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ESTATE GIFT CONTINUES WALINSKI FAMILY TRADITION AT UT

Several individuals have made their way into the history of The University of Toledo. Among them are members of the Walinski family, who have marked many “firsts” at UT.

Thaddeus Walinski, son of Toledo attorney Nicholas J. Walinski, attended what was then Toledo University at its first campus, now Scott Park. He was among the first group of students to attend classes in the newly built University Hall. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in economics and a minor in political science in 1935.

Although best known later as a Toledo attorney, city councilman and Toledo Municipal Court Judge, Judge Walinski was an active musician during his college years. “Family lore has it,” notes his son, Richard Walinski, “that he composed the University’s first, but quite short-lived, fight song.”

Both Dick and his brother, Dr. Thomas Walinski, established their own firsts at UT. Thomas graduated in 1964 with a bachelor’s degree in biology/pre-med. He played on the first UT golf team to win the Mid-American Conference Championship.

The next year, Dick graduated from UT, majoring in philosophy with a minor in classical languages. He earned a juris doctorate in 1969. Keeping with family tradition of firsts,

he served as the first editor-in-chief of the the UT Law Review.

While the family left a legacy at UT, the University had a lasting impact on them, too. “My parents remained grateful for the opportunity the University offered them and their generation. For most young people in the city at the time, the University provided the only realistic chance to gain higher education,” said Dick. “They were also grateful for the education that the University offered my brother and me.”

After Judge Walinski died in 1991, the family established the Honorable Thaddeus N. Walinski Endowed Scholarship in

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Thaddeus and Genevieve Walinski remained grateful for the opportunities The University of Toledo provided their family.

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UT's College of Law. The award is made annually to the editor of the UT Law Review. "My mother thought a scholarship in his name was one way to express gratitude to the University," said Dick.

When Genevieve Walinski died in 2010, her trust donated \$20,000 to the UT Foundation for the scholarship fund.

Through her trust, she also provided \$10,000 to benefit UT's Carlson Library, honoring her husband's lifelong love of books. "Libraries to my father were shrines," Dick explained. "He was a book-lover of the first order. Even once blind, he continued to sit in his reading chair holding a book... opened."

Through the 60 years his parents were together, said Dick, his mother admired his father's reverence for books and learning. "As my mother approached her own death, she was intent on perpetuating what he so cherished." Supporting the Carlson Library was especially appropriate since Judge Walinski was friends with Dr. William Carlson, the former UT president for whom the library is named.

"My father believed that reading the humanities is essential for developing a capacity for critical thinking," Dick said. "My mother's hope was that the gift she left to the University would be used to maintain the collection in the Carlson Library and to preserve the public's access to it."

"It is a privilege to honor the Walinski family's memories and perpetuate their values in education and books," said Nancy Koerner, UT director of planned giving.

She notes that a bequest or distribution from your trust costs nothing during a donor's lifetime. "However, it gives you the satisfaction of knowing you will positively affect UT, as well as a program or purpose of your choice."

UT BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMES DEANS FOR NEW COLLEGES

The University of Toledo's academic reorganization plan continues to progress, with deans recently being named for the University's five new colleges.

Three of the new colleges were created from disciplines previously existing in the College of Arts and Sciences. Those colleges and their deans include:

The College of Visual and Performing Arts: **Prof. Debra Davis**, professor of art and chair of the Department of Art, joined UT in 2000. She received a master's degree in fine art from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and both a master's degree in instruction technology and a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University.

The College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences: **Dr. Alice Skeens**, associate professor of psychology and associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been at UT for more than 45 years serving in various administrative capacities. She earned her doctorate from UT, master's degree from West Virginia University and bachelor's from Concord College.

