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Dear Tusculum family,

We thank you for reading The Pioneer Press!

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President's Perspective

A busy campus makes me happy. When we have a lot of activity taking place in multiple areas of Tusculum, we see our mission in action.

This week will be one of the busiest since I have been at Tusculum. The highlight will be Celebrating Diversity Week, which will feature a wide array of high-quality events. I invite you to participate in the

daily events and thank the College of Civic and Liberal Arts for its tremendous work to remind us of the value of diversity.

We have speakers lined up by the College of Science, Technology and Math who will help our students become career-ready and examine a potential new path for their professional lives. Plus, we are in the midst of our outstanding Theologian-In-Residence program, a 31-year tradition at Tusculum, and have our weekly chapel service. Today, our students and community volunteers will begin helping people complete their income taxes for free.

And that list does not even include our athletic events!

Our mission statement says, "Building on a rich Presbyterian heritage and a pioneering spirit, Tusculum University provides an active and experiential education within a caring, Christian environment to inspire civic engagement, enrich personal lives and equip career-ready professionals." When I review the events taking place this week, I am proud to see virtually every element of our mission represented.

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel
President

Word of the Week

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." – Isaiah 6:3 NIV

Photo of the Week



We are grateful to Angela Jennings who runs Sankofa, an African American traveling museum, for bringing it to Tusculum last week and thank Student Support Services and the Office of Student Affairs for sponsoring it. Above are, left to right, Angela Jennings, Steve Anderson and Lauren Johnson. Check out this [gallery of photos](#).

Coronavirus update

Twenty-six students and two employees are positive. Seventy-nine percent of employees and 28 percent of students are protected.

All individuals must wear face coverings indoors in our buildings when physical distancing cannot be guaranteed. Faculty and staff members who are alone in their office are not required to wear a face covering, but they should have one with them at all times. We look forward to conditions improving with the coronavirus so we can remove this face covering requirement.

Residential households in the United States can order one set of four free at-home coronavirus tests. The tests will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. To learn more, please visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

We urge all Tusculum family members to complete the form at the following links about your status to help us successfully navigate the global coronavirus pandemic.

Employee survey

<https://go.tusculum.edu/forms/employee-covid-19-survey/>

Student survey

<https://go.tusculum.edu/forms/student-covid-19-survey/>

Should you develop coronavirus symptoms, be diagnosed or be identified as a contact, you must immediately inform the appropriate group at Tusculum.

- Students need to email the Office of Student Affairs at studentaffairs@tusculum.edu or call the COVID-19 hotline at 423-636-0500.
- Employees must contact the Human Resources Department at humanresources@tusculum.edu or 423-636-7345 (extension 5345 on campus) as well as their supervisor.

Tusculum changes 403(b) plan carrier for employees; meetings scheduled

After careful review, Tusculum has changed its 403(b) plan carrier from TIAA to [Principal](#). With the switch, effective Tuesday, Feb. 1, we have enhanced some of the investment options and participant features to provide employees a greater level of service and support.

It is imperative that those who are currently enrolled and participating in the retirement plan set up their account with Principal and call the Human Resources Department as soon as possible to schedule time with Edward Jones, our new financial adviser, to transfer their funds from TIAA. This will ensure optimal fee savings and achieve minimal disruption in an employee's retirement plan.

Why did Tusculum University change retirement plan carriers from TIAA to Principal?

TU is committed to providing a best-in-class 403(b) plan to help support your financial well-being and help you meet your retirement goals. During 2021, TU conducted an in-depth review and determined this change affords participants significantly improved plan features, reduced fees and continued access to a diverse array of low-cost investment options across different asset classes. When investment funds were lined-up, Principal's fee structure was, on average, less than one-half the rates of TIAA. This can save you money and compound over time – working as an investment, not an expense. Another new feature is the addition of a ROTH investment option (on top of our current pre-tax structure).

What was the timeline to get us to today?

After our review, findings were presented to and adopted by Tusculum's Board of Trustees in October. TU then partnered with TIAA, Principal and Edward Jones to start the deconversion from TIAA. During TU's open enrollment in November, we announced our intention to transition to Principal. After all the plan details were finalized, we sent our transition notice to participants on Friday, Jan. 14. Since then, Principal completed setup of our census and account information for all eligible faculty and staff.

