

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO – WOMEN

Women Firsts at the University of Toledo

- Women admitted in 1886 on the same basis as men
- Sarah Williams, first woman on the Board of Directors
- Anna Caroline Motte – first woman to donate money to the university
- Mary J. Lanier – first dean of women
- Lucille E. Mack – secretary to 8 university presidents
- Josephine Leach, director of teacher education, was the highest paid faculty member in 1915
- Emma L. Woodward appointed treasurer in 1918, and held the job for 30 years
- Mary M. Gillham – appointed librarian in 1921, and held the position for 48 years
- Katharine M. Easley – dean of women for 30 years
- Lucille Emch – longest tenure of any UToledo employee, 50 years
- Shirley Meyers Plessner – awarded the first doctor of education degree in 1962
- Doris Fennenberg – graduate of UToledo, served on the faculty of the law school as law librarian for 17 years, and founded the Ohio Association of Law Libraries

Miscellaneous Facts about Women Firsts at the University of Toledo

- June 5, 1987: First woman to receive the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Physics
- December 1980: First woman in UToledo history to complete US Army airborne training and become a parachuter
- 1987: First woman to graduate in Sports Writing at UToledo and later became a writer for the Washington Football Team
- September 5, 1985: First black female graduate of UToledo's Department of Civil Engineering, and the second black female graduate of the college (Shanette Rosay Floyd)
- 1923: First woman to graduate from Law School (Mrs. Florence H. Wells)