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University of Toledo College of Engineering Dean Nagi Naganathan was named UT's interim president beginning July 1, 2014 following an announcement by UT President Lloyd Jacobs that he would step down.

Dr. Jacobs served as UT president for eight years and as president of the former Medical University of Ohio (MUO) for nearly three years, prior to the two institutions' merger in 2006. His departure follows his nomination as a Distinguished Fellow for the Council on Competitiveness, a global economic development nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. He will be granted a sabbatical leave until he returns as professor of surgery in 2015.

"I have enjoyed the last eight years in this role and the 10 years Ola and I spent in Toledo," Dr. Jacobs said. "I am enthusiastically looking forward to working with the Council on Competitiveness during this sabbatical and perhaps beyond."

Dr. Jacobs helped oversee the merger of UT and MUO, considered one of the most significant events in higher education in Ohio in the last 50 years. As the University's 16th president, he worked to strengthen education programs as well as to establish UT as a renowned metropolitan research university.

Under his leadership, UT and the UT Foundation developed a partnership with the City of Toledo to improve neighborhood relations and expand redevelopment near Main Campus. Dr. Jacobs oversaw the completion of the largest capital campaign in the University's history, which raised more than \$106 million, and his tenure also witnessed the construction of several new academic buildings and major renovation of existing buildings, including Memorial Field House and Savage Arena.



Dr. Lloyd Jacobs



Dr. Nagi Naganathan

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DR. JACOBS STEPS DOWN; DR. NAGANATHAN NAMED INTERIM PRESIDENT

In appreciation of his service, UT's new Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center was named in his honor by UT's Board of Trustees.

While a national search for a replacement is underway, Dr. Naganathan will serve as UT's interim president.

Dr. Naganathan joined UT in 1986 and was named dean of the College of Engineering in 2003 after serving two years as interim dean.

Under his leadership, the College has achieved record-high enrollments, with an increase in undergraduate enrollment each fall for the last eight years. The College has also achieved national prestige, with programs listed in the Princeton Review's top 20 graduate programs and ranked by U.S. News and World Report in the top 50 in the nation.

Dr. Naganathan's collaborations with donors, campus faculty and administration have led to innovative new centers and institutes, as well as new joint degree programs with the College of Business and Innovation and the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

"I'm honored by the trust placed in me by the Board of Trustees, and excited to serve the University in a new capacity," Dr. Naganathan said. "I'd like to thank Dr. Jacobs for his leadership and friendship during the last eight years. As interim president, I will do my very best to make sure that our University remains committed to excellence in academics, research, patient care and community engagement through a synergistic engagement of our expertise in all of our campuses.

"We are an academic institution, and we will be defined by the educational and research excellence of our faculty and the resulting success of our students," Dr. Naganathan added. "We must maintain and grow our commitment to a strong educational foundation. Whether a student is in a professional school or studies humanities, social sciences and the arts, critical thinking and communication skills must be part of every graduate's education."

JIM AND BARBARA KELLER LIVE ON THROUGH LEGACY FUND

Jim Keller's relationship with The University of Toledo, like many UT alumni, didn't end when he graduated in 1950. His education and experiences at UT, including playing Rockets football, served to make him one of the University's biggest supporters.

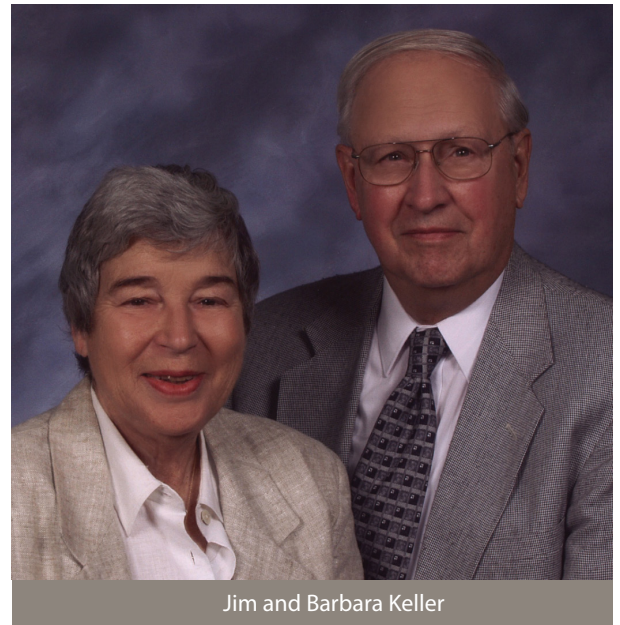
After graduating from UT, Mr. Keller, who served in the U.S. Navy on a sub chaser during WWII and the Korean War, worked at McAuley Plastering—which later became James A. Keller Plastering, Lathing and Drywall. Over four decades, his career contributions included The Toledo Museum of Art, The Toledo Zoo, Seagate Center, The Toledo Convention Center, and most school districts and hospitals in the region.

But his favorite projects came to fruition at UT, including Scott Park, Savage Hall, the Glass Bowl, and the Recreation Center. His daughter, Becky Keller, said his work at the University, much of which was donated time, meant the most to him. "He always wanted to make it the best school it could be," she said.

Mr. Keller also served as president of the Downtown Coaches Association, of which he never missed a meeting. Being named one of UT's Twelfth Men was particularly an honor, and the entire family attended the ceremony.

Becky noted that her father's interest wasn't limited to football. He and his wife, Barbara, a Toledo Hospital surgical nurse, went to all away games for both football and basketball and attended most of the events for other men's and women's sports. "I always called him 'Rocky Rocket,' because he lived for Toledo sports. There was no bigger supporter than my dad," she said. "Even when he lived in Florida, he would drag my mother into a bar if UT was playing and ask them to switch the station to the Toledo game."

After her parents died, Becky chose to remember them through a gift from their estate. That gift is the first contribution to the new Rocket Fund Legacy Program at the UT Foundation, according to Dave



Jim and Barbara Keller

Nottke, UT's senior associate athletic director.

Through the Legacy Program, which the UT athletics department will roll out this fall, donors may make gifts to the fund's permanent endowment. To perpetuate their annual giving beyond their lifetime, donors can simply take their current annual gift and multiply it by 25. For example, a \$500 annual gift would require \$12,500 put into the endowed fund to generate the same yearly \$500 gift.

"The Legacy Program will enable Rocket fans to perpetuate their annual Rocket Fund support through one of many outright or planned gift arrangements," he said. "The annual earnings from this endowment will be added to our Rocket Fund program, which supports our student athletes and their sport programs."

The endowed gift may be funded at any time through cash or stock transfer, or through a planned gift such as a bequest or life insurance policy.

"Jim and Barbara Keller were long-time ticket holders and donors here at The University of Toledo," Mr. Nottke noted. "Their passion and their support of Rocket Athletics will now live on forever because of their generous support."

For more information about the Rocket Fund Legacy Program, contact Dave Nottke at david.nottke@utoledo.edu or 419-530-2510, or Dan Stong at daniel.stong@utoledo.edu or 419-530-5525.

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WHY I GIVE: GORDON MATHER, M.D.

Name: Gordon M. Mather, M.D.

Profession: Retired internist

Residence: Toledo, OH

UT Degree: Bachelor's in Chemistry, 1959

Favorite UT Experience or Memory: My favorite memory of the University is the friendships I made and have maintained. Over the years, I have kept in touch with many of those with whom I studied at the then TU.

UT Area of Support: Department of Chemistry and Womens' Golf



Why I Give: It is interesting to note that during that period in which it was very difficult to gain admission to medical school, nearly all of the pre-med students in our senior year were accepted. As a result of my wonderful experiences at The University of Toledo, I acquired a virtually unpayable debt of gratitude for the mentoring and person-to-person learning experiences at this fine institution.

ALUMNI PAVILION PROVIDES BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS VENUE

The William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion on the northwest corner of the Glass Bowl serves as a gathering place for alumni tailgates and other University of Toledo activities throughout the year. The pavilion, which opened in fall 2012, is also a beautiful facility to host graduation parties, University celebrations, weddings, or other outdoor parties. For more information about renting the pavilion for a private event, call Shirley Grzecki at 419-530-2604.

Alumni and friends who are interested in being a part of the Koester Alumni Pavilion may also still purchase a brick paver that will become a part of the pavilion for life. To purchase a brick or to make a contribution toward the pavilion, contact Dan Saevig at daniel.saevig@utoledo.edu or 419-530-4008



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