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**Important note:** Starting with this edition, The Pioneer Press will be published every other Monday until August, when it will return to its weekly schedule.

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**President's Perspective**

The noise inside Pioneer Arena Saturday was wonderful to hear. Parents and family members of our graduates expressed great pleasure at seeing our newest alumni cross the stage, and I shared their sentiment.

What a joy it was to talk with the graduates and their families after the ceremony and see their pride in their accomplishment. Indeed, graduations are inspirations and celebrations.

We will miss those students who are not returning for further studies, but I am thrilled to see them graduate as career-ready professionals who have become civically engaged in a caring Christian

environment. Just like their predecessors at Tusculum, these alumni will distinguish themselves and make their alma mater proud.

I love the tradition of Golden Pioneers coming back to Tusculum in celebration of their graduation 50 years earlier. I pray our newest graduates will be as successful and generous as these Golden Pioneers.

Likewise, I enjoyed participating Friday in the pinning ceremony for the Bachelor of Science in nursing class. I am pleased this group accepted the important calling of serving others' health care needs. These alumni are putting our mission into action, and I know they will make a positive difference in people's lives.

Now, we transition to a somewhat quieter period on campus, but we will still have plenty of activity. Many faculty members will teach summer courses, and I strongly encourage our students to register for one or more this summer. The cost for undergraduate courses is more than half off what they are in the fall and spring! That is a fantastic deal!

The summer will provide a more leisurely pace, and I hope all of you enjoy some downtime and perhaps a vacation somewhere. All of you performed magnificently this year, and I look forward to a successful 2022-23 academic year.

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel  
President

### **Word of the Week**

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." –  
Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

### **Photo of the Week**



Olivia Cox, left, and Allison Brewer served as the student speakers during Saturday's commencement ceremony. Cox earned a Master of Arts in organizational training and performance management, and Brewer earned a Bachelor of Science in biology with a medical pre-professional concentration. You can read more about their speeches and the graduation ceremony in this [news release](#). Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing.

### **Coronavirus update**

No students and no 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.

## **Celebrating our newest graduates and alumni**

A full house celebrated our newest graduation class Saturday, May 7.

The ceremony featured 219 students who earned associate, bachelor's and master's degrees. Some of these students have now earned more than one degree from the university. This graduation class included students from 11 nations and 22 states in the United States, continuing our record of diversity and cultural enrichment on campus.

In addition to the photo below, you can view others taken by the Office of Communications and Marketing in [this gallery](#) and on our [Facebook page](#). You can also view the ceremony if you were unable to attend or preferred to watch it remotely by visiting [https://youtu.be/SO2\\_Bxel-zQ](https://youtu.be/SO2_Bxel-zQ).



Addison Wilkins, right, receives congratulations from Dr. Hummel. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing.

