Join the visitation 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 exhibitions.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game
Orioles vs. Yankees/Fri., Oct. 2,
Picnic 5:30 p.m., Game 7:05 p.m.
Join the Alumni Association for a picnic and game at Camden Yards.
$30 per person / includes picnic, game ticket and t-shirt / www.tutigertracks.com/orioles150
$6 / game tickets only / www.orioles.com/tix/tickets

Visiting Scholar Series

September - Mwata Dyson, health and wellness advocate, and journalist
October - NicoleSherrod, 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

Family Weekend
October 9-11
Everyone in the family is invited to visit and enjoy TU.
www.towson.edu/main/lifeas/weekendsfamilyweekend/

Homecoming
Oct. 19-25
Come home for a fun-filled week of activities.
www.towson.edu/homecoming
Oct. 24 Homecoming game / TU Tigers vs. Villanova
Tickets: www.towsontigers.com or 1-855-TU-TIGER

20th Annual RESI Economic Outlook Conference
"Conscious Capitalism and the Economics of Doing Good"
Tues., Nov. 17, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
West Village Commons
$50 / Tickets: www.towson.edu/conference

Visit TU150.towson.edu for more information.
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.

On the Cover—David Calkins ’93, assistant director of Creative Services, designed the logo to celebrate Towson’s 150th anniversary.

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Towson 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. Bainder ’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.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

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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 crowdfund for their cause.

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Bringing Ideas to the World

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Financial Gains

When it comes to financial analysis, five of the top schools are Towson University’s College of Business and Economics. The CFA Institute Research Challenge is a national competition that challenges students to analyze a publicly traded company, then defend their financial recommendations. The TU business majors involved in Towson’s student teams include: Vanessa Flynn, a senior in finance; Steven Lynch, a junior in finance; and Steven Suclly, a junior in finance.

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. For a fee, the Towson Business Association’s Scott Knowles and Towson University’s Scott Knowles and Towson University’s Alex Grant, provides a marketplace for users to sell or purchase used books and treasures. The app also developed the app after meeting during an internship at Morgan Stanley in Baltimore.

“Echo Trades is a tool 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, UMDLC, UB and Maryland.

Ready to Launch

A $5,930 grant from the Provost’s & Graduate College’s fund, the program sponsored by Division of Information Technology, Towson University’s Institute for Entrepreneurial Innovation and the Business Administration. 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.

City School Commissioner

Jen Stamper (left), Towson University’s school commissioner, and Martha James-Hassan (center), Towson University’s school commissioner, and City School Commissioner, and City School Commissioner, present their report to the students at the Towson University’s Annual Meeting of Students. The report includes their work on the budget and policies of the district, market long-term decisions and meets significant needs of the schools. "Working with kids and helping them succeed feels my soul and every one of us in 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."

NUGGETS

City School Commissioner

Martha James-Hassan (center) is the new chair of the Towson University City School Commissioner. Her appointment also has an impact on my research and helps how I design and teach my classes.

Look Familiar?

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

Look for Doug Stamper (Michael Kelly) in TU’s Institute for Visual and the Wellness Center as he goes through school and talks with his doctor in the present episode. Keep your eyes open for more WB appearances later in the season.

"Jpeg" 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.

SPORT SHORTS

Hoopla for Autism

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Timothy Chandler keeps Towson on course

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.

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The long days and breadth of issues in the president’s seat may have surprised him, but he’s clear on the 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.”

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.

The dynamic duo on The Towson University Dance Team won the 2015 National Dance Alliance (NDA) Collegiate National Championships, bringing home the title and a trophy for the 57th 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.

WHAT’S NEW

17 STRAIGHT WINS

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 580 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.”

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.

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.

WHAT’S NEW
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 Unitas 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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.
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.

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

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.
NOW & THEN

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.

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

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.
NOW & THEN

The Campus Oasis

All in all it was not a bad 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.

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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.

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.
On the Air
No doubt about it. WTMD-89.7, Towson’s nonprofit, non-commercial 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.”

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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 shed 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, averaging almost 20,000 per week when classes were in session.

“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.”
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.

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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 University’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.

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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.
As 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 alumni 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

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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.

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.

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.
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.

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.
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.

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!
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 connect 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 defy 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 and performed in 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 can.”

"I want to help talented musicians who share my passion," Lane says. "I want to help talented musicians who share my passion." He and Myrna Cardin ’65 and Gerry Gaeng ’81 have formed a development office at 1-866-301-3375. To support the Steven E. Lane Scholarship, visit 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 “paw-sessed” 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.

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

"I am thankful for the diversity at TU!" another student wrote.

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."
PHILANTHROPY

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.”

**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.”

**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.”

**BEN SHEWBRIDGE ’10/12**
6th Grade English Teacher

Ben Sheubridge 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,” Sheubridge 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.”

**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 opened up many avenues, both in education and in life,” he says. “The scholarship 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.”

To support the James L. Dunbar Jr. Memorial Scholarship, visit tinyurl.com/DunbarMemorialScholarship 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.
1960

NANCY GRASMICK ’61, TJ’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 to the community, workforce or school to further the interests of men and women.

