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Melodic chanting and Dungchen horns filled the University Union in October as the Tibetan Monks of Drepung Loseling Monastery created a sand mandala. A 600-year-old tradition, the mandala took about 27 hours to complete. Then the sand was swept up in a closing ceremony and shared with some in attendance or returned to the earth via a stream in the Glen.

According to the monks’ website “… the act [of dissolution] is symbolic as it represents a healing blessing as the waters spread the message of compassion throughout the world for planetary healing.”
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THE CLOSER

Lillian Hulbert had 20 minutes to make her pitch. It was all she needed to convince the judges to award her first prize in the annual sales competition of the College of Business and Economics. Not bad for someone who once had to drop a public speaking class because she couldn’t deliver a five-minute speech. “I was terrified then, but now feel like I’ve come full circle,” Hulbert adds. Hulbert beat 25 other students who were all tasked with selling customer relationship management software to a construction company. “I overprepared,” says the senior business administration and marketing major, explaining that she discussed the scenario with a family friend who works in the software business. “I didn’t know every detail,” she admits, but was still able to put herself in the customer’s shoes when she met with the “client.” “I was told I asked really good questions and was able to see the company’s needs,” she says. Students were judged by seasoned sales pros from top area companies. Judges evaluated their approach, how well they identified the buyer’s needs, their presentation of the product, how well they overcame the buyer’s objections, the close and their overall communication skills, enthusiasm and professionalism.

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MEASURE FOR MEASURE Business grad goes the distance at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.
Towson University is an established presence—an anchor that has spurred the economic and intellectual vitality in the region for 150 years. One of our new priorities, BTU Partnerships at Work for Greater Baltimore, places increased emphasis on strengthening our connections and engagement with the community and businesses.

In September, we announced a partnership with Margrave Strategies to develop a comprehensive analysis of how TU’s mission and priorities can better connect and strengthen the community in which we reside. Guided by internal and external input, the firm is helping us better leverage and activate both the resources and demands of the institution and greater community to create vibrancy through development.

This fall, we completed the first phase of the initiative with Margrave Strategies, which is being assisted by a Philadelphia-based firm, U3 Advisors. A four-month anchor-scan analyzed market trends, development patterns and space needs as they align with university goals and priorities.

During TU’s Economic Conference in November, we welcomed Ken Ulman, president of Margrave Strategies, and Omar Blake, CEO of U3 Advisors. Invigorating discussions focused on TU’s significance as an “economic engine” for its neighbors. Initial feedback confirms that Towson University, with the support of key partners, is positioned to help usher in transformational growth and prosperity for our region.

We are a large and dynamic university that takes great pride and care in our influence in the community. As we continue to show why “TU Matters to Maryland,” I thank you for your continued support. There is much to be proud of at Towson University and there are great things ahead!
Where are they now? RETIRED FACULTY JOIN TURFA

After some four decades, Don Forester left the classroom, but the “frogman” and professor emeritus of biological sciences never really left Towson University far behind. He and about 60 former professors, instructors and librarians stay connected to TU as members of the Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TU-RFA). Since 2015, this voluntary, nonprofit association has helped retirees tethered to TU receive discounted tickets to campus events long after they have stopped lecturing, grading finals or posting to Blackboard.

Forester was TU-RFA’s first president and is now serving a one-year term as past-president. He calls it the “perfect venue to keep in touch with retired colleagues and to participate in programs and activities of our vibrant institution.”

Members volunteer on campus within their respective departments or colleges, he adds. Working through TU-RFA, Carolyn Hill, professor emerita of English, organized a writing group so participants could receive feedback from their peers.

Forester coordinates courses and research at TU’s Field Station, a 223-acre outdoor laboratory in northern Baltimore County among other benefits. Retired faculty also meet for planetarium shows, athletic and cultural events, and receive discounted tickets to campus events among other benefits. A Scholarship Committee hopes to fund grants for academic pursuits of members in addition to busy composer. A member of the Department of Music faculty since 2001, he’s grateful to TU “for always being there and giving me room to grow.” He says teaching orchestration here has given him the opportunity—“and joy”—of being able to ignite students’ love for music with remarkable clarity."
Kendyl Scott stepped into an international batter’s box, starting off the first inning with a single against Uganda. The TU outfielder was playing for Great Britain in day two of the WBSC Women’s World Softball Championships held in Surrey, Canada.

A rising junior for the Tigers, who earned a spot on the All-Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Softball Tournament team, Scott helped Great Britain finish 13th overall out of 31 teams in the international softball showcase.

Playing with controlled power and a graceful elegance, Scott sizzled by compiling a .388 batting average. Her relentless offensive barrage also featured a double and a triple. Defensively, Scott showcased her fantastic arm by compiling three outfield assists.

"Playing in Canada was something that will stay with me forever," Scott said. "We played our hearts out and showed the world that we deserve to be up there with the big countries."

A native of La Quinta, California, Scott was granted dual citizenship earlier this year—her father Peter is British. She participated in two tournaments in England, earning the best batter award in the London Cup after compiling a .727 average (8-for-11).

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Kittelberger, who earned America East all-league first team honors in 2000 and 2001, set a Towson single-season record with 22 doubles in 2001 while batting .364 with a team-leading 63 runs scored. He still ranks among TU’s career leaders with 41 doubles.

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WE ASKED Shannon McClain about the psychological stress afflicting students of color and other minorities on U.S. college campuses.

WHY DO SO MANY RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES EXPERIENCE PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS ON PREDOMINANTLY WHITE CAMPUSES?
Transition to college is stressful for all students, but students of color on predominantly white campuses are coping with additional stressors, such as racial tensions involving peers or instructors and sometimes environmental isolation or stigmatization. Most commonly we’re seeing racism occur in more subtle or unintentional behaviors called microaggressions—brief exchanges that send denigrating messages to persons from stigmatized groups.

CAN PERCEIVED BIAS LEAD TO MENTAL-HEALTH ISSUES?
Absolutely. Research suggests an association between perceived discrimination and diminished emotional and psychological well-being. Perceived bias can create or exacerbate psychological stress.

WHAT ARE IMPOSTOR FEELINGS?
Imposter feelings are particularly relevant for those who experience academic success—good students. The problem is that they don’t internalize their success; they feel like intellectual frauds. This concept was originally applied to white professional women in the workplace. There’s new research examining how imposter feelings are affecting students of color.

