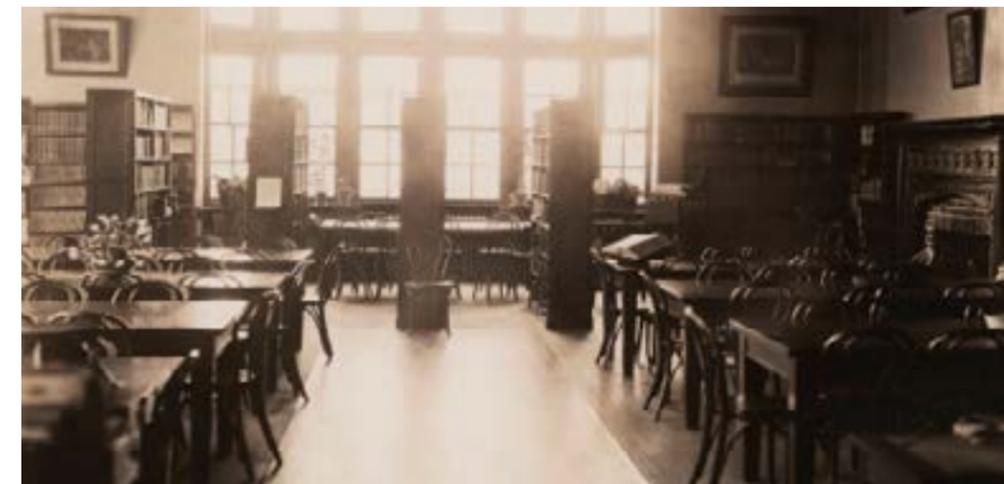
TU's Albert S. Cook Library has shelved its stereotypes of imposing card catalogs, austere furnishings and musty stacks.

Today's library is a welcoming place that provides a mix of spaces and resources to facilitate collaborative learning.

Technological innovations include nearly 300 public-access computers and over 200 databases with 24/7 access.

Last year Cook Library tallied more than **550,000** visits.

Teaching information literacy—how to locate and use resources—is also a major part of its mission as is teaching students how to think critically and evaluate information.



You can almost hear the librarian whispering "Shhh" in these somber surroundings when the library was in Stephens Hall circa 1920.

"We're equipping them for the future," librarian Joyce Garczynski says. "What they learn here will take them into the next stage of their lives."

Last year Cook Library tallied more than 550,000 visits, averaging almost 20,000 per week when classes were in session.



The International Walkway features 22 international flags that represent the home countries of students attending Towson University.

### Colors Flying

Between the College of Liberal Arts and the Psychology Building, a sea of color ripples on aluminum posts. There's a rainbow of blues and greens, corals and reds, blacks and golds, yellows and grays in every conceivable shape or size. The stripes, the stars, the flowers, the leaves, the crests form into national icons recognized by students far from home.

This is the International Walkway, which features 22 illuminated flagpoles flying international flags that represent the home countries of students attending Towson University. Flags are rotated quarterly based on Towson University's international student population during a "hoisting of the flags" ceremony open to the public.



John Charles Linthicum, an 1886 graduate of the Normal School, spent 13 years and secured five million signatures to get "The Star-Spangled Banner" declared the national anthem on March 3, 1931.

In 2009 the programs of Baltimore Hebrew University became part of TU, along with artifacts and rare books, including this personal Jewish prayer book from the 1400s, which is housed in the library's archives.



### 20:20—Towson's Vision

The lay of the land—where we've been, where we're going and how we're going to get there. This is Towson University's Master Plan, which divides Towson's 328 acres into three precincts—academic, athletics and West Village—reflecting how the land is used.

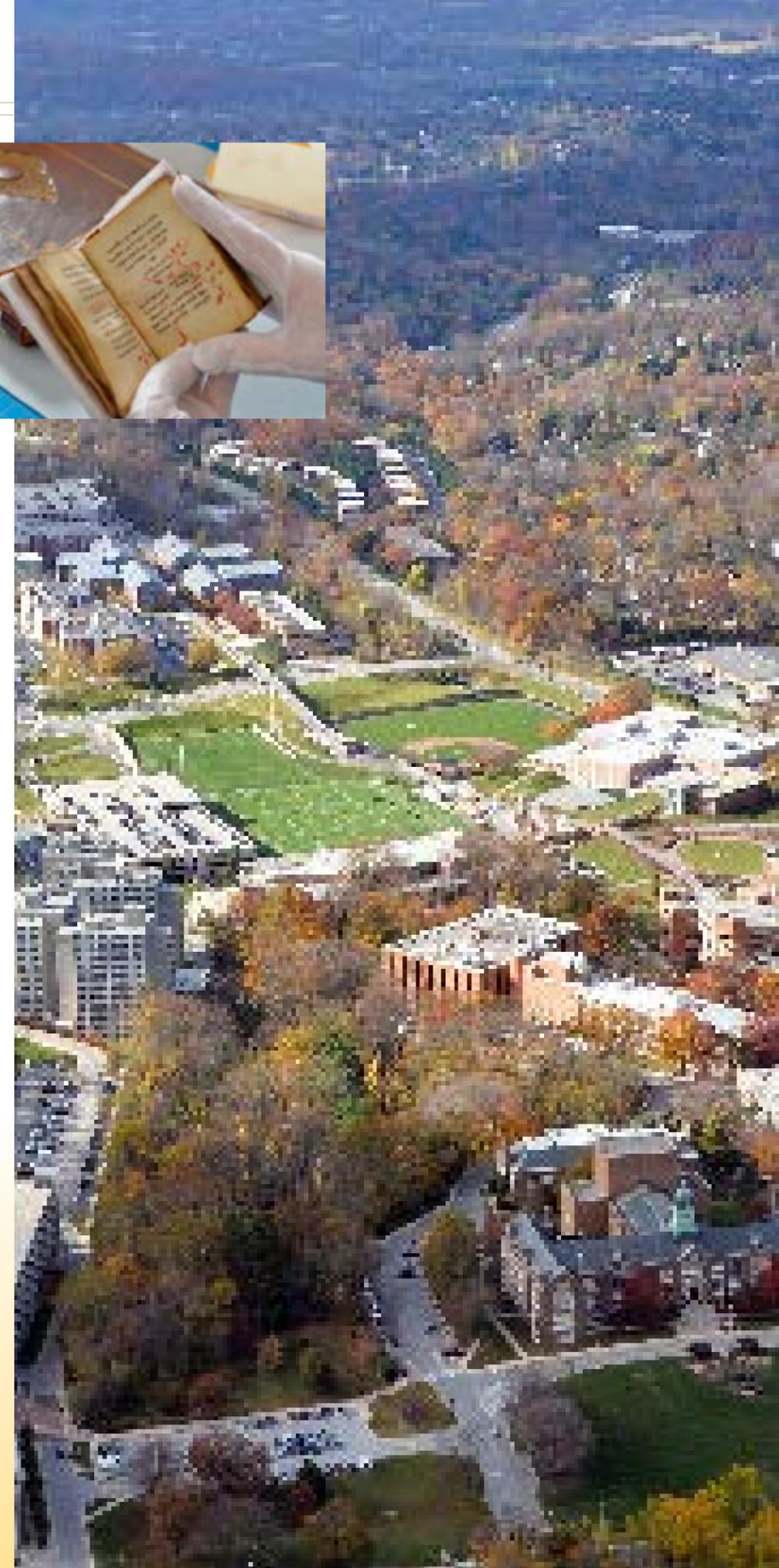
The Master Plan shaped the future of Towson in stages. It is a living document, updated in 2009 and now undergoing revisions.

The millennium heralded Towson's **first applied doctoral programs** in 2001 and its first online courses in 2006.

First approved in 2003 by the University System Board of Regents, the plan called for 11 new buildings and garages, and provided expansions or facelifts for about a dozen others. It reflected the university's mission of teaching and service while making plans for practical things like parking and traffic flow.

The new millennium also heralded some significant firsts. Towson's first applied doctoral programs in audiology and occupational science came in 2001 and its first online courses in 2006—four master's classes and one undergraduate class in the health professions.

TU's Master Plan divides its 328 acres into three precincts that reflect how the land is used.





*“If we haven’t made it to your area yet, stay tuned because we are on the way.”*

**A**s we enjoy our summer vacations and the short break from our busy lives, the Alumni Association continues its hard work to support the goals and mission of the university. Our 150th celebration has begun with many great events on the calendar that reflect not only our storied history, but also indicate where the university is headed. We hope to see you on campus and in the community to show your Tiger pride.

The spring was filled with visits to celebrate graduates in other states. We traveled to Santa Monica and San Francisco to bring the spirit of TU to alums on the West Coast. Venturing south to Sarasota, Florida, the annual crab feast held before the Orioles opening game of spring training was in such high demand, it sold out in a day. A group also traveled to Macon, Georgia, to see John Schuerholz '62, president of the Atlanta Braves, inducted into the Georgia Sports Athletic Hall of Fame. He appreciated having representation from his alma mater.

If we haven't made it to your area yet, stay tuned because we are on the way.

Remember, you will always be a part of the growing Towson University alumni network, and we want you to stay connected to your alma mater. The Alumni Association will help you do this, and we look forward to hearing about your accomplishments and successes.

—Lance Johnson '93  
PRESIDENT

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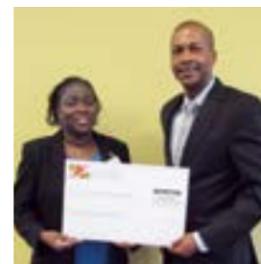
## Annapolis Buzz

Towson Advocacy Program (TAP) delivers legislative awareness; Tiger Pride takes TU initiatives to the capitol

Guests learned how to “tap” into the workings of the Maryland General Assembly at a luncheon Jan. 9. Gary Attman, regent, Timothy Chandler, TU interim president, Myrna Cardin '65, chair of the Board of Visitors and the 150th Anniversary, Barbara Hoffman '60, Artemis Group partner, Richard Reinhardt, assistant to the president for governmental relations, students Gayon Sampson and Brandon Wharton and James Torrence '10, TAP chair, spoke to guests. Later, on Feb. 24, students and other constituents descended on Annapolis to meet with legislators and promote higher education initiatives.



- 1 Del. Warren E. Miller '87, Interim President Chandler, and Del. Charles Barkley '72 in Annapolis
- 2 Regent Gary Attman
- 3 SGA members Brandon Wharton and Gayon Sampson



### GRADUATION STATION RECEIVES \$8,000 GRANT

Candance Hall '87, Alumni Association International, presents Lance Johnson '93, president of the TU Alumni Association, with the first of two \$4,000 checks to fund Graduation Station, the one-stop shop for Towson University graduating seniors to learn about the benefits of being graduates.

## Review Your Benefits

Reap the rewards of being a Towson graduate



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Alumni can waive the application fee for a student applying for undergraduate admission to TU.

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## Forging Ties

A networking initiative

For two years, the Alumni Association has convened a networking session to bring together the Student Government Association, the Career Center and TU's corporate internship partners to help launch careers.



- 1 Students and SGA representatives
- 2 Brandon Edwards, Dean David Vanko and Lance Johnson '93

## A Bit of Ballmore, Hon!

Alumni gather for steamed crabs and Orioles baseball

In sunny Sarasota, more than 150 alumni got together March 7 for a uniquely Baltimore tradition—a crab feast, catered by Pincher Crab Shack, followed by the Orioles facing the Red Sox during spring training. The event is so popular the Alumni Association will be back in 2016 for two games. We will announce the dates as soon as the Orioles release their spring training schedule for next year. Hope you can join us.

1 Molly Shock '75, the Oriole Bird and Steve Willett '79

2 A group of TU alumni enjoy the weather and, of course, the steamed crabs.

3 Matthew Duncan, Joseph Herbert, Catherine Herbert '73 and Thomas Herbert '77

4 Standing: Jim and Connie Kihm '95  
Sitting: Julie Wojcik and Bill Wojcik

5 Standing: Ben Wainio and Sarah Wainio, Sitting: Susan Hulbert, Esther Heymann '72 and Laurie Lane

6 Interim President Chandler, Myrna Cardin '65 and Ben Cardin



## Sun and Fun

Alumni gather at the Seagate Club

Tropical weather was just part of the recipe for fun March 8 when Jenna and John '96 Ferber welcomed us to the Seagate Club in Delray Beach, Florida. Guests heard updates about TU from Interim President Timothy Chandler and learned how Towson influenced John Ferber's successful career with Advertising.com and other ventures.



1 Dean Terry Cooney and Sybilla Koch '77

2 Tarja Geis '67, Jack Geis, Charlie Schmitt, Tom Salmi '68 and Linda Garcia '67

3 Fritz Apollon, John Ferber '96, Marlene Apollon '90 and Jenna Ferber

## Memorial Scholarship

Junior Dan Livingston is honored with Joseph Ferrante Award

The Alpha Omega Lambda fraternity presented the Joseph Ferrante Memorial Scholarship April 18 to the unsung hero of the men's lacrosse team, Dan Livingston. This scholarship was established to honor the late Joseph Ferrante '77, a former Tiger lacrosse player and unsung hero.



1 (Kneeling) Sal Maffei '76; (Front row) Kevin Furnary '78, Joe Ardolino '74, Dan Livingston, Tom Ferrante, Steve Willett '79, John Ferrante, Frank Berry '74/'84, Frank Mezzanotte '74, Lou Hoge '76 and Mike Jones '78; (Back row) Bob McArde, Bob Griebel '75, Dan Infanger, Mike O'Dowd, Ralph Scalcione, Byron Hall, John Arthur '72, Gordy Boone '87, Rick Slaughter, Mark Maloney '80, Larry Maddox, Chip Cravens '85 and Ben DeFelice '05

## Let's Roll

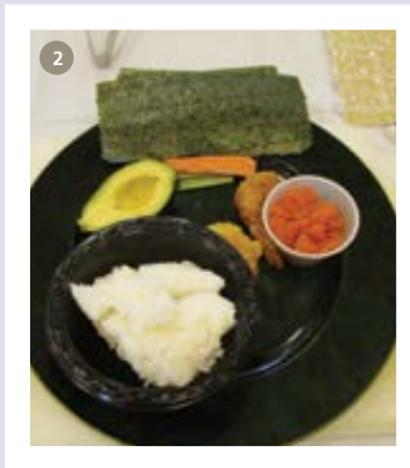
Sushi and sake at Towson University

Call it a non-traditional course. Alumni learned the art of making sushi March 28 in the University Union. And for those whose California rolls didn't make the grade, there was sake. Two of these events sold out with more than 70 percent of the attendees coming to an alumni function for the first time.



Michelle Pitts '01 and Bernice Arnold

Ingredients used to make sushi rolls during the dinner event



David Patrick '03/'04 and Diana Patrick

Whitney Bohanan and Jessica Reid '10

Instructors demonstrate before attendees try their hand at making sushi rolls



## Meet TU's Tiger Salamander

Alumni celebrate at the zoo

Alumni and friends gathered April 18 for lunch and to witness the unveiling of a critter that resembles its feline namesake—the tiger salamander. The small amphibian has stripes much like the vertical marks of the more familiar tiger. TU's tiger salamander makes its home at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.



Brodie Hasselhoff and Derek Hasselhoff '95



Qiana Brooks-Curry '03, Samantha Curry and Kevin Curry



A zoo staff member shows off the tiger salamander

Benjamin Dorsey '08, Bailey Dorsey and Sherri Dorsey '09



Back row: Irene Tang and Crystal Tang '04, Front: Kennedy Morgan and Barbara Tang



## West Coast Wonder

Santa Monica alumni reception

John Kassir '81 never stops talking. The actor and voice artist has appeared in movies, shows and video games, giving voice to countless characters. On Jan. 17, he spoke about his career to more than 70 guests at the Wokcano Restaurant in Santa Monica, California.

- 1 Ella Reed and Alan Reed '95
- 2 John Kassir '81 and Erik King '79
- 3 Judy Butler '87, Interim President Chandler and Donna Ward '96
- 4 Jillian Cavuoto-Lenz '04, Navin Khan '05 and Megan Stecher '04
- 5 TU alumni reconnect at the Wokcano Restaurant



## Play Ball

John Schuerholz '62 is inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

John Schuerholz '62, former TU baseball player, has stayed in the game. He's been a baseball executive for 50 years—25 of those years with the Atlanta Braves. On Feb. 21, Schuerholz, president of the Atlanta Braves, was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. Congratulations, John!

- 1 Lance Johnson '93 and Christine Brewer '06
- 2 Standing: Mason Carter and Gina Carter  
Sitting: John Schuerholz '62, Karen Schuerholz, Jonathan Schuerholz and Jennifer Schuerholz
- 3 Michael Gill '74, Gary Rubin '69, Gary Gill '74, John Schuerholz '62 and Interim President Chandler
- 4 Jacob Washington, Bobby Washington '78, Dan Crowley '01 and Lance Johnson '93





Myrna Cardin '65 and Gerry Gaeng '81

Towson's year-long 150th anniversary celebration presents an exciting opportunity to showcase Towson's achievements as well as its vision and aspirations for the future. As proud alumni, we seek your partnership in this celebration. Our fundraising efforts for the 150th anniversary are aimed at raising funds to enable the university to continue creating life-changing student experiences and producing alumni who are leaders in their fields.

One goal for the 150th anniversary celebration is to raise \$1.5 million in scholarship support by June 30, 2016. This goal can be achieved through gifts to new or existing Towson scholarships, or through gifts to a special TU150 Anniversary Scholarship Endowment established for this purpose. Either way, your gift will have

a tremendous impact on generations of present and future Towson students whose ability to attend and participate fully in the life of the university will be the direct result of your generosity.

Please invest in Towson's next 150 years today. You can contribute directly to the TU150 Anniversary Scholarship Endowment at [tu150.towson.edu](http://tu150.towson.edu). You may also contribute to it, or to any TU scholarship fund, by calling the Development Office at 1-866-301-3375.

We look forward to seeing you at some of the remarkable events taking place throughout the 150th anniversary celebration year.

—Myrna Cardin '65  
and Gerry Gaeng '81

CO-CHAIRS, 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
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(Top) A student expresses gratitude with Doc. (Above) Prizes went to students who used social media to say thank you. (Right) Hundreds of students wrote messages on the banner.



Towson's Pep Band brought music to the festivities.

## Rewarding Talented Musicians

### Steven E. Lane Scholarship supports music performers

"I have always felt that the fine arts are underappreciated and underfunded in our society," says Steven Lane '77.

Lane took a giant step to correct those problems by establishing the Steven E. Lane Scholarship, which will attract the best caliber talent to Towson University in music performance as well as defray the cost of education. This annual award will provide \$5,000 to one deserving student who displays versatility within different dimensions of music performance and exhibits extraordinary talent and promise.

For Lane, performing and appreciating music is an important part of his life. While earning his undergraduate degree in business administration and psychology, music was always in his background. He participated in TU's wind ensemble.

Since his graduation from Towson, Lane has earned an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley

and embarked on a successful career, becoming a vice president for Prudential Financial. Yet he's never let go of his passion for music. An avid choral singer, Lane has also served on the boards of the New York Choral Society and Cappella New York.

Perhaps better than most, Lane understands that "musicians have a less obvious career path than someone in business. These students simply don't get enough support, so I am offering some help where I think it is really needed," he says. "I want to help talented musicians who share my passion." ■

To support the Steven E. Lane Scholarship and our music performance students, visit [tinyurl.com/StevenLaneScholarship](http://tinyurl.com/StevenLaneScholarship) or call the Development Office at 1-866-301-3375.



