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## **President's Perspective**

The Tusculum University Board of Trustees is rarely seen by the students, and our students may not recognize the members when they are on campus. However, these board members are critically important to the success and direction of the university.

The board is composed of men and women who have generously given their time and resources to support our students, faculty and staff. They come from across the country at their own expense to meet, deliberate and support the university. They have the ultimate responsibility for the policy and strategic direction of the university. The board met last week and approved several new policies that will further strengthen the university.

Tusculum is fortunate to have such engaged board members. They are some of the most generous people I have ever met. As a group, they have literally given millions of dollars and dedicated thousands of hours to Tusculum.

I also commend Carly Sosnowski, who spoke to the board and gave her perspective as a student. She represented the student body extremely well.

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel President

### Word of the Week

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor ..." – 1 Tim 5:17 ESV

### Photo of the Week



Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center looks peaceful with the moonlight last week. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

# Message from the chair of our Board of Trustees

On Friday, the Board of Trustees completed our February meeting. I am happy to inform you that we unanimously approved the promotions of seven of our faculty. Please join me in congratulating the following, who are listed with their new rank effective with the fall semester:

- · Dr. Jeff Burleson Associate Professor
- · Dr. Suzanne Byrd Full Professor
- · Mrs. Michelle DeFord Assistant Professor
- · Ms. Stephanie Kirby Assistant Professor
- · Mrs. Lanna Monday-Emmett Associate Professor
- · Ms. Holly Ratcliff Assistant Professor
- · Dr. Miriam Stroder Associate Professor

Among the updates we received, we are most hopeful for the leading indicators pointing to increased enrollment this fall. Our enrollment management team has done an outstanding job of visiting almost every high school in the state of Tennessee. More importantly, we have active communications with prospective students leading to increased acceptances and deposits.

Admission policy revisions we approved are expected to remove barriers and bring us in line with competing institutions. Adding to these efforts, we note that our faculty and deans have increased their focus on recruiting new students in their programs of study. The work of bringing in new students is far from done, but the situation is looking better and turning around.

More good news is the great result in fall to spring retention. A host of positive actions by the Tusculum family have contributed to this outcome. In addition, donors have stepped up to help solve some short-term financial needs for students to enable them to continue their Tusculum education.

I would ask our alumni and community donors to consider providing gap funding for current and prospective students. Sometimes, \$1000-\$2000 is the final difference in a student having access to a Tusculum education. Contact our Institutional Advancement Office and ask how you can help a student come to or stay at Tusculum.

Let me close by saying thank you to everyone who has continued to work so hard for Tusculum and our students during these challenging financial times. Enrollment losses this year have created financial pressure, and we know that staffing levels and budgets are very tight at the moment. The board looks forward to improved enrollment and retention gains and the easing of this extreme cost control pressure next year.

Dr. Greg Nelson Chair of the Board of Trustees



Dr. Greg Nelson

**Tusculum holding Preview Day for potential new traditional students** 

Our Office of Admission has scheduled Preview Day, previously known as our open house, for those who want to explore being a traditional student at Tusculum. The event will be held Saturday, March 18, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Meen Center.

During Preview Day, participants will have an opportunity to learn more about our majors, minors and pre-professional programs, discover how affordable Tusculum is, meet faculty members and students, hear more about student life and tour the campus.

We encourage you to spread the word to family, friends and other connections and alert Laura Battel, executive director of admission, if you can participate in this important event. Potential students who are interested in attending can register and receive additional information at https://site.tusculum.edu/register-for-open-house/.



