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For some people, the word “fraternity” conjures up images of John Belushi wreaking havoc in “Animal House.” But for former members of the Ohio Iota Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon at The University of Toledo, “fraternity” invokes the very real memories of campus and chapter activities, of brotherhood, and—for many—the memory of two Old Orchard parents who provided a home away from home.

From the mid-seventies to mid-eighties, John and Margaret Mandula’s four sons each attended and graduated from UT: Mark (Bus ’79, MBA ’80); Jack (Eng ’81, MBA ’87); Thomas (Bus ’83, MBA ’84), and David (Bus ’86). All four brothers were also Sig Eps.

Living just blocks from campus, the Mandulas opened their home for a decade to Sig Ep young men.

“My mom, who worked at UT for ten years, essentially adopted a lot of guys when we were in school,” said Mark Mandula. “Many ate, slept, and hung out at our house. As a result, she was awarded the honor of being a Golden Heart (little sister).” When she died in November 2011, Mark inherited her pledge paddle, signed by many of the young men.

Mark said he and his brothers felt a huge debt to his parents, and also to UT and Sigma Phi Epsilon. “When my dad passed away in 2003, we decided to create the Sigma Phi Epsilon Margaret R. and

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John Mandula, Jr. and Margaret Mandula

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John Mandula, Jr., Challenge Fund,” said Mark. “My mom and dad believed in the power of education, and we felt the best way to honor them would be through a scholarship.”

The scholarship’s goal is to reward those Sig Eps who epitomize a “Balanced Man.” Criteria includes grades, chapter and campus involvement, and an essay describing a challenging event in the member’s life and how he overcame it.

“Having read these stories over the years, I have been humbled. Not only do all the guys have amazing grades, chapter involvement, and campus involvement, but they have successfully overcome some serious setbacks,” said Mark.

Since 2003, the Challenge Fund has been awarded to 14 students. Many have sent notes of appreciation, saying the scholarship was the difference between staying in school or being forced due to economic reasons to drop out.

Last spring, the Mandula brothers chose to boost the scholarship fund by establishing a challenge grant. Under the terms, the family offered to match every dollar, up to \$50,000, donated to the fund through October 2012. As of mid-November, the total goal of \$100,000 has been nearly met.

The fund-raising drive has been spearheaded by Ted Behnken, president of the UT Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Association. “Without Ted’s leadership and involvement, none of what we have been able to accomplish so far would have been possible,” noted Mark.

Mr. Behnken (Bus ’82, MBA ’88) said the Mandula family has been an incredible force in developing scholarships to benefit the University and members of Sig Ep.

“We appreciate all they have done, and in the spirit of their parents, our university and fraternity will benefit by this gift that will live forever,” he said.

“All four of us believe that paying forward is important to ensure current and future Sig Eps have the opportunity to receive an education at The University of Toledo,” added Mark. “We encourage and challenge other UT alumni to contribute to their alma mater.”

GATEWAY AND ALUMNI PAVILION CELEBRATE GRAND OPENINGS



Funded through gifts from alumni and friends, the UT Alumni Association’s new William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion opened in September 2012. Located just west of the Glass Bowl Stadium, the \$1.2 million project includes a 3,000-square-foot lannon stone facility, along with a 9,500-square-foot plaza. The new pavilion will be the primary gathering spot for alumni pre-game activities and a meeting place for other University and community groups throughout the year.



Years of planning culminated in a grand opening this fall for the Gateway redevelopment project. The mixed-use real estate development, financed by the UT Foundation, will revitalize the Dorr Street Corridor and create a new campus “gateway” at the Dorr Street and Secor Road intersection. The first phase includes an 88,500-square-foot commercial complex anchored by the new Barnes & Noble University Bookstore, with other student-centered retailers. Upper levels consist of 48 loft-style market-rate apartments.

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TIPS FOR YEAR-END GIVING

While gifts in support of The University of Toledo are appreciated any time, many donors make donations at the end of the year. Year-end giving is advantageous for both the donor and the Foundation. Following are some tips to keep in mind:

Cash, the most common form of charitable gift, provides an income tax deduction when itemized on your tax return. The gift must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the Foundation office by Dec. 31 for a charitable deduction on your 2012 tax return.

Credit cards may be used to make your gift online at the Foundation's secure giving website. Receive the deduction now and pay your credit card bill at a later date. If your credit card provides frequent flyer miles or other credits or points, you get the tax advantages plus added benefits.

Donate appreciated stock, held for more than a year, and derive an additional tax benefit: avoidance of capital gain. Appreciated stock with the greatest capital gain will maximize your tax benefit.

Sell stock that has lost value, and donate the proceeds. Deduct the loss in value (cost basis less current value) and derive a tax deduction for the amount of your contribution.

Make a gift from your IRA directly to the UT Foundation. You will reduce your federal estate taxes, and your heirs will avoid additional income tax.

Donate an insurance policy you no longer find useful and receive a charitable deduction for the cash value of the policy.

Match your gift with your employer's contribution. Many companies have matching gift programs. Simply enclose the company form along with your donation.

For more information about your year-end gift, contact the Foundation at utfoundation@utoledo.edu or 419-530-7730.

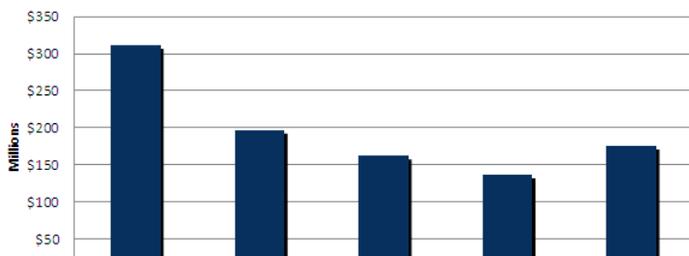
YEAR-END FINANCES AT A GLANCE

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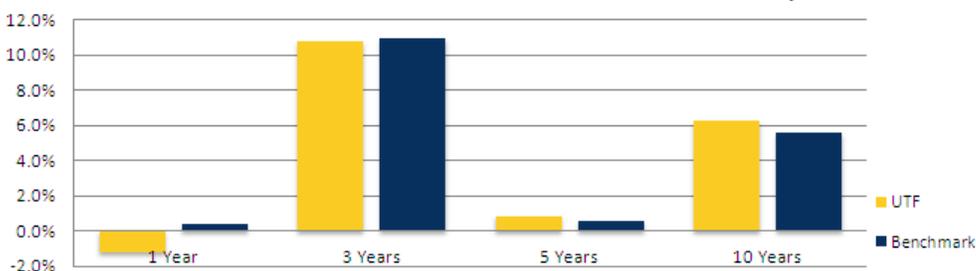
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Total Foundation Assets	\$215.8 Million
Endowment	\$311 Million
Investments under Management	\$326.2 Million
Total Contributions	\$13.8 Million
Total Support Provided to the University	\$13.5 Million

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