What can you tell us about Principal Financial Group?

Principal is regarded as a national leader as a third-party administrator of retirement accounts. We have negotiated a more active level of TU's plan management with Principal's best-in-class service, support and account management. That company's services are fully hosted, giving you access to some serious

tools and account services via Principal's [website](#) and include on-hand service representatives for online chat or phone consultation. Principal's web portal is unique, allowing you the ability to link other investments into one consolidated view – even though those investments might not be held with Principal. This includes other private investments, stocks, 401(k)s, IRAs, and even health savings account balances. We are confident Principal will be an engaging, fully connected partner with Tusculum and you!

What other changes have occurred?

In addition to the move to Principal, we now have Rob Gay III, a financial advisor with Edward Jones, as our local expert, based in Greeneville, with a wealth of resources and professional expertise. Like Principal, Edward Jones is an industry leader in its field. Having both proximity and professional service at your disposal is a powerful combination to help navigate complex investment strategies with an individualized touch – as each individual's needs are different. TU will now be able to host workshops and one-on-one advisory services with Rob and his team at no cost to you! This adds considerable value and objectivity to help you navigate through difficult financial and investment choices.

In summary, you will have more benefits!

- Addition of a respected local financial advisor
- Reduction in overall plan fees, resulting in savings for participants
- Ability to consolidate assets from multiple providers into one simple preview
- Added fiduciary oversight over plan design and monitoring of investment offerings
- Addition of a ROTH feature in addition to our current pre-tax option
- End-user website portal – adding convenience to view and make plan changes directly online
- Additional plan enhancements such as the consolidation from 2 to 1 403(b) plan – and the elimination of the two-year waiting period

Specific details about setting up your Principal account and transitioning your TIAA account to Principal are available [here](#). Attached is a document about helping employees manage their retirement goals.

The Human Resources Department is pleased to answer your questions about this switch. Please email humanresources@tusculum.edu or call 423-636-7345 (extension 5345 on campus).

Survey responses from students still needed

To assist the steering committee overseeing the development of Tusculum's strategic plan, we have developed the following student satisfaction survey from HEDS: <https://tinyurl.com/tuscstusat>.

We ask students to take a few minutes to complete the survey. We have seen an uptick in responses but welcome more so we can have a solid understanding of students' perspectives.

We thank our students for their input! This survey asks how satisfied students are with different parts of their experience at Tusculum. It should take five-10 minutes to complete. We want to know more about their experience so we can ensure we are meeting their needs most effectively.

Anyone who has access to students' responses is legally obligated to keep them confidential.

Students can use the following QR code:



Be sure to take part in Celebrating Diversity Week

Celebrating Diversity Week, a five-day celebration with a wide array of events, kicks off today, and we encourage you to take part.

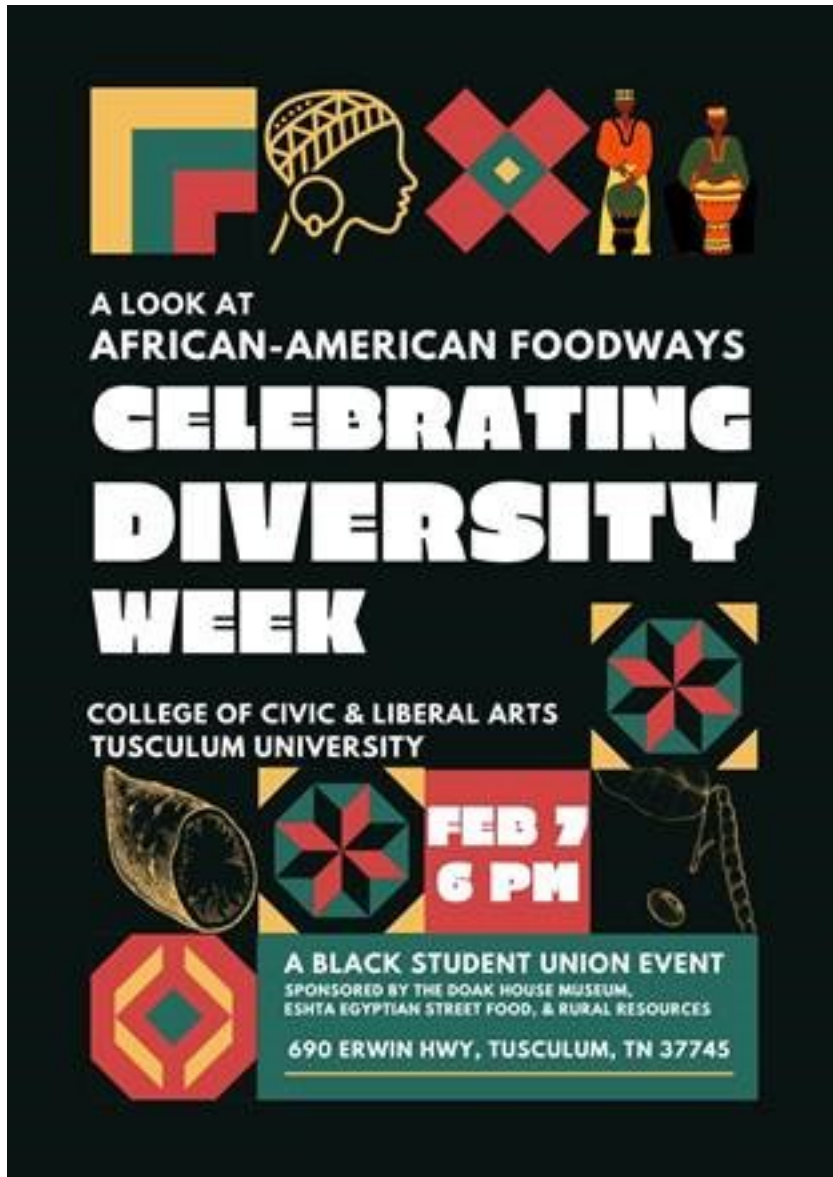
We remind you of the list of events.

- Monday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m., Doak House Museum; “In the Presence of Your Ancestors: African American Foodways”
- Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall and Zoom; “An Evening with Anup Kaphle”
- Wednesday, Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m., Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room and Zoom; “National African American Read-In”
- Thursday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; “Of Ebony Embers, Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance”
- Friday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m., Behan Arena Theatre; “Find Your People, Find Yourself” presentation by Dr. Katy Ross

The Doak House event is limited to students, but all other events are open to the entire Tusculum family.

In addition to these events, clubs and organizations on campus that support diversity will have booths and tables in the Scott M. Niswonger Commons.

More extensive information from the College of Civic and Liberal Arts about each event is available [here!](#)



VITA appointments start today

Tusculum students and community volunteers have completed their training and will begin preparing income tax returns for individuals starting this evening.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offers free tax preparation services for faculty, staff and students as well as the community. Services are available Thursdays in Rooms 001 and 005 of the Meen Center as well as Mondays at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Johnson City and Saturdays at the Washington County Library in Jonesborough.

Please visit [TUvita2202@: Tusculum VITA 2022 \(signupgenius.com\)](mailto:TUvita2202@TusculumVITA2022(signupgenius.com)) or call Dr. Harold Branstrator, an associate professor of management at the university, at 423-636-7414 or to register.



Students are ready to assist Tusculum family members with their income tax returns.

Speaker coming to Tusculum to discuss career preparation with students

Fulfilling our mission to equip students to be career-ready professionals and meeting the goals of our Quality Enhancement Plan, the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science will host a guest speaker from the information technology field.

Gabriel Kilpatrick, account manager with TEKSystems, an industry-leading organization in business services, will speak with students about the first steps in defining and beginning a career. Among the subjects he will discuss are creating a résumé and interview practices.

The event will be held Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. in Room 410 of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons. Participants can also join virtually at <https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/84353542553>. The meeting ID is 843-5354-2553.

Walter Wimberly, assistant professor of computer science, has organized the event, which is also open to faculty and staff members.



Gabriel Kilpatrick

Learn about bioinformatics during talk this week

The College of Science, Technology and Mathematics will open a window to the field of bioinformatics during a free talk this week by an expert in the field.

Dr. Maureen Donlin, director of St. Louis University's master's program in bioinformatics and computational biology and director of research computing for that institution, will speak at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, via Zoom at <https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/6825971813>. Students can also watch it in Room 007 of the Meen Center and enjoy pizza.

Dr. Donlin is a self-taught bioinformatician and is a research professor in the Department of Biochemistry, where her lab studies the human fungal pathogen *Cryptococcus neoformans*.

Bioinformatics is a subdiscipline of biology and computer science that is concerned with the acquisition, storage, analysis and dissemination of biological data, most often DNA and amino acid sequences. Bioinformatics uses computer programs for a variety of applications, including determining gene and

protein functions, establishing evolutionary relationships and predicting the three-dimensional shapes of proteins.

Dr. Donlin's talk is primarily geared toward students, but faculty and staff members are welcome as well.



Dr. Maureen Donlin

President's Society applications sought

The Office of Admission is accepting applications from students interested in serving in the President's Society for the 2022-23 academic year.

The President's Society works closely with the Office of Admission and the President's Office to recruit students. Members of the President's Society give tours to potential students and their families on a Saturday rotation and assist in other campus visit days, open houses, new student registration and other important events on campus. Additionally, members work one day a week on an on-call status in the Office of Admission.

Applicants must be undergraduate students who have at least reached the second semester of their freshman year. They also must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 and have a letter of recommendation from a faculty or staff member.

The application is attached and is also available from Raegan Goodson, admissions representative and campus visit coordinator, on the first floor of Virginia Hall. Completed applications can be brought to Goodson or emailed to rgoodson@tusculum.edu.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14. Interviews will take place Friday, Feb. 18.

Dr. David Smith will be today's chapel speaker

Dr. David Smith, pastor of Tusculum Baptist Church, is scheduled to be the speaker at chapel today at 3:30 p.m.

He received his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and his Doctorate of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary. His church actively supports the university, including holding a weekly program called "The Spot" in which Tusculum Baptist provides a meal, Bible study and discussion during the fall and spring semesters.

You can join today's session by clicking the following link:

<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/86025009185?pwd=dG9yMUdQL1MyZWJLRXROUllrZ2tZZz09>

Chapel is held at the same time every Monday throughout the semester, except during holidays, Spring Break and finals week. The sessions last 30 minutes.

Richard Miller, associate vice president of institutional effectiveness, is scheduled to be the speaker Feb. 14.



Dr. David Smith speaks before praying at the Pastors' Prayer Breakfast on campus in October.

Second session of Theologian-In-Residence is Friday

We invite you to join us Friday, Feb. 11, for the second session in the Theologian-In-Residence series.

Dr. Bennie Crockett, vice president for institutional effectiveness and planning and professor of religion and philosophy at William Carey University will continue to share his insight into biblical texts. The topic for Dr. Crockett will be "Dominant English Bibles in Print, 1525-1782." This session will be held via Zoom.

If you were unable to attend the first session, you are still welcome to join us for the second one.

To register for Theologian-In-Residence, please email Nicole Rader, director of alumni engagement and special events at nrader@tusculum.edu. She will send registrants the Zoom link.

More information about Theologian-In-Residence is available by reading this [news release](#)!

Comedian performing on campus Feb. 15

Andrew Sleighter, a stand-up comedian, will perform Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre in Annie Hogan Fine Arts Center.

The concert is free. Faculty, staff and students can reserve tickets by emailing Lauren Johnson, coordinator of residence life and programming for Student Affairs, at ljohnson@tusculum.edu. Community members are also invited to attend.

Sleighter recently performed on “The Late Late Show with James Corden.” He has also appeared on “Conan” and “Dry Bar Comedy.” He has also written and performed sketch comedy for Comedy Central and wrote for the “Sports Show with Norm Macdonald” on that network. He regularly appears at colleges and comedy clubs across the country. More information about him is available at <http://www.andrewsleighter.com/>.



Andrew Sleighter

Chili Cook-Off coming in March

Faculty and staff members who have served at Tusculum for several years will remember the fun and camaraderie of the Chili Cook-Off.

We have great news! The Chili Cook-Off is returning. The event will be held Thursday, March 17, from 11 am.-1 p.m. in the Pioneer Arena lobby. The theme will be “Chili Around the World.”

This is a great opportunity for faculty and staff members to show off their culinary skills, decorate their booths and create a delightful – and winning – recipe. We have had great fun in previous years with this event, so let the ingenuity begin!

