



**October 10, 2022**

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## **President's Perspective**

Fall is in the air with cooler weather and colorful leaves. I have lived in eight other states, and no place I have lived is as beautiful as Tusculum in the autumn.

Fall is always better when Tusculum beats Carson-Newman, so this year is especially sweet after our football team trounced the Eagles 34-6. Fall is also the perfect time for prospective students to attend our open house and plan to become a Pioneer.

Homecoming is going to be great with all of the activities planned and all of the opportunities to connect with alumni and friends. Now is the time to make your plans to attend Homecoming and enjoy Tusculum in the fall.

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel  
President



Here is some early fall color on campus. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

**Word of the Week**

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28

**Photo of the Week**



Our football game against Carson-Newman University Saturday provided a great avenue to promote breast cancer awareness. Great job sharing the message, Zeke! We encourage everyone to be cognizant of breast cancer symptoms and receive mammograms as recommended. Photo by the Office of Athletic Communications

## COVID-19 procedures

You can read all of our coronavirus protocols [here](#).

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.

## Our health clinic has the flu vaccine

The Ballad Health Tusculum University Clinic, located in Room 008 of the Meen Center, now has the flu vaccine for this season.

Anyone who is interested in receiving a flu vaccination is welcome to visit the clinic during normal operating hours. Those are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 1-3:30 p.m. Vaccination is your best protection against contracting the flu.

No appointment is necessary. Patients can self-pay or use their health insurance. Students can apply for payment aid, if necessary.

## **We have entered fall break**

Tusculum faculty and students are on fall break Monday, Oct. 10, and Tuesday, Oct. 11. Staff members are working a regular schedule these two days, but some changes are in place:

Adjusted hours for the Thomas J. Garland Library are:

- Monday, Oct. 10: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 11: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Regular library hours resume Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Chapel and the Breaking Bread ministry will not meet this week but return to their normal schedules Monday, Oct. 17. Ken Brewer, associate professor of psychology will deliver the message “What does the Bible teach about mental health?” during the next chapel session.

The Ballad Health Tusculum University Clinic is closed today due to fall break. It will also be closed Wednesday due to another obligation for Alice Lawson, assistant professor of nursing, who provides care in the clinic. The clinic will reopen Thursday at 1 p.m.

## **Enjoy an exquisite meal at the Doak House Museum**

During the Homecoming celebration, people will once again be able to eat in style at the Doak House Museum as a fundraiser for the university.

The Farm to Table – the Pioneer Way – dinner will be held Thursday, Oct. 20, with activities starting at 5:30 p.m. The delightful meal will feature a variety of items grown at the Doak House and by local farmers. First Horizon Bank is sponsoring the event.

The festivities begin with a social gathering from 5:30-6 p.m. that will feature hors d’oeuvres and delightful conversation. Seating will begin at 6 p.m., followed by soup and salad at 6:15 p.m. The main course will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by dessert. Preparing the delicious meal will be Chris Farney, chef for Tusculum’s dining services.

Faculty and staff and one guest are able to purchase a ticket for \$50 apiece. Simply go to [this page](#) and select “other” in the dropdown menu next to “Please use my donation for:” and type “Farm to Table” in the blank space next to “Personal Note.”

This is a special price afforded only to faculty and staff members and their guest. All others must pay \$75 per ticket.

Attire is eveningwear casual.



Many faculty and staff members participated in the 2021 Farm to Table dinner. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

**Homecoming is almost here!**

Are you ready for Homecoming? We are excited about the five days of fun during this event, which runs from Wednesday, Oct. 19-Sunday, Oct. 24. And we have a terrific theme – “There’s no place like Homecoming” – that will provide another layer of enjoyment to this event!

Tusculum family members can visit <https://go.tusculum.edu/homecoming/> to see all of the activities in which they can participate. If you do not remember the URL, you can find the link at the top of home page of Tusculum’s website, [www.tusculum.edu](http://www.tusculum.edu).

You can read more about Homecoming in this [news release](#).

For Tusculum students, Homecoming fun lasts even longer. The Office of Institutional Advancement and the Office of Student Affairs identified ways students can add to the Homecoming through their attire

each day of that week. For example, students can dress like their favorite professor, participate in a costume contest and wear pajamas during the day.