WHY DOES COLLEGE PRESENT MORE ADJUSTMENT CHALLENGES FOR BLACK MEN?
First of all, black males are grossly underrepresented at four-year institutions. Being in an environment where not many people look like you can decrease your sense of belonging. Black men are more likely to perceive discrimination and report more difficult relations with earlier schooling, and these experiences can have implications for college. A study we recently published suggests black male experience heightened mistrust of their professors.

ARE ASIAN STUDENTS—OFTEN STEREOTYPED AS “MODEL MINORITIES”—HURT BY THESE HIGH EXPECTATIONS?
There’s a misconception that positive stereotypes are harmless; psychological research is debunking that. My colleagues and I found that among African American, Latino and Asian American students, Asian Americans reported the highest level of imposter feelings. Higher levels of imposter feelings are linked to increased anxiety and depressive symptoms. The “model minority” stereotype can be a real burden for some students.

HOW IS A MUSLIM STUDENT’S SITUATION COMPAREABLE TO OR DIFFERENT FROM OTHER MINORITIES?
We’ve seen a rise in Islamophobia since 9/11. Every stigmatized group has its own stressors, above and beyond what other students experience. Those who are visibly Muslim, such as women who wear the hijab, may face verbal and physical threats based more on religious affiliation than race or ethnicity.

WHAT PROBLEMS DO LBGT STUDENTS CONFRONT?
LBGT students are living in a world where same-sex marriage is legal, but they’re still stigmatized. These students continue to experience subtle or outright slights based on sexual identity. And, depending on where they live, they can still be fired because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The biggest strides are needed on behalf of transgender individuals—there’s a great lack of understanding and empathy.

HOW CAN EDUCATORS IDENTIFY STUDENTS WHO NEED HELP ADJUSTING TO THE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL DEMANDS OF COLLEGE?
If a student is doing poorly in my class, I don’t assume it’s lack of motivation. I look for changes in mood or behavior, whether the student seems isolated or performing worse academically. Taking time to reach out, being curious and forming a connection is really important.

ARE THERE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE HELPED TO ALLEVIATE THE STRESS THESE STUDENTS FACE EVERY DAY?
There has been exciting research on some campuses where psychologists use special interventions to improve the experience for students of color. They’re called “stealthy interventions” because the students aren’t singled out as needing special help—they’re given to everyone. On one campus, psychologists attempted to alleviate students’ isolation by bringing in older peers to normalize concerns about belonging in a college environment. This simple intervention had a significant impact for first-generation students of color, in particular.

HOW CAN RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITIES SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER?
Students of color need to have a space where they feel less isolated and can meet others who share their on- and off-campus experience. Friendships or participation in organizations such as TU’s Center for Student Diversity or the Black Student Union can help these students feel valued and respected.

WHEN STUDENTS HAVE A SUPPORTIVE AND ENCOURAGING ON-CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT, ARE THEY LESS EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH THE HARShest REALITIES OF THE OFF-CAMPUS WORLD?
I don’t think that’s the case. There’s evidence that a supportive campus environment increases the odds that students will graduate, and that in itself is especially critical for students of color. Often their families have prepared them for what they may face in the off-campus world. They learn the tools in the context of a loving and supportive environment, and they’re prepared to deal with discrimination later on.
Stephen Orr IV, Ph.D., casually paces back and forth in front of the classroom. The large clock on the sterile white wall reads a few minutes before nine in the morning. It would be early at a civilian college, but most of the 19 freshmen—or plebes—in this United States Naval Academy class have been awake for nearly four hours.

As Orr ’02 speaks, one student lays his head on his desk. Another unsuccessfully tries to stay awake. Some Naval Academy professors are known for demanding that weary students stand when it appears they’re about to fall asleep. Orr doesn’t buy that approach. “I know what a tough day they have here,” he observes sympathetically, “how early they have to wake up and how late they’re up studying. So I cut them some slack.”

Despite Orr’s somewhat laid back approach, the subject matter he’s teaching is about as serious as it gets for these plebes: SY 110—fundamentals of cybersecurity.

“What is a cyberattack?” Orr asks out of nowhere, and suddenly all eyes are on the youthful 36-year-old. “The Department of Defense keeps battle plans for defending against ISIS on a server. What pillars would they have to infiltrate to access those plans?”

CRASHING HIS FIRST COMPUTER

Growing up in rural Frederick County as the oldest of four children, Orr never imagined that one day he’d be teaching future naval leaders the six phases of a cyberattack, footprinting or “digital litter”—the trail of personal online information.

“I really thought it was going to be business,” Orr recalls when asked about what career he imagined for himself while a student in middle school and then at Walkersville High School. “And then computers really took off. It was about 1986 when the first Nintendo came out. I was fascinated how you could have this controller and you could control this virtual thing on the screen.”

Stephen Orr ’02, on sabbatical from the National Security Agency, is teaching at the Naval Academy for three years.
Greater Baltimore location and strong business—into a parturable that burgeoning interest in what was inside of it, "he laughs, "but later I never found out about it!"

And got me into the critical thinking, innovating and critical thinking. "That really pushed me here's one way to solve it, go figure out how to solve it, ' he says. "That really pushed me."

"They would say to us 'Here's a problem, this is a problem, and you have to solve it.' And so it's a win-win."

While a senior at Towson University, Orr said he was fortunate to have one particular professor who later became a mentor. "Professor Mike Levine was phenomenal," Orr recalls, "in that not only was he a good professor, he spent time with me, discussed things with me, and was willing to go the extra mile. I related to him the most and he really has had a lasting impact on me."

"He also helped me learn how to balance the part-time work at Lockheed Martin, which was about 20 hours a week, and still go on to classes, which was fantastic," he adds. "It was a lot of work, which unfortunately didn't leave a lot of time for activities or a social life. But it was a fantastic experience.""When I came to Towson, I was a 14-15 year-old kid or a nation state. Anybody or even a 16-year-old kid or a nation state, is it being truly protected or are we just giving it away? And how can that be used against us?"

Midshipman here, and their counterparts at the Military Academy at West Point and Air Force Academy in Colorado, come to Annapolis to learn about warfare, national defense, and safeguarding our nation's interests at home and abroad. What they learn from Orr barely existed when he was a college freshman at TU in the late 1990s. "If you look back at the traditional domains of warfare in the military, Orr tells his freshmen students, "you have air, land, sea and space. We are separated in each of these domains but within the Internet we are interconnected, so there is a persistence in that we are always on. 'If you are a part of this interconnected thing, there must be persistent defense and/or persistent offense.'"

