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A University of Toledo medical student, known for her kind smile and desire to help others, is being memorialized through a new endowed scholarship fund at UT.

Amie Litzinger was in her last year of medical school when she died in January, following an illness associated with a genetic heart disease.

"The UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences Class of 2013 lost a respected colleague and a trusted friend in the death of Amie Litzinger," said Allie Berns, assistant director of annual giving for UT's Health Science Campus. "Her passing has left a huge void and immense sadness in many hearts."

In honor of Amie's memory, her friends and family have created the Amie J. Litzinger MD Class of 2013 Endowed Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will offer a worthy and needy recipient the opportunity to attend the UT School of Medicine and Life Sciences.

"Amie's scholarship will be awarded each year to a student who has demonstrated, through a record of volunteerism and community involvement, that he or she will follow in Amie's footsteps," Mrs. Berns said.

Amie received her master's of science degree in biomedical science from UT in 2009, graduating summa cum laude. She attended the UT Medical School while doing rotations at several Toledo area hospitals. She would have graduated from



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UT, with a doctorate of medicine, in June 2013.

Amie believed "there was no other place on earth where she could get a better education," according to her father, Thomas Litzinger. "She believed UT was academically preparing her in a significant way for a long and prosperous career in the medical profession, and she wanted to continue her residency education in Toledo."

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He said Amie loved her fellow students in the class of 2013. "She told me many times that she could not have been successful without her classmates' friendship and loyal support," he said. "What an incredible group of young people, whom I am confident will be excellent physicians for many years."

Amie was awarded her medical degree posthumously, along with her graduating class.

Among Mr. Litzinger's goals is that this scholarship fund will create and preserve a living legacy for Amie. "My hope would be to see the recipient of this scholarship share Amie's professional and spiritual convictions and be completely focused with providing their patients the best care possible in a compassionate manner."

He also hopes it can help create an awareness of the rapidly skyrocketing cost of medical school and an understanding that, without scholarship assistance, students who might make excellent physicians may not have the financial means to do so.

In addition, Mr. Litzinger would like to see UT widely recognized for the "excellent learning institution that it is."

"Amie often shared with me that UT's faculty, staff, and administration were kind and considerate and had the best interest at heart for all of their students," said Mr. Litzinger. "I am grateful for everything they did, not only to train Amie in her profession, but also to develop her as an individual. I was pleased to watch the personal growth of Amie as a loving, caring person who was constantly placing the needs of others before her own."

Mr. Litzinger was gratified to be able to share part of his life, and his daughter's, with friends at UT. "I am forever in their debt for everything they did for my daughter Amie. She was a remarkable person, thanks, in part, to her time at UT's College of Medicine and Life Sciences."

To make a gift, visit <https://give2ut.utoledo.edu/litzinger.asp> or contact Allie Berns at allison.berns@utoledo.edu or 419-530-5414.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER: USE IT WHILE IT'S STILL HERE

Through the end of this year, donors can make lifetime gifts using Individual Retirement Account (IRA) funds without incurring tax complications. Experience the joy of giving and make an impact now!

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 allows donors 70 ½ or older to make charitable gifts directly from an IRA without incurring federal income taxes. You also can fulfill up to \$100,000 of your annual IRA distribution requirement.

Act now, as there are no guarantees Congress will extend this benefit past 2013.

Who benefits from the IRA Rollover?

- Taxpayers who don't itemize deductions.
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- Donors who want to see their gift benefit UT now.

What do you need to know?

- **Give Now:** Rollovers must be made before Dec. 31, 2013.
- **Age Requirement:** You must be 70 ½ or older when distributions are made.
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In order to accurately account for your gift, please let the UT Foundation know when to expect your gift and how you would like it directed.

For more details, contact L. Paul Hood, Jr., J.D., LL.M., director of planned giving, at paul.hood@utoledo.edu or 419-530-5303.



The new Carl Joseph Reading Commons, located on the fifth floor of the William S. Carlson Library, offers students a place to read and reflect. An avid reader, Carl Joseph was interested in peace, social justice, and the American labor movement. The books selected for the reading commons reflect those themes. The room was funded by a \$200,000 bequest in Carl's memory by his brother, Albert. Carl, an army paratrooper, was killed in action on D-Day. The library room's dedication was held on June 6, the 69th anniversary.

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Name: Chris Bussert

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UT Degree: Juris Doctorate, 1983

Favorite UT Experience: My
interactions with the professors at the
College of Law

UT Area of Support: College of Law

Why I Give: I received a fantastic
education at The University of Toledo's
College of Law, which prepared me
for private practice in the field of
intellectual property law. During my

time at UT, I particularly appreciated the fact that the professors were so engaged and made themselves available to students. I have stayed in contact with some of my former professors to this day. My wife Peggy (a 1982 graduate of the College of Law) and I are proud to contribute to the College and its continued success as one of the state of Ohio's finest law schools.

DIGITAL EFFORTS CUT UTF COSTS AND ENHANCE COMMUNICATION

In continued steps to be cost-effective and eco-friendly, while also enhancing communication, The University of Toledo Foundation has expanded its digital and electronic initiatives.

The Foundation, which in the past few years began publishing its annual report and endowment report online, recently made the move to electronic acknowledgements and financial reports.

The key to the success of these efforts is building the Foundation's data base of email addresses, notes Brenda Lee, UTF president.

"While we're happy to accommodate those individuals and organizations who do not use email, we appreciate the assistance from the rest of our donors and friends in minimizing paper and reducing operational costs," she said.

Donors who are still receiving acknowledgements or financial reports in the postal mail should contact the Foundation with a current email address. That information can be sent to utfoundation@utoledo.edu.

Reduced printing and mailing costs have also allowed the Foundation to increase its communication initiatives. Contacts for Foundation funds are now receiving monthly notification of all gifts to their funds, and donors who have established endowed funds are now receiving quarterly financial reports.

In addition, the Foundation has increased its online visibility through a new Facebook page. The goal is to provide current news and links to features and important information.

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