The graphic below provides the list of activities specifically geared toward students.

# THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE *Homecoming*

## SPIRIT WEEK

**Monday: Oz the Great and Powerful**

October 17, 2022

Wear your black TU attire

**Tuesday: Twister Tuesday**

October 18, 2022

Dress Wacky

**Wednesday: Which Witch is Which?**

October 19, 2022

Dress like your favorite professor

**Wednesday: Talent Show Contest**

October 19, 2022

Which Witch is Which? costume contest

Behan Arena Theatre

7-9 p.m.

**Thursday: There's No Place Like HOMEcoming**

October 20, 2022

Wear your pj's

**Friday: Pioneer Twister Tailgate**

October 21, 2022

Apartment Quad

7:30 p.m.

**Friday: There's a STORMCOMING!**

October 21, 2022

Wear your Tusculum gear

**Saturday: TU Orange Day**

October 22, 2022

Wear your orange TU attire

**Sunday: TU Day**

October 23rd

First Presbyterian Church, Greenville  
11:00 a.m.

Registration for spring and summer starts in two weeks!



Preparations are well underway for the spring semester and summer terms, and soon students will be able to register for courses.

Here are the dates when registration opens:

- Monday, Oct. 24 – Graduate, veterans, Adult and Online studies, and honor students
- Tuesday, Oct. 25 – Seniors
- Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Juniors
- Thursday, Oct. 27 – Sophomores
- Friday, Oct. 28 – First-year students

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.

Should students have questions, they can email the Registrar's Office at [registrartu@tusculum.edu](mailto:registrartu@tusculum.edu) or come to Office G12 on the ground floor of Virginia Hall.

## **Open house for potential traditional undergraduate students just 12 days away!**

We encourage you to spread the word that Tusculum will hold an open house Saturday, Oct. 22, for anyone interested in being a traditional undergraduate student! The event will be held from 9:30 a.m.-noon in the Meen Center.

Attendees will:

- Learn more about our [majors, minors and pre-professional programs](#)
- Hear about [financial aid](#) opportunities available to students
- Meet faculty members and students
- Discover more about student life
- Tour our campus
- Enjoy a free tailgate lunch
- Receive free tickets to that afternoon's football game

Registration is available at <https://site.tusculum.edu/register-for-open-house/>.

Please share the link to anyone you know would qualify to attend! We are excited to see lots of future Pioneers at the open house!

# OPEN HOUSE

<https://site.tusculum.edu/register-for-open-house/>

Learn what  
it's like to  
be a Pioneer!



9:30 a.m. - noon  
in the Meen Center



October 22, 2022

Tour campus  
Financial aid  
Free lunch  
Free football game  
Discover more about  
our majors and minors



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## Learn more about Tusculum's master's degrees at November event

Take your knowledge to the next level with a master's degree from Tusculum! To learn more, attend "After the Cap and Gown" Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom and hear important details from alumni and faculty speakers from the College of Business and College of Education.

You can register for the event at <https://site.tusculum.edu/after-the-cap-and-gown-event/>. Registration will help us ensure we provide all of the information you need to determine which program will be the best fit for you.

To see the list of master's programs, please visit <https://site.tusculum.edu/apply-visit/apply/graduate/>. The Zoom link is <https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/84646844048?pwd=d21UMTZzM0pia1NkdGhKVjhKRU56UT09>.

We look forward to seeing you at "After the Cap and Gown."

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# After the Cap and Gown

Alumni and faculty speakers from the Colleges of Business and Education

**Learn about Tusculum University's graduate programs!**

Take the next step in your career development!

**November 1, 2022, from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.**

**TO REGISTER:** <https://site.tusculum.edu/after-the-cap-and-gown-event/>



## **Learn ways to protect yourself from fraud at upcoming seminar**

Take steps to reduce your risk for Identity theft at an upcoming event on campus.

First Horizon, in partnership with the City of Tusculum's Police Department, will share tips on protecting yourself and loved ones from fraud Thursday, Oct. 27, from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Meen Center lecture hall. We urge you to participate.