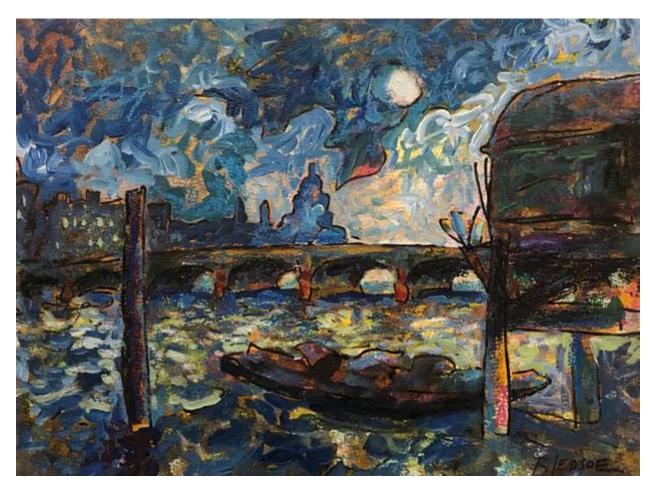
Valentine's Day will feature two special art events on campus!

Be part of two terrific Valentine's Day events on campus!

At 7 p.m., the Center for the Arts will hold Couples Painting Night in Annie Hogan Byrd. Bill Bledsoe, assistant professor of art and design, will guide participants as they depict a Paris scene. The other main features will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music, live dancers and a live auction. Couples and individuals are invited. The cost is \$40 for individuals and \$60 for couples, and you can purchase tickets at <a href="https://tusculum.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?depts=2">https://tusculum.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?depts=2</a>.

The Center for the Arts will also hold an open house for the Clem Allison Art Gallery, which has relocated to the main floor of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center near the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We will have a ceremony at 6 p.m. Bledsoe will show 16 of his paintings that are predominantly landscapes from Europe and East Tennessee.

You can learn more about the gallery open house and Couples Painting Night in this news release.



This painting, "River Thames," will be one of the pieces of art Bill Bledsoe will show at the open house for the Clem Allison Art Gallery in Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center. Courtesy of Bill Bledsoe

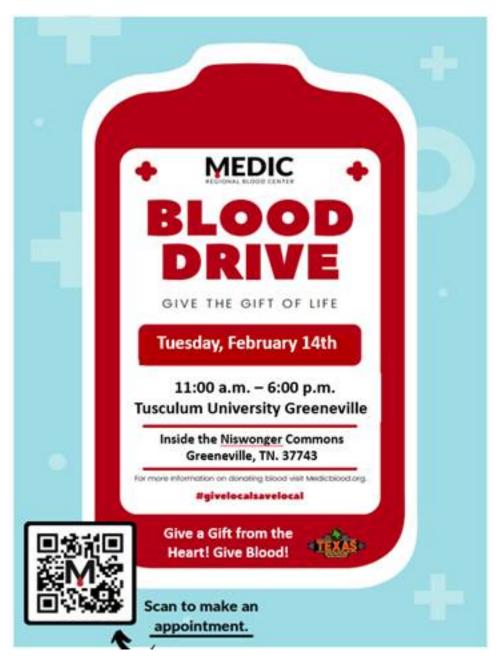
## Blood drive Feb. 14 in the Pioneer Arena lobby

You can help save lives and demonstrate our commitment to civic engagement and a caring Christian environment through blood donation.

Medic Regional Blood Center will conduct a blood drive Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Pioneer Arena lobby of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons.

You can visit www.tndonor.org to schedule an appointment or come to the arena lobby without one.

Thank you for your service to others!



# Students can participate in faculty/staff appreciation event

Students who value the work a faculty or staff member performs will have a special opportunity this week to express their thanks.

From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, outside the cafeteria, students can write a note of appreciation to a faculty or staff member who has positively impacted their time at Tusculum. The Office of Student Affairs will deliver the notes on Valentine's Day.

Faculty and staff members thank students in advance for their thoughtfulness.



Students can come to the table outside the cafeteria and sign a thank you note for faculty and staff members. Raynell Killian manned the table Friday. Photo by student Ashley Howell

## Free tickets for students to see a comedian coming to Greeneville

Students have an opportunity to see a national comedian and magician in Greeneville for free, but they have to act fast!