## Paws for Thanks

### Students thank Towson donors

Towson resonated with appreciation last March during Paws for Thanks, an event in the University Union. Hundreds of TU Tigers "pawshed" to show their gratitude for the thousands of donors who support TU each year by signing a giant thank-you banner, writing thank-you cards or sending notes of appreciation via social media.

"The purpose of Paws for Thanks is to educate students on the importance of giving back and how private gifts influence the quality of their education," says Gabi Wurtzel, student philanthropy manager.

Around campus oversized gift tags marked facilities and resources made possible by the generosity of donors to Towson. "When students, faculty and staff are on campus every day, they might forget about how much lab equipment costs or how student organizations get funding. The gift tags are a visual

reminder of how philanthropy continues to grow all facets of TU," Wurtzel explains.

Throughout the afternoon, students filled the thank-you banner with messages of appreciation to TU donors, and box after box of signed thank-you cards were packed to be mailed to donors. The TU Pep Band even showed their support and energized the crowd.

Students who posted messages of gratitude to social media had the chance to win a prize. Sentiments included:

"I am thankful for the many opportunities that Towson gives me."

"I am thankful for all of the cool organizations on campus that bring so many of us together!"

"I am thankful for my professors at TU!"

"I am thankful for the diversity at TU!"

In a video message that will be sent to donors this summer, Interim President Timothy J. L. Chandler says, "Your generosity, your willingness to help others, to pay it forward, will make such a difference in our students' lives." ■



Students sign thank-you cards.

## 100 Graduates and Counting

The Osher Reentry Scholarship graduates its 100th recipient

The first Osher Reentry Scholarship was awarded in 2007. By fall 2014, 100 recipients had graduated from Towson University. The scholarship provides need-based assistance to students of a non-traditional age who are pursuing a first bachelor's degree after having experienced an interruption in their education of at least five years. Several of these grateful alumni came together to thank the Osher Foundation for its support.

\* Here are a few of their inspirational stories.



### LATINA HURST '10

Therapeutic Foster Care Social Worker

When Latina Hurst earned her bachelor's degree in family and human services from TU, it was just the first milestone in her education. She has since received a master's degree in social work from Morgan State University and is now enrolled in a graduate certificate program in autism studies at Towson University. Her knowledge and experience in social work propelled her to advocate for a non-public placement for her son, who is on the autism spectrum. Hurst's long-term

goal is "to become an advocate for parents with children on the spectrum within the public school system." The Osher Foundation was the catalyst in her career. "The Osher Reentry Scholarship allowed me to complete my education to my satisfaction and continue to help others in need," she says. "I also gained the confidence needed to step outside of my comfort zone and challenge myself to become an even greater success in using my gift to empower others."

### BEN SHEWBRIDGE '10/'12

6th Grade English Teacher

Ben Shewbridge can empathize with students who struggle in the classroom. "When I first went to college, I was not prepared and was not able to graduate," says the Loudoun County public school teacher. "However, when I went back several years later, I was going to provide my family with a better life and enter into a new career field," Shewbridge explains. The Osher Foundation made it possible for him to return to Towson, earning a bachelor's in English. He continued his studies at TU, receiving a Master of Arts in teaching before moving to Ashburn, Virginia. "The Osher Reentry scholarship helped me pay for the schooling necessary to accomplish these goals. I thank the Osher Foundation for all it did for me and all it continues to do for other students."



### TONYA TOLER '12

Financial Educator

After raising five children, Tonya Toler thought her career goals were impossible to accomplish. But thanks to the Osher Foundation, she's now become an entrepreneur. Toler graduated from Towson with a bachelor's degree in accounting and worked as a financial educator with a nonprofit in Baltimore. She also started Eternal Designs, LLC, a graphic design and printing company. "I have been able to be a role model for my own children, showing them it does not matter how you start, but how you finish," she says. "I also have a long-term goal of starting a nonprofit organization to teach young people home-improvement skills. This is made possible by the generous Osher Reentry Scholarship."

To support the Osher Reentry Scholarship, visit [tinyurl.com/OsherReentryScholarship](http://tinyurl.com/OsherReentryScholarship) or call the Development Office at 1-866-301-3375.

## 20 Years of Support

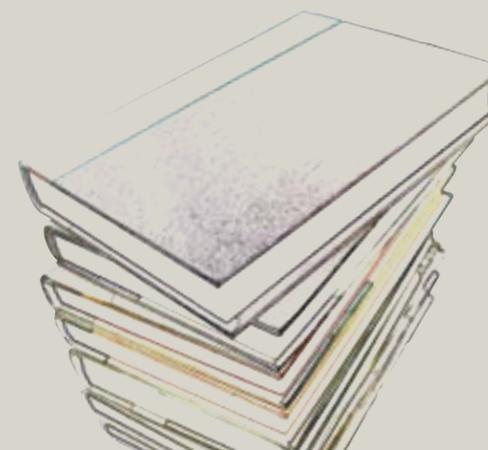
The James L. Dunbar Jr. Memorial Scholarship celebrates its 20th anniversary

In 1995, Gwenyth and James Dunbar created the James L. Dunbar, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in memory of their son, "J," and in recognition of outstanding students who reflect their son's dedication and character. Over the last 20 years, more than 100 students have benefited from the Dunbars' generosity, with most receiving around \$1,000 in aid. Recipients of this award are non-traditional junior or senior marketing majors who are 22 years of age or older. These scholarship alumni, profiled below, illustrate the commitment, creativity and service they contribute to the community.

### MINJU ZUKOWSKI '13

2nd Grade Teacher

Minju Zukowski opted for a life-changing opportunity this year, becoming a member of City Year AmeriCorps. He is providing group and individual support to students in math and reading at Kimball Elementary School in Washington, D.C. Beyond the classroom, he helped plan a book fair for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore, collecting 850 books for students, and assisted with a Towson University campus tour to expose 10 students to college for the first time. Zukowski thanks the Dunbars for this unique opportunity. "Their scholarship helped me transition to paying my student loans without having the pressure to choose a job that would just pay well. I was able to take care of my loans before I started at City Year. Because of their generosity, I have been able to have a powerful year of service."



### JON PAYNE '03

Entrepreneur

For 10 years Jon Payne ran his first venture, a digital marketing company, which he sold in 2013. His new enterprise, Net Focus Media, an industrial ecommerce store and other Web-based businesses, not only fuel his entrepreneurship but also let him enjoy a work-life balance. Payne credits the Dunbar scholarship as the first building block in his successful career. "The Dunbar scholarship helped build my confidence, which is extremely important as an entrepreneur," Payne says. "As someone who paid his own way through school, the financial security of this award certainly helped me to worry less about finances and avoid debt, which in turn enabled me to keep my personal overhead low while my first business was just getting off the ground."