## Join us for a community discussion

**Identity theft is on the rise. Join us for an informational discussion and learn tips on how to protect yourself and loved ones from fraud.**

*Hosted by First Horizon Bank in partnership with  
Tusculum Police Department*

**October 27, 2022  
4-5:30 PM**

**Tusculum University  
Lecture Hall**

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### **Helping students in need**



The Service Learning in the Arts class has organized a food drive to support students in need and is providing a couple of methods in which Tusculum family members and the community can assist.

Anyone who is interested in providing items can bring them to the first floor of the Meen Center or to one of the following athletic events:

- Oct. 15 – the women’s indoor volleyball game at Pioneer Arena at 2 p.m.
- Oct. 22 – the football team’s game at Pioneer Field at 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 – the women’s soccer game at Pioneer Field at 5 p.m. and the men’s soccer game at 7:30 p.m.

You can review the graphic below for additional details. If you have questions, please email student Lilli Gall at [lgall1@students.tusculum.edu](mailto:lgall1@students.tusculum.edu).

In addition, the Service Learning Class has developed a special initiative for students who donate food, clothing, and/or money at any of the events the class is hosting this semester. They will be entered into a raffle to win a \$20 Creamy Cup gift card!



# FOOD PANTRY

**ATTENTION!!**

TUSCULUM UNIVERSITY'S SERVICE LEARNING IN THE ARTS CLASS IS COLLECTING FOOD FOR STUDENTS IN NEED!

**LOCATION:** FIRST FLOOR OF MEEN CENTER

**DONATION INFORMATION:**

DONATIONS BOXES WILL BE PLACED OUT TO PUT DONATIONS INTO.


**WISH LIST:**

**MICROWAVEABLE MEALS -**  
(SOUP, RICE), CEREAL, OATMEAL, MAC AND CHEESE, CANNED TUNA AND/OR SALMON, CHEF BOYARDEE

**SNACKS -**  
GRANOLA BARS, CHIPS, PROTEIN BARS, PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS, MIXED NUTS, TRAIL MIX, GOLDFISH, CANDY, APPLESAUCE, FRUIT COCKTAIL, PUDDING, JELL-O, POPCORN, PICKLES, DRIED FRUIT, GRANOLA, BEEF JERKY, GRAHAM CRACKERS, PRETZELS, NUTELLA

**DRINKS -**  
GATORADE, HIGH-C, KOOL-AID, TEA, INSTANT COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE

**NOTE:**  
PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL THE FOOD DONATED IS UNOPENED AND IN GOOD CONDITION!



**CENTER FOR CIVIC ADVANCEMENT**

## Clothing exchange for students next Monday

Are you looking for some new clothes? Tusculum's Service Learning in the Arts class is hosting a clothing exchange event Monday, Oct. 17, to benefit students in need.

Come and donate your old, unwanted clothing and exchange it for something new! This event will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the living room of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons. All students are encouraged to attend!

Please review the graphic below for additional details. If you have questions, please email student Lilli Gall at [lgall1@students.tusculum.edu](mailto:lgall1@students.tusculum.edu).

**COME SEE US!!**

LOCATION:  
NISWONGER COMMONS LIVING ROOM

DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH,  
FROM 11A.M.-1P.M.

**PIONEER EXCHANGE CLOTHING EVENT**

**INFORMATION:**  
TUSCULUM UNIVERSITY'S SERVICE LEARNING IN THE ARTS CLASS IS COLLECTING CLOTHING FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS IN NEED. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THE FOLLOWING!!  
\*\*ATHELETIC WEAR, SUMMER WEAR, AND WINTER WEAR.\*\*

**NOTE:**  
\*\*PLEASE MAKE SURE ANY CLOTHING DONATED IS GENTLY USED. (LITTLE STAINS, HOLES, ETC.) PLEASE DO NOT DONATE UNDERWEAR OR SOCKS!!\*\*

**TU CENTER FOR CIVIC ADVANCEMENT**

### **Completing all financial aid paperwork**

Students should ensure they have completed all of their financial aid paperwork for this semester.