Ben Seidman, who performed at Tusculum in 2022, is back to hold another neat show at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Appalachian Auditorium at St. James, a music and event venue in Greeneville. Dr. Hummel has graciously offered to purchase as many as 20 tickets for students to attend. Students who are interested need to email Claire Hensley, associate vice president of student affairs and retention, at <a href="mailto:chensley@tusculum.edu">chensley@tusculum.edu</a> by Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Seidman guest stars on the Netflix original "Brainchild" produced by Pharrell. He appeared on "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" on the CW network and starred in two specials on Travel Channel. He was the highest-rated performer for Princess Cruises and won the title of entertainer of the year. He is the only person in history to be named the resident magician at Mandalay Bay, Resort & Casino in Las Vegas.

You can learn more about him at <a href="https://benseidman.com/">https://benseidman.com/</a>.



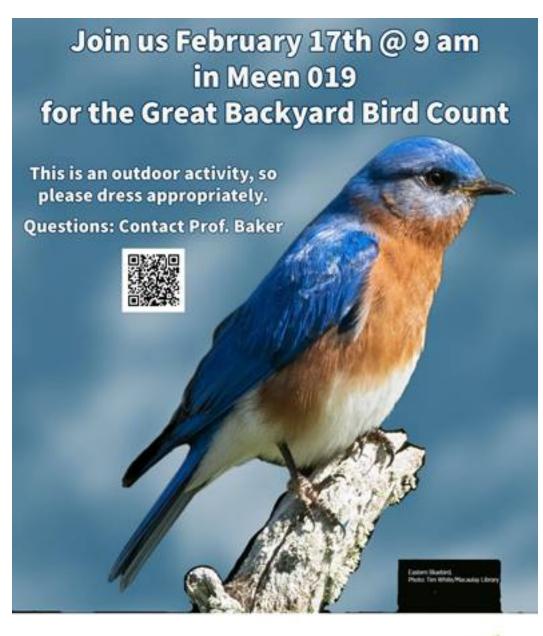
Ben Seidman performs in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre in Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center in 2022. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Learn more about birds during campus event Friday

All Tusculum family members are invited to participate Friday, Feb. 17, in the Great Backyard Bird Count on campus.

Anyone who is interested needs to meet at 9 a.m. in Meen Center Room 019 before walking around the campus to find and look at the various birds. Participants are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing for the outdoors.

This is the fifth year Tusculum has participated in this national event. You can learn more at <a href="https://www.birdcount.org/">https://www.birdcount.org/</a>. Anyone with questions can email Jordan Baker, assistant professor of biology, at <a href="mailto:jbaker@tusculum.edu">jbaker@tusculum.edu</a>.













# Key audit starts this week

The Facilities Management Department will conduct a campuswide key audit with employees starting this week.

Each department and office at the university will receive notification of a date and time when facilities management will visit. Employees who have keys that have not been assigned to them will need to complete paperwork to properly document possession of them.

Efficient care of assigned keys and spaces is beneficial and important to the institution.

## Assisting students with the online bookstore

When students use the online bookstore at <u>tusculum.textbookx.com</u>, they might need assistance navigating elements of the system. We are pleased to help.

Students who need to learn how to enter the system and see what course materials they are supposed to order can call the Campus Store at 423-636-7307 or visit that facility in the Scott M. Niswonger Commons next to The Pioneer Perk.

If seemingly contradictory information between Akademos, which oversees the online bookstore, and the course syllabus is confusing a student, campus store staff will reach out to the appropriate person to provide support.

Should students have difficulty with a text code or anything pertaining to accessing electronic materials, they should call the Akademos Helpline at 800-736-0539.

We are focused on helping students have a successful experience in their textbook purchases. Students with any other needs can alert Campus Store staff.

## Support for students with mental health needs

Students needing assistance with their mental health can utilize our counseling services and the Ballad Health Tusculum University Clinic.

Students can schedule a counseling appointment with Tommy Delbridge, a licensed clinical social worker, or Stephanie Edwards, a licensed professional counselor. You can request an appointment by completing the form at <a href="https://my.tusculum.edu/forms/request-an-appointment/">https://my.tusculum.edu/forms/request-an-appointment/</a> or by emailing <a href="mailto:counseling@tusculum.edu">counseling@tusculum.edu</a>. They will be pleased to assist you.