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SAFEGUARDING THE NATION'S INTERESTS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Orr opens the door and steps into Michelson Hall, one of the academy's picturesque academic buildings which primarily houses computer science and chemistry classes. Dressed impeccably in tan khakis, blue oxford dress shirt, red tie and a navy-blue blazer, he blends almost inconspicuously with dozens of male and female midshipmen who are hurrying to class in their black "working" uniforms and pristine white hats (known as "covers").

Arriving in his classroom on the second floor of Michelson, Orr chats amicably with the 14 men and five women in the room, most of whom are working on their laptops, pulling up class notes or their latest home-work assignment. Unlike many college freshmen, the midshipmen in Orr's cyber research class are definitely not checking social media sites. They've heard Orr's somber warnings and take them seriously, at least while sitting in his classroom.

"I don't have a Facebook account," Orr tells these impressive 17- and 18-year-olds. "There is a reason for that. That digital litter that's out there, is it being truly protected or are we just giving it away? And how can that be used against us?"

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In addition to his freshman-level intro to cybersecurity is a huge risk for them as future leaders of our nation's interests at home and abroad. What they learn from Orr barely existed when he was a college freshman at TU in the late 1990s. "If you look back at the traditional domains of warfare in the military, Orr tells his freshmen students, "you have air, land, sea and space. We are separated in each of these domains but within the Internet we are interconnected, so there is a persistence in that we are always on. 'If you are a part of this interconnected thing, there must be persistent defense and/or persistent offense.'"

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"In the past the 'bad guys' would have had to go up against the greatest military the world has ever known. Now, all they need is a keyboard with a connection to cause pain or impact our way of life," he says. "It can be a 16-year-old kid or a nation state. Anybody or everybody is a target."

"Protecting data is of critical importance," he adds. "We must demand that of those we do business with. We need to become far more vigilant and protective."

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In addition to his freshman-level intro to cybersecurity class with these plebes, Orr teaches a senior-level cyber operations course with a focus on "offensive" operations—how to infiltrate or attack computer systems. In fact, the midshipmen have even hacked a drone and turned it off in mid-flight.

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He understands and wants to impart that cybersecurity is a huge risk for them as future naval commanders and as everyday citizens. Regardless of major, every midshipmen, must learn the importance of protecting data in Orr's introductory classes. His upper-level courses require students to complete a research topic on phishing or hacking drones or some other cyber warfare tactic. Not a bad gig for guys who once had trouble reassembling some screws in a Nintendo console.

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goodness, you’ve got to meet my sister!"

While the doctor looked on disapprovingly, Orr sheepishly accepted the sister’s phone number, called, and made a date. The two hit it off, married one year later and recently celebrated their seventh anniversary. "It was a textbook happy ending," Orr jokes. "The receptionist got to keep her job and I got a lovely wife!"

When Orr completes his subpatch teaching assignment at USNA, he will return to "the agency," although in a slightly different role. "I will be going back for the mission. I won't actually transition from operator to leadership, so I think I will continue in that leadership role in the cyber operations aspect of our mission. It's only going to increase in importance; it's only going to be more vital to the nation's security."
The Olympic Aquatic Center was always loud, filled with shouting. Lots of shouting. Even after U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps won gold, the noise didn’t subside. Matthew Hazlett ’14 worked through it. He sat in the stands, editing photographs of Phelps’ victory on his laptop. If anything, the energy surrounding him made the deadlines more pressing.

In the Olympic Stadium, as Usain Bolt prepped to run the 100-meter semifinal, the crowd was silent. But when the Jamaican thunderbolt crossed the finish line, victorious, the fans erupted into cheers. Patrick Smith ’09 worked through it, watching history in the making from behind a camera lens.

Hazlett and Smith worked on the Getty Images team for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro—Hazlett as a photo editor and Smith as a photographer. For both, it was their first time covering the Olympics.

“Combating the energy of the stadium with staying focused on delivering the product quickly was difficult at first,” Hazlett recalls. An editor’s duties include cropping, color correcting and captioning photos, in addition to shooting press conferences.

It wasn’t long before he got the hang of it. The team worked 16- to 17-hour days, covering sports from basketball and gymnastics to more obscure events like women’s air rifle and table tennis.

The long days paid off. One of Hazlett’s photos appeared on what seemed like every website homepage and Facebook news feed when U.S. swimmer Ryan Lochte made headlines for his controversial behavior in Rio.

“It was cool to see an image that I took have that much circulation,” Hazlett says, despite being critical of his photo. “[It’s boring, he declares. “[Lochte’s] just sitting at a table.”]

The 28 days Hazlett spent in Rio held many firsts for the freelance photographer. It was his first time out of North America—an interesting experience in a location that drew controversy before the Olympics even began.

There are huge class differences in Brazil, which meant “you would see parts of Rio that looked like you could be in the middle of any
major U.S. city and other parts where it was nothing like I’d ever seen before,” he explains. Passing by the favelas, the urban slums of Rio, offered a stark contrast to the tourist areas that the photography team visited, such as the beaches of Copacabana, the Christ the Redeemer statue and Sugarloaf Mountain.

Both Hazlett and Smith felt safe, and separate, from any threats. "Anytime you needed anything, everyone was willing to help," Hazlett says. "It’s a very welcoming country."

Those working the Olympics even had their own lane on the highways to expedite travel and prevent danger posed by thieves approaching taxi cabs—an all-too-real threat in Rio.

And having "street smarts" from living in Baltimore helped, Smith quips.

For Hazlett, the Olympics also presented his first time covering such a wide array of sports and his first time working with so many world-class photographers from around the globe.

"[Photographers] all see things in a unique way," Hazlett, 24, explains. "Being young and new to the field, a lot of the photographers I worked with, I’d never even met before.”

It was a special comfort, then, when his schedule lined up with Smith’s. The two collaborated one-on-one for beach volleyball, an event that entailed long days because the final match often began at 11:30 p.m.

Editing Smith’s pictures made the day more bearable. The duo had worked together on a weekly basis back in the States. "I knew the images he shot and what he was looking for," Hazlett explains. "And [Smith] is just a great shooter, so that made it easy to edit his pictures."

A seasoned, award-winning staff photographer for Getty Images, Smith has covered events around the globe, winning numerous accolades, including a first-place from The White House News Photographers Association in 2016. Still, the Olympic Games are a class all their own, Smith says.

"You hope that you can cover one, if not as many as you possibly can, during your career," he explains. "The competition is as rigorous among the photographers as it is the athletes. We all want to have the big moment for ourselves," he notes.