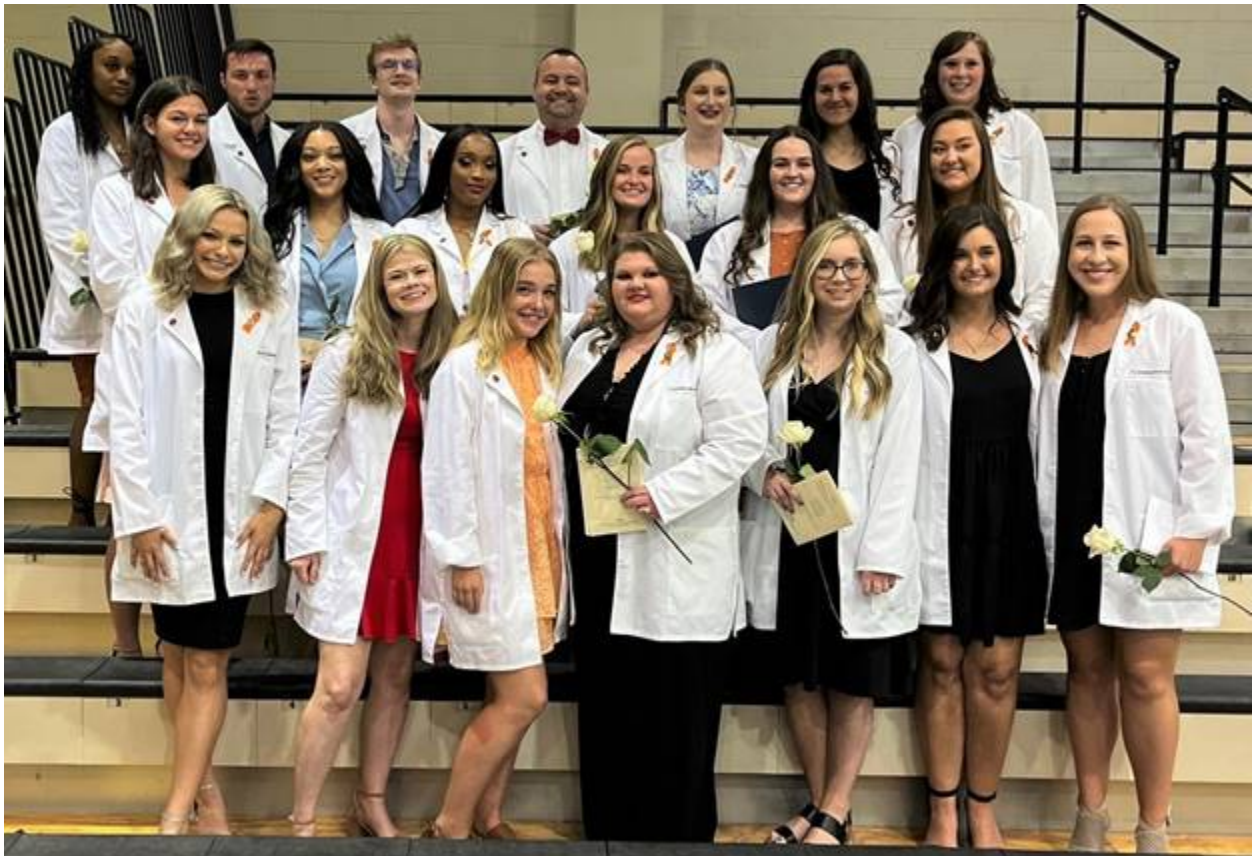
### **Nursing students honored in pinning ceremony**

Our nursing students took center stage Friday, May 6, when we held the pinning ceremony for those who graduated the next day with their bachelor's degree.

We honored 20 students during the event – Caleigh Blair, Seth Brown, Abby Carrick, Kaynashia Carter, Riley Church, Abbagail Couch, Olivia Cunningham, Michael Eggert, Kristen Gass, Samantha Hobson, Laura Lawson, Brittany Maness, Savannah Markham, Briana McDonald, Ruth McLennan, Logann Pierson, Raven Ramsey, Harley Smith, Kelsie Smith and Falon Vallie.

In addition, the College of Nursing presented eight awards to the students.

- R. Jane Brown Award for excellence in service to the campus and community – Caleigh Blair
- Pioneer Award for highest grade point average – Olivia Cunningham
- Florence Nightingale Award – Kristen Gass
- Extra Mile Award – Ruth McLennan
- Touch a Life Award – Brittany Maness
- Clinical Excellence Award – Caleigh Blair
- Leadership Award – Riley Church
- Strive Award – Laura Lawson



These students participated in the ceremony. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

**Golden Pioneers give graduation a connection to the past**

Graduation focuses primarily on the current students who will walk the stage, but every year, Tusculum invites to the spring commencement ceremony alumni who completed their degrees 50 years earlier.

We call this group the Golden Pioneers, and we were privileged during the weekend to welcome back three alumni. These Class of '72 members are Howard Emerick, Richard Paddock and Thomas Wolf. They wore gold robes and medallions.

We thank them for joining us for graduation this year and will be delighted to see them on campus again when they have another opportunity!



Left to right, Richard Paddock, Thomas Wolf and Howard Emerick served as Golden Pioneers during Saturday's commencement!

## **Summer changes**

Here are some important changes for Tusculum family members to know now that the spring semester has concluded. These will be in effect until the start of the fall semester.