Delbridge and Edwards meet with students in person in Rooms 230 and 233 of the Thomas J. Garland Library, and they conduct virtual sessions.

If students have a medical need associated with their mental health care, they can go to the clinic in Room 008 of the Meen Center. Alice Lawson, the nurse practitioner in the facility and an assistant professor of nursing at Tusculum, can assess their condition and determine whether medical assistance can be provided. Students who are currently on medication and need a refill can go to the clinic to discuss that with Lawson. She will determine whether she can write the prescription.

## Free income tax return preparation under way!

Students and community volunteers began free income tax return preparation services last week, and you can participate in this tremendous program provided by our College of Business through April 13.

Appointments are available from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2343 Knob Creek Road, Johnson City, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Meen Center and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays at the Washington County Library, 200 E. Sabine Drive, Jonesborough. You can schedule your appointment at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tuvita2023">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tuvita2023</a>.

This service is also available to community members who meet the eligibility requirements.

You can read more in this <u>news release</u>. Dr. Harold Branstrator, associate professor of management, and senior Ben Gall, leaders in the VITA program, appeared on local television station WJHL Friday to discuss this outstanding example of civic engagement.



Left to right, Josh Scott, Justin Mitchell and Dakota Hammonds prepare a tax return Monday at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Johnson City. Other photos are available in <a href="this gallery">this gallery</a>. Photos by the Office of Communication and Marketing.

# Internships available with the Greeneville Flyboys

The Greeneville Flyboys, an Appalachian League baseball team that plays its home games at Pioneer Park, seeks interns.

You can learn more about internships at <a href="https://www.appyleague.com/greeneville/about/job-opportunities">https://www.appyleague.com/greeneville/about/job-opportunities</a>. More information about the team is available at <a href="https://www.milb.com/greeneville/">https://www.milb.com/greeneville/</a>.



## Summer job opportunities still available for Upward Bound camp

The Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science programs continue to accept applications for residential advisors and residential directors to serve from May 22-July 9 in the annual summer camp at Tusculum.

The job would entail one week of training; five weeks as a residential advisor, mentor and classroom aid; and one week of supervising students on a trip to New York. Tusculum students who are selected will earn \$2,000 and receive summer housing and meals.

You can learn more about this excellent way to build leadership skills and enhance your résumé in the flyer below.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes members attend retreat this weekend

Members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes from Tusculum drew closer in their relationship with God at a retreat this weekend.

The group attended the 2023 FCA College Advance, an event with about 350 college student-athletes who came from as far away as West Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. The event was held at Camp Garner Creek in Dickson, Tennessee. During the weekend, Tusculum student-athletes were able to participate in three worship services, small group and large group sessions as well as attend a concert.

Accompanying the students were FCA staff and board members.

The FCA meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in the Meen Center lecture hall. It also holds men's and women's group Bible studies on campus.



Tusculum student-athletes and FCA staff and board members gather for a photo. Photo from the FCA

# Theologian-In-Residence continues

The third of four sessions of Theologian-In-Residence will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Chalmers Conference Center of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons and via Zoom.

Dr. Ryan Stokes, director of graduate theological studies and associate professor of biblical studies at Carson-Newman University, is giving the presentations. The theme this year is "The Satan and the forces of evil." Friday's session is called "The Satan in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Other Early Jewish Writings." The previous two sessions are accessible in the Theologian-In-Residence media section of <a href="https://site.tusculum.edu/campus-ministries/">https://site.tusculum.edu/campus-ministries/</a>.

To register for Theologian-In-Residence, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 423-636-7303 or email <a href="mailto:kkidwell@tusculum.edu">kkidwell@tusculum.edu</a>. Those who prefer to attend via Zoom will receive the link when they register. Anyone who attends in person is eligible to receive a voucher for a free lunch that day in the Tusculum cafeteria.

You can read more about Theologian-In-Residence in this news release.



Dr. Ryan Stokes speaks at Theologian-In-Residence. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

# Student to share his faith story at chapel

Student David Bowlin will share his personal story of faith as the guest speaker during chapel today at 3:30 p.m.

