



**April 10, 2023**

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## **President's Perspective**

The power of Easter is not just expressed in the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus but also in the transformation of the lives that encountered the resurrected Christ.

Peter's fear and denial were transformed into boldness and courage by Jesus' forgiveness. For those traveling on the road to Emmaus, their confusion turned into clarity when Jesus opened their eyes. Thomas' doubt was transformed into a firm faith. Their lives and missions were changed by Jesus. Even today, those who encounter the resurrected Lord can experience His power of transformation.

While quite different, Tusculum's mission is to transform students by inspiring civic engagement, enriching personal lives and preparing career-ready professionals.

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel  
President

## **Word of the Week**

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" – John 20:27-28 NIV

## **Photo of the Week**



Participants in the Stations of the Cross walk on campus during Holy Week. Left to right are Jordan Baker, Haley Gibson, Jacqueline d'Entremont, Scott Newland, Dr. Chris Shumate and Gracie Akins. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Fall registration event scheduled for students**

Multiple Tusculum departments have organized a pop-up registration event for Wednesday, April 12, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room.

This event will provide students an opportunity to come to the living room and register for fall semester classes. Representatives of the Office of Financial Aid, Business Office, Information Systems Department and Office of Advising will be available to help students.

**An important reminder: Students cannot register for housing in the fall until they have registered for classes.** Also, they will not be able to register for courses if they have a business office hold on their student account. In addition, they must meet with their advisor before they can choose their courses.

We encourage students to participate in this helpful event.

## Registered for fall classes?

If not, see



### Housing lottery opened today

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

**Students cannot participate in the housing lottery if they have not registered for fall classes.** If they have taken care of that by Wednesday, they can participate in the pop-up registration event being held that day from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Scott M. Niswonger living room.

**Students must ensure they are cleared with all other offices, including business, financial aid and the registrar.** Those who are not cleared with any of these offices will be placed at the bottom of the housing lottery list, which means they will likely not receive their first housing preference. They will receive an

email from the Office of Student Affairs notifying them to resolve the hold and will not be housed until it is removed.

When students make their first, second and third preferences, they cannot pick the same location more than once. Due to the high number of requests for the apartments, the D room will return to a double space. It will also be priced at a discounted rate.

You can learn more about Tusculum's housing [here](#).

# Housing Lottery



**THE APPLICATION IS OPEN FROM MIDNIGHT UNTIL 5 P.M.**

The application can be found at:  
<https://my.tusculum.edu/forms/housing-lottery-form/>

**TU | STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Application opens for:

- April 10 **Rising Seniors & Graduate and Honors Students**
- April 11 **Rising Juniors**
- April 12 **Rising Sophomores**
- April 13 **Continuing Freshman**
- April 14 **Application closes**

If you want more information or have questions, please contact Katie Odoms at [kodoms@tusculum.edu](mailto:kodoms@tusculum.edu) or call 423-636-7315



## Join us as we honor Doug Jones

All Tusculum family members are invited to join us as we honor Doug Jones' stellar Tusculum career Tuesday, April 11, at 4 p.m. in the Pioneer Arena lobby.

The event will feature remarks from Dr. Hummel; Josh Ealy, who will be our new athletic director; Dom Donnelly, assistant athletic director for communications; and Taylor Rakes, a former Tusculum baseball player. Afterward, guests will have an opportunity to enjoy refreshments.

Jones is pursuing a new opportunity in higher education and will depart Tusculum Sunday, April 16. He is best known for his 21 seasons as the baseball coach, compiling 705 wins, before transitioning fully to leading the athletic department. He concludes his Tusculum career as vice president of athletic and university initiatives. You can read more about his impact on Tusculum in this [news release](#).

We encourage you to join us for this special occasion!



Doug Jones

### **Formally introducing Josh Ealy as the new athletic director**

Tusculum will hold a news conference today at 2 p.m. in the Brotherton Boardroom on the third floor of the Meen Center to formally introduce Josh Ealy as the university's athletic director.

Tusculum faculty, staff and students are invited to attend as we celebrate this special moment in Ealy's career and the next chapter for the Pioneers. If you cannot attend in person, the Office of Athletic Communications will stream the event at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3RQBJIdE>.

You can read more about Ealy's selection and background in this [news release](#).



Josh Ealy

## Alumna and former Pioneer supports the athletic program

Lesley Murray Hawk, a 2004 graduate of Tusculum University and an acclaimed tennis player for the Pioneers, continues to impact her alma mater.

We thank her and her family for their financial generosity in helping create the Joy of Fitness area next to our new athletic weight training facility. We are also thrilled she chose to name it in honor of Mike Joy, a 2003 Tusculum graduate, who is best known for his 26 years as the women's soccer coach but mentored Hawk when he also led the men's and women's tennis teams.

Hawk and Joy are stellar members of the Tusculum family, and we are proud of their achievements. You can learn more about the Joy of Fitness in this [news release](#) from the Office of Athletic Communications.



Lesley Murray Hawk, second from right, reads the plaque as Mike Joy, right, watches. Others in the photo are Dr. Hummel and Kim Kidwell, associate vice president of institutional advancement.

## Honors Convocation coming April 20

Tusculum will hold its annual Honors Convocation to celebrate the accomplishments of students Thursday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. in Pioneer Arena.

Faculty should be in full academic regalia in Chalmers Conference Center no later than 10:15 a.m. to prepare for the procession. The platform party and presenters will also gather in Chalmers.

To accommodate this event, we are adjusting the academic schedule for the day. The table is below.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Regular Schedule</b>	<b>April 20 Schedule</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.
<b>CONVOCATION</b>	<b>Pioneer Arena</b>	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	11:40 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	1:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	2:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Labs	12:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	3:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	3:40 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

## Students should put summer classes on their registration list!

While students are taking care of their fall registration, they can also take advantage of the opportunity to enroll in courses this summer.

Students can ease their course load during the fall and spring semesters or potentially graduate early by taking summer term courses. The three summer terms are:

- Full – May 15-Aug. 11
- Early – May 15-June 23
- Late – June 26-Aug. 11

Students cannot register if they have not met with their advisor or have a business hold.

## Dr. Hummel to speak today at chapel

Dr. Hummel will share his personal story of faith during chapel today at 3:30 p.m.

We hold chapel every Monday in The Pioneer Perk during the fall and spring semesters when classes are in session. Faculty, staff and students who cannot attend chapel in person can participate via Zoom, using the URL <https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89872872826?pwd=SzU1OThWLOtuZThCOEFVHpLcVRIUT09>.

We welcome your participation in chapel!

## Art and design capstone exhibitions taking place this month

Three seniors in the art and design program who are scheduled to graduate in May will present their capstone exhibitions the next three Thursdays. All Tusculum family members and the community are welcome to come to the opening night receptions from 5-7 p.m.

The schedule has been revised and now has the following dates:

- April 13 – Ashley Howell
- April 20 – Katelyn Brooks
- April 27 – Calista Hensley

The receptions and the students' work will be in the Clem Allison Gallery in Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center. You can read more about these exhibitions in this [news release](#).



Ashley Howell held the first part of her exhibition last Thursday. She will have her full show this Thursday from 5-7 p.m. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Academic Symposium scheduled for April 21**

Tusculum will hold the Academic Symposium Friday, April 21, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Meen Center, where students will make a variety of presentations highlighting what they have learned.

The event will begin with welcoming remarks from Dr. Hummel and a keynote address from Ryