**A Message from Wayne Eichele ‘73**

Dear Class of 1973 Alumni,

I hope this letter finds you and your family prosperous, safe, and in good health. As you probably realize, this year marks FIFTY YEARS since we graduated from Tusculum College (University). This May our class will be recognized as the newest Golden Pioneers during a celebration and dinner, as well as spring commencement.

Where has the time gone? To me, it seems like we just graduated yesterday. Do you remember keg parties, our student strike/sit in September1969, stealing the bell, Saturday steak night, Student Teaching? How about Smokey Mountain’s fire, sporting events, and the start of the Military draft (to name a few). I’ll bet you have many, many more personal, fond memories of our time on campus as I do.

As you are reminiscing, I am humbly requesting you consider making a donation on behalf of the class of 1973. Your donation will be used for two purposes:

1. Provide a special memory bench for students and staff to enjoy. It will contain a plaque stating “In Remembrance of all Deceased ’73 TC Students. Donated by Class of ’73” and will unveil a new Class of ’73 logo.
2. Remaining monies will be donated to the Tusculum Fund. When you donate to TU, you also create a legacy for generations to come. The Class of 1973’s contribution may be used in support of future research programs, best teaching methods, adding new facilities, developing educational technology, and so much more.

To help accomplish the above we need your help with the ’73 Class Legacy Campaign. Alumni like you who studied at Tusculum and are the pride of this university can contribute a great deal to its future success. **To that end, we are setting a goal of $30,000 for this campaign.** This is the largest goal ever set by a graduating class, but I know we can accomplish it. Our contribution will be presented to Tusculum’s President, Dr. Scott Hummel in the form of a ceremonial check during the May 2023 commencement.

To kick us off in the right direction, my wife, Pam, and I will match the first $500, as I hope other classmates will do the same. To make your gift, please return the enclosed envelope or go online to <https://web.tusculum.edu/alumni/golden-pioneers/>, **by May 1st.** I sincerely hope you can help us reach our goal, as well as consider TU in your estate planning.

If you have any questions regarding the Golden Pioneers or your donation, please call or email Tusculum’s Director of Alumni and Community Engagement, Belle Kemp at

423-636-0565 or [bkemp@tusculum.edu](mailto:bkemp@tusculum.edu).

One last thing, in this fast-paced life, take a few hours off to walk down memory lane by attending our class reunion in 2023 on May 5 and 6, as well as Homecoming on Saturday, October 14 to celebrate over 50 years of being a Tusculum Pioneer.

I thank you for your time and attention and in advance for your donation.

Wayne Eichele ‘73