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President's Perspective

Tusculum University will be an extremely busy place this week with Homecoming, and I am thrilled that this wonderful event has arrived. While Homecoming is most associated with alumni returning to their alma mater, it is also a celebratory period for the whole university and the community. I encourage you to take part in as many activities as possible.

Our Institutional Advancement team and the Office of Student Affairs have collaborated to create a number of clever activities for our students' enjoyment. Our faculty and staff will have plenty of

opportunities to participate in activities throughout the week and soak in the atmosphere. One of the best parts of the week will be for our faculty and staff to see alumni they remember returning for Homecoming.

Seeing our alumni on campus brings me tremendous joy as well. I welcome their stories and love when they share how their Tusculum education positively impacted their lives. They can be tremendous advocates for the university by sharing the Tusculum story with potential future Pioneers. They also inspire our current students to recognize that their time at Tusculum will have lifelong benefits.

I am also excited when community members attend our Homecoming events. Last week, we shared at the Greene County Partnership breakfast held at Tusculum that our university has a \$58.3 million annual economic impact on East Tennessee. This conservative calculation, which includes the monetary effect of Homecoming, demonstrates how much value we bring primarily to Greene County and the rest of the region. I thank you for supporting the community through your purchases, community service and other avenues and thank the community for supporting us.

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel
President

Word of the Week

“Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” – Genesis 28:15 ESV

Photo of the Week



The Tusculum University Psi Chi chapter and the Psychology Club volunteered for and walked in the Tri-Cities 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's®. The College of Science, Technology and Mathematics backed the student groups with faculty and family walkers who raised money for the event. We thank our Pioneers for demonstrating our commitment to civic engagement by participating in this important event! Left to right in this photo are Hope Everhart, Cristine Moore, Kyra Byers and Emma Miller. You can see other photos in [this gallery](#). Photos from Dr. Kate Smith

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 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 or 423-636-7345 (extension 5345 on campus) as well as their supervisor.

Tusculum has a \$58.3 million annual economic impact on the region

Richard Miller, our associate vice president of institutional effectiveness, recently compiled data with assistance from other Tusculum family members that show we have a \$58.3 million annual impact on the East Tennessee economy, most prominently in Greene County.

Here is how we calculate the numbers:

- \$20 million – the employment of 260 full-time equivalent employees who earn an average annual payroll of \$13.5 million and receive \$2.2 million in benefits, as well as \$4.3 million in indirect impact-
- \$20 million – 2,000 Tusculum alumni living in Greene County who earn an additional \$10,000 on average in income because of their degree
- \$14.3 million – \$11 million in nonsalary expenses, such as utilities, supplies, services and insurance, and \$3.3 million in indirect effects
- \$3 million – \$1.6 million from the economic activity of Tusculum's 700 residential students on items such as food, clothing and supplies and \$1.4 million in economic impact from the 90,000 hours of community service by students, faculty and staff through events such as Nettie Fowler McCormick Service Day and the Pioneer Exchange, which includes the clothing closet and food pantry
- \$1 million – Economic activity generated by 8,200 spectators for athletic events, 1,900 visiting athletes, 4,000 visitors for major events on campus and 500 people for campus visits to tour the university

These are conservative numbers, and we shared them with the Greene County Partnership last week to ensure the community is aware of Tusculum's importance. We will continue to review these numbers and refine them as we discover additional financial ways in which we enhance our region.

Many community and business leaders are aware of our influence on the local economy, and we hope others developed a greater understanding of Tusculum's importance. At the same time, this exercise has reinforced the many ways the community supports Tusculum, and we are grateful to have so many people standing behind us and our mission.

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



Dr. Hummel discusses the results of our research during the Greene County Partnership meeting. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Two Tusculum faculty members selected to 40 Under Forty class

Congratulations to Dr. Dennis Ashford, associate professor of chemistry, and Jordan Baker, assistant professor of biology, who were selected to this year's 40 Under Forty class by The Business Journal of Tri-Cities Tennessee/Virginia.

They were recognized Friday at an awards ceremony at the Johnson City Country Club and will be featured, along with the other recipients, in the magazine's December edition. The magazine received nominations of 90 people.