- The cafeteria and Chick-fil-A will be closed for the summer. Tusculum family members will not have access to the cafeteria during summer camps.
- The Thomas J. Garland Library will be open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- The Pioneer Perk will be open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## **Recording of “After the Cap and Gown” now available**

Representatives and alumni of the Colleges of Business, Education and Nursing presented valuable information about master’s degree opportunities at Tusculum during the “After the Cap and Gown” event Thursday, May 5.

If you were unable to attend or want to revisit the presentations, you can use [this link](#). The link will also be posted to the [graduate school](#) section of the Tusculum website in the near future.

The College of Education sponsored “After the Cap and Gown,” which was for Tusculum students and community members who are considering graduate school. The fall “After the Cap and Gown” event is scheduled for 6:30-8 pm. Tuesday, Nov. 1. Further details will be forthcoming.

If you have questions or want more information about graduate degrees, please contact the deans or other representatives of the colleges or email Drew Story, director of AOS recruitment and onboarding, [atdstory@tusculum.edu](mailto:atdstory@tusculum.edu).

## **Take advantage of half price for summer classes!**

Students can save \$418 per credit hour – a 53 percent savings – for undergraduate courses compared to the fall and spring semesters by taking summer courses! The cost for these courses is just \$365 per credit hour. Taking one or more summer classes can put students closer to earning their degree and ease their load in the spring and fall semesters. Students can utilize federal financial aid to cover their tuition costs, too!

Registration is happening now for the three summer terms.

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

The link to the portal is <https://portal.tusculum.edu/CMCportal/>. The students’ login is their Tusculum lab account. This is the same username and password utilized for Canvas.

Students should check with the Tusculum financial aid team and their advisor. Students cannot register for the summer terms if they have a business hold or have not met with their advisor.



**SOMETIMES  
LESS IS  
MORE.**



**Organize your schedule  
and take classes in the  
summer.**

### **Take care of registration for fall courses**

Students can review courses available during the fall semester by visiting the portal. They should register before classes fill up.

It is important for students 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 CLASSES!

BEFORE THEY FILL UP!



Meet with your advisor today!

## Remember to register for housing

Students should register for housing for the 2022-23 academic year as quickly as possible.

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

We remind you of a few points 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/>