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### JOHN ALLTOP '97

Vice President of Sales

John Alltop not only received a Dunbar scholarship, he also went to work for the company, Dunbar Armored, Inc., shortly after graduation. Now, as vice president of sales, he is responsible for the promotion of products and services, customer management and the sales force for the Mid-Atlantic region. Alltop recognizes how the philanthropy changed his life. "Stability, opportunity and hard work opens up many avenues, both in education and in life," he says. "The scholarship I received gave me the chance to better myself and my family. Each day I try to return the favor and generosity the Dunbars have so graciously bestowed on me with my effort and dedication to the Dunbar companies."

## 1960

**NANCY GRASMICK '61**, TU's Presidential Scholar, received the 2015 Baltimore County Woman of the Year award in March. The award recognizes county residents who have made significant contributions in the community, workplace or school to further the interests of women and children.

**CHUCK CRONER '63 GEOG**, a retired geographer and survey statistician for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was inducted into the URISA's GIS Hall of Fame, which honors individuals who make significant contributions to the geographic information systems profession. Croner was also founding editor of *Public Health GIS News and Information*, a bimonthly digital newsletter which disseminated GIS and public health information worldwide.

## 1970

**PATRICIA ALLEN KAPLON '70 MA**

**EDUC** has published three books since retiring from her teaching career. *A Child Called Hope*, a memoir, *Heart Poems*, a poetry collection, and *Betsy's Choice*, a children's book, are available on Amazon and barnesandnoble.com.

**DARRYL K. MYERS '72** retired from the United States Postal Service in 2012, achieving the rank of postal career executive service and district manager of the Appalachian District. He now works at Bankers Life Retirement and Insurance Solutions and lives in Dayton, Ohio, with his wife Elizabeth.

**BARBE AWALT '73 ART**, senior partner at LPD Press in New Mexico, a publishing company that focuses on stories of faith, history, culture and art in the Hispanic Southwest, published her 16th book, *Don't Touch This Book*. It is her first children's book.

**ANN BRACKEN '74 SPPA** published *The Altar of Innocence*, a 90-page volume of poetry based on the secrecy surrounding alcoholism and depression. Bracken is a poet, editor and lecturer in the professional writing program at the University of Maryland, College Park.

**BETH GISMONDI '74** received a commendation for 18 years of service as a member of the Worcester County Board of Zoning Appeals. The board cited her willingness to assist others, her initiative in studying land use issues and her tenacity.