The Business Journal not only takes into account professional achievements but also service to the community.

Dr. Ashford has served as a faculty member at Tusculum since 2017 and has become known for working with undergraduate students to research anti-cancer drugs. He has mentored 18 undergraduate research students. He also rewrote the chemistry program curriculum when he arrived, which has resulted in many students pursuing master's and doctoral degrees. Outside the classroom, Dr. Ashford co-founded a tech company called Fit Feed to foster community among those interested in fitness and facilitate that activity through a mobile app.

Baker has served on the Tusculum faculty since 2018. He teaches introductory biology classes by design so students are well-grounded in the fundamentals. He chairs the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, was recently selected as the Honors Program director and is the faculty advisor for the Breaking Bread ministry. He is also involved with Audubon bird counts, helped create and design Tusculum's nature trail and collaborated on development of the Tusculum arboretum. He was also a board member and volunteer for Rural Resources in Greene County.



Dr. Dennis Ashford, left, and Jordan Baker stand with their awards. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Clothing exchange for students today

Do you need 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.



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.

COME SEE US!!

LOCATION:
NISWONGER COMMONS LIVING ROOM

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

NOTE:

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



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Pioneer Madness taking place tonight

Take an early look at our men's and women's basketball teams and enjoy some special activities during Pioneer Madness.

The free event will be held tonight at 7 in Pioneer Arena. The evening will include team introductions, a three-point contest and a dunk contest. Free pizza and fan prizes will be given away for Tusculum students.

To learn more, please read this [news release](#). Be ready to have a great time!



Homecoming week has arrived!

A bevy of activities awaits students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community this week as we celebrate Homecoming. We have a wonderful theme – “There’s no place like Homecoming” – that will contribute to the fun!

You can visit <https://go.tusculum.edu/homecoming/> to see all of the activities in which you can participate. If you do not remember the URL, the link is at the top of home page of Tusculum’s website, www.tusculum.edu. The formal Homecoming activities begin Wednesday and run through Sunday. 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 show their Homecoming spirit through their attire each day beginning today. 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.

Enjoy Homecoming! We are going to have a great time!



Still time to register for Farm to Table dinner

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the Farm to Table – The Pioneer Way – dinner Thursday, with activities starting at 5:30 p.m. The delicious meal, prepared by Chris Farney of Chartwells, chef for Tusculum’s dining services, will feature a variety of items grown at the Doak House and by local farmers.

Faculty and staff and one guest are able to purchase a ticket for \$50 apiece by today at 5 p.m. 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.

You can read more about the event in this [news release](#) and can see the menu [here](#).



Among the employees who attended the 2021 Farm to Table dinner were, left to right, Rachael Barnett, Carrie Maggert and Karen Cox. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Hear presentations from our Ledford scholars

One of the student-focused events during Homecoming will be to hear presentations from the five Pioneers who were selected this year as Ledford scholars of the Appalachian College of Association.

Sarah Calfee, Joseph Calloway, Avery Carpenter, Emma Harriman and Maggie Vickers will share their findings Friday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. in the Meen Center lecture hall. Here are details about the students' majors, their project topic and their faculty mentor:

- Calfee, biology, "Stress in Academia as a Predictor of Physical and Mental Health," Drs. Hollie Pellosmaa and Katherine Smith
- Calloway, environmental science, "Survey and Assessment of Chucky Madtom (*Noturus crypticus*) habitat in Little Chucky Creek," Dr. Conor Keitzer
- Carper, psychology, "General and Self-Stigma surrounding Mental Health Services," Drs. Hollie Pellosmaa and Katherine Smith
- Harriman, mathematics, "Transient Dynamics in Coupled Epidemiological Systems with Seasonal Forcing," Dr. Kellen Myers
- Vickers, English and history, "The Coffin Collection: Uncovering the Provenance of Tusculum's First Library," Dr. Jeffrey Perry

Attached is further information about the students' research.

The Ledford Scholars program provides stipends for students who want to participate in undergraduate summer research. These students are also eligible for reimbursement for project-related equipment and travel expenses.

Saturday is the open house for potential traditional undergraduate students

As part of the Homecoming celebration, 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.

