



**March 21, 2022**

Dear Tusculum family,

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](mailto:jwozniak@tusculum.edu).

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## **President's Perspective**

This weekend, I enjoyed working with faculty and students at the Doak House Museum and nature trail as a part of Tennessee Tree Day. About 50 trees were planted on our campus, and many more were given to community members to plant.

We have a wonderful nature trail made possible largely by the leadership and efforts of Dr. Peter Noll and other faculty and students. This project not only beautifies our campus it also conserves and enhances our natural resources.

Another important way we can all support our natural and financial resources is by conserving energy on campus. We can all take appropriate measures to reduce our energy consumption, especially when we are not in the office, by turning off our lights and computers when we leave for the evening and weekends.

I encourage you to monitor your heating and AC to be sure they are not running when they are not needed. Reducing our energy consumption also helps lower our high energy costs.

Thank you for your continued efforts and additional attention to conserving our resources.

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel  
President

## **Word of the Week**

“The trees of the LORD are well cared for – the cedars of Lebanon that he has planted. There the birds make their nests, and the storks make their homes in the firs.” – Psalm 104:16-17 NLT

## **Photo of the Week**



Now in their first semester in the Bachelor of Science in nursing program, 14 students received their white coats in a ceremony Tuesday, March 15, in the Meen Center lecture hall. During the event, the students recited the White Coat Pledge, learned about ceremony's history and heard inspiring remarks from Dr. Debra Spring, interim dean of the College of Nursing. We congratulate these students on this milestone in their nursing careers. To see additional photos, please visit [this gallery](#). Photos by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Change in coronavirus procedure**

One of the more pleasant developments in the global coronavirus pandemic has been the recent change in Greene County from high transmission to low transmission. This is definitely good news, which should be helpful for faculty, staff and students as they participate in activities in the community.

Based on the reduction in cases and in harmony with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we will further modify our coronavirus procedures. Face coverings will no longer be required in any setting in any of our facilities, effective immediately. If a person chooses to wear a face covering, that is perfectly acceptable, but that decision will be left solely to each individual.

You should continue taking appropriate safety measures, such as not coming to class in person or to work when ill. We strongly encourage everyone to be vaccinated and to receive a booster against the coronavirus.

We appreciate everyone's actions to reduce the potential for spreading the coronavirus within the Tusculum family. We hope to see further reduction in the coronavirus and quick healing for those who still might be diagnosed.

## **Coronavirus update**

Three students and zero employees are positive.

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](mailto:studentaffairs@tusculum.edu) or call the COVID-19 hotline at 423-636-0500. They should also alert their professors.
- Employees must contact the Human Resources Department at [humanresources@tusculum.edu](mailto:humanresources@tusculum.edu) or 423-636-7345 (extension 5345 on campus) as well as their supervisor.

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>.

## **Chapel to be held in person as well as virtually today**

Tusculum family members who elect to participate in chapel today will have two options – attending in person or joining us via Zoom. Dr. Joel Van Amberg, chair of the Department of History, Museum Studies and Religion, will deliver the message.

The session will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel inside Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center and will also feature music as well as introductory comments from Dr. Hummel. Those who choose the virtual option can access chapel at

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

Dr. Van Amberg has served as a Tusculum professor since 2005 and as an administrator since 2006. He is a historian of 16th century Europe and the author of "A Real Presence: Religious and Social Dynamics of the Eucharistic Conflicts in Early Modern Augsburg 1520-1530."

He delivered the lectures for Tusculum's Theologian-In-Residence series in 2018 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. He discussed the Renaissance and Reformation as the featured presenter for Tusculum's Cicero Lecture Series in March 2021.

Dr. Van Amberg holds a Bachelor of Arts in religious studies from Bowdoin College, a Master of Arts in church history from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and a doctorate in European history from 800-1648 from the University of Arizona.

Next Monday, we will return exclusively to Zoom as we hold a memorial service for Stefanie Henry, an ARCHES employee in Knoxville, who passed away in October from the coronavirus.