The Office of Financial Aid said some students still have to submit items. If these students do not address this matter, they could receive a large bill in the future, said Melissa White, Tusculum's director of financial aid. She does not want students to face that consequence, so she urges them to resolve this matter as soon as possible.

Students with questions can contact the Office of Financial Aid at [financialaid@tusculum.edu](mailto:financialaid@tusculum.edu) or 423-636-7377.

## **The beauty of nature Part 2**



After we posted the photo of a rainbow visible from campus in last week's edition and on our social media pages, others shared additional pictures. Above is a photo from student Autumn Paxton. You can [click here](#) to see photos from student Kathryn McLamb and Elizabeth Goodale, wife of Dr. Troy Goodale.

## **Tasty food, excellent vendors lead to successful Fall Fest!**

Terrific weather and delicious food provided the perfect combination for the Fall Fest, held last week on the Quad in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons.

Chartwells, our food service provider, provided a tasty lunch, and many local vendors came to sell items. We are grateful to these visitors and to Chartwells and the Office of Student Affairs for organizing the event.



Tusculum family members gathered for the delicious lunch prepared by Chartwells and the opportunity to visit with local vendors. You can see other photos in [this gallery](#). Photos by the Office of Communication and Marketing

## **Black Student Union members held cookout Sunday**

Current and potential new members of the Black Student Union shared a meal and fellowship during a cookout Sunday at the Apartment Quad.

The group welcomes new members! If you are interested in joining the BSU, co-presidents Ira Heppard (undergraduate) or Brianna Oats (graduate) will be happy to assist you. You can email them at [heppard1@students.tusculum.edu](mailto:heppard1@students.tusculum.edu) or [boats1@students.tusculum.edu](mailto:boats1@students.tusculum.edu), respectively.

We remind you the BSU Executive Board members are:

- Co-Presidents: Ira Heppard (undergraduate) and Brianna Oats (graduate)
- Vice President: Nicholas Bernard
- Recruitment Coordinator: Joshua Stephens and Stephen Brewer
- Social Media Coordinator: Taylor Youmans and Shaphar Grant
- Event Planning: Taylor Youmans
- Community Liaison: Taylor Sanders



· Secretary: Taylor Sanders



Dr. Katherine Everhart, left co-adviser of the Black Student Union, with co-presidents Brianna Oats (graduate), center, and Ira Heppard (undergraduate) enjoy the cookout. In addition to this photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing, others are available in [this gallery](#).

### **Parking during the Board of Trustees meeting**

Tusculum's Board of Trustees will have meetings on campus Thursday, Oct. 20, and Friday, Oct. 21, and that will necessitate a parking change.

During those two days, the parking lot between Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center and Katherine Hall will be unavailable. Those who rely on this lot should plan to use different parking spaces on campus and schedule additional time to reach your destination.

We appreciate your accommodation and support of our trustees as they conduct their regular meeting on campus.

## **Guests on campus Tuesday**

The Greene County Partnership will hold its monthly breakfast meeting Tuesday, Oct. 11, in Chalmers Conference Center.

The meeting starts at 7:30 a.m., so you might find some vehicles you do not recognize in our parking lots. Due to fall break, the effect should be negligible. These guests should depart by about 9 a.m.

Please make our guests feel welcome!

## **Financial contributions from employees to Tusculum make a difference!**

Employees still have time to complete a [faculty and staff contribution form](#) to support the university and our students. We thank everyone who has made a donation and want you to know it enables us to make a difference in our students' lives

We commend the eight offices, departments and groups that have reached 100 percent giving! They are:

- Executive Cabinet
- Human Resources Department
- Office of Admission
- Office of Financial Aid
- Office of Communications and Marketing
- President's Office
- Office of Institutional Advancement
- Thomas J. Garland Library

Can we count on your office or department to join this list? Remember, no amount is too small!

In addition to clicking the link above, Employees can also find the contribution form on the faculty and staff portal of the Pioneer Portal. If you have questions, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 423-636-7303.

## **Faculty and staff can secure a Sam's Club membership**

A representative of Sam's Club will be in front of the Office of Student Affairs Friday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for employees and students who are interested in becoming a member.