And while he feels he did not walk away with the definitive image of the 2016 Olympics (that honor, he believes, belongs to Getty photographer Cameron Spencer’s viral image of Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt), bearing witness to such monumental moments made the experience a success. One event he especially recalls is Bolt’s gold medal ceremony.

"I was covering what could possibly be [Bolt’s] last-ever medal ceremony, kissing the last gold medal that he may ever win if he doesn’t compete again," Smith explains. "As a photographer, sometimes specific moments triumph a graphic picture. Just documenting that moment is special."

So is having a fellow Towson and Towleright alum by his side, he says. "It was cool to know that [Hazlett and I] were on similar paths in college, and here we are working one of the largest sporting events in the world together," Smith says. "It was pretty incredible."
Whether they’re made of leather or metal, people have been using tape measures for a long time.

The first spring-loaded metal tape measure was invented and patented in England in 1829. Alvin Fellows of New Haven, Connecticut, made improvements to that design, including the locking mechanism that stops the tape from retracting until you want it to, and received a patent on July 14, 1868, a date that is now celebrated by tape measure enthusiasts like myself as National Tape Measure Day.

Tape measures are indispensable tools. We use them to build houses, to tailor clothes and to ensure fairness in trade and sports, pretty much any situation where we need to know the length of something. Many years ago as a high-school football running back, I cared about every yard I could gain; my dreams of playing in college, and with any luck the NFL, depended on it. First downs and touchdowns are determined by precisely marked yard lines and often decided by mere inches, so it was important to me and my teammates that the referees’ measurements were accurate.

I went on to play college football at Towson University, but pursuing a rigorous academic degree while playing football was beyond my ability. After getting a degree in business administration and completing my college football career, I enrolled in University of Maryland to study mechanical engineering and went on to get a master’s at The Johns Hopkins University.

Anyway, length is still a big part of my life these days, but the units are meters, which is the international unit for length.

As leader of the Dimensional Metrology Group at National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), one of my jobs is to ensure the accuracy of tape measures. In 2011, my group calibrated the tape that was used to measure the length of the 2012 Olympic marathon in London. This is important because the winners of this event are decided based solely on how fast they can complete a
course of known length. In addition to being featured on the front of a box of breakfast cereal and the pride that comes from performing better than the competition, athletes who win medals and set world records can reap significant benefits, including lucrative endorsement deals.

With so much riding on winning, it’s easy to see why you would want the length of the course to be as accurate as possible.

One of the most important functions of tape measures, and one you may find surprising, is to ensure fairness in millions of dollars’ worth of oil transactions that take place throughout the United States every year. Oil distributors use a special measuring tape called an oil gauging tape to check the level of those very large tanks of oil you see along the highway or at sea ports. Just like you might use a dipstick to check the level of oil in your car, distributors dip these tapes into their tanks, some of which are 80 meters in diameter and can hold 100,000 cubic meters of oil, to measure the volume before and after the oil is dispersed into an oil tanker or other transfer vessel. The difference between the levels is used to determine the number of barrels transferred and the cost of the transaction.

In this business, inaccurate tape measures can cost the distributor or customer hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses, so being accurate is really important.

Many of these distributors send their tapes to NIST to have their accuracy checked against our high accuracy reference laser measuring system, which is among the most accurate tape measuring systems in the world. Using this system, we can measure a meter with an uncertainty of +/-300 nanometers, or 3 parts in 10^7.

Just for some perspective, a human hair is anywhere from 80,000 to 187,000 nanometers in diameter.

Although NIST calibrates oil gauging tapes and special tapes that are used for events like the Olympics, we don’t calibrate every tape measure that you find in your local hardware store. The accuracy of most of those tapes are still traceable to NIST labs, though. That’s because many of the manufacturers of tape measures send their master length standards to NIST for calibration. They use their NIST-calibrated masters to make the tens of millions of tapes that are bought and sold throughout the world every year.

Of course, because you lose accuracy when you transfer measurements from one tape to another, tape measure manufacturers want their master standards to be as accurate as possible. If we’re working with a tape that has very clean, very sharp graduation markings, like one of these master length standards have, we can calibrate them with an uncertainty of about 5 parts in 10^7, or +/-500 nanometers per meter.

The tape measures themselves are manufactured with varying degrees of quality, but as per NIST Handbook 44 (PDF), a six-foot-long tape used for commerce must be accurate to within 1/32 of an inch.

As anyone who’s ever tried to build anything knows, our friend the humble tape measure is a useful tool. We use it to ensure fairness in trade and allow people to produce and purchase all kinds of important products every day. A tape measure is a lot like I like to think I was during my years on the football field: small, powerful and effective. Unlike me, though, a tape measure won’t knock you down if you get in its way.

Dan Sawyer ’80, a mechanical engineer, leads NIST’s Dimensional Metrology group. In his spare time, he enjoys building model airplanes and playing piano.

This article originally appeared in the NIST Taking Measure blog on July 14, 2016.
It’s been an exciting and transitional year for the Alumni Association Board of Directors. We are evolving into an organization that will improve its efforts to advance and engage you, our alumni, while continuing to support the mission of Towson University.

Thanks to all of you who completed the alumni survey. Your opinion matters to us, and your responses were an integral part of the evaluation of what we will do in the future. In fact, you will see changes in the coming months.

Last fall was filled with events that recognized alums and brought them together to celebrate. A few include: the rally at the University of South Florida before the TU football game, the annual Volunteer Recognition and Young Alumni Awards, the New York City Reception, the Boordy Vineyard event, and the Alumni Association/Student Government/Corporate Internship Partners reception. If you missed the opportunity to attend these events, please join us for future ones. It’s never too late to reconnect or get involved. 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

SURVEY SAYS

Highlights from the survey of TU alumni

Last spring’s survey of all Towson University alumni revealed some interesting information about how the university engages with them.

Here’s what we learned:

- Most of our alumni had a good or excellent experience as students at Towson University, and speak well of us.
- Our alumni like how, and how often, we communicate with them.
- Our alumni would like to know more about what’s happening in their respective major departments and colleges.
- Our alumni would like a better idea of the services and benefits we provide.

- Our alumni are busy or too far away to come to events, but still want to be invited.
- Our alumni give to TU with our students in mind, and want to know how we use their gifts, how they can support current Tigers, and how their gifts support rigorous academics.
- What’s most important to our alumni is being proud of and connected to TU, and they want a better impression of how we make those connections, prepare students for careers, and maintain academic excellence. This is where the value of their TU degree lies.