### **History professor and department leader elected faculty chair**

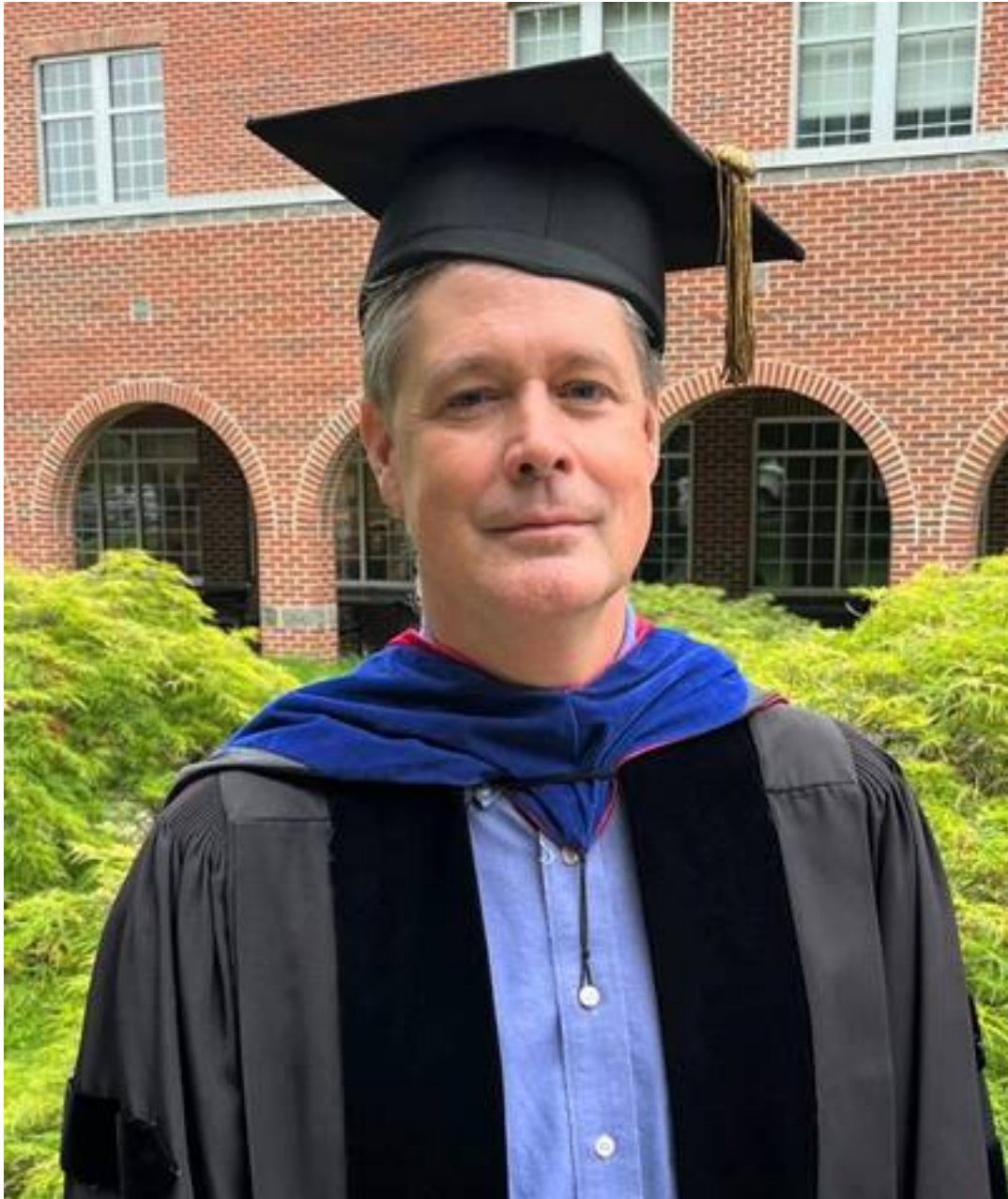
Dr. Joel Van Amberg, professor of history and chair of the History, Museum Studies and Religion Department, was elected faculty chair Friday during the Faculty Assembly. He will succeed Dr. Peter Noll, associate professor of public history and museum studies, when his two-year term begins in August.

He has served as a Tusculum professor since 2005 and as a department chair 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."

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.

Among the faculty chair's duties are to preside over all Faculty Assembly and Faculty Council meetings, serve as the faculty's official representative to the Board of Trustees and serve as the faculty's elected representative to the Deans Council.

Congratulations, Dr. Van Amberg!



Dr. Joel Van Amberg

## **Two-factor authentication is coming soon to Tusculum**

To improve our security posture, Tusculum's Department of Information Systems will be incorporating Duo Security as a two-factor authentication (also known as multi-factor authentication) solution into our existing IT infrastructure. This will affect all faculty and staff Active Directory and Exchange email user accounts.

No immediate action is necessary. This message is to notify and educate you about the upcoming rollout of Duo two-factor authentication.

Duo Security is a company that provides a cloud-based software service that utilizes two-factor authentication to ensure secure access to services and data. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

Two-factor authentication provides a second layer of security to any type of login, requiring extra information or a physical device to log in, in addition to your password.

By requiring two different channels of authentication, we can protect user logins from remote attacks that may exploit stolen usernames and passwords.

The factors may include:

- Something you know – a unique username and password
- Something you have – a smartphone with an app to approve authentication requests
- Something you are – biometrics, such as your fingerprint or a retina scan

Login credentials are more valuable than ever and are increasingly easy to compromise. Over 90% of breaches today involve compromised usernames and passwords.

Two-factor authentication enhances the security of your account by using a secondary device to verify your identity. This prevents anyone but you from accessing your account, even if they know your password.

When logging in to an application that is protected by Duo, you will still enter your username and password. After inputting your login information, Duo requires you to complete a method of second-factor authentication.

Duo does not replace or require you to change your username and password. Think of Duo as a layer of security added to your pre-existing login method.

More information on the rollout of Duo is coming soon.