Dr. Joel Van Amberg

### **One session remains for focus groups on the strategic plan**

Tusculum family members will have one more opportunity to participate in the second round of focus groups for the new strategic plan we are developing.

The meeting will be held Monday, March 21, from 12:30-1:45 p.m. via Zoom. You can access the session at <https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/82412380675>. The meeting is open to any Tusculum family member who has not attended any other session in the second round.

If you were unable to attend during the first round, you are still welcome to participate in this meeting. We thank all Tusculum family members who have attended one of the meetings and provided input in the process.

We remind you that the strategic plan we adopt will be grounded in our mission statement and will help us more effectively achieve it. Your participation will be key to making this happen.

## **One week to go before starting registration for the fall semester!**

We urge students to make final preparations to register for fall semester classes. Students will be able to register for these classes starting next week. They can review courses available during the fall semester by visiting the portal.

As a reminder, we share the registration schedule below.

- Monday, March 28 – Adult and Online Studies program students and graduate students
- Tuesday, March 29 – seniors, veterans and honors students
- Wednesday, March 30 – juniors
- Thursday, March 31 – sophomores
- Friday, April 1 – first-year students

It is important for students to remember:

- They must meet with their advisor before they can choose their courses.
- They will not be able to register for courses if they have a business office hold on their student account.
- They will not be able to participate in the housing lottery the week of April 4 if they do not register for courses to be held in the fall.

## **Do not forget about the opportunity to take courses in the summer!**

Students, do you want to ease your load during the fall and spring semesters or complete a really hard course when your academic calendar is a little lighter? Take advantage of our summer sessions!

Registration is already underway for the summer terms through Anthology. We currently have three summer sessions.

- Full – May 16-Aug. 12
- Early – May 16-June 24
- Late – June 27-Aug. 12

Please remember a few key requirements about summer registration are similar to the fall semester. You cannot register for the summer terms if you have a business hold. In addition, you need to meet with your advisor before starting the registration process.

The link to the Anthology portal is <https://portal.tusculum.edu/CMCportal/>. The students' login to the portal is their Tusculum lab account. This is the same username and password that is used to log into Canvas.

## **Tusculum holding open house for traditional undergraduate students**

As we seek to increase enrollment, one of the opportunities we are providing for prospective students is an open house Saturday, April 2.

The event for those who are seeking a traditional undergraduate collegiate experience will be held from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Meen Center. This open house focuses on high school, home-school and transfer students. If you know students who fall into these categories, please let them know and encourage them to attend.

Open house registration is at <https://my.tusculum.edu/openhouse>. To learn more about the event, please read this [news release](#).

## **Tusculum featured in the Johnson City Press**

When you share the word about the open house or recruit students in some other fashion, you might want to provide them with a feature that appeared in Sunday's edition of the Johnson City Press.

Tusculum received a spotlight in the Education section of the Press' annual Progress Edition in which we were able to share all of the good things happening at Tusculum. Among the subjects discussed were the plethora of majors, minors and pre-professional programs we offer, the additional ones we added at the bachelor's and master's levels in the last year and the growth in concentrations within our associate degrees.

The story also includes details about the active and experiential learning for students, the personal attention we provide them and the opportunities for students to grow in their faith. We also were able to discuss the band program restarting and the upcoming selection of a campus minister.

You can read about these items and other elements that illustrate the value of a Tusculum education by clicking [this link](#).



This photo of the Tusculum Band playing in December was included in the Johnson City Press. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Date change this week for the food truck on campus**

Inclement weather is in the forecast for Wednesday, so we are modifying the schedule for the food truck visit for this week.

Kaufmann's Kitchen will be in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **Tuesday, March 22**. Come and enjoy the tasty food! See you then!



# FOOD TRUCK DATE CHANGE

## Coming March 22: Kauffman's Kitchen

**DUE TO EXPECTED  
INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**THIS TUESDAY ONLY**

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](mailto:nrader@tusculum.edu)  
or call 423-636-0565.**

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### **Director of bands performing recital on campus**

Dr. David Gonzalez, our director of bands, will perform a recital in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22.

This free event will feature Dr. Gonzalez playing the euphonium accompanied by pianist Devin Lyon.