## alumni

**M. Bernice Ayres Bircham '28**  
June 6, 2003

**Ruth P. Peregoy Curtis '39**  
Dec. 20, 2014

**Alice R. Cohill '40**  
April 5, 2013

**Patricia Herndon Barley '42**  
Feb. 24, 2015

**Shirley H. Hicks  
Munnikhuysen '43**  
Sept. 23, 2014

**Lynnette Arrington  
(née Schneider) '47**  
May 16, 2014

**Mildred K. Kubar Herold '48**  
Jan. 24, 2014

**Ralph C. Daniels '48**  
Dec. 11, 2014

**Jeannine M. Moler Feldman '50**  
Feb. 5, 2015

**Beatrice B. Hannam Eney '51**  
Feb. 22, 2015

**Paul R. Potter '51**  
March 24, 2015

**B. Jackie Kackson Finch '52**  
Dec. 7, 2014

**Ethel B. Burkins Engel '53**  
Feb. 27, 2015

**Joan M. Migliarini Pickens '53**  
Dec. 12, 2014

**Louise Sprow McClelland '53**  
Dec. 21, 2014

**William A. Groth Jr. '53**  
April 14, 2014

**Patricia A. Ogden Hohn '55**  
March 3, 2015

**William I. Connolly '55**  
Dec. 18, 2014

**Richard C. Litsinger '57**  
Nov. 19, 2014

**Charlotte N. Warmbold  
Baunerfeind '58**  
Dec. 29, 2014

**Ernest E. Bennett '58**  
Dec. 8, 2008

**Ruth A. Spencer Pullen '58**  
Oct. 21, 2014

**Lois M. Lauman Diepold '59**  
Dec. 8, 2014

**Margaret Mary Durkin Aus '59**  
Sept. 14, 2014

**Warren C. Sylvester '59**  
March 9, 2011

**Sylvia C. Carp Lubman '60**  
Feb. 13, 2015

**Bernard C. Kotula '61**  
Dec. 27, 2014

**Joan F. Turner '62**  
July 13, 2011

**Mary G. Bean '62**  
July 25, 2013

**Gerald L. Doelle '63**  
Nov. 14, 2014

**Barbara A. Boardman Rimbach '65**  
July 2, 2013

**Donald G. Corrieri '65**  
Feb. 28, 2015

**Mary Jane Skruch Flanigan '65**  
Jan. 31, 2015

**Edna I. Ikena Morris '65**  
Dec. 16, 2014

**Peggy W. Brauning '65**  
Nov. 13, 2014

**Elizabeth E. Garin Rickenback '65**  
Feb. 13, 2015

**Suzanna J. Dillon Richardson '66**  
Dec. 11, 2014

**Frances M. Mantegna Teller '68**  
Feb. 17, 2015

**David M. Evans '69**  
Oct. 2, 2009

**Mary R. Marcum '70**  
March 26, 2015

**Charles G. Comer '71**  
Feb. 17, 2012

**Donald S. Cunningham '71**  
Jan. 30, 2015

**June M. Winkler Hudak '71**  
Feb. 27, 2014

**Sharon W. Watson Fritz '71**  
Feb. 27, 2015

**Thomas M. Quinn '71**  
June 3, 2014

**Ann M. Neville-Jan '72**  
Feb. 1, 2015

**Carolyn L. Leitner Enterline '72**  
Feb. 11, 2015

**Deborah M. Kreiner Hopkins '72**  
March 25, 2015

**Gloria J. Baer Ruddock '71**  
Aug. 19, 2014

**Howard L. Smith '71**  
Dec. 22, 2014

**Elizabeth E. Russell '72**  
March 25, 2011

**Eric Stryker Zimmerman '72**  
May 18, 2013

**Jacqueline K. Nagel '72**  
Feb. 17, 2015

**Ralph V. Marchetti '72**  
Dec. 18, 2014

**Dewey W. Puffenbarger, Jr. '73**  
Jan. 18, 2015

**Karl R. Otter '73**  
Nov. 23, 2014

**Roslyn L. Levin Schnaper '73**  
Dec. 25, 2015

**Calvin V. Buhrman '74**  
Feb. 8, 2015

**Francis X. Scrivener '74**  
Dec. 30, 2011

**John E. Raine III '74**  
Feb. 28, 2015

**Julia A. Antrim Layton '74**  
Jan. 21, 2015

**M. Carmela C. Boehk '74**  
Nov. 29, 2014

**Mary Louise Seward-Miller '75**  
Jan. 29, 2015

**Mabel D. Flora '75**  
Dec. 1, 2014

**Marsha L. Owen Murphy '75**  
Dec. 24, 2014

**Raymond M. Parker '75**  
Sept. 7, 2013

**Carole J. Messerschmidt '76**  
Feb. 26, 2015

**Barbara A. Hogsten '76**  
Dec. 6, 2014

**Edythe M. Dolgoff Tangreti '76**  
April 8, 2015

**Juanita L. Folk '76**  
July 14, 2007

**Richard W. Rice '76**  
Feb. 22, 2014

**Lynn Gallagher '77**  
May 24, 2014

**Marcia Cohn Buxbaum '77**  
Oct. 25, 2014

**Mary D. Jagerman Rawlings '77**  
Aug. 21, 2014

**Russell A. Hershbeere '77**  
Feb. 1, 2014

**Stephen G. Doochin '77**  
Feb. 16, 2010

**Lynn R. Hogg '79**  
Nov. 25, 2014

**Martin Sarapik '79**  
Dec. 16, 2014

**Eileen C. Steen '83**  
Jan. 5, 2015

**Marc E. Burros '83**  
July 4, 2012

**Rhonda M. Smith '83**  
March 4, 2015

**Eric M. Stein '84**  
March 22, 2015

**Schnetska Simone Walker '84**  
Feb. 28, 2015

**Patricia H. Curtin Morin '86**  
April 15, 2015

**Amy S. Shulik Dozier '88**  
March 26, 2015

**Darryl Foster '88**  
Sept. 9, 2011

**Lucille Schubert '88**  
July 30, 2014

**Suzanne Swensen '88**  
Feb. 7, 2015

**Wardell Benjamin Turner '89**  
Nov. 24, 2014

**Yvonne Luken '90**  
Dec. 18, 2014

**William L. Wenzel '91**  
Jan. 16, 2015

**Lawrence S. Glick '92**  
Dec. 31, 2011

**Edwin James Lott '94**  
March 17, 2014

**Nancy Lou Bailey '94**  
August 30, 2014

**Jonathan E. Driscoll '94**  
Nov. 30, 2014

**Angelique N.E. Weber '96**  
Feb. 26, 2015

**Charlotte R. Giza Bohn '99**  
Feb. 11, 2015

**Roberta S. McFarland '04**  
Feb. 5, 2015

**Dominic Carlos Selvi '05**  
Nov. 14, 2014

**Rose Anne Kreissig '05**  
Nov. 21, 2014

**Joshua Lee Windsor '08**  
March 5, 2015

**Angela D. D. Knox '09**  
Feb. 1, 2015

**Wenbo Wei '10**  
Oct. 24, 2014

**Donald J. Reed II '11**  
Nov. 29, 2014

**Patrick J. Kisicki '11**  
March 18, 2015

**John Thomas Donnelly '13**  
July 18, 2014

## students

Juvens Mizero

staff/  
faculty

**Bobbi L. Madison**  
Jan. 2, 2015

**Terry L. Truax**  
Feb. 16, 2015

Former Towson basketball coach Terry Truax, 70, died Feb. 16. He coached from 1983 to 1997, leading Towson to three conference championships and two NCAA Tournament appearances. He was a member of the Towson University Athletics Hall of Fame.

**CLARKE PORTER '76** was featured in *Certification Magazine* for his creation of the first computer-based testing system to offer innovative solutions in the IT industry. His company, Pearson VUE, delivers computer-based tests to 5,000 test centers in 180 countries.

**SUE ANN ZIEGLER '76 EDUC** spent the last 11 years working as procurement supervisor for the purchasing department in Baltimore City after teaching middle school for five years.

**CLAY WHITE '76 PE**, coach of the Broadneck High School boys' lacrosse team, recorded his 400th career victory in April after coaching at the Anne Arundel County school for 29 years. He's coached lacrosse for 39 years and was one of the founders and current president of the Maryland State Lacrosse Association.

**THOMAS BEYARD '77**, a command sergeant major over 33 years of service, was selected as senior enlisted leader of the Maryland National Guard. He earned an MBA from TUI University. Beyard resides in Westminster, Md.

**JOHN REISINGER '79 MNGT** released his newest book, *The Confessions of Gonzalo Guerrero*. The fact-based story follows a shipwrecked Spaniard who became a leader of the Mayan resistance. In addition to being an author, Reisinger has had a long career in engineering and management.

**Grace Dawn Skinner  
Rathgeber '86**

was awarded the William Burdick Award from the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.



**Ken Skrzysz '86  
DANC**

was appointed coordinator of fine arts for the Maryland State Department of Education.

**JAMES MONTFORT '79 BUAD** was named a VIP member of Worldwide Branding, which recognizes exceptional commitment, and personal and professional success. Montfort is president and founder of Americans for Constitutional Law and Rights and has 17 years of experience in entrepreneurial pursuits.

## 1980

**ROSS A. ROSENBERG '83** owns and works at Clinical Care Consultants, a counseling center in the Chicago suburbs. He also owns and trains with Advanced Clinical Trainers, which provides a platform for trainers, leaders and experts. Rosenberg has been a psychotherapist since 1988 and has been highlighted on various TV programs including ABC Late Night, Fox News, WGN News and UT-San Diego News. He has appeared in the *Chicago Tribune* and *Publishers Weekly* and is a regular contributor to *The Huffington Post* and PsychCentral.com.

**ANTHONY MILANDO '85 BUAD** was named senior vice president for continuous improvement and business transformation at Xylem Inc. Milando will also serve as a member of the senior leadership team at the global water technology company, based in Rye Brook, N.Y.

**PAUL FALKLER '85 BUAD** was promoted to president of the National Intelligence Sector at Vistrionix, a leading provider of intelligence and technology solutions to national security agencies.

**WILLIAM JOHNSON '85 THEA** returned to Towson as a guest at the Towson Black Comic Book Mini-Fest convention.

**CHERIE TURLINGTON '86 MKTG** published *Send me Some Love in the Mailbox*, a book about the joy of writing letters and handwritten notes. It is available at Barnes and Noble, and Amazon.