As a result of this input and recommended strategies from a task force, the TU Alumni Association is forming a new strategic plan, a revised organizational structure and will elect new officers in spring 2017. In addition, the TU Office of Alumni Relations is revising its staffing and resource allocation.

The alumni office recognizes that TU graduates play a significant role in advancing the university through reputation enhancement, philanthropic support or other meaningful ways.

We invite you to visit campus, attend events or email us at alumni@towson.edu to stay connected to TU.
ALUMNI NEWS

JOINING IN
Alumni reception in Harford County

On June 16 President Kim Schatzel welcomed alumni at Towson University in northeastern Maryland to the Harford County campus.

1. Lance Johnson ’93 and President Kim Schatzel 2. Deborah Cruise, VP for Student Development at Harford Community College and Dennis Galladay, former president of Harford Community College

BEATLES AT BOORDY
Winery event features a salute to the Fab Four

More than 120 alumni from 1972 to 2016, many of them young alumni, gathered at Boordy Vineyards on Aug. 27 to hear the Mahoney Brothers perform “Long Live The Beatles.”


ORANGE AND BLACK
TU loves the Orioles

Alumni gathered in the Bullpen Picnic Area at Camden Yards on Sept. 19 when the TU Alumni Association hosted a picnic before the Orioles took on the Red Sox.


FLORIDA FOOTBALL
Tigers take on the University of South Florida

More than 300 alumni from Florida and beyond, including former Tiger football players, convened in Tampa for a Friday pep rally. The next day, Sept. 3, fans watched the Tigers take on the USF Bulls at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Stadium.

1. Scott Lena ’80, Natalie Harris Lena ’86 and Laura and Allan Fritzler 2. (Left to right bottom row) Russ Cappuzzo ’86, Bob Spence ’78, Football Coach Rob Ambrose, Gordy Cumbo ’72 and Dan Crossley ’70 (middle row) Nicholas Wallace ’10, Aaron Bates ’94, Rudy Willem ’81, Bob Skalstad ’77 and Clay Christian ’82 (top row) Chris Ginakes ’89, Scott Lena ’80, Jeff Kim ’86, John Vangling ’71, II, John Meja ’84 3. Aaron Bates ’94 and Chuck Lightening ’82 4. John Vangling ’74, Steve Willet ’78, John Gilliss ’74 and Jeff Riddle ’75
TOASTING RECENT GRADS
The Young Alumni Awards Banquet
The TU Alumni Association celebrated TU graduates under the age of 32 at the 2016 Young Alumni Awards Banquet, held Oct. 7 in West Village Commons.

HONORING OUR BEST
The 2016 Alumni Volunteer Recognition Reception
The TU Alumni Association celebrated its most outstanding alumni, faculty and staff volunteers Oct. 20 at a reception in the University Union.

A WRITER’S TALE
Author Roland Smith visits TU
Award-winning author Roland Smith (Cryptid Hunters, I.Q., and Storm Runners) has enthralled young readers for decades. On Nov. 4, he regaled students at Rodgers Forge Elementary, discussed writing techniques with aspiring student and faculty authors at Cook Library and spent the afternoon with Middle River Middle School students, one of TU’s first professional development schools. The day concluded with a presentation at the Auburn House Pavilion.

FLIGHT 93 HERO
Honor Elizabeth Wainio ’95 honored at Ropewalk Tavern
On Oct. 1, family and friends gathered at the Ropewalk Tavern to remember Honor Elizabeth Wainio ’94, who perished on Flight 93 during the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The Wainio family joined recipients of the communications scholarship established in her memory. This event raised more than $17,000 for the endowment.

ALUMNI NEWS

1 Left to Right  Judith ‘65 and Louis H. Richardson Knitter, the first couple to receive the Athletic Alumni Volunteer Service Award; Myrna Cardin ’65, Spirit of the University Award; Felicity Knox ’94 and Louise J. Miller ’70, Staff Alumni Volunteer Service Award; Chris A. Hern ’94, Alumni Association Volunteer Service Award; Shohreh A. Kaynama ’76, Faculty Alumni Volunteer Service Award; Steven J. Arbaugh ’78, University Alumni Volunteer Service Award

1 Middle River Middle School students welcome author Roland Smith  2 Students had lots of questions for Smith  3 Smith with two of his biggest fans, Trey and Brooke Rozankowski

1 Linda McFaul, Wendy Mulher, Amy Shaister, Holly Dahirn and Jason Suhmer  2 Esther Heymann ’72, Taylor Lutz ’14 and Ben Wainio  3 Keith Evansone ’94 ’97, Christine Johnson ’96 and Stephanie Johnson ’95

1 Welcome to MRMS Author Roland Smith  2 Welcome guests to MRMS  3 Middle River Middle School students welcome author Roland Smith

1 Left to Right  Anthony P. Basel, D.O. ’09, Young Service Alumni Award, Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics; Junaed A. Siddiqui ’13, Young Entrepreneur Award, Graduate and Continuing Studies; Molly Brady Jefferson ’13, Outstanding Recent Graduate, College of Education; Andrew Baker ’08, Young Entrepreneur Award, College of Business and Economics; Van D. Brooks ’12, Young Philanthropic Alumni Award, College of Fine Arts and Communication; Laurence M. Hamm Jr. ’97, Distinguished Young Alumni Award, College of Fine Arts and Communication; Rena Riaz ’15, Outstanding Recent Graduate, College of Liberal Arts
CAMEOS
Electronic Media & Film Reunion
The TU Alumni Association partnered with former EMF chairs Barry Moore and Greg Faller along with current chair Michael Angeloella, who met with alumni and students Oct. 21 at the Auburn pavilion to network and share ideas.

NETWORKING
Chinese alumni gather at inaugural reception
The TU Alumni Association and the International Student and Scholar Office partnered with Bob Zhang ’95 in this Nov. 12 inaugural event to bring together Chinese alumni, faculty, staff and students. They enjoyed the Chinese Folk Pottery exhibit in the Asian Arts Gallery in the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

18 YEARS OF SUPPORT
The TU Alumni Association Scholarship and Grant Luncheon
The Nov. 1 luncheon continued the tradition, which began in 1998, of the TU Alumni Association awarding scholarships to children and grandchildren of TU alumni.

A LANDMARK CELEBRATION
Class of 1956 celebrates 60 years since graduation
The Class of 1956 celebrated its 60th reunion Aug. 5 at a luncheon with a presentation by Felicity Knox ’94, library associate, Special Collections and Archives.