The recital will begin with Dr. Gonzalez performing "Cyberspace," written by Peter Graham, and be followed by a euphonium concerto that consists of three pieces – "Agito," "Quasi nocturne" and "Maestro, energico," all written by Jukka Linkola.

Following an intermission, Dr. Gonzalez will embark on three tangos – "Milonga del Angel," "Invierno Porteño" and "Adiós Nonino," written by Astor Pantaleón Piazzolla and arranged by Øystein Baadsvik.

Next, he will play “Pure Imagination” from “The World’s Greatest Storyteller” by Philip Harper and arranged by Dr. Gonzalez.

The performance will conclude with Dr. Gonzalez’s performance of “Napoli,” written by Herman Bellstedt and arranged by Frank Simon.

Dr. Gonzalez said the music will tie into the pandemic by first conveying the challenging emotions, such as void, people have experienced. Later in the recital, the music will shift to a more upbeat tone, reflecting people’s return to a more traditional routine as the pandemic eases.

Seating is general admission. To learn more about the event, please read this [news release](#).



Dr. David Gonzalez

## **Opportunity to read from the Gospel of John**

Completing what we started three weeks ago, Tusculum will read the entirety of the Gospel of John Wednesday, March 23.

The event will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the living room of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons. We have moved the reading indoors because of anticipated inclement weather.

All Tusculum family members are welcome to read. If you are interested, please email Lauren Johnson, coordinator of residence life and programming, at [ljohnson@tusculum.edu](mailto:ljohnson@tusculum.edu). Anyone who just wants to listen to the reading is invited as well.

We completed reading the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke Wednesday, March 2.



Image from Christianity.com

## **GEM nominations deadline is Wednesday**

Faculty and staff members have an opportunity to nominate one of their own for the President's GEM Award.

The award committee is accepting nominations until noon Wednesday, March 23. To suggest someone, please complete this [short form](#). Dr. Hummel will announce the winner during the President's Coffee for faculty and staff at 9 a.m. Friday, March 25.

GEM is an acronym for Going the Extra Mile. Attributes to consider in a nominee are integrity, a positive attitude, a spirit of excellence and a dedication to Tusculum and its students. A faculty or staff member who goes beyond the call of duty, makes the Tusculum family stronger and contributes to the university's caring Christian environment is an ideal candidate. The nominee should exemplify the university's mission, vision and values.

The March recipient will succeed Lanna Monday, assistant professor of art and design. She was selected for the GEM Award in February.

## **Dance Team interest meeting being held Thursday**

Tusculum students who want to show their school spirit in another way have a new opportunity, as the university explores the creation of a dance team.

Trea King, the Spirit Squad's head coach, will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 24, in the living room of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons for current students who might be interested in being the first members of a newly formed dance team. She is seeking seven students to form the team, which would begin performing in the fall semester.

King said the dance team would be part of the Athletic Department. Just like the cheerleading squad, students who make the dance team would be eligible for scholarships. The dance team would also have a dedicated trainer.

Once Tusculum has a team established from current students, it will begin recruiting students outside the university.

Anyone with questions can email King at [tusculumspirit@tusculum.edu](mailto:tusculumspirit@tusculum.edu).



### **American Idol winner coming to campus!**

As we prepare for the Old Oak Festival, one of the special events that will take place that weekend is a concert by the Season 13 winner of "American Idol."

We have an extremely talented musician, who was the season 13 winner of “American Idol,” and packs a powerful voice coming to Tusculum. Caleb Johnson & The Rambling Saints will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center.

Johnson has released new album “Mountain Mojo Vol. 1,” which includes the hit “I Just Want to Celebrate.” Three years ago, he issued the critically acclaimed album “Born from Southern Ground.” He calls “Mountain Mojo” his best album.

Johnson has surrounded himself with a topnotch studio band that includes such talent as Jason Bonham, son of legendary Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham. Bonham has high praise for Johnson, calling him “one of the greatest singers I’ve ever heard.” Gene Simmons, co-lead singer of the legendary rock band Kiss, says simply, “He’s got the goods.”

