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President's Perspective

As president, one of my greatest joys is welcoming new students to campus. They are so full of potential and excitement. But also as a president one of my greatest privileges is witnessing how much our students have learned and grown through their Tusculum education. The graduates in Saturday's commencement and the new students who will participate in Pioneer WOW starting Thursday are both entering new phases in their lives.

After the graduation ceremony, I walked around and spoke with our newest graduates and their families in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons. I could not tell who was prouder – the graduates or their

families. Children were proud of their graduating parents, and many of the parents said they persisted in their studies to set a good example for their children. Many graduates were the first in their families to complete college, and they were pleased they could help pave the way for their families. Graduations are celebrations, but they are also inspirations.

Now we pivot to Pioneer WOW and prepare to begin our 229th year. I am grateful for faculty and staff who helped these graduates succeed and walk across the stage. They are now just as eager to help these incoming students start their Tusculum education and become career-ready professionals.

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel
President

Word of the Week

“But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.” – Micah 7:7
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Photo of the Week



Nikola Vujicic, left, and Yarkiza Gonzalez De Moncier served as the student speakers during Saturday's graduation. The two students earned master's degrees. To learn more the ceremony, please read this [news release](#). To see photos from graduation, please view [this gallery](#). Photos by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Remembering Dr. Donal Sexton

We are saddened to share Dr. Donal Sexton, professor emeritus of history, passed away Saturday, Aug. 13 but are pleased to celebrate his legacy at Tusculum.

Dr. Sexton served at Tusculum for 40 years and made his mark on the university. Among his many distinctions were holding the Janet Anderson Lunstet Professorship and co-authoring the bicentennial university history "Glimpses of Tusculum" in 1994. Even in retirement, he stayed active, serving as faculty marshal at graduations in a ceremonial role.

He remained a beloved figure at Tusculum, and his name would periodically arise in discussions about the university.

His work in the 1980s directing a two-year research project that included interviews of residents who lived in the Horse Creek community of Greene County gained renewed attention in the last year. A new group of faculty and students have returned to Horse Creek to conduct a follow-up study. Dr. Katherine Everhart, assistant professor of sociology, and Dr. Peter Noll, professor of public history and museum studies, interviewed him in the spring about the earlier study.

Dr. David Bow, who is beginning his 46th year at Tusculum, described Dr. Sexton as having very high academic standards for his students. He called Dr. Sexton a leader among the faculty and said his former colleague would not hesitate to share his thoughts on subjects. He highlighted Dr. Sexton's work with others on the former block schedule, civic arts and self-governance.

"I respected him a great deal because of his knowledge in his field and the standards he held for his students," Dr. Bow said.

Students need to purchase their textbooks now

This is a reminder to students to order their textbooks now to ensure they receive them before classes begin Monday, Aug. 22.

All bookstore orders must be placed online, as the campus bookstore no longer sells textbooks.

The link to purchase textbooks is <https://tusculum.textbookx.com/institutional/index.php>.

You log in using your Anthology/bookstore username (the @lab.tusculum.edu) and Canvas password. Once you are logged in, you will see your book list for all of the materials you will need for your classes.

If you need your account information or password reset, please contact Tusculum's Information Systems help desk at tdis@tusculum.edu or 423-636-7346.

We still sell branded merchandise such as clothing items, flags, key chains, school supplies and snacks in the Scott M. Niswonger Commons.

Tusculum Family Reunion is today!

We remind you the Tusculum Family Reunion is today from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pioneer Park.

We will have a lot of fun activities, such as Kam Jam, sack races and hula hoop. To see the full list, please click [here](#). In addition, we will have a softball game at noon for faculty and staff members. We will have a free-for-all water balloon fight on the field at the end of the game.

For food, employees who emailed Nicole Rader with their food preference will have either:

- A Chartwells boxed lunch with turkey and Boursin cheese on a baguette with cut fruit, chips and cookie
- Regular jerk dinners, jerk chicken tacos, jerk chicken rice bowl or curry chicken rice bowl from Island Vibe Grill food truck, with a vegan option available

We will have free water and popcorn at the concessions stand closest to the entrance. Faculty and staff members who did not order a meal in advance can purchase one from Island Vibe Grill or Ultimate Funnel Cakes food truck, which will be on-site. Employees' family members who attend can also buy a meal from these food trucks.

Dress is casual. Faculty and staff members will receive their food voucher, ticket for door prizes and name tag when they enter the front gate of Pioneer Park.



Assisting the residents of Eastern Kentucky

In response to the devastating floods that have occurred in Eastern Kentucky, we encourage you to support the residents of those communities.

Tusculum University will kick off our campaign to assist these residents at the Tusculum Family Reunion for faculty and staff, which will be held Monday, Aug. 15, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in Pioneer Park. We will have designated boxes at the park for faculty and staff members to place their donations.

We will continue to collect items through Friday, Aug. 26. Donations after the reunion can be brought to the office of Chris Shumate, our campus minister, in Room 405 of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons. He will have a tote or box outside his office.

Those affected by the floods are in need of the following items:

- Baby food
- Diapers
- Dog food
- Cat food
- Cleaning supplies

We thank you for your support of this important civic engagement initiative. We also ask you to please include the residents of Eastern Kentucky in your prayers. This is an extremely challenging period for these residents, and we hope they feel comfort and Christian love as they navigate the next steps in the recovery process.

Mark your calendar for the Pioneer Workshop

The Pioneer Workshop for faculty and staff will be held from 8:30 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Aug. 16, in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center.

Administrators as well as faculty and staff members will make presentations and be available afterward to answer questions. The agenda has been slightly revised and is attached for your review.

If you have questions about the event, please email Dr. Tricia Hunsader, provost and vice president of academic affairs, at thunsader@tusculum.edu.

Chick-fil-A reopens this week

The Chick-fil-A on campus will reopen Thursday, Aug. 18 and again offer delicious food for your stomachs.

The fast food restaurant, operated by Chartwells, will be open 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday during the week.

Discounts available for reserving parking spaces!

Discounts are available for faculty and staff members who reserve parking spaces and pay the \$225 cost upfront.

To qualify for the 10 percent discount, employees need to select their reserved space and pay the cost upfront in the Business Office by Friday, Aug. 26. Faculty and staff members who chose to pay through payroll deduction do not qualify for this discount.

For more details about reserved parking spaces and registration of vehicles, please click [here](#).

Chapel returns Monday, Aug. 22

Voluntary chapel sessions will return Monday, Aug. 22, in a new location – The Pioneer Perk.

As was the case during the 2021-22 academic year, the sessions will take place from 3:30-4 p.m. every Monday when classes are in session. Every week, we will address common questions about Christianity. Further details about the topics and session leaders will come in future editions of The Pioneer Press.

Chapel is a great opportunity for students, faculty and staff to be fed spiritual nourishment that will make the rest of the week easier. We look forward to seeing you on Mondays.

For more information, please email Dr. Chris Shumate, campus minister, at cshumate@tusculum.edu.

Aug. 23 class schedule revised for Opening Convocation

The Opening Convocation will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center. To enable everyone to attend, we have adjusted class times throughout the day.

Here is the updated schedule:

Event	Regular Schedule	August 23 Schedule
1 st Period	8:00-9:20	8:00-9:00
2 nd Period	9:30-10:50	9:10-10:10
Convocation		10:30-11:30
3 rd Period	11:00-12:20	11:40-12:50
4 th Period	12:30-1:50	1:00-2:10
5 th Period	2:00-3:20	2:20-3:30
Labs	12:30-3:20	1:00-3:30
6 th Period	3:30-4:50	3:40-4:50

Night of Worship taking place the first week of classes

During the first week of classes, Tusculum will hold a special event open to the whole Tusculum family. Night of Worship will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, in the Library Bowl. If the weather is inclement, the event will move to The Pioneer Perk.

The PILLAR Band from First Christian Church in Greeneville will play inspiring music that will bring you even closer to God.

We encourage you to join us! This event is also part of our Pioneer WOW activities for the students.

For more information, please email Dr. Chris Shumate, campus minister, at cshumate@tusculum.edu.

Free haircuts for students!

TaylorMade Grooming Lounge will provide free haircuts in the Quad on the Greeneville campus for students from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22.

We encourage students to participate in this wonderful opportunity to feel good with a nice, fresh haircut. Thank you to Micah Taylor, the business' owner, for helping our students in this thoughtful way. We are grateful to have TaylorMade as a neighbor of Tusculum!



FREE HAIRCUTS FOR STUDENTS!

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday, August 22

In the Quad in front of Niswonger Commons



Excitement abounds for the start of Pioneer WOW!

Pioneer WOW for our incoming students begins in three days!

New students will experience all kinds of fun, learn a lot more about Tusculum and experience the joy of service through Pioneer WOW, an acronym for Welcome Orientation Week. They will have an opportunity to meet other students who are also beginning their studies at Tusculum. They will be part of the same group of 18-20 for many activities, but at other times, they will interact with other new students.

Assisting them in these initial days will be many faculty and staff members as well as returning Tusculum students. Pioneer WOW is an outstanding way to build connections from the moment of arrival to make that transition go smoothly. Tusculum is an excellent place to receive a collegiate education, enjoy an

array of extracurricular activities and discover your purpose and calling. Pioneer WOW will give our new students a great start!

The first phase of Pioneer WOW starts with move-in at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, and concludes with the Pioneer Showcase Saturday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p.m. Then we move into the second phase of Pioneer WOW, which runs from Sunday, Aug. 21-Saturday, Aug. 27. During those six days, new students will meet other students who are continuing their studies at Tusculum!

Be sure to visit the [Pioneer WOW web page](#), which has a link to the schedule and more details! Check the website frequently in case we need to make modifications to the schedule.



Students have fun at Pioneer WOW in 2021. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Israeli to speak at Tusculum and in the community

Mishi Neubach, a former Israeli soldier who fought in the Six-day and Yom Kippur wars, will speak in Old Testament classes on campus Thursday, Sept. 1 and conduct a free lecture that evening in the Meen Center lecture hall.

Neubach has been a friend of Dr. Hummel for 24 years. He is a tour guide, who Dr. Hummel has used for all of his trips to Israel, including the visit this summer. He is a graduate of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where Dr. Hummel also studied.

During his visit to Tusculum, Neubach will have a reunion and dinner Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the President's House with all of the people who traveled to Israel in June. After speaking to the Old Testament classes, he will have lunch in the Hurley Room of the cafeteria at noon, and faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend.

The lecture at the Meen Center will be held at 7 p.m.

"His lecture will address the life of the modern state of Israel through his life," Dr. Hummel said. "He was born one year before the establishment of the modern state of Israel, and his life somewhat models the progress of the state. His family is typical of those who came from Europe before and after World War II. He fought in two wars and has grown up with the state."



Mishi Neubach, right, is joined by Dr. Hummel, left, and First Lady Starr Hummel, second from left, in this photo. The other person is Dianne Benton a mutual friend of Neubach and Dr. Hummel. Photo from Dr. Hummel

New Student Affairs leadership team installed

We are thrilled to welcome Claire Hensley as our new associate vice president for student affairs and to promote Chuck Sutton to dean of students. Both of these personnel moves were effective Thursday, Aug. 11.

Hensley will have direct oversight of residence life, student life and programming as well as coordination of efforts across the university and in the community that promote student retention, success and engagement. She will serve as a member of the Executive Cabinet and support Sutton in his duties.

Sutton will oversee the Office of Students Affairs' judicial process, work-study programs and intramural staff. He will also take the lead in assistance and support initiatives for students of concern.

"Claire impressed us greatly with her excellent leadership skills and her commitment to our mission," Dr. Hummel said. "Her vision for the Office of Student Affairs will enrich the lives of those who enroll at the

university through a holistic approach and prepare them to be career-ready professionals. We are also excited Chuck will partner with her to provide the framework for our students to grow and succeed. He has proven throughout his time at Tusculum to be a valuable asset in helping students reach their full potential.”

Hensley outlined three main goals:

- Continue Tusculum's efforts to hone and craft specific processes for identifying and supporting students of concern
- Expand opportunities for student leadership and the development of leadership skills our Pioneers to embody the university’s mission
- Lead a strong team of student affairs professionals, who develop relationships with students and foster a sense of belonging and personal success for all of them

“Tusculum has an incredible culture of care embedded within its campus community,” Hensley said. “Students are consistently supported by faculty, staff and coaches, who desire to see all students succeed in their studies and fulfill all aspects of the university's mission.”

Sutton’s goals include developing student leaders and maintaining a consistently positive culture by collaborating with community stakeholders and multiple departments.

“Our students are resilient and believe in having a voice to speak or express themselves,” Sutton said. “They want to express themselves showing that they are important. Our students are servant leaders, helping our community and volunteering their time.”

You can learn more about Hensley and Sutton in this [news release](#).



Claire Hensley, right, and Chuck Sutton form the new leadership team in the Office of Student Affairs.
Photo by the Office of Communication and Marketing

Longtime economics professor to coordinate undergraduate business programs

Dr. Antônio Bós, professor of economics and one of our longest-serving faculty members, has been named program coordinator of undergraduate business programs.

A Tusculum family member since 1993, Dr. Bós was promoted to full professor in 2007. He has taught a wide range of bachelor's and master's courses, including Economic Environment of Organizations, International Economic Development, Managerial Economics and Advanced Marketing Management.

The Bachelor of Science in business administration degree offers six majors – accounting, economics, entrepreneurship, information technology, management and marketing. It is part of the College of Business, which is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs and under the university's umbrella accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The College of Business has achieved numerous national rankings in recent years.

"It is a pleasure to entrust Dr. Bós with this position, and I am confident he will produce outstanding results," said Dr. Kevin Hill, interim dean of the College of Business. "Dr. Bós is a pillar of the university, and his commitment to the preparation of our students as career-ready professionals is exceptional. The breadth and depth of his experience and scholarship will ensure we continue to excel as a leader in business education."

Dr. Bós has been published extensively, has written multiple scholarly reviews and has conducted about two dozen presentations at professional events. He has received many honors for his professional work at Tusculum.

He is serving at the College of Business' liaison to the Quality Enhancement Plan and as a member of the Institutional Review Board. During his years at Tusculum, he has held several leadership posts, including chair of the Admissions and Standards Committee, director of the Center for Economic Development and Entrepreneurship and chair of the Business Administration Department.

Dr. Bós holds a bachelor's degree in agronomics and a master's degree in agricultural economics from Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, and a doctorate in economics from the University of Tennessee. He was a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of International Health of the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.



Dr. Antônio Bós

Two Tusculum leaders graduate from leadership class

We congratulate Benita Bare, vice president of finance and chief financial officer, and Richard Miller, associate vice president of institutional effectiveness, on their graduation from Leadership Greene County Class of 2022!

Leadership Greene County is a personal program designed to motivate participants to develop and enhance the quality of their leadership skills, and use those skills in their everyday lives and work situations. Participants spend a year in the program.

Greg Fay, director of continuing education and camps, is a member of the Class of 2023.



Benita Bare, right, and Richard Miller hold their diploma from the leadership class. Photo by Nicole Rader

Final chance to register for fall courses!

The fall semester starts next Monday, and students should be sure they are registered for classes. They can review courses available during the fall semester by visiting the portal and submit [registration forms](#) to the Registrar's Office at registrartu@tusculum.edu.

Students need to remember:

- They must meet with their advisor before they can choose their courses.
- They must not have a business office hold on their student account because they will not be able to register for courses until they resolve it.



Register now for fall semester housing!

The Office of Student Affairs is putting the final touches on housing assignments, so students who want to live in a residence hall or the apartments for the fall semester need to act now!

The application is available at <https://my.tusculum.edu/forms/housing-lottery-form/>.

Remember these important reminders about housing registration:

- Students will not be able to participate in the housing lottery if they have not registered for courses to be held in the fall.
- Students need to complete a housing application on their Anthology accounts.
- Students who have a business office hold can submit their housing application, but it will not be processed until they register for classes for the fall.

*Have you signed up for **FALL HOUSING?***



Get ahead!



<https://my.tusculum.edu/forms/housing-lottery-form/>

Another exciting event coming in September

Faculty and staff will have another excellent way to engage in friendly competition and bond as fellow Tusculum employees during the inaugural Sweet Tooth Tuesday event!

The event will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 around the living room of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons. It will have the feel and format of the Chili Cook-Off, but this time, we will focus on desserts! Teams can form to create their best treats, with voters determining who earns the different honors.

You are guaranteed to have a good time! Further details are coming, but we want to give you plenty of time to think of the desserts you want to make and your themes!

If you have questions, please email Nicole Rader, director of alumni and community engagement, at nrader@tusculum.edu.



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF TUSCULUM'S FINEST TREATS!

Tuesday, September 20
11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Niswonger Commons main entrance

THIS EVENT IS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF PARTICIPATION ONLY.
TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM, PLEASE EMAIL NRADER@TUSCULUM.EDU.

Two students demonstrate civic engagement with fundraising event

Nicole Bailey and Lilli Gall, juniors who are pursuing majors in Tusculum's art and design program, recently donated some of their art work for a fundraising event in Johnson City!

The students provided two pieces of art each to the 5 X 5 Art Exhibit and Fundraiser. The items were available for purchase to benefit Johnson City Public Art.

Gall's art focused on frogs. She said she likes frogs and wanted to create something fun and whimsical, so she drew them in hats. She took reference pictures she found online and used them to draw a couple of sketches on her iPad. She printed the sketches and transferred onto the wooden panels, then painted the frogs onto the panels.

One of Bailey's art pieces showed a ballet dancer, and the other was of a woman with a bow and arrow.

Two of the pieces are below, and the other two are available [here](#).

We commend Bailey and Gall for supporting the community and demonstrating civic engagement!



This is one piece of Lilli Gall's art.



This art was the work of Nicole Bailey.

Reminders

- Tusculum has established the coronavirus protocols for the academic year. You can read them [here](#).
- The Ballad Health Tusculum University Clinic located in Room 008 of the Meen Center will open for medical care Monday, Aug. 22. The clinic will see patients Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 1-3:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Patients can self-pay or use their health insurance. Students can apply for payment aid, if necessary.
- Tusculum is doubling its available bandwidth. Starting in early September, we will launch better and faster speeds for Wi-Fi and Ethernet connections. And after careful consideration, we will

discontinue cable service on campus effective Wednesday, Aug. 31, due to changing viewership patterns. You can learn more about both developments [here](#).

- The deadline to recommend someone for this month's President's GEM Award is noon Wednesday, Aug. 24. Dr. Hummel will announce the recipient at the President's Coffee Friday, Aug. 26. To suggest someone, please complete this [short form](#).
- If you are holding an event on campus, we need to be sure Tusculum family members are aware. One way is to submit a [branding request](#) to the Office of Communications and Marketing, which will post the event to the calendar on the Tusculum website. Another is for employees to work with the person designated in their office or department who has the ability to post items on the Events and Planning Calendar on Outlook. Access to items on that calendar is available to all employees.

Events and activities

All Tusculum family members

Tuesday, Aug. 16, and Thursday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT fitness class**

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 11 a.m., in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons; **Goodwin's South of the River food truck**

Faculty and staff

Monday, Aug. 15, 11 a.m., Pioneer Park; **Tusculum Family Reunion**

Tuesday, Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center; **Pioneer Workshop**

Community

Saturday, Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m., Doak House Museum; **Greeneville Farmers Market**

FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS

Coming August 17: Goodwin's South of the River

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On Wednesdays, Tusculum will host a food truck on campus. Join us!



Everyone invited!

Quad in front of Niswonger Commons
60 Shiloh Road, Greeneville, TN 37745

Questions? Email nrader@tusculum.edu
or call 423-636-0565.

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Faculty and staff birthdays

- Monday, Aug. 15 – Karen Cox
- Monday, Aug. 15 – Angie Tyler
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Chris Berney
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – April Grindstaff
- Friday, Aug. 19 – Dr. Peggy Goodson-Rochelle

We thank you for reading The Pioneer Press! To suggest content for a future edition or submit feature photos, please email Jim Wozniak, director of communications and marketing, at jwozniak@tusculum.edu.

Go Pioneers!