This is a great opportunity for these potential future Pioneers to discover more about Tusculum and see the campus brimming with activity. If you know someone who is exploring their college options, please encourage them to join us Saturday for this great event! These guests will receive some great freebies, too!

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/>.

More details are available in this [news release](#).

OPEN HOUSE

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

Learn what
it's like to
be a Pioneer!



October 22, 2022

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



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



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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 require 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.

More spaces in parking lot next to Annie Hogan Byrd lot to go to students

Students who have completed their first year of studies at Tusculum will soon receive designated parking spaces in the parking lot between Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center and Katherine Hall.

With employees in the TRIO program moving to the Meen Center, the number of spaces needed by faculty and staff in the Annie Hogan lot has decreased. With that in mind, Dr. Hummel has concluded the two rows of parking closest to Katherine Hall will be designated solely to eligible students.

A definitive date for this conversion will be provided later, but Dr. Hummel's goal is to have the change in place by the start of November. Our Facilities Management Department will need that time to make the adjustments in parking lot striping.

This parking revision will provide extra convenience for students. Those students who are in their first year of studies at Tusculum will still need to park in the Indoor Practice Facility lot.

Learn more about our master's degrees during November event

Expand your knowledge with one of our master's degrees!

To learn more, you should mark your calendar for "After the Cap and Gown" Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 6:30-8 p.m. The event will be held via Zoom and provide valuable information 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 enables us to provide all of the information you need to determine which program will fit best 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>.

More information about "After the Cap and Gown" is available in this [news release](#).

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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/>



Registration for spring and summer begins next week!

Students should make final preparations to register for courses for the spring semester and the summer sessions. Registration will begin next week!

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 or come to Office G12 on the ground floor of Virginia Hall.

Neat event for Halloween brings literature to life at the Doak House

You can enhance your Halloween experience by watching adaptations of classic literature and new writing from a Tusculum University alumnus in upcoming short performances at the Doak House Museum.


Theatre-at-Tusculum will host "Edgar Allan Poe and Other Haunted Stories in the Woods" Friday, Oct. 28, and Saturday, Oct. 29. Each day, the gates will open at the Doak House, at 5:45 p.m., with the show starting at 6:30 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, Oct. 30.

Each night, the event will feature five performances, which will last about 10 minutes apiece, at different spots on the Doak House grounds. The shows, the author and cast members are:

- "Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll; Gary Carver
- "Tell-Tale Heart" by Poe; Todd Wallin and Faith Rader
- "The Raven" by Poe; Jackson Beddingfield, Lavender Colmer, Michael Fillers and Tony DeVault
- "The Three Witches" from William Shakespeare's "Macbeth"; Jessie Beth Miller, Nicole Lilley and Heather Dalton
- "The Black Aggie" by Zach Gass, a Tusculum alumnus; Gracie Moore, Seleena Bakshi, Jade Ward, Emme Foster, Aden Moore and Jasper Dean

Limited tickets are available. The cost is \$5 per person, and tickets are available at <https://tusculum.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?depts=2>. You can also pay cash at the gate. The suggested age for attendees is 8 and older.

To learn more, you can read this [news release](#).



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**EDGAR
ALLAN
POE**

AND OTHER HAUNTED
STORIES IN THE WOODS

OCTOBER 28-29

SUGGESTED FOR
AGES 8+

**GATES OPEN AT
5:45 P.M.
SHOW STARTS AT
6:30 P.M.**

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HOUSE GROUNDS**

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COLLEGE OF CIVIC & LIBERAL ARTS

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/EMBED/ALL?DEPTS=2](https://tusculum.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?depts=2)**

**THEATRE-AT-TUSCULUM PRESENTS:
A FUNDRAISER EVENT WITH 5 SHORT STORY ADAPTATIONS
FROM CLASSIC LITERATURE AND LOCAL PLAYWRIGHTS**



SCAN FOR TICKETS

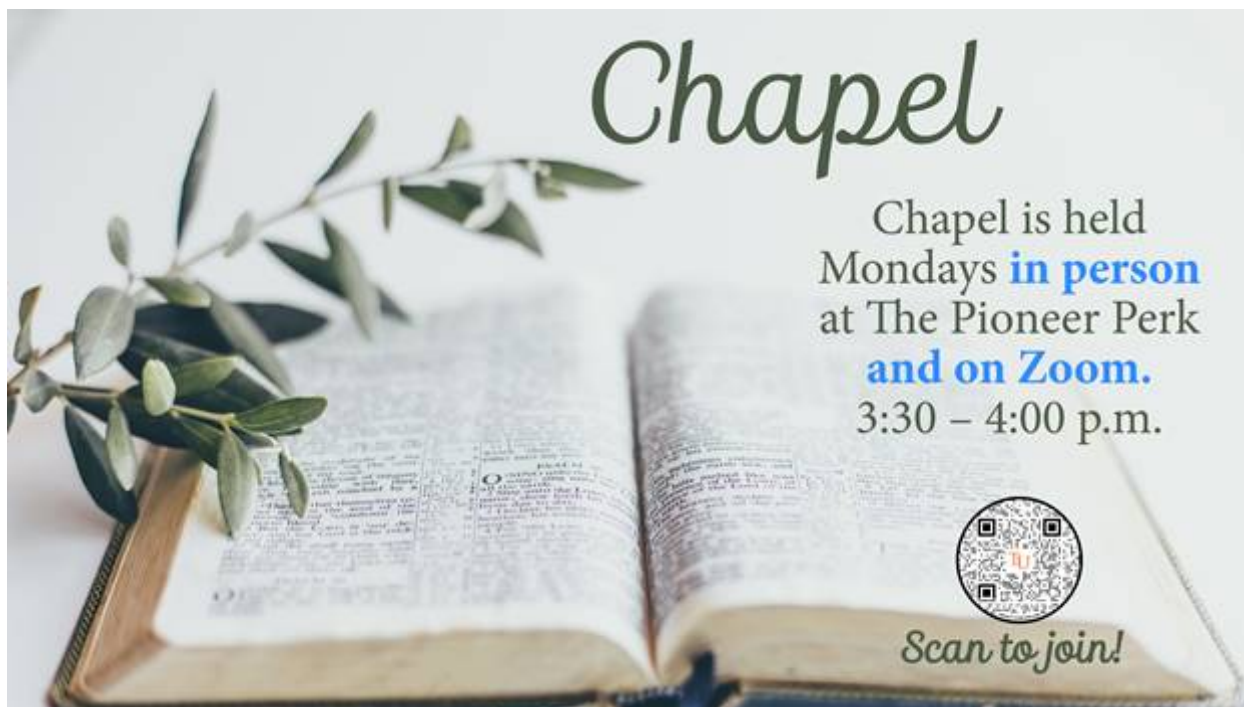
Chapel topic today is Bible teachings about mental health

Ken Brewer, associate professor of psychology will deliver the message “What does the Bible teach about mental health?” during chapel today at 3:30 p.m. in The Pioneer Perk.

If you are unable to attend chapel in person, you can participate virtually at <https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89872872826?pwd=SzU1OThWL0tuZThCOEFCVHpLcVRIUT09>.

Chapel sessions are 3:30-4 p.m. every Monday during the fall semester when classes are in session. Every week, we will address common questions about Christianity. All Tusculum family members are invited to attend.

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



Students can apply for debt relief during beta launch

Melissa White, our director of financial aid, provided the latest from the U.S. Department of Education about debt relief for students. Here is the message she received:

We want to invite you to be among the first to apply for student debt relief by being a tester of the online application now before we officially launch.

Soon, we will be opening the online application with our official launch. But we would like you to help us test the site by applying now during our beta test. If you submit an application during this period, it will be processed when the site officially launches. You will not need to resubmit. If you have already applied and received a confirmation email, you do not need to apply again.

[Apply for debt relief now](#)

The application is a short online form. You don't need to log in or provide any documents.

The application will be available on and off during this beta period. If you try and it's not available, try again later. Once the application officially opens later this month, it will remain open until Dec. 31, 2023.

[Learn More About One-time Student Loan Debt Relief](#)

Beware of scams!