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 apiece. To buy one, please visit <https://arts.tusculum.edu/caleb-johnson/>. We will have a limited number of free tickets for faculty, staff and students.

To learn more about Johnson, please visit <https://calebjohnsonofficial.com/>.

**CALEB JOHNSON**  
& THE RAMBLIN' SAINTS

**IN CONCERT**  
The Season 13  
winner of  
American Idol

One of the best rock  
albums of 2021  
- Blues Rock Review

He's got the goods - Gene Simmons of KISS  
This guy can SING!! - Brian May of Queen  
One of the greatest singers I've ever heard - Jason Bonham,  
son of legendary rock drummer John Bonham of LED ZEPPELIN

**Saturday, April 23, 7:00pm**  
Marilyn duBrisk Theatre | Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Bldg.  
Tusculum University | Greeneville, Tennessee  
Tickets—\$25; #423.798.1620; jhollowell@tusculum.edu

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### Another chance for students to receive a professional head shot!

In case some students were unable to participate last week, a photographer from Johnson City Aerial Photography and Portraits will return to campus from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, to take head shots.

The photos will be taken by the fireplace in the Scott M. Niswonger Commons. Students will receive a digital file from the photographer and can choose to place their photo on résumés, curriculum vitae and social media platforms such as LinkedIn.

This activity is a Pioneer Ready initiative that helps fulfill our Quality Enhancement Plan. Taking this photograph is another way for students to demonstrate they are a career-ready professional.

## **Director of academic advising selected as chair of international association**

We are pleased to share that Jill Oberfeiting, director of academic advising, has been named as chair of the Small Colleges and Universities Advising Community.

NACADA is an international association of professional advisors, counselors, faculty, administrators and students working to enhance the educational development of students. The association has more than 12,000 members representing all states in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada and several other international countries.

Members represent higher education institutions across the spectrum of Carnegie classifications and include professional advisors/counselors, faculty, administrators and students whose responsibilities include academic advising.

Oberfeiting's two-year term begins in October, and she is now completing the unexpired term of her predecessor.

"I hope to make the voice of advisors at small colleges and universities have a bigger presence in the national and international field," Oberfeiting said. "Each institution may not individually work with many students, but in total we do. I hope to accomplish this in two ways – first, by having a more visible presence for our members and to increase the number of members and, second, by providing multiple and different professional development opportunities for advisors at small colleges and universities."

In addition to chairing NACADA meetings, Oberfeiting will include working with different advising community groups, proposal readings and encouragement of others in the community.

"It is truly an honor to be elected and to have support of the SCUAC steering committee and our provost, Dr. Tricia Hunsader," Oberfeiting said. "This opportunity was a leap of faith, but I am truly excited about the opportunities that it can open up for advisors at other small colleges and universities, Tusculum and myself."

Oberfeiting has served as a Tusculum staff member since 1994, beginning as an admissions counselor for 11 years before transitioning to her current role, which she has held since 2005. She also earned her bachelor's degree in biology and mathematics, a minor in music and a master's degree in adult education, all from Tusculum.

In addition to her day job, Oberfeiting is known for singing the Alma Mater at graduations, and she has been a chorus member for the Knoxville Opera Company since 1996.



Jill Oberfeitinger

### **Computer science faculty member speaks with high school students**

During our Spring Break, Walter Wimberly, an assistant professor of computer science, connected with students at Chuckey-Doak High School in Greene County to discuss a variety of subjects that pertain to the field he teaches.

Wimberly spoke to two classes, telling them how back-end programmers use data collected on e-commerce sites to provide the modern experience in online shopping, including product recommendations and sorting of search results. This discussion branched into a conversation about the way server-side programming affects other aspects of our lives, including search results from Google, voice assistants and self-driving cars.

Students asked Wimberly questions about the ethics of data use and what can and cannot be tracked. They were also curious about what they needed to know before entering college as a computer science major. They also inquired about what the hot topics are in computer science, such as cybersecurity and had some other general questions about college.