**GRACE DAWN SKINNER RATHGEBER '86** was awarded the William Burdick Award from the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance last fall. The award recognizes her pioneering leadership in physical education, health education, recreation or dance. Rathgeber has 29 years of experience in education.

**KEN SKRZESZ '86 DANC** was appointed coordinator of fine arts for the Maryland State Department of Education. Skrzysz is a master teacher of acting and dance who has choreographed and directed more than 200 works for concerts, operas and theater.

He previously served as a performing and visual arts magnet teacher for Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

**HOPE TARR '86 PSYC** released her 25th published novel, *Honey*. In addition, her romantic comedy *Operation Cinderella* has been optioned by 20th Century Fox for a feature film.

**GREG AMANTE '86** was honored for his work as a member of ESPN's Enterprise Unit. Amante won the Alfred I. duPont award, ESPN's first, for a series that uncovered problems and corruption within youth football in America. He also received the George Foster Peabody award for his investigative series on the concussion crisis in the National Football League.

**GLENN STEARNS '87 ECON**, chairman and founder of Stearns Lending, was named as one of *Mortgage Professional America* magazine's "Hot 100 for 2015." The annual list honors 100 people who made an impact on the mortgage industry last year.

**LISA URKEVICH '88** published *Music and Traditions of the Arabian Peninsula*, a book about her 20 years of fieldwork in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar. Urkevich is a professor and chair of music and drama at the American University of Kuwait.

**CHRISTOPHER EAVES '89 THEA** wrote, designed and performed the theatrical memoir "Bullseye," which tells the story of his younger brother, who was bullied in school. He's performed the piece in South Korea, New Haven, Conn., and New York City. Eaves has written, directed

and produced more than 15 original theatrical works and has worked as an artist in education for 20 years.

## 1990

**LINDA FEDERICO KOHLER '91 PSYC** is an advancement officer for Roland Park Place, a continuing care retirement community in Baltimore City.

**KAREN DUBS '92 MCOM** published her first book, *Find Your Flexible Warrior: Think, Stretch and Eat for Balance and Resilience*. Dubs is a Baltimore-area yoga teacher and fitness professional who has worked with the Baltimore Ravens and the University of Maryland men's basketball team. She has more than 20 years of experience teaching yoga, Pilates and cycling.

**JENNIFER WRIGHT POLITTE '94 DANC** celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of her Pilates studio, Pilates on the Bay, in Arnold, Md., in June.

**KATINA SELF STEUART '95** was appointed associate judge of the District Court of Maryland for Prince George's County.

**AVONETTE OWENS BLANDING '96**, chief financial officer at the Maritime Applied Physics Corporation, received *The Daily Record's* 2014 Leading Women award. She was one of 46 women under 40 years old to receive the award, which is based on professional experience, community involvement and commitment to inspiring change.

**AILEEN ESKILDSEN, '96** was named one of *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women for her demonstrated professional excellence and commitment to furthering business women in the community.

**ERIK MANN '96 MUSC** is executive director of the Cleveland Classical Guitar Society, an organization he has led since 2009. Notable accomplishments include the creation of a concert series and an education program that teaches classical guitar to 175 underserved students in partnerships with public schools and the Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland. Mann and his wife Ellen live in Cleveland.

**JEFFREY ASH '96**, clinical associate professor at University of Maryland Baltimore County, was appointed to Mary Baldwin College's Board of Trustees for a five-year term.

**JESSICA GREEN MYROW '96 PSYC** launched a promotional products firm, Barking Dog Promotions, which provides clients with branded giveaways for marketing, fundraising, membership drives, trade-shows and other events in the Washington D.C., and Baltimore metro areas.

**JESSICA WALTER '99 MCOM** joined Orrstown Bank as senior vice president of marketing. She is the vice chair of the board of directors for Downtown Chambersburg Inc. and is the co-chair for the organization's economic development committee.

## 2000

**PHILIP RAVITA '01** was accepted into the online doctor of musical arts program at Boston University. His composition for two cellos, "Cello Sonata No.2," was performed by the Baltimore Composers Forum at An Die Musik in Baltimore. An endorsed Eden bass amplifier artist, he is also the recruiter and strings lecturer for the music program for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

**MANDY ARNOLD '02 CSST**, president of Gavin Advertising in York, Pa., led the firm to earn the 2015 Small Business of the Year Award from the York County Economic Alliance.

**JENNIFER PUGLESE ANDREWS '02** and **GERALD ANDREWS '06** welcomed their third daughter, Christina Catherine, October 19, 2014. She weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 inches long.

**SARAH MARIE DISNEY '02/'05 M.S.** was promoted to administrative director of endoscopy at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

**SETH ADELSBERGER '02 ART** had a painting, "Sample #5 (Carpet Sample Set)," selected for the permanent collection of the Baltimore Museum of Art, where he had his first solo show. He was also chosen as one of 12 "Noteworthy Artists" by New American Paintings.

**JOHN LAUBE '03 ENG** published his first book, *Nobody Rides For Free: A Hitchhiker's Memoir*, last year under the pseudonym Bonanza D. Jones.

**LAURA POTTER '05 MAT**, who makes "calculus appealing," according to her students, is the 2015 Harford County Teacher of the Year. She has been an educator for 11 years, two of them at C. Milton Wright.

**BETH VALLE '05/'11** started Charm City Socials, a Baltimore-based company that plans activities and events including craft and cocktails nights, cupcake decorating classes, shooting at gun ranges, whiskey nights and wine tours.

**DONA CARTER '05 SOAN** graduated from the Baltimore County Police Academy with top honors. She earned the physical fitness award for females and the top academics award. She is now an officer in the Towson precinct.

### Lisa Urkevich '88

wrote a book about her 20 years of fieldwork in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.



### Jeffrey Ash '96

was appointed to Mary Baldwin College's Board of Trustees.

### Michael Nitti '12 and Stephanie Taylor '11

married March 21 at Camden Yards with mascots attending. Antonio Gutierrez '15 was Doc, Demontray Hawkins '10 was Poe and Jason Alford '14 was Mr. Boh.



## What If?

PROFESSOR EXPLORES THE IMPLICATIONS OF JUVENILE MISTAKES

Each semester Jack Monell '97 asks his students to anonymously write down some of the mistakes they made as teenagers. Then the assistant professor of justice studies at Winston-Salem State University lowers the boom. "What would have happened if you were arrested for that behavior?" he asks.

This becomes the root of his class, "Juvenile Justice."

The students, he says, are usually open to the discussion.

"I've developed a good relationship with my students where they trust the information shared is discussed in a manner to invoke constructive dialogue and not judge or ridicule."