Students and employees who do not enter the Chili Cook-Off are invited to come that day and sample the chili!

Anyone who has questions can email Nicole Rader, director of alumni engagement and special events, at nrader@tusculum.edu.



Tusculum Arts Outreach, right, and the College of Business, left, compete in the 2019 Chili Cook-Off.

Tusculum faculty member accepted for the Boston Marathon

One of our mathematics faculty members is not only making a difference for students in the classroom but is also distinguishing himself in one of his hobbies.

Dr. Wei Hu, an assistant professor of mathematics, has been accepted as one of the runners in the [Boston Marathon](#). He will compete Monday, April 18, in the 126th running of the world's oldest annual marathon.

He has run on and off since the late 1980s and more consistently – about six days a week – since 2020. He has competed in 10 marathons, including two in Chicago. He has also run in half-marathons.

Dr. Hu ran long distance in high school and college in China. He won the 1,500 meters and 5,000 meters a few times at the annual track and field meets at Tianjin Normal University, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He clocked 3 hours, 13 minutes at the Tobacco Road Marathon in Cary, N.C. in March.

"Boston is the most famous marathon in the world," Dr. Hu said. "It is the dream of every marathoner. I am excited but not overwhelmed. I could have qualified when I was much younger if I had taken it more seriously.

"The Bible verse that motivates me a lot is Hebrews 12:1 'Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.' I first saw this verse on the back of a runner during the 2009 Hong Kong Marathon."



Dr. Wei Hu at the Tobacco Road Marathon in Cary, N.C. Photo from Dr. Merve Kester-Thomas

Reminder that tutoring is available

Students who need assistance with their coursework have an outstanding resource at their disposal with the Center for Academic Success and Tutoring.

The center is conveniently located in Room 002 on the ground floor of the Meen Center. Services are free and are available in person or online. Drop-in hours are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday evenings. To view the tutoring schedule, please click [here](#).

Students who are interested in serving as tutors can contact the center.
Further information about the center is available in the graphic below.



Need Help? The Tutoring Center is Here for You! For Free!!!

Location: Meen Center, Room 002
Drop-In Tutoring Hours: M-F, 9am-5pm & M-Th, 7-9pm

If you need tutoring outside these hours or want help
virtually, scan the QR code to sign up for a free
TutorOcean account.



Become a Tutor!

Want to help out other Tusculum students and earn some extra money?
Scan the QR Code below to fill out an Application.



Food pantry remains a resource for students

The university offers a valuable resource to assist students – the food pantry on the ground floor of the Meen Center across from the Center for Academic Success and Tutoring.

The pantry is open to all students, and they are welcome to collect whatever items they need. Students who have specific needs that might not be available in the pantry should email the Center for Civic Advancement at cca@tusculum.edu.

Pantry sponsors are the Bonner Leader Program; the tutoring center; the CCA; the College of Nursing; the College of Science, Technology and Math; the Office of Student Affairs; faculty; and staff. The College of Nursing; the College of Science, Technology and Math; and the tutoring center started the pantry, and the CCA now stocks and manages it. Recently, Deborah Gietema, an adjunct faculty member in the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, donated a small refrigerator for perishables.

Tusculum family members and the community can donate food items by placing them in the bin in the Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room.



Graduate student Avonlea Knode, left, and junior Maggie Vickers recently restocked the pantry. Photo from Dr. Heather Henson-Ramsey

Easter egg hunt for students

Tusculum plans to hold an Easter egg hunt for students the week of that holiday and needs assistance from faculty and staff members.

The Office of Institutional Advancement is seeking donations of plastic eggs and candy for this activity. Monetary donations are also welcome.

The goal is to have eggs, filled with a treat or possibly cash, spread throughout campus each day between Monday, April 11, and Friday, April 15. Easter is Sunday, April 17.

Please direct donations and questions to Nicole Rader, director of alumni engagement and special events, at nrader@tusculum.edu.



Let's look for some birds!

For the fourth year, Tusculum will participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count, a four-day national event started by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society.

Tusculum's part in the count will take place Friday, Feb. 18 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Anyone who is interested should meet outside the Meen Center nearest to Pioneer Park, the baseball stadium. The activity will involve light walking. Participants should bring their own binoculars if they can because Tusculum only has a limited supply.