During his time at Chuckey-Doak, the class' teacher provided information about Tusculum and its proximity to the high school. Wimberly highlighted Tusculum's smaller size and the personalized experience students have with their professors.

We thank Wimberly for taking time during the break to engage with these students and hope to see them as Pioneers when they graduate from Chuckey-Doak!

## **Chili Cook-Off produced delightful recipes and wonderful camaraderie**

With a wide selection available, participants in the Chili Cook-Off Thursday enjoyed sampling a variety of recipes while also having the opportunity to converse and have fun.

Faculty, staff and students were invited to visit the 11 teams and sample their chili and then vote for their preference. Supplementing their votes were the opinions of judges from the university and the community.

We congratulate the Thomas J. Garland Library staff, which won the competition for best tasting chili. That team, called Chili(n) by the Bay at Laguana Grande, Puerto Rico, produced Recata Familiar De Padua Chili. Coming in second was the Criminal Justice Department, called Chili to Die For, which prepared Taco Chili.

The College of Education captured the other honor – showmanship. Named Serengeti Safari, the College of Education created Serengeti Chili.

Here were the other teams:

- Office of Admission
- Facilities Management
- Department of History, Museum Studies and Religion
- Offices of Institutional Advancement and Communications and Marketing
- Student Support Services and ARCHES
- College of Civic and Liberal Arts
- College of Science, Technology and Mathematics
- Office of Student Affairs

We look forward to holding the Chili Cook-Off again in 2023. By then, Tusculum family members who tried the Department of History, Museum Studies and Religion's recipe, with a spiciness of 10, will have hopefully recovered from the experience!

In addition to the photo below, you can see a gallery [here](#). Photos by the Office of Communications and Marketing



Dr. Hummel, left, stands with Thomas J. Garland Library staff members who won the Chili Cook-Off. They are, left to right, Kayla Yates, Kathy Hipps and Donald Townsend. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Make plans for our next comedian's performance on campus**

The Office of Student Affairs is pleased to bring comedian and magician Ben Seidman to the Tusculum campus Thursday, April 7, in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center.

As has been the case with the other comedians we have hosted this semester, Seidman's performance is free and open to all Tusculum family members. Community members are also invited to the performance.

Seidman combines psychological magic, stand-up comedy, pick-pocketing and sleigh-of-hand component to present an entertaining show. The performance is interactive, so be ready to incorporate yourself in the event. You can learn more about him at <https://benseidman.com/>. You can also read [here](#) a feature about him from 2013.

You can sign up for his Tusculum performance using this QR code:





Ben Seidman

## **Student art exhibitions to be held in Shulman**

Seniors in the art and design program will showcase their creativity with their capstone exhibitions in the Clem Allison Gallery of the Shulman Center during the last half of the spring semester.

All Tusculum family members are invited to attend the free opening receptions for each student, which are held from 5-7 p.m. Attendees will see 16 pieces of different types of art developed by the student. Half of the pieces are geared toward the student's career focus, while the remainder demonstrate his or her abilities in other art media. Students will be available at the reception to answer any questions guests might have.

The opening reception dates and students are:

- Thursday, March 24 – Aaron Fudge
- Thursday, March 31 – Jared Rowland
- Thursday, April 14 – Kaitlyn Irvin
- Thursday, April 28 – Carli Pigza
- Thursday, May 5 – Daniel Gongorias and Emilie Hansen

In addition, Tusculum will host an Old Oak Festival exhibition featuring a guest photographer Thursday, April 21. We will share the name of that artist as soon as it is finalized.

We encourage you to support our students and attend these receptions. The receptions are catered by the student.

If you have questions, please contact Bill Bledsoe, assistant professor of art and design, at [wbledsoe@tusculum.edu](mailto:wbledsoe@tusculum.edu).

## **Demonstrating civic engagement and environmental stewardship**

Tusculum faculty members and students participated Saturday, March 19, in Tennessee Tree Day on campus with multiple activities that showed our commitment to civic engagement and environmental stewardship.

The event provided an opportunity for community members to obtain saplings and us to plant about 50 trees on the Tusculum campus. We took the event a step further by performing additional work on the new trail we have created between the Paul E. Hayden Educational Wetland and the Doak House Museum.

