Our colleagues are special

When Dr. Lyn Miles’ elevator ride turned into an adventure at the Lupton Library last June, she felt fortunate that the first responder was UTC Police Officer Harry Wolverton. After determining Miles was stuck between two floors, Wolverton calmly spoke with her through the doors, assuring her help was on the way and assisted as the fire department rescued Miles.

“I wasn’t panicked but appreciated his efforts to keep me calm and feeling connected with the outside world. I recalled an old Hollywood movie where rescuers kept trapped mine workers aware they were not alone. Officer Wolverton said I would soon be out of there and back to my routine for the evening, which put everything into perspective,” Miles explained.

Wolverton is one of 12 UTC colleagues in 2013 to earn the Blue Ribbon Award for working above and beyond their job responsibilities.

In April, Sue Garrett was recognized for the fantastic job she’s done with reducing our campus’ carbon footprint. Garrett, Administrative Support Assistant for Purchasing, was nominated by Lisa Darger, UTC Sustainability Coordinator.

“Inker works with our contractors to ensure that not only does UTC recoup all property suitable for auction, she also collects broken items like chairs, desks and shelving that have recyclable plastics, woods, or metals. She has taken the extra step to break down some items and retrieve materials which can be recycled,” Darger said.

Read about all the Blue Ribbon winners at utc.edu/blue-ribbon-award.

If you’d like to honor a deserving UTC employee, e-mail your nomination to Melanie-Sadler@utc.edu or mail to Dept. 3603.

Inquiring minds want to know

Did you get the text about our delayed opening this week? If not, sign up for the UTC Alert system at utc.edu/takingprecautions. Before the next round of nasty weather, you can read the University’s inclement weather policy at utc.edu/inclement-weather.

New ARC membership will help with New Year’s resolution

Losing weight has become a less expensive goal—it’s only $10 a month to use the third floor of the ARC where there’s a track, elliptical machines, and additional exercise equipment. There are also new rates for those who want to add family members so that they can use the recreation center and the pool. For more info, visit utc.edu/campus-recreation/.

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