This activity demonstrates again how the entire Tusculum campus serves as a science laboratory and reinforces the active and experiential learning available at the university.

If you have questions, please email Jordan Baker, assistant professor of biology, at jbaker@tusculum.edu.



Carolina wren by Gary Mueller/Macaulay Library

Words of inspiration from our mental health professionals

Editor's note: The following is the second installment of a new feature in The Pioneer Press. This column will appear every three weeks during the spring semester.

By Tommy Delbridge, licensed clinical social worker, and Stephanie Edwards, licensed professional counselor

As we discuss new beginnings and transitions, here are the top 12 things experts agree are important for college students to consider with relationships:

1. Don't be afraid to be single. If you feel like you're better off on your own, if you don't find anyone you like well enough to date or participate in a relationship or if you simply want to focus on other things besides your love life, that is perfectly OK.
2. You don't have to find "the one." You don't have to be with the same person throughout your time in college. But if you do, that's OK, too
3. Use this time to learn. Instead of focusing on trying to find your soulmate, consider seeing this time as an opportunity to learn more about yourself and your potential partners. What are the deal

breakers? What is your type? What is not your type? Your experience of college is more than educational. Take this time to KNOW YOURSELF.

4. Know the difference between love and lust. There is a huge difference between the real deal and one-night stands – a difference between sleeping with someone, dating them, being in a relationship and, finally, being fully committed to them. Don't let your hormones confuse you! Think twice, act once!!
5. Be careful about sex. Always remember to use protection to prevent unwanted pregnancy or a sexually transmitted disease! Also, we caution against doing anything for which you are not ready. Respect your body and demand the same treatment from your partner(s). Consent is a great thing! NO MEANS NO!!!!
6. Don't fall under the pressure of the hookup culture. It seems everywhere we look, people are sleeping around without commitment. If this feels uncomfortable for you, don't even think of forcing yourself into anything just so you don't stand out.
7. It won't be easy. We won't lie to you—maintaining a healthy relationship is difficult when you're a fully grown adult, and equally challenging in college. You have to balance between your lectures, time for studying, time for your family, best friends back home and, most importantly, time for yourself.
8. Don't rush things. Most dating advice experts will agree on one thing when it comes to a romantic relationship in college: Take things slowly. Take time to adapt and get to know the environment and people around you.
9. Put your education first. Be mindful of the reason you came to college. For most, it was to learn new things, to make new opportunities and to become the person you're destined to be. Yes, you heard it right. As much as going to college is a valuable social experience, your education must come first. Therefore, if you have exams or a paper due, focus on that first. Be aware of allowing these butterflies in your stomach to interfere with your final goal.
10. Don't forget about other people. College is not just about finding romance. It is also about forming lifelong, loyal friendships.
11. Don't waste time on a relationship that doesn't make you happy. No one should ever have a relationship consisting of verbal abuse, manipulation and emotional abuse. It's OK to walk away! If there are problems, WALK AWAY!! Talk to professors, your RA, Student Affairs and therapists.
12. Spend time enjoying college life. Most importantly, please have fun. Your college experience should be one of the most interesting periods of your life, and whatever you do, please enjoy every day of your college life to the fullest.

If you need to speak with someone and discuss any relationship concerns, the counseling center is always available for you! You can contact us at counselingandadaservices@tusculum.edu.



Tommy Delbridge



Stephanie Edwards

Reminders

- The deadline for sophomores and juniors to apply for the Irish American Scholars program through the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities is Thursday, Feb. 10. [More](#)

information about the program is available [here](#). Students can also email Dr. Jacob Fait, dean of Tusculum's College of Business, with questions at jfait@tusculum.edu.

- The final day to register for the June 17-29 pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Dr. Hummel is Monday, March 7. You can read about the itinerary by clicking [here](#). Also on that page is a button you can click that will take you to the registration page and provide more information about prices. Please email Dr. Hummel at shummel@tusculum.edu if you have questions. All Tusculum family members, alumni, trustees and community members are invited.
- The Ballad Health Tusculum University Clinic is open Mondays and Wednesday 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.
- Faculty and staff members who are interested in joining the Tusculum Community Band should email Dr. David Gonzalez, Tusculum's director of bands, at dgonzalez@tusculum.edu.
- Students who are interested in being a Student Support Services or ARCHES participant and faculty and staff members who know of a student who would qualify for these programs can email sss@tusculum.edu or ARCHES@tusculum.edu.

