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A University of Toledo centennial convocation, which will begin the official celebration of the University's 100th anniversary, has been scheduled for noon on Thursday, October 12, in the University Field House.

The convocation will be free and open to the public and is the first in a series of events during the coming year which will mark the UT centennial.

The centennial convocation will include an address on "The Public-Urban University" by Dr. Glen R. Driscoll, who assumes office as eleventh president of the University on October 1; the recognition of former members of the University's municipal Board of Directors and of the Board of Trustees established in 1967; and, the conferring of an honorary doctor of arts and letters degree on Dr. William S. Carlson, who retires from office as president of the University on September 30.

The University of Toledo originated in October, 1872 with a gift of 160 acres of farmland made by Toledoan Jesup Scott. The University Community and Technical College now occupies a part of that land, designated the University's Scott Park campus in honor of the original benefactor. Variously known as the Toledo University of Arts and Trades, the Toledo Manual Training School, Toledo University and The University of Toledo, it began operation as a municipal university in 1884 and became a part of Ohio's state university system in 1967.

Former directors and trustees of the University who will be honored during the ceremonies include J. Preston Levis, former member of the municipal board and first chairman of the Board of Trustees; John D. Biggers, Ward M. Canaday, A.A. Haddad, G. Kenneth Keller, Jules D. Lippmann and Elizabeth A. Zepf, all former members of the municipal Board of Directors; and Richard C. Heymann, Jr., J. Nathan Hobbs, M.D., and Lawrence N. Steinberg, former members of the Board of Trustees.

Arrangements for the centennial convocation were made by a six-member centennial steering committee chaired by Dr. Harold W. Oyster, the University's vice president for development.

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