

Thank you Toledo!

On October 4, I was humbled to be among the 2013 group of the University of Toledo outstanding alumni honorees. Of course, the life stories and achievements of my fellow honorees were much more impressive than mine and I felt somewhat out of place among these amazing folks. But just as was the case when I was a graduate student in 1992-93, I felt very much at home in Toledo.

The warm welcome and the special hospitality of Ohio's people remains the most vivid impression since my arrival in Toledo some 21 years ago. Moreover, the highly successful group of graduates honored by the University would make any alum proud. One could feel new energetic enthusiasm around campus and I want to thank the University President Lloyd Jacobs and his team, including the creative Dan Saevig, for putting together a great evening. As always, I am grateful to Dean Jamie Barlowe and Professor Lynn Bachelor, as well as the late Professor Hugh Hinton for what I have learned from them.