1 The members of the Class of 1956
1 The 2016 recipients of scholarships and grants
HOMECOMING 2016

A RACE, TAILGATING AND FOOTBALL BRING ALL HOME TO TU

A 5K race through TU’s 329-acre campus to start the Homecoming festivities. A high-spirited day of food, fun and football followed at the Alumni Tailgating Festival with close to 50 alumni groups celebrating in the Lower Practice Field. Then the crowds cheered for the Tigers despite a 21-7 loss to the University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

1. Runningback Deshaun Wethington
2. Runners take off at the starting point during the second Tiger Trot 5K and Fun Run
3. Winners of the 5K race
4. The Brassell Group at the Alumni Tailgating Festival

1. Sigma Gamma Rho alumnae
2. Towson teachers
3. Towson Black Alumni Alliance
4. Rampolla Group
5. Defensive end D’Sean Cummings
6. Omega Psi Phi with President Kim Schatzel
7. The Towerlight group
START SPREADING THE NEWS
Alumni party in NYC
Nearly 50 alumni and guests joined President Kim Schatzel and TU Alumni Association President Lance Johnson ’93 on Nov. 10 in the Big Apple. Mark your calendar for Nov. 9 in 2017.

CAREER BUILDING
Finding jobs and internships
The TU Alumni Association, SGA, the Career Center and TU’s corporate internship partners met Oct. 13 in the Auburn Pavilion to provide opportunities for career growth and internships to TU students.
I cannot thank you enough for choosing Towson University when making your philanthropic decisions. Your support last fiscal year raised nearly $9 million. Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our goal to raise $1.5 million in scholarship support, tipping the scales at $2.5 million. With 54 percent of TU students needing financial aid, your gifts greatly benefit their education.

We are proud to report that we accomplished more last year than raising money. We also raised our alumni and student giving rates. More than 6,600 alumni donated to TU, an increase of 1,700 alumni donors from the previous year and the highest year-to-year increase in the past 18 years.

Our students had a phenomenal 800 percent giving increase last year, and our student philanthropy program received the Silver Circle of Excellence Award by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education for our Gold and Black Giving Back campaign. Seventy percent of student participants in the Gold and Black Giving Back campaign have continued to give as alumni.

In March, the Presidential Ambassadors, who help lead our student philanthropy program, were awarded the Outstanding Emerging Organization award from CASE-Affiliated Student Advancement Programs. Towson University students and young alumni are integral to helping us build a culture of philanthropy, and we are fortunate to have their support.

I look forward to what we can accomplish this fiscal year, and I again extend my gratitude to you for continuing to give and advance Towson University.

Michael C. Cather ’93
Associate Vice President
For Development

Recognizing Educational Leadership

THE DR. RONALD S. THOMAS
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
AWARD SUPPORTS TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

“I am tremendously optimistic about the future of educational leadership in America’s schools,” says Ronald Thomas ’67/’71, associate director of TU’s Center for Leadership in Education.

Thomas is doing more than talking about his leadership optimism—he’s investing in it through the Dr. Ronald S. Thomas Educational Leadership Award. For the next five years, one graduate student per year in educational leadership will receive $5,000.

The money will support a requirement of the program, an internship with a project that challenges students to take their leadership to the next level. Thomas has seen some amazing projects, but he has also seen projects stall because students lacked funding to carry out their initiatives.

Thomas thrives on seeing his students succeed. “The ability to help them develop their leadership potential, to give them some insight into the leaders they might become, feeds my energy and keeps me going,” he says.

His passion for teaching has come full circle at Towson University. Thomas spent his career as a teacher or administrator in Maryland public schools. He ended his public school career as an assistant superintendent for educational accountability for Baltimore County before returning to TU in 2001 to teach full time.

As a first-generation college student, TU was the only college he and his family could afford. Now, 50 years after earning his undergraduate degree, Thomas chose to commemorate the occasion with his award. “I hope this gift will encourage leadership students to continue working to increase teacher and student learning at their schools after their graduation,” he says. “Their creative ideas will take educational leadership far beyond what I was able to do in my career.”

To support the Dr. Ronald S. Thomas Educational Leadership Award, visit towson.edu/educationalleadershipaward.
The ubiquitous smartphone is becoming a therapeutic device for stroke survivors, thanks to a team of Tu professors in computer and information sciences, and occupational therapy who developed the ARMStroke app. The app is a rehabilitation tool used with stroke survivors who need upper arm and shoulder exercises. It not only monitors their exercises. It not only monitors their progress, but also sends information to health care providers. The team of (left to right) Heidi Feng, Katherine Tang and Sonia Lawson was cited by the Daily Record as a 2016 Innovator of the Year for its ARMStroke app.

Meet Max Lasko. He has spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), a life-threatening genetic disease that affects how the brain and muscles communicate. Amanda Jozkowski met him when he was just a few months old. The professor of occupational therapy and occupational science knew she wanted to help Max become more independent. While his movements and communication are limited by SMA, he is as cognitively aware and as intelligent as his peers. Jozkowski recognized that Max and children like him need smart tech systems and devices they can wear to help them communicate, get around in wheelchairs and control their environments.

To design, assess and develop this technology, she created the SMA Tiger Research Team, a collaboration among professors and graduate students from the departments of Computer and Information Sciences, and Speech-Language Pathology, along with initial financial support from the General Endowment for the Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics. The next step was obtaining additional funding from the Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum, which issues grants for information technology projects. The board unanimously approved a multi-year grant for the SMA Tiger Research Team. Calling it "a great project to support," David Powell, CIO Forum grants facilitator, adds, "We hope that the technology can be used for other similar cases."

With the grant, the team has "conducted a needs assessment, developed a list of desired outcomes such as usability, durability and customizability, explored different types of fabrication materials, switches and computer components, and tested out set-ups for mounting sensors to Max's body, his wheelchair and around his home," Jozkowski explains. They are closer to developing products that can be used by other children. With additional support, the team hopes to explore the benefits of 3-D printing and off-the-shelf technologies in creating affordable, usable products.

Max's parents, Yahnatan and Kristen Lasko, are beyond grateful for the forum's grant. "Thank you so much for choosing to invest in Max and the many other children who have so much to say but rely on extra technology to help them say it," they note. "Projects like this give us hope and help to shape a brighter future for these children and for everyone!"

To support the SMA Tiger Research Team, visit www.towson.edu/GiveToSMAResearch
When Neil Zurowski’s wife, Donna Zurowski, died from cancer last year, he and his family chose to honor her memory with a gift of style.

