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CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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Announcements – The Blue Key Chapter of the [University of Toledo](#) will host the Annual Blue Key Honor Society Leadership Conference in Toledo, Ohio on June 10-12, 2005. Copies of the Conference Agenda, Registration form, and the Application for Conference Travel Support form are posted on the Home and the Leadership Conference page of the [Blue Key Honor Society website](#).

Nominate your outstanding chapter, chapter members and advisors for a 2005 Blue Key Honor Society Award! Nomination forms, award descriptions, criteria and guidelines are also posted on the Home and the Awards page of the [Blue Key Honor Society website](#).

Reminder: Registration forms and Award Nomination forms are due **May 6, 2005**.

Blue Key Family

Please email the [webmaster](#) with any news, announcements or updates regarding your chapter so that they can be included in future editions of the newsletter.

Chapter Spotlight

The main purpose of this newsletter is to feature an outstanding Blue Key Chapter. Future newsletters will spotlight different Blue Key chapters from across the country to honor that chapter's achievements and hard work. We hope you enjoy learning how the Blue Key Chapter at the University of Toledo contributes to campus life!

University of Toledo

Fun Facts about The University of Toledo ARX Chapter of Blue Key

- Founded as ARX Men's Honorary in 1935
- Officially became a local chapter of Blue Key on January 15, 1953.

- The UT Chapter motto: ***Thirteen is the number, the number shall be thirteen.***
- The UT Chapter is held to 13 active members
- The UT Chapter wears aluminum Waldemar Keys to represent membership along with the pin
- Tapping (meaning the new class is announced to let students know who was selected) of Blue Key occur at Songfest in the spring and the new members wear their keys for 13 days after the event
- Official UT Chapter symbol is the University Bell Tower

Blue Key Sponsored Service Events:

University of Toledo Homecoming Parade

Blue Key is in charge of putting on the homecoming parade every year. UT's homecoming is one of the oldest traditions on campus. The Blue Key president is the chair of the parade. The 2004 parade had over 200 attractions. Student organizations make floats that are judged and awards are given every year. Last year, there were 12 floats made for the parade. Members of the UT and Toledo community participate in the annual event. The parade travels a two-mile route through a neighborhood next to campus and includes many spectators. Blue Key rides as the last attraction in the parade to show the finish of all their work.

Songfest

Songfest is a song and dance competition between campus organizations. There are three categories: Men, Women and Co-Ed. Songfest began at UT in 1937 as an outdoor singing festival sponsored by the Inter-fraternity Council during the May Day Celebration. Blue Key has co-sponsored the event with Mortar Board since 1975. Songfest 2005 had 23 organizations participating and had approximately 5,000 people in attendance. One Songfest Chair from Blue Key and one from Mortar Board coordinate the event. The chairs rotate between male and female every year in both organizations so that there is always a male and a female chair. The event is a \$25,000 undertaking and is one of the oldest traditions on campus. The event also raises money for a charity, and this year over \$1250 was raised for "Mom's House", which helps single mothers.

University of Toledo Blue Key Members:

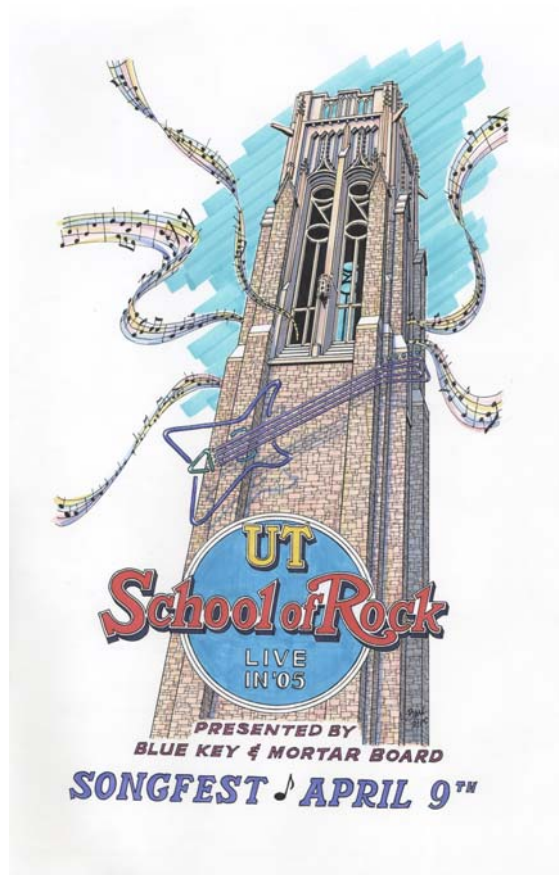


The 2004-2005 class at initiation

- ❖ **Allen Bresson**, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon; Vice-President of Golden Key; Vice-President Physical Therapy Club
- ❖ **Devon Scheible**, Vice-President of Membership Development in Sigma Phi Epsilon, University Relations Chairman in Student Government Cabinet, Secretary of Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society
- ❖ **Jon Hassel**, President, Vice-President of Programming for Sigma Phi Epsilon, Facilitator in the Leadership UT program, Historian for University Ambassadors
- ❖ **Emily Koupal**, Vice-President and Songfest Chair, President and Historian of Alpha Chi Omega, Election Board member for Student Government, member for Student Judicial Board
- ❖ **Todd Marchal**, Finance Chair of Dance Marathon, President of Beta Sigma Tau, Habitat for Humanity
- ❖ **Justin Rudisille**, President of Rocketeers, Founder of Rocket Recruitment Advisory Board, Homecoming Commissioner
- ❖ **Jeanna Volp**, President of University YMCA, Chair of Outstanding Student Organization, Rocket Football hostess
- ❖ **Gordy Pokorny**, Vice-President of Fellowship for Alpha Phi Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and 2003 Homecoming King
- ❖ **Ross Altenburger**, Treasurer, Big Event Chair for Student Government Cabinet, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Ohio Air National Guard Senior Airman
- ❖ **Kathy Stevens**, President of Pi Beta Phi, Catholic Student Association, and Student Government Cabinet

- ❖ **Tom Crawford**, Student Government President, Leadership UT facilitator, Sigma Phi Epsilon
- ❖ **Kristen Kunkler**, Resident Advisor, Leadership UT facilitator, Vice-President of Alpha Epsilon Delta
- ❖ **John Schilling**, Secretary, Student Judicial Board, President of Toledo Campus Ministry Fellowship, Founder of the spiritual retreat, Koinonia
- ❖ **Advisor**: Lori Edgeworth, Blue Key Alumni, Director of Student Judicial Affairs

Pictures from 2005 Songfest:



The 2005 Songfest Advertisement



The 2004-2005 class performing the opening act of Songfest along with Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society



The 2004-2005 Blue Key class singing the Toledo Alma Mater at Songfest



The tapping of the 2005-2006 Blue Key class at Songfest