Chapel is held every Monday in The Pioneer Perk during the fall and spring semesters when classes are in session. Faculty, staff and students can also attend via Zoom, using the URL https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89872872826?pwd=SzU1OThWL0tuZThCOEFCVHpLcVRIUT09.

Come and hear a fellow Pioneer and dedicate some time for spiritual growth!



David Bowlin, center, performed during Night of Worship in August. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

## Opportunity to visit Israel this summer!

Join Dr. Hummel as he leads a trip to Israel from June 22-July 2. Those who go can earn three credit hours if they want to satisfy general education or religion course requirements.

In addition, students and staff can participate from July 2-20 in excavation work at Tel-Lachish, home of the ruins of the ancient Canaanite and Judean cities of Lachish. Students can earn three credit hours from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, which can transfer to Tusculum.

The cost for the Israel tour is \$5,399 for those who stay in a double-occupancy room and \$5,299 for those who utilize a triple-occupancy room. The price includes round trip airfare from Charlotte, N.C., hotel, breakfast and dinner, motorcoaches, guided sightseeing and entrance fees. Students who take the trip will receive a scholarship of at least \$1,000.

The costs for the excavation are \$1,650 for room and board and \$480 for the three hours of credit. Those who go only for the excavation will have to pay for airfare on top of that.

Participants need to register by Wednesday, March 15. You can learn more and register for the Israel trip <a href="here">here</a>. If you have questions about the Israel tour or the excavation, please email Dr. Hummel at <a href="merestate">president@tusculum.edu</a>.



This picture is taken from the Greco-Roman theatre in Scythopolis overlooking the ancient Tel of Beth Shean from the Old Testament period. The Philistines hung the bodies of Saul and Jonathan here. In the New Testament period the city was changed to Scythopolis, which was one of the cities of the Decapolis. This is one of the oldest sites with some of the most impressive ruins in all of Israel, spanning the Canaanite, Israelite, Persian, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Crusader periods. Photo from Dr. Hummel

## Esports and gaming labs are available for student use

Students have a great opportunity to relax in the evening and pursue some of their side interests in the esports and gaming labs in COG North.

The labs open at 6 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays and do not close until students want to stop playing. The labs are a lot of fun and enable students play games such as League of Legends, Super Smash Brothers, Rocket League and others.

To learn more about the labs, please read this <u>news release</u>.

# JOIN US IN THE ESPORTS AND GAMING LABS!

Second floor of COG North Fun times every Thursday and Saturday! 6 p.m.

# Free!

You stop when you want!



League of Legends, Super Smash Brothers, Rocket League and More!







# Super Bowl party provided fun for students

We were pleased to host a Super Bowl party for the Tusculum family and to see students enjoying themselves in Chalmers Conference Center.

Those who attended and watched the game saw a close one, as the Kansas City Chiefs came from behind in the second half to defeat the Philadelphia Eagles 38-35. They also had an opportunity to enjoy great food!



Students watch the game in Chalmers Conference Center. Photo by student Ashley Howell

# Old Oak Festival returns in April with more family fun!

Plan for a great time when we host the Old Oak Festival Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, April 23, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mark your calendars so you can visit with the vendors, enjoy the musical entertainment and speak with the many authors who will be on campus. The planning committee is working on the details of all of the fun activities.

If you want to volunteer for the festival or be a vendor, you can contact Kim Kidwell at <a href="kkidwell@tusculum.edu">kkidwell@tusculum.edu</a> or 423-636-0525.



Dr. Kate Smith, associate professor of psychology, left, and her family enjoyed the Old Oak Festival in 2022.

### Nominate someone for the GEM Award!

Faculty and staff members can nominate a colleague to earn the President's GEM Award for February. To suggest someone, please complete this <u>short form</u> by noon Wednesday, Feb. 22.

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 recipient at the President's Coffee, which will be held Friday, Feb. 24, at 9 a.m. in Chalmers Conference Center and via Zoom

at <a href="https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/87468247868?pwd=MG9HY3JJeWgrQnE1eHVKR292WjYvQT09">https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/87468247868?pwd=MG9HY3JJeWgrQnE1eHVKR292WjYvQT09</a>.