Monell has more than 18 years of experience teaching and studying issues related to the problems of urban youth and their families, pop culture and delinquency paradigm shifts. His research focuses on what happens when adolescents are adjudicated for deviant behavior, and how to improve the juvenile justice system.

"Most juveniles tend to go astray, become more rebellious and, at times, participate in deviant behavior that requires them to be supervised" between the ages of 10 to 17, he explains.

Often this sets up a pattern where adolescents repeat these offenses, endangering their future academic success as well.

### JACK MONELL '97



"Researching and working with juveniles allows for us as practitioners, researchers and scholars to, hopefully, create policies that can shift the status quo so we don't continue to see juveniles offending and committing crimes," Monell says.

In addition to teaching, Monell is a practitioner/trainer in social work, criminal justice and human services. In 2010, he authored *Delinquency, Pop Culture, and Generation Why*.

The book is a culmination of his research and experience working with adjudicated youth and their families. He says it should be viewed as a working manual to begin a conversation about adolescence.

Monell became interested in studying juvenile delinquency after growing up in Brooklyn, New York, and witnessing youth commit crimes he attributes to lack of resources, educational opportunities or income.

"I want to work with that population and be in a position to hopefully guide them to become successful," Monell says. n

—Daryl Lee Hale

**BRYAN PORTER MS ACCT '10** was promoted to principal at the audit, accounting and consulting department at Elin & Tucker.

**JERRY HOUSAND '10 ACCT**, a supervisor at Gross Mendelson audit and accounting department, passed the Certified Public Accounting exam.

**CHRISTINA KRAMER '11 M.A.** was promoted to operations analyst at the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, Md., in July 2014.

**JAMIE SHAW '12 M.S.** signed a three-book publishing deal with Avon Impulse/HarperCollins to publish her debut adult romance series, the *Mayhem* Series. The first book, *Mayhem*, was released in January and is available through all major e-retailers.

**LINDSAY FORTIER '12** joined the Texas Family Literacy Initiative as part of AmeriCorps. She has spent 700 hours tutoring more than 30 adults in basic math and reading at Ascend Center for Learning.

**MICHAEL NITTI '12** and **STEPHANIE TAYLOR '11** married March 21 at Camden Yards with mascots attending. Antonio Gutierrez '15 was Doc, Demontray Hawkins '10 was Poe and Jason Alford '14 was Mr. Boh.

**KRISTEN JEANNE FLEET '13 MS** received a 2014 Elijah Watt Sells Award recognizing her outstanding performance on the Uniform Certified Public Accounting Examination. Fleet is employed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C.

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**Bryan Porter MS ACCT '10**

was promoted to principal at the audit, accounting and consulting department at Elin & Tucker.



**Jessica Walter '99 MCOM**

joined Orrstown Bank as senior vice president of marketing.

**JAIMIE YATES '10**

**Escalation**

AWARD-WINNING FILM IS PART OF ONE LOVE FOUNDATION'S MOVEMENT TO END RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

When Jaimie Yates '10 wrote the script for "Escalation," it became more than a film. It became her cause.

Commissioned by the One Love Foundation, which advocates for the prevention of relationship violence, the 30-minute movie follows a college couple as their relationship snowballs into a danger zone. The story mirrors the life and death of Yeardley Love, a Baltimore native and University of Virginia lacrosse player. Her boyfriend, George Hugueley V, was convicted of her murder and is serving a 23-year jail sentence.

Yates, who helped write and direct the film for Renegade Productions in Hunt Valley, Md., had only heard about Yeardley Love's story when she began the project. She would soon gain a deeper appreciation for the unhealthy behaviors that can surface in relationships and "embrace the message" of the foundation.



Jaimie Yates (right) with Chris Buetler filming "Escalation" on Towson's campus.

"At the end of a day of reading all the stories or doing interviews [with victims' families and experts], it really drove home the topic for me," Yates says. "Last year I ran my first marathon and I ran it for the One Love Foundation."

"Escalation," Yates' first full-length script, is already winning awards, including a Silver Remi at the 2014 World-Fest Houston International Film Festival.

She attributes much of her success with the film to her studies in TU's Electronic Media and Film department.

"I took writing courses at Towson and really studied narrative structure," Yates recalls. "In anything you do [in the film industry], you're crafting a story and you're conveying a narrative."

In addition to helping write the script, Yates attended production meetings and conducted extensive research on the signs of relationship violence. The biggest part of her role was taking the One Love Foundation's key messages and forming them into a compelling narrative.

"It was [important] to tell a very evocative, emotional story, but at the same time, educate people," Yates explains.

She also supervised filming, some of which took place on Towson's campus.

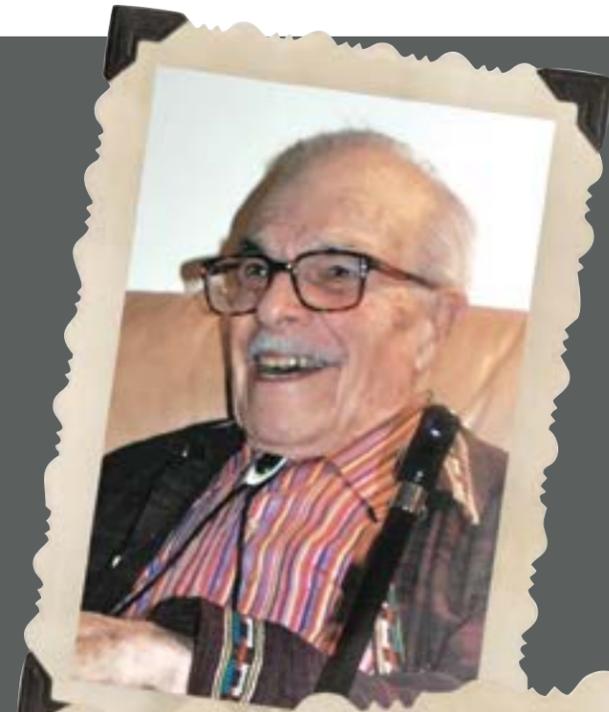
"Escalation" is available free to educators if it is followed by a discussion about relationship violence. n

—Daryl Lee Hale

# Towson thanks Chuck for his *timeless* gift and *giving* spirit.

The late Herman C. "Chuck" Bainter '35, a WWII Marine Corps veteran, retired educator and philanthropist, reinforced his legacy at Towson through an estate gift. Because of his generous bequest to the College of Education, we dedicated the Legacy Walkway in his memory. The walkway recognizes the College of Education's heritage as TU's first academic program and its accomplished alumni who, like Chuck, have led exemplary careers as educators.

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