Also, Dr. Peter Noll, associate professor of public history and museum studies, showcased his culinary skills by cooking breakfast for Tusculum family members.

We had an excellent turnout from faculty and students and commend them for their contribution to the success of this initiative. To read more about the event, please read this [news release](#). You can also view a gallery of photos taken by the Office of Communications and Marketing [here](#).



Dr. Susan Monteleone plants a tree at the Doak House Museum. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Another important message for students from our mental health professionals**

**Editor's note:** The following are additional tips from our mental health professionals to students.

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

Now that we are in the middle of the semester and heading toward its completion, a lot of students will experience high levels of stress due to academics, projects and trying to balance friends, family and their social life! We read this the other day on social media (not sure who wrote it) and thought this could be a blessing for TU students! We hope this helps!

1. Everything can and will change.
2. You've overcome challenges before.
3. It's a learning experience.
4. Not getting what you want can be a blessing.
5. Allow yourself to have some fun.
6. Being kind to yourself is the best medicine.
7. Other people's negativity isn't worth worrying about.
8. And there is always, always, always something to be thankful for!

To schedule an appointment with one of our campus counselors, please email [counselingandadaservices@tusculum.edu](mailto:counselingandadaservices@tusculum.edu).

With understanding,

Tommy Delbridge and Stephanie Edwards



Tommy Delbridge



Stephanie Edwards

## Reminders



- The Office of Student Affairs is accepting applications until Thursday, April 14, for all of the residence halls. You can apply [here](#). Resident assistants receive free single-space housing. For more information or questions, please contact Lauren Johnson, coordinator of residence life and programming, at [lljohnson@tusculum.edu](mailto:lljohnson@tusculum.edu) or 423-636-7446.
- The housing lottery for current students who seek university housing for the fall semester will be open every day from midnight until 5 p.m. from Monday, April 4, through Friday, April 8. Click [here](#) for full details.
- The Appalachian College Association and Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law will hold a webinar from 8-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 called “Understanding the Law School Admissions Process.” To register, please click [here](#). Anyone who is interested can learn more by calling the LMU law school at 865-545-5303 or emailing [law.admissions@LMU.net](mailto:law.admissions@LMU.net). Students can also consult with Dr. Troy Goodale, professor of political science and pre-law advisor at Tusculum, about law school options by emailing [tgoodale@tusculum.edu](mailto:tgoodale@tusculum.edu).
- The Office of Institutional Advancement is still seeking donations of candy and money for the Easter egg hunt for students to be held between Monday, April 11, and Friday, April 15. Please contact Nicole Rader, director of alumni and community engagement, at [nrader@tusculum.edu](mailto:nrader@tusculum.edu) or 423-636-0565 with questions.
- Mark your calendar for the Old Oak Festival Saturday, April 23, and Sunday, April 24, on the Tusculum campus. The majority of activities will take place in the area between the Tusculum Arch, McCormick Hall, the Thomas J. Garland Library and Virginia Hall.
- The Tusculum University Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offers free tax preparation services for faculty, staff and students, as well as the community. Services are available in Rooms 001 and 005 of the Meen Center as well as Westminster Presbyterian Church in Johnson City and 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 to register.
- Discounted admission tickets are available to Tusculum faculty and staff members and their families for Dollywood and Splash Country. Anyone 10 or older can enter Dollywood for \$64, including tax, and children 4-9-years-old, receive admission for \$52.75, including tax. Entry to Splash County costs \$43.80 and \$37.05, respectively. To obtain the discounted rates, please visit <https://store.dollywood.com/product/multi/promo/TUSCULMQ>.