## Support the university through financial donations

Faculty and staff members can further strengthen our university by completing the <u>faculty and staff</u> <u>contribution form.</u>

Nine offices, departments and groups 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
- · Office of Institutional Effectiveness
- · Thomas J. Garland Library

We would love to see others on the list! The form is not difficult and takes just a few minutes to complete. No amount is too small!

Employees can also find the contribution form on the faculty and staff portal of the Pioneer Portal. The Office of Institutional Advancement can answer employee questions at 423-636-7303.

### Women's basketball coach takes on cancer

Meagan Price, the head women's basketball coach, conveyed the spirit of the Play4Kay Game Saturday with her attire. She was dressed prominently in pink as she roamed the sidelines. Other athletic department staff, players and some in the crowd also donned pink.

The game's theme was in support of the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. That fund has a mission to raise money for scientific research for development of life-enhancing drugs and clinical studies, serve the underserved and unify people for a common cause – the fight against all cancers that affect women. Yow, the former North Carolina State University head women's basketball coach, passed away in 2009 after a 22-year battle with breast cancer.



Meagan Price showed her support in the fight against cancer with her attire Saturday. Photo by student Ashley Howell

### **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 <a href="mailto:studentaffairs@tusculum.edu">studentaffairs@tusculum.edu</a> or call the COVID-19 hotline at 423-636-0500. They should also alert their professors.
- Employees must contact the Human Resources Department at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jwise-10.10

### Reminders

- The Ballad Health Tusculum University Clinic is located in Room 008 of the Meen Center. The
  hours of operation are Mondays and Wednesdays, 8-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 1-3:30 p.m.
  No appointment is necessary. Patients can self-pay or use their health insurance. Students can
  apply for payment aid, if necessary.
- Shuttles to Walmart in Greeneville for students are available every other Wednesday at 8 p.m.
   Upcoming dates are Feb. 15, March 1, March 15, March 29, April 12 and April 26. Shuttles leave from the Scott M. Niswonger Commons parking lot.
- Students who would be the first person in their family to earn a bachelor's degree or come from a low-income background are invited to participate in Student Support Services and ARCHES (Adults Reaching Career Heights and Educational Success). These programs are free and offer workshops, leadership opportunities, tutoring, scholarships, personal coaching, advising and trips! You can visit <a href="https://site.tusculum.edu/.../academic.../first-gen/sss/">https://site.tusculum.edu/.../academic.../first-gen/sss/</a> to learn more and apply.
- The Pioneer Exchange is a combination of the food pantry and clothing closet. Students can obtain groceries, residence hall supplies, textbooks, school supplies, hygiene products and clothes at no cost. The Px is located in Room 403 of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons and is open Mondays-Fridays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### **Events and activities**

### All Tusculum family members

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m., Pioneer Arena lobby; blood drive

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m.; Clem Allison Art Gallery; celebration of new location for the gallery

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., lobby of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center; Couples Painting Night

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Old Gym; REFIT exercise class

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 11 a.m., in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons; Floyd's Snack Shack food truck

Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m., Old Gym; REFIT exercise class

Friday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m., meet at Meen Center Room 019; Great American Bird Count

### **Faculty and staff**

Thursday, Feb. 16, 9 a.m., Zoom; Operation Success Committee

#### **Students**

Monday, Feb. 13, 11 a.m., outside the cafeteria; writing faculty/staff appreciation notes

Monday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m., Thomas J. Garland Library, Room 206; Valentine's Day Movie Night

Monday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m., Old Gym; dodgeball

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 3:30 p.m., Room 106 of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center; Art and Design Club

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., Scott M. Niswonger Commons parking lot; Walmart shuttle

### Community

Monday, Feb. 13 and Sunday, Feb. 19, 4 p.m., Behan Arena Theatre; **Great Literature Alive Well Playing** in **Greeneville**, **Tennessee** 

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 6 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; Tusculum University Community Band rehearsal