## **Project Waffle and Gumbeaux's will be the next two food trucks**

Two friends of Tusculum will return with delicious food the next two Wednesdays.

Project Waffle will be the food truck in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. May 11. Then, Gumbeaux's Cajun Food Truck and Munchie Machine will be on campus at the same time and place May 18. Be ready for a great meal!

We will see you outside!

## **Now accepting GEM nominations**

Faculty and staff need to nominate a colleague for the President's GEM Award by noon Tuesday, May 26. To suggest an employee, please complete this [short form](#).

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.

Dr. Hummel will announce the newest GEM at the President's Coffee, which will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 28, to accommodate his schedule. The May recipient will succeed Rachael Barnett, director of Student Support Services, who was selected for April.

### **Civic engagement by the women's basketball team**

The Tusculum University women's basketball team recently partnered with Chartwells, our dining services provider, to pack and deliver 200 take-home snack bags for the Boys and Girls Club of Greeneville and Greene County.

The project provided access to healthy and nutritious food for children and their families.

The Pioneers have been involved in numerous community service projects, including their annual "Share the Warmth" Coat Drive and the Samaritan's Feet shoe drive.

Tusculum's student-athletes performed more than 2,500 hours of community service during this academic year.



Members of the women's basketball team stand with Dean Zoch, general manager for food services at Tusculum. Photo and story information from the Office of Athletic Communications

## Reminders

- A rare book display created by students Samuel Bowen, Eirik Dahlgren, Joshua Grabner, Daniel Gongora and Megan Page enrolled in MUSE 308 is currently on display in the library and will later be relocated to local libraries and museums.
- Students, faculty and staff should return all materials checked out from the library prior to leaving for the summer or for an extended period. Please consult with library staff about any special circumstances.
- Chapel has concluded for the academic year. It will resume at the start of the fall semester.
- The Ballad Health Tusculum University Clinic is now closed until the start of the fall semester. Local health care providers and health departments can assist you in the interim.
- 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, May 10; Thursday, May 12; Tuesday, May 17; and Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m., Pioneer Arena; **REFIT fitness class**

Wednesday, May 11, 11 a.m., in front of Scott M. Niswonger Commons; **food truck (Project Waffle)**

Saturday, May 14, and Saturday, May, 21, 10 a.m., Pioneer Arena; **REFIT fitness class**

Wednesday, May 18, 11 a.m., in front of Scott M. Niswonger Commons; **food truck (Gumbeaux's Cajun Food Truck & Munchie Machine)**

### Faculty and staff

Monday, May 9, 6 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; **Upward Bound event**

Thursday, May 12, 6 p.m., Chalmers Conference Center; **President's Circle dinner**

### Community

Monday, May 9, and Monday, May 16, 5:30 p.m., Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center; **Great Literature Alive, Well, & Playing in Greeneville, Tennessee, class**

Friday, May 13, all day, multiple locations on campus; **field day for local schools**

### Athletics

Saturday, May 14, 11 a.m.; Cleveland, Tennessee; **men's and women's outdoor track and field teams at Lee Last Chance Meet**



Shanee Angol throws the javelin in action earlier this year. She captured the gold medal in the women's javelin Thursday, May 5, at the South Atlantic Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championship. Meanwhile, Tusculum had four medal-winning performances and set three school records Friday, May 6. David Saruni placed second in the men's 400 hurdles, Zackary Nelson was third in the men's 400 meters and Kenisha Stubbs took third in the women's 400 hurdles. Also medaling was the Pioneers' 4x400-meter relay team. The relay team, Nelson and Saruni set school records. You can read more about Angol [here](#) and the others [here](#). Photo from 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, May 9 – Dr. Susan Monteleone
- Wednesday, May 11 – Jenna Agostino
- Friday, May 13 – Candace Haigie
- Saturday, May 14 – Deborah Davis
- Saturday, May 14 – Alice Lawson
- Saturday, May 14 – Brandon Steele
- Saturday, May 14 – Dr. Robert Gall
- Friday, May 20 – Mary Stryk
- Saturday, May 21 – Dr. Miriam Stroder

We appreciate 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).

**Go Pioneers!**