The offer for employees is for a club membership for \$19.99 and \$30 off the first in-club purchase of \$30 or more. This essentially makes the membership free. This offer is for teachers, professors, educators, administrators and any employee in the education system.

Students can purchase a membership for \$45, with \$10 off their first purchase of \$20 or more. They have 60 days to use that discount. They are also eligible for the Plus membership, which costs \$100. They receive \$50 off their first purchase of \$50 or more and have 60 days to collect that discount.

The only catch is that memberships must be established in person or the offers will not work. All that is required is for individuals to scan the QR code the Sam's representative will have and they create the membership on their phone.

## **Reminders**

- Last month, President Biden announced his administration's plan to provide student debt relief to eligible borrowers and give working and middle-class Americans more breathing room. To read the latest update, please [click here](#).
- We remind you that all students, faculty and staff are required to register their vehicles with the Office of Campus Safety and are required to park in their designated areas. We also reiterate there are many places on campus where parking is not permitted and that reserved parking is in effect throughout the year. Complete details are available [here](#).
- Due to a change in our payroll processing system, we have a new link for employees to view their earnings statements beginning with the pay date Sept. 15, 2022. To read the entire message about this subject, please [click here](#).
- The 1st District congressional office in Tennessee, which covers most of East Tennessee east of Knoxville, has opportunities for internships in its Kingsport and Morristown locations. To apply, please visit <https://harshbarger.house.gov/services/internships>.
- An excellent civic engagement opportunity for faculty and staff members and students who are at least 21 years old is to serve as a mentor for tnAchieves in support of the Tennessee Promise class of 2023. The deadline to apply to serve as a mentor is Friday, Oct. 21. To apply or learn more, please visit <https://tnAchieves.org/mentors>.
- 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, Oct. 4, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m., in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons; **The Munchie Machine**

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m., Chalmers Conference Center; **yoga**

Thursday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Thursday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m., Old Gym; **yoga**

### Student event

Thursday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m., Chalmers Conference Center; **Student Support Services Dinner and Learn**

### Community

Monday, Oct. 10, 4 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; **Great Literature Alive Well Playing in Greeneville, Tennessee**

Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m., Doak House Museum; **Greeneville Farmers Market**

### Athletics



**Sophomore linebacker Earnest Johnson III corrals the ball in Saturday's convincing 34-6 win against archrival Carson-Newman University at Pioneer Field. Johnson made four tackles, forced a fumble and recovered another. Photo by the Office of Athletic Communications**

Monday, Oct. 10, and Tuesday, Oct. 11, all day, Country Club of Morristown; **men's golf team at the Walters State Fall Classic**

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 5 p.m. (women), 7:30 p.m. (men), Emory & Henry College; **men's and women's soccer teams vs. Emory & Henry College**

Friday, Oct. 14, 4:30 p.m. (women), 5:30 p.m. (men), Kernersville, North Carolina; **cross country teams at VertCross Invitational**

Friday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m., Pioneer Arena; **women's indoor volleyball team vs. Anderson University**

Saturday, Oct. 15, and Sunday, Oct. 16, all day, Indianapolis; **men's bowling team at Columbia 300 Shootout**

Saturday, Oct. 15, noon, UVA Wise; **football team vs. UVA Wise**

Saturday, Oct. 15, 1 p.m., Milligan University; **women's tennis team vs. Milligan University**

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2 p.m., Pioneer Arena; **women's indoor volleyball team vs. Newberry College**

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2 p.m. (women) and 4:30 p.m. (men), Pioneer Field; **men's and women's soccer teams vs. Newberry College**

Sunday, Oct. 16, 1 p.m., Nichols Tennis Center; **men's tennis team vs. Milligan University**

Please visit the schedule on the [athletics website](#) for potential changes with games.



Senior outside hitter Emiah Burrowes had a big day Saturday with 12 kills during Tusculum's 25-15, 25-21, 25-15 victory over Catawba College in Pioneer Arena. Photo by the Office of Athletic Communications

### **Faculty and staff birthdays**

- Monday, Oct. 10 – Kevin Kline
- Friday, Oct. 14 – Michelle DeFord

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).

**Go Pioneers!**