CHUCK CRONER ’63 GEOG, a retired geography and surveying statistician for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was inducted into the URBA’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 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 RaiseLife Retirement and Insurance Solutions and lives in Dayton, Ohio, with his wife Elizabeth.

BARBE AWAULT ’73 AFR, senior partner at LFP 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 Alter of Innocence, a 90-page volume of poetry 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
The Altar of Innocence, a 90-page volume consisting of 75 love poems, was released in January. The fact-based story of Gonzalo Guerrero, a commando who led the Mayan resistance from government oppression, was awarded the William Burdick Award from the Maryland Astronomical Association. Clark 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 31 years 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 BEYD’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. Beyd resides in Westminster, Md.

JOHN REISINGER ’79 MNGT released his second book, The Confessions of Goncalo Guerreiro. 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.

1970

A child
retiring from her teaching career.
JAMES MONTFORT ’79 BAED was named a VIP member of Worldwide Branding, which recognizes exceptional commitment, and personal and professional success. He is a general partner 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 provider of training for vulnerability assessment and human behavior identification to law enforcement. Rosenberg has been a psychotherapist since 1988 and has been highlighted on various TV programs including ABC Late Night, News, WGN News, and Fox 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 BAUD was named senior vice president for continuous improvement and business transformation at Xylem Inc. Milano will also serve as a member of the senior leadership team at the global water technology company, based in Rye Brook, N.Y.

PAUL FALKER ’85 BAUD was promoted to president of Intelligence Sector at Vistronix, 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 a novel, 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 youth 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. Skrzesz is a master teacher of dance 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. It is her second book, and a feature film 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 has been recognized for his role in a music award, ESPN’s first, for a series that uncovered problems and corruption within youth football in America. He also received the George Fossett 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 of music and drama at the American University of Kuwait.

CHRISTOPHER EAVES ’93 THEA wrote, designed and performed the theatrical memoir “Bulleit,” which tells the story of his boyhood and his brother, who was bullied in school. He performed the piece at the younger Auditorium 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 associate professor at Park Place, a continuing care retirement community in Baltimore City. KOHLER was named one of ESPN’s Top 100 Women for 2014. Notable accomplishments include leading the Baltimore Ravens and the University of Maryland men’s basketball team. She has more than 20 years of experience teaching young, diversity and cycling. In addition, her book about her 20 years of fieldwork in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.

JENNIFER WRIGHT POLITTE ’94 DANC celebrated the first anniversary of her 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 was 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 excellence, community involvement and commitment to inspiration and change.

AILEEN EKSKILDEN ’96 was named one of The Daily Record’s Top 100 Women for her demonstrated commitment to and future direction of Baltimore women in the community.

ERIK MANN ’96 MUSIC is executive director of the Baltimore 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 partnership with schools and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland, Monell and his wife Ellen live in Cleveland.

JEFFREY ASH ’96, clinical associate professor of education 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, Parking Dog Promotions, which provides clients with branded giveaways for marketing events, membership drives, trade shows and other events in the Washington D.C., and Baltimore metro areas.

JESSICA WALTER ’99 MCOM joined Organization 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, “Calla Sonata No.4,” was published by the Baltimore Composers Forum and nominated for the American Prize in Baltimore. An endorsed brand amplifier artist, he is also the producer and strings librarian 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 2013 Small Business of the Year Award from the York County Economic Alliance.

JENNIFER PUXLESE ANDREWS ’02 and GERALD ANDREWS ’06 welcomed their third daughter, Christina Catherine, October 19, 2014. She weighed 1 pounds, 11 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 has a painting, “Sample #1 (Canvas 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 Painters.

JOHN LAURE ’03 ENG published his first book, Nobody Rides For Free: A Hitchhiker’s Memoir, last year under the pseudonym Romanza D. Jones.

LAURA POTTER ’05 MAT, who makes “calculus appealing,” according to her students, is the 2015 Hartford 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 events and offers events including craft and cocktails nights, cupcake decorating classes, and story-sessions at gun ranges, whiskey nights and wine tours.

DONA CARTER ’05 SOAN graduated from the Baltimore County Police Academy with top honors. She was named a VIP member of Worldwide Branding for her physical fitness award for females and the top academics award. She is now an officer in the Towson precinct.

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 Western Galena State University lowers the boom: “What would have happened if you were arrested for that behavior?”

“arrested,” became more explicit, and at times, participatory in that behavior that required 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.

“Researching and working with juveniles allows us to understand, 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 was named an endowed Professor, Pop Culture, and Drama, and Traditions of the Arabian Peninsula. In addition, her book about her 20 years of fieldwork in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.

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Jeffrey Ash ’96 was appointed to Mary Baldwin College’s Board of Trustees.

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CLASS NOTESCLASS NOTES
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.

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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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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 Huguely 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.

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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.

“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.”

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—Daryl Lee Hale
Towson thanks Chuck for his *timeless* gift and *giving* spirit.

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