## Events and activities

### All Tusculum family members

Monday, March 21, 12:30 p.m., Zoom (<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/82412380675>); strategic plan focus group

Monday, March 21, 3:30 p.m., Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center and Zoom (<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/86025009185?pwd=dG9yMUdQL1MyZWJLRXROUllrZ2tZZz09>); chapel

Monday, March 21, and Tuesday, March 22, 5:30 p.m., Chalmers Conference Center; yoga

Tuesday, March 22, 11 a.m., in front of Scott M. Niswonger Commons; food truck (Kauffman’s Kitchen)

Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m., Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center; recital by Dr. David Gonzalez

Wednesday, March 23, 11:30 a.m., Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room; reading of the Gospel of John

Thursday, March 24, 11:30 a.m., Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room; Gideon's Bible giveaway

Thursday, March 24, 5 p.m., Shulman Center; art exhibition by student Aaron Fudge

Friday, March 25, 9 a.m., Zoom

(<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89419836133?pwd=RGplWkxyeDZBNkJuZ2dXK21qRnEwZz09>); President's Coffee

### **Faculty and staff**

Thursday, March 24, 9 a.m., Zoom; Operation Success Committee

### **Students**

Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m., Old Gym; intramural dodgeball

Thursday, March 24, 5 p.m., Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room; Dance Team interest meeting

Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m., Old Gym; intramural 3-point contest

### **Community**

Monday, March 21, 5:30 p.m., Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center; Great Literature Alive, Well, & Playing in Greeneville, Tennessee, class

### **Athletics**



The baseball team will return to Pioneer Park Tuesday with a game against Lee University. Here is Luis Ezra in a previous game. Photo by the Office of Athletic Communications

Monday, March 21, and Tuesday, March 22, all day, Graysburg Hills Golf Course; women's golf team at the Agnes McAmis Memorial

Tuesday, March 21, and Tuesday, March 22, all day, Graysburg Hills Golf Course; men's golf team at the Tusculum Invitational

Tuesday, March 22, 6 p.m., Pioneer Park; baseball team vs. Lee University

Wednesday, March 23, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; softball team vs. Catawba College

Thursday, March 24; Friday, March 25; Saturday, March 26; and Sunday, March 27, all day, Gastonia, N.C.; men's bowling team at Conference Carolina-GMAC Championship

Friday, March 25, and Saturday, March 26, all day, Black Mountain, N.C.; outdoor track and field teams at Montreat Invitational

Friday, March 25; Saturday, March 26; and Sunday, March 27, all day, Gastonia, N.C.; women's bowling team at Conference Carolinas-GMAC Championship

Friday, March 25, 1 p.m., Nichols Tennis Center; men's and women's tennis teams vs. University of North Georgia

Friday, March 25, 6 p.m., Coker University; baseball team vs. Coker University

Saturday, March 26, 8 a.m., Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; beach volleyball team vs. University of North Carolina Wilmington

Saturday, March 26, noon and 3 p.m., Coker University; baseball team vs. Coker University

Saturday, March 26, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Coker University; softball team vs. Coker University

Saturday, March 26, 1 p.m., Pioneer Field; women's lacrosse team vs. Limestone University

Saturday, March 26, 2 p.m., Queens University of Charlotte; men's volleyball team vs. Queens University of Charlotte

Saturday, March 26, 3 p.m., Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; beach volleyball team vs. College of Charleston

Saturday, March 26, 4 p.m., Pioneer Field; men's lacrosse team vs. Limestone University

Sunday, March 27, 9 a.m., Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; beach volleyball team vs. Texas A&M University Kingsville

Sunday, March 27, 10 a.m., Nichols Tennis Center; men's and women's tennis teams vs. Queens University of Charlotte

Sunday, March 27, 1 p.m., Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; beach volleyball team vs. Catawba College

Sunday, March 27, 2 p.m., Limestone University; men's volleyball team vs. Limestone University



Emily Sappington fires a pitch from the circle in a game Saturday, March 19, at Red Edmonds Field against Mars Hill University. She set a program-record 14 strikeouts in game one and earned the save in the second game. Tusculum won both games 2-0. You can read more in this [news release](#). Photo by the Office of Athletic Communications

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

### **Faculty and staff birthdays**

- Monday, March 21 – Dr. David Bow
- Thursday, March 24 – Sandi Bible
- Thursday, March 24 – Stephen Thompson
- Thursday, March 24 – Shelby Ward

**Go Pioneers!**