The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: **Dr. Karen Bjorkman**, Distinguished University Professor of Astronomy and chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, joined UT in 1996. She earned her doctoral and master's degrees from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and received a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A dean was also named for the new Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service, established through the merger of the colleges of Education and Health Science and Human Service (HSHS). **Dr. Beverly Schmoll** joined UT in 2008 as dean for HSHS. She received a doctorate in administration and higher education from Michigan State University, and earned both a master's degree in human development and relationships, as well as a bachelor's in physical therapy, from Wayne State University.

In addition, **Dr. Benjamin Pryor** was named as dean of the new College of Innovative Learning, created to focus on new technologies. He arrived at UT in

1997 and has served in various capacities. He received a doctorate in philosophy from Penn State University, master's in philosophy from the Claremont Graduate School, and bachelor's in philosophy and English literature from the University of Redlands.

Rounding out the University's newest colleges is the UT Honors College, formerly an academic program. New dean **Dr. Thomas Barden** joined UT's English department faculty in 1976 and was named director of the Honors Program in 2006. He received a doctorate, a master's and bachelor's degree in English from the University of Virginia.

Continuing to provide leadership at UT in their existing capacities are:

- Dean of Business and Innovation: **Dr. Thomas Gutteridge**
- Dean of Engineering: **Dr. Nagi Naganathan**
- Dean of Medicine: **Dr. Jeffrey Gold**
- Dean of Nursing: **Dr. Timothy Gaspar**
- Dean of Pharmacy: **Dr. Johnnie Early**
- Dean of Adult and Lifelong Learning: **Dr. Dennis Lettman**

A search for dean of the College of Law is currently underway, with the position expected to be filled in February.

WHY I GIVE: BENJAMIN PRYOR



Why I Give: I make donations so that young engineers can take what they have learned in the classroom and apply it. The amount can be too small to help create the spark in one's mind.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER: JUST THE FACTS

Provisions for an IRA Charitable Rollover were included in the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, signed into law on Dec. 17, 2010. Following are facts about the program, which is in effect through 2011.

IRA Charitable Rollover: Allows you, as the IRA owner, to direct a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) up to \$100,000 tax-free from your traditional or Roth IRA to a public charity, such as The University of Toledo Foundation.

Age: IRA owner must be age 70 ½ or older when the QCD is made.

No Income/No Charitable Deduction: QCD from an IRA is not included in gross income, and there is no corresponding charitable income tax deduction. It's beneficial if you do not itemize or if you reside in a state, such as Ohio, that does not offer a state charitable tax deduction.

Direct Transfer: Transfer must be made directly from the IRA custodian or trustee

to the UT Foundation to be a QCD.

Required Minimum Distribution: QCD counts toward your required minimum distribution from an IRA. If you received your required minimum distribution from the IRA custodian or trustee, you cannot re-characterize the received amounts. But you still can make a tax-free QCD direct transfer up to \$100,000!

Use of the QCD: You can target the QCD for a specific program or fund, or to fulfill a pledge. A distribution is not a QCD if designated to a supporting organization or a donor-advised fund, or if the IRA owner receives a benefit in return, such as tickets, goods or services, or establishes a gift annuity or remainder trust.

Tax Year 2011: Transfer up to \$100,000 before Dec. 31, 2011 for favorable tax treatment in 2011.

Planning Point: Although only a traditional or a Roth IRA can make a QCD, other types of retirement plans may be rolled over tax-free into a traditional IRA. Then the IRA custodian or trustee can make the QCD directly to the UT Foundation. Consult your retirement plan trustee or personal tax advisor before doing so.

Tell Us Too: Please notify us once you authorize your IRA custodian or trustee to make a QCD to the UT Foundation. This ensures it is properly credited to the program or fund you intended, and that you receive the appropriate substantiation as well as our thank-you for your support!

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UT Degree: B.S., mechanical engineering, 2008

Favorite UT Memory: Hosting the "TU Fast a Formula" SAE Team from the Technical University of Munich during the Formula SAE competition in 2008

UT Area of Support: Formula SAE Car

Engineering students (as I was a few years ago) may apply it to real world applications. No donation in mind that will lead to tomorrow's discovery.



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