Events and activities

All Tusculum family members

Monday, Feb. 7, 3:30 p.m., Zoom

(<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/86025009185?pwd=dG9yMUdQL1MyZWJLRXROUllrZ2tZZz09>); chapel

Monday, Feb. 7, and Tuesday, Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m., Chalmers Conference Center; yoga

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall and Zoom (<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89718445079>); "An Evening with Anup Kaphle"

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m., Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room and Zoom (<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/81190939695?pwd=QkhNaFIGQ1VPT1NKdXpRMFlrVkZpZz09>); "National African American Read-In"

Thursday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; "Of Ebony Embers, Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance"

Thursday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Meen Center Room 300; Breaking Bread

Friday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., Zoom; Theologian-In-Residence

Friday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m., Behan Arena Theatre; "Find Your People, Find Yourself" presentation by Dr. Katy Ross

Faculty and staff

Thursday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m., Zoom; Operation Success Committee

Students

Monday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m., Doak House Museum; "In the Presence of Your Ancestors: African American Foodways"

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m., Room 410, Scott M. Niswonger Commons and via Zoom (<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/84353542553>, meeting ID 843-5354-2553); talk by Gabriel Kilpatrick

Thursday, Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m., Zoom (<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/6825971813>); talk by Dr. Maureen Donlin

Community

Monday, Feb. 7, 5:30 p.m., Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center; Great Literature Alive, Well, & Playing in Greeneville, Tennessee, class

Athletics



The men's volleyball team earned its first victory of the season in a four-set match Friday against Alderson Broaddus University. In this photo Deklan Wingo goes for a kill as Colby Landry, in the distance, and Shaun Kampshoff prepare for any necessary follow-up action. To read more and view some of the action, please click [here](#).

Monday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m., Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University; baseball team vs. Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University

Monday, Feb. 7, 5:30 p.m., Mars Hill University; women's basketball team vs. Mars Hill University; women's basketball team vs. Mars Hill University

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m., Lee University; women's tennis team vs. Lee University

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m., Pioneer Field; men's lacrosse team vs. Shorter University

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 3 p.m., Lee University; women's lacrosse team vs. Lee University

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m., Pioneer Arena; women's basketball team vs. Mars Hill University

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Arena; men's basketball team vs. Mars Hill University

Friday, Feb. 11, and Saturday, Feb. 12, Lexington, Virginia; indoor track and field teams at VMI Winter Classic

Friday, Feb. 11, time TBA, St. Andrews University; beach volleyball team vs. St. Andrews University

Friday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., St. Andrews University; beach volleyball team vs. LaGrange College

Friday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Red Edmonds Field; softball team vs. Concord University

Friday, Feb. 11, 3 p.m., Pioneer Park; baseball team vs. University of Illinois-Springfield

Friday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., Pioneer Arena; men's volleyball team vs. Limestone University

Saturday, Feb. 12, time TBA, St. Andrews University; beach volleyball team vs. St. Andrews University

Saturday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m., Harrogate, Tennessee; men's and women's tennis teams vs. University of Charleston

Saturday, Feb. 12, 1 p.m., Pioneer Field; men's lacrosse team vs. Chowan University

Saturday, Feb. 12, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Pioneer Park; baseball team vs. University of Illinois-Springfield

Saturday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m., Pioneer Arena; men's volleyball team vs. Queens University of Charlotte

Saturday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m., Limestone University; women's basketball team vs. Limestone University

Saturday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m., Limestone University; men's basketball team vs. Limestone University

Saturday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m., Harrogate, Tennessee; men's and women's tennis teams vs. Young Harris College

Sunday, Feb. 13, noon and 2 p.m., Red Edmonds Field; softball team vs. Chowan University

Sunday, Feb. 13, noon, Pioneer Park; baseball team vs. University of Illinois-Springfield

Athletic contests can change. Be sure to check the schedule on the [athletics website](#) for revisions.

Faculty and staff birthdays

- Tuesday, Feb. 8 – Drew Story
- Thursday, Feb. 10 – Dee Roby
- Sunday, Feb. 13 – Rose Webb

Go Pioneers!