From decorating the plain trucks of TU’s Marching Band to contributing to the Department of Theatre Arts, the gifts are a fitting tribute to a woman who was a talented designer and seamstress.

Donna made her own dresses, including her wedding gown and evening gowns. “She was always stylish and beautiful, and she had a special connection with designs and fabrics,” Neil recalls. (He wrote of his wife’s passion in his poem, “Rummaging.”) Donna took costume classes at TU, which strengthened her love for design.

Now her husband has donated her sewing machine, equipment and supplies to TU’s Costume Shop, enabling students to learn about the craft she adored. He has also supported experiential learning in the theatre department. “These gifts create a legacy of learning about design and being a seamstress by allowing students to attend workshops, hold workshops and learn more about design and theatre,” says Neil, who has plans for future gifts.

Perhaps the most visible and stylish impact is the transformation of the TU Marching Band’s white trailers and box truck.

The Zurowski family enjoyed attending the band’s events and performances, including the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2009, when Nick Zurowski ’11, their son, was a member of the band. When Nick recalled that Band Director John Miliauskas wanted to dress up the band’s plain white trailers and box truck, the family inquired about wrapping them.

The vehicles are now adorned with massive photos of the band and the TU logo, along with Donna’s initials, DMZ, and “In Memory of Donna Zurowski.” Neil sees the direct, tangible benefits of his gifts and fondly remembers working with Miliauskas and TU designers on the wrapping design.

Miliauskas is thrilled with the results, “Our vehicles look so classy and impressively represent TU. I am very grateful and humbled by the Zurowskis’ gesture,” he says.

See Neil Zurowski’s poem online, magazine.towson.edu
BEFORE 1960

RITA HUNDLEY ’55 EDEC reunited with three of her former students from the first class she taught after graduating from then Maryland State Teachers College. “They were like my babies,” Hundley told the Towson Times, after reconnecting with Barbara Davis, Johnette Benson and Ellie Lewis 60 years later. Hundley went on to teach for more than 30 years with Baltimore County Public Schools, retiring in 2000.

FRANCES BOND ’55/’60 received the Mother Generosa McCafferty Distinguished Alumna Award in October from the Catholic High School of Baltimore, its highest honor. Bond, treasurer of the TU Alumni Association, was recognized for her individual achievements, contributions to the field of education, service to her community and loyalty to Catholic High.

1960

JOHN SCHUERHOLZ ’62, vice chairman of the Atlanta Braves, was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, a unanimous selection of a 16-member group that included Hall of Fame members, major league executives, media members and baseball historians. In 1981, he was general manager of the Kansas City Royals, leading the team to a World Series title in 1985. He then took the same position with the Atlanta Braves in 1991 and led them to 14 straight division titles, six National League pennants and a World Series title in 1995.

JAYNE ASTLE ’62 and her former TU roommates, PHYLLIS BEARDMORE ’62 and JOANN SCOTT ’62, placed in the top three of the 70 and over category at the Seaside 10 Mile Run & 5K Halloween Bash in Ocean City, Maryland, where they also received a prize for their “Grand Mummy” costumes. The three have remained friends through their many years of teaching.

BOB HIERONIMUS ’65 ART and co-author Laura Cortner, wrote The Secret Life of Lady Liberty: Goddess in the New World, published by Destiny Books of Inner Traditions International. The book is a symbolic exploration of female strength with its theme being the need to elect more women to positions of power.

1970

JANET DELL KURTZ ’74 ENGL and DAVID FARNHAM ’74 PHIL who were “college sweethearts” as TU students but later lost touch, reunited after 42 years and married in December 2016.

ANNA VITALE LYBROOK ’79 ACCT a CPA and shareholder of Stoy, Malone, & Co., was appointed treasurer of the Brigance Brigade Foundation that equips, encourages and empowers people living with ALS.

FRAN SOISTMAN ’79 executive vice president of Aetna and president of the company’s government services segment, became chair of TU’s Board of Visitors in September.

1980

ANDREA BURGOYNE ’83 MUSC has been appointed executive director of the Children’s Chorus of Maryland.

ROBERT BARON ’85 was promoted to associate commissioner for property and casualty at the Maryland Insurance Commission. He will oversee the review of rates and forms filed by insurance carriers as well as the investigation of complaints from consumers. He started with the Insurance Administration in 2000.

MIKE ROWE ’85, TV host and presenter of “Somebody’s Gotta Do It,” visited WBAL Radio to discuss his appearance at the Lyric Opera House in September.

FRANCIS DONOVAN ’88 GEOG, a former colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, was promoted to brigadier general, becoming commander of the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade in the Kingdom of Bahrain in June. He joined the Marines in 1986 as an infantry officer, and served in a variety of operations including Desert Shield and Desert Storm. His education continued at the Amphibious Warfare School, the Marine Corps Command.
and Staff College of the U.S. Army War College, where he earned a Masters of Strategic Studies. Upon completing the Harvard Business School’s Advanced Management Program, he spent two years as director, Expeditionary Warfare School, Quantico, Virginia.

DENNIS KANE ’89 is president and CEO of KANE Construction, which won the NAACP Best Interns Award for its Iqigion Sciences renovation project.

MERRILL FRIEDMAN ’89 PSYC, senior director of diversity and inclusion policy at Anthem, Inc. and vice president of advocacy for Amerigroup, was appointed to the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities by President Obama.

1990

CYNTHIA MASKOL ’94 joined the national law firm, Wilson Elser, as a partner in its Baltimore office. She is a former assistant general counsel for a large insurer and an experienced trial attorney who previously worked with Wilson Elser from 2009 to 2014.

KEITH EWANGICO ’94/07, a human resources specialist for the Social Security Administration (SSA), received the 2016 Diversity and Inclusion Champion Honor Award, which recognizes his work in pursuing diversity and inclusion within the SSA’s workforce.

ADA CLARK-EDWARDS ’95, a veteran prosecutor for the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office, was appointed to the Prince George’s County District Court by Gov. Larry Hogan in July.

DENNIS M. ROBINSON JR. ’97 PSYC was appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan to the Baltimore Circuit Court. An attorney at Whitfield, Taylor and Preston since 2006, he was appointed to the bench in 2016 after a guest appointment on the court.

KELLY BLAIR ’98 was named to Slate’s Top 50 List for her book jacket design of Tomorrow Will Be Different.