You might be contacted by a company saying they will help you get loan discharge, forgiveness, cancellation, or debt relief for a fee. You never have to pay for help with your federal student aid. Make sure you work only with the U.S. Department of Education and our loan servicers and never reveal your personal information or account password to anyone.

Our emails to borrowers come from noreply@studentaid.gov, noreply@debtrelief.studentaid.gov, ored.gov@public.govdelivery.com. You can report scam attempts to the Federal Trade Commission by calling 1-877-382-4357 or by visiting reportfraud.ftc.gov.

Food drive being sponsored by students

The Service Learning in the Arts class has organized a food drive to support students in need, and Tusculum family members and the community are urged to assist.

You can bring items to the first floor of the Meen Center or to one of the following athletic events:

- 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.

In addition, the Service Learning Class has developed a special initiative for students who donate food, clothing, and/or money. If they bring something to 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!

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Leader of excavation in Israel to speak at Tusculum

Dr. Yosef "Yossi" Garfinkel, who leads the excavation at Tel Lachish in Israel in search of Iron Age fortifications, will speak about that project at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7, in the Meen Center.

Garfinkel is the Yigael Yadin Chair in Archaeology of Israel and a professor at the Institute of Archaeology, in the Biblical Department, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. During his presentation in the Meen Center, he will share about the important work taking place at Tel Lachish. This will be important because students and others interested in ancient history are eligible to participate in the excavation for three weeks next summer.

His research interests are the Neolithic period of the Near East, the history of dance, the Chalcolithic period, and the biblical kingdom of Judah. He has excavated at numerous sites in Israel and is the author of 12 books and more than 100 articles.

Garfinkel's talk is free and open to all Tusculum family members as well as the community. We encourage you to join us for this presentation.



Yosef Garfinkel – photo from The Times of Israel

North Greene High School students visit Tusculum

We recently had the pleasure of hosting about 25 North Greene High School students on campus for a tour and opportunity to learn more about chemistry.

The students received a greeting from Dr. Hummel in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons, toured the campus and then had a chemistry session with Dr. Chuck Pearson, chair of the Natural Sciences Department and professor of natural sciences. North Greene administrators chose the students who they believed might be interested in chemistry as a career field.

Dr. Larry Brotherton, a Tusculum Board of Trustees member and an alumnus of the university, suggested the visit with the assistance of his sister, Linda Evans, who is a Tusculum alumna. The students who attended will receive two free tickets to a Tusculum event of their choosing.

This was a great opportunity for some of our local students to see Tusculum firsthand and envision being a student at the university! We will have a group of about 20 students from Chuckey-Doak High

School, which is also located in Greene County, coming to campus Friday, Nov. 4. We look forward to showing them all Tusculum has to offer.



North Greene High School students pose with Dr. Hummel. Additional photos are available in [this gallery](#). Photos from Kim Kidwell

Helpful ideas to protect yourself from fraud to be shared at upcoming seminar

Learn how you can 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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Financial contributions from employees to Tusculum make a difference!

We remind employees that they still have time to complete a [faculty and staff contribution form](#) to support the university and our students. We are grateful to everyone who has made a donation.

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

We hope we can count on your office or department to join this list. 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.

Reminders

- The Office of Financial Aid said some students still have to submit financial aid paperwork for this semester. If these students do not address this matter, they could receive a large bill in the future, so they should resolve it as soon as possible. Students with questions can contact the Office of Financial Aid at financialaid@tusculum.edu or 423-636-7377.
- The Ballad Health Tusculum University Clinic located in Room 008 of the Meen Center is open for medical care. The clinic sees patients Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 1-3:30 p.m. The clinic now has the flu vaccine for this season. No appointment is necessary. Patients can self-pay or use their health insurance. Students can apply for payment aid, if necessary.
- 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](#).
- 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

Monday, Oct. 17, 3:30 p.m., The Pioneer Perk and Zoom
(<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89872872826?pwd=SzU1OThWL0tuZThCOEFCVHpLcVRIUT09>); **chapel**

Monday, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m., Meen Center Room 300; **Breaking Bread ministry**

Monday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.; Pioneer Madness; **Pioneer Arena**

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 8 a.m., Meen Center boardroom; **Pastors' Prayer Breakfast (Homecoming)**