### **Spiritual**

Monday, Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m., The Pioneer Perk and Zoom (https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89872872826?pwd=SzU10ThWL0tuZThC0EFCVHpLcVRIUT09); chapel

Monday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. Meen Center lecture hall; Arrowhead Church C+YA (College & Young Adults)

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., First Christian Church; PILLAR Young Adult Ministry

Thursday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m., Meen Center Room 300; Breaking Bread

Thursday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m., Tusculum Baptist Church; **SPOT** 

Friday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m., Chalmers Conference Center and Zoom; Theologian-In-Residence

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; service by Thrive Church

### **Athletics**



Kallyn Newport catches a ball during Friday's game against Hillsdale College. The softball team won the game 2-1, with Newport scoring the tying run. The Pioneers had a busy week, finishing 4-4 and their record now stands at 5-4. The Photo from the Office of Athletic Communications

Tuesday, 14, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., North Greenville University; softball team vs. North Greenville University Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Pioneer Arena; men's volleyball team vs. Lincoln Memorial University Wednesday, Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m., Pioneer Arena; women's basketball team vs. Carson-Newman University Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Arena; men's basketball team vs. Carson-Newman University Thursday, Feb. 16, 1 p.m., Mars Hill University; men's and women's tennis teams vs. Mars Hill University Friday, Feb. 17; Saturday, Feb. 18; and Sunday, Feb. 19, all day, Jonesboro, Arkansas; women's bowling team at the Mid-Winter Invitational

Saturday, Feb. 18, and Sunday, Feb. 19, all day, Indianapolis; men's bowling team at the Hoosier Classic Saturday, Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m., University of North Georgia; men's and women's tennis teams vs. University of North Georgia

Saturday, Feb. 18, noon and 3 p.m., Pioneer Park; baseball team vs. Davis & Elkins College Saturday, Feb. 18, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Red Edmonds Field; softball team vs. Davis & Elkins College Saturday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m., Pioneer Arena; women's basketball team vs. Newberry College

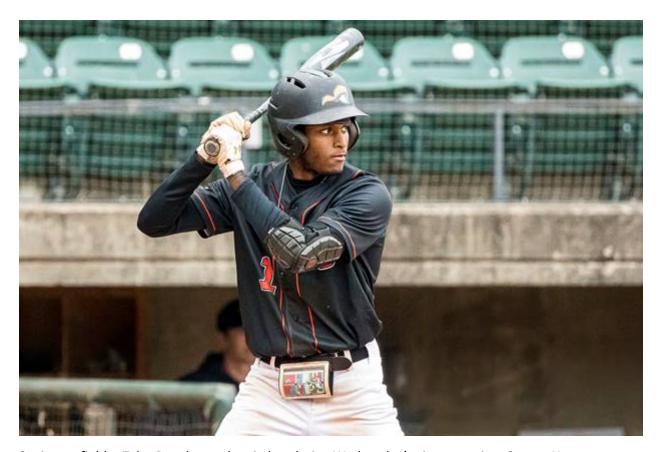
Saturday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m., The University of Alabama in Huntsville; women's lacrosse team vs. The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Saturday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m., Pioneer Arena; men's basketball team vs. Newberry College

Saturday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m., Pioneer Field; men's lacrosse team vs. Emmanuel College

Sunday, Feb. 19, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Red Edmonds Field; softball team vs. Columbus State University

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2 p.m., Pioneer Park; baseball team vs. Davis & Elkins College



Senior outfielder Tyler Ranel eyes the pitcher during Wednesday's victory against Carson-Newman University at Pioneer Park. Hitting leadoff, Ranel enjoyed an excellent game, going 4-5 with two runs and two RBI. The Pioneers had a great week, defeating Carson-Newman and sweeping Shorter University in three games. The team is now 4-2. Photo from the Office of Athletic Communications

Please visit the schedule on the athletics website for potential changes with games.

# Faculty and staff birthdays

Monday, Feb. 13 – Rose Webb

Thursday, Feb. 16 – Dr. Tim Carter

Friday, Feb. 17 – Jim Wozniak

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