2000

DAVID SHAPIRO ’04 and his wife, Monique, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Shay, in January.

ASHLEY ADAMS AYCOCK ’06 and her fiancé, CHERI FEENY ’88 and COURTNEY HOLSTREM ’03, founded LED Wives Have Your 6, a charity to help Maryland Law Enforcement families during times of need and to boost morale of Maryland law enforcement officers. DIANE ANNOLO ’99 has also recently joined the organization.

BRIS ADEGAU ’08 founder and CEO of the A Brease of Hope Foundation, will be named one of Together for Girls’ 16 Global Heroes for 2010, which highlights and celebrates leaders to end violence against boys and girls around the world.

CLASS NOTES

JENNIFER DODSON ’09, chief creative strategist for Adcastle Advisors, a marketing and advertising agency in Lutherville, Maryland, was named one of The Daily Record’s 2016 leadership women, which honors women under 40 for their career accomplishments.

2010

ANDREW BROWN ’05/13 MFA had his exhibit “Baltimore, Munich and a Chinese Restaurant” displayed last June at Charles Town City Hall in South Carolina. His abstract paintings and drawings challenge the viewer’s perception through the use of illusory elements. His work is an interpretation of space, surface and experience.

STEVEN NOVOTNY ’11, a contract specialist with the U.S. Department of Defense. He graduated from the Defense Civilian Leader Program, which is for high-achieving Department of Defense personnel and is used to cultivate leadership skills and places graduates on the fast track for leadership and supervisory positions.

GUILIA FIORE ’11/12 and ERIC LYNCH ’11 married on June 25, 2016 at the Saint Columba Catholic Church in Towson, Maryland.

ASHLEY MONTAGUE ’11 BAUD joined Birdman Financial Group in Tempe, Arizona, as an investments operations associate. She is responsible for managing the reconciliation and performance reporting of client accounts at a client access level.

DEVLIN LIGHTY ’12 Au.D., joined the Owego Health practice in New York, where he is providing hearing and balance services for clients using the newest technology.

KATIE DELL ’12 participated in Miami University’s Earth Expeditions global field course last summer where she studied coral reef ecology and the conservation of marine systems along the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. She is a Baltimore County Public Schools science teacher in Randallstown, Maryland. She began teaching her master’s degree at Miami University.

KARA MCNOLLY ’12, a recruter for the Baltimore Ravens, was named to the South Jersey Biz magazine’s “Twenty Under 40.” The list recognizes young professionals who “are already changing the face of our business community.”

MELINDA WEBER ’15 ENGL joined TI’s Division of Marketing and Communications as an operator and receptionist. She has also been working as a teacher at the Celebrite Learning Center.

ALUMNI

Wilhelmina E. O’Fallon ’12 September 30, 2016
Lonnie M. Harper ’12 November 11, 2016
Carolyn Sabien ’12 October 25, 2016
Alma L. Smith ’12 October 8, 2016
Audrey Przemuscher ’12 September 23, 2016
Devin D. Swift ’12 July 31, 2016
Becky Cochrane Lipman ’12 August 16, 2016
Shirley Squireman Klein ’12 September 12, 2016
Donald L. Kastner ’12 September 8, 2016
Franklin H. Harris II ’12 September 13, 2016
Charles S. White Sr. ’12 October 26, 2016
Leonard Paul ’12 October 13, 2016
Louise Huffer Skipper ’12 September 14, 2016
William E. Fink ’14 June 9, 2016
Jeanne Cossley Green ’15 September 12, 2016
Rose A. Brown ’15 September 17, 2016
June B. Dom ’15 November 9, 2016
Carolyn Upton Miller ’16 September 4, 2016
June G. Eiken ’16 September 1, 2016
Iris Rayfield Moskowitz ’57 January 7, 2016
Lee Ann Applebaugh ’64 October 9, 2016
Marian A. Miller ’69 September 29, 2016
Ann F. Rudy ’69 November 7, 2016
Lynne Ascolt Scovina ’65 October 12, 2016
Scott Addelman ’66 October 22, 2016
Karen Fitzh ’68 February 23, 2016
Rosita Beth Halpern ’68 October 25, 2016
Lauren May Harris ’69 September 25, 2016
Mary Ann Weirland ’79 November 15, 2016
Janice Ochota ’70 August 22, 2016
Patricia Carr ’70 October 25, 2016
Arthur A. Anderson Jr. ’70 November 13, 2016
Florence A. McPherron ’70 March 8, 2016
Alumni Profile

Jeffrey Ash ’96

DEVELOPING A BLUEPRINT
FIRST ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT UM NURSING SCHOOL HAS DESIGNS ON INNOVATION

“...and to boost morale of Maryland law enforcement officers.”
A FIERCE COMPETITOR
HALL OF FAME SWIMMER REPRESENTS TEAM USA IN WORLD TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Get back in the pool where you belong.”
Those words spurred Susan Gebhardt ’78 to leave the TU field hockey team and return to competitive swimming, something she had done since age six.

Then TU swimming and tennis coach John McCleary uttered the advice that pushed Gebhardt to become the athlete she is today.

“I cried my way through the first week of practices,” she recalls. “Coach George Kropp asked me to give him one month to turn me into a competitive collegiate swimmer. Coach Ray Riordan asked me to practice with the men’s team so he could make me a champion swimmer.”

Both coaches kept their promises. They molded Gebhardt into a fierce competitor who was worthy of being inducted into TU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

Fast forward almost 40 years and Gebhardt still uses the discipline, determination and confidence she learned during her years as a TU swimmer. She began competing in 5K races, half marathons, marathons and now triathlons where she showcases all of her athletic abilities.

“In 2015, I qualified for and competed in the annual Triathlon National Championship in Milwaukee,” she says. “My finishing time was good enough to qualify for the World Triathlon Championships in Mexico, representing Team USA in September in Cozumel. It was exhilarating walking through the center of town in the Parade of Nations with athletes from 56 other countries.”

Next year, she will represent Team USA in the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii.

A physical education teacher and now an assistant principal in Harford County, Gebhardt and her husband have raised six children.

Her advice to TU students and alumni? “Be curious … resist complacency and ‘just getting by,’ pursue activities that inspire you, know your limits … treasure and thank those who support your dreams, and give back along the way.”

—HEIDI STASIOWSKI
Joshua Ikotun, Class of 2017, received the Kenneth Moreland and Renee Moreland Accounting Scholarship. This scholarship has helped him afford his senior year as an accounting major.

“It is a pleasure and a privilege to continue my education.”

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