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m., in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons; **Project Waffle**

Thursday, Oct. 20, 5:30 p.m., Doak House Museum; **Farm to Table – The Pioneer Way (Homecoming)**

Thursday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Friday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; **Ledford Scholars presentations (Homecoming)**

Saturday, Oct. 22, noon; starts at Charles Oliver Gray complex; **parade (Homecoming)**

Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **contra dance (with \$25 PlayStation gift card giveaway)**

Sunday, Oct. 23, 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville; **Tusculum Day**

Faculty and staff

Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.; **Talent Search open house**

Friday, Oct. 21, noon, Graysburg Hills Golf Course; **Homecoming Golf Tournament**

Saturday, Oct. 20, 9:30 a.m.; **open house for potential traditional undergraduate students**

Students

Monday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. Indoor Practice Facility; **Ultimate Frisbee**

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m., Behan Arena Theatre; **student talent show (Homecoming)**

Friday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m., Apartment Quad; **bonfire/pep rally**

Alumni

Friday, Oct. 21, 6 p.m., Chalmers Conference Center; **Alumni Dinner and Dance (Homecoming)**

Saturday, Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m., Chalmers Conference Center; **Alumni Breakfast (Homecoming)**

Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m., Chalmers Conference Center; **Annual Alumni Meeting and Memorial Service (Homecoming)**

Saturday, Oct. 22, 11:30 a.m., near Pioneer Field; **Alumni and Pioneer Club Tailgate**

Community

Monday, Oct. 17, 4 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; **Great Literature Alive Well Playing in Greeneville, Tennessee**

Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m., Doak House Museum; **Greeneville Farmers Market**

FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS

Coming October 19: Project Waffle

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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



Everyone invited!

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

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Athletics



Rosy Wodhams, a defender and graduate student, maneuvers the ball during Saturday's 1-0 victory over Newberry College. On Wednesday, she scored a hat trick against Emory & Henry College in the Pioneers' 5-1 win. You can read more in this [news release](#) by the Office of Athletic Communications. Photo by the Office of Athletic Communications

Monday, Oct. 17, and Tuesday, Oct. 18, all day, Palm Harbor, Florida; **men's golf team at Copperhead Championship**

Monday, Oct. 17, and Tuesday, Oct. 18, all day, Jekyll Island, Georgia; **women's golf team at Jekyll Island Intercollegiate**

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6 p.m., Carson-Newman University; **women's indoor volleyball team vs. Carson-Newman University**

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 5 p.m., Asbury University; **women's soccer team vs. Asbury University**

Friday, Oct. 21; Saturday, Oct. 22; and Sunday, Oct. 23, all day, Fairview Heights, Illinois; **women's bowling team at Bearcat Hammer Open**

Friday, Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m. (men), 10:15 a.m. (women), Knoxville; **cross country teams at Appalachian Challenge**

Friday, Oct. 21, and Saturday, Oct. 22, time TDB, Jefferson City; **women's indoor volleyball team at SAC/PBC Crossover**

Saturday, Oct. 22, and Sunday, Oct. 23, time TBD, Knoxville; **men's and women's tennis teams at Carson-Newman Invitational**

Saturday, Oct. 22, 1:30 p.m., Pioneer Field; **football team vs. Emory & Henry College (Homecoming)**

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m. (women) and 4:30 p.m. (men); **men's and women's soccer teams vs. Wingate University**

Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m., Chalmers Conference Center; **Athletic Hall of Fame dinner**



Senior forward Luis De La Fuente, left, celebrates with senior forward Damien Baltide after his goal during Saturday's tie game against Newberry College. You can read more about the game in this [news release](#). Photo by the Office of Athletic Communications

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

Faculty and staff birthdays

- Tuesday, Oct. 18 – Dom Donnelly
- Wednesday, Oct. 19 – Stacie Bergquist
- Wednesday, Oct. 19 – Matt Frost

- Thursday, Oct. 20 – Scott Smith
- Thursday, Oct. 20 – Kilian Thomas
- Saturday, Oct. 22 – Angelo Botta
- Saturday, Oct. 22 – Wayne Thomas
- Saturday, Oct. 22 – Dr. Travis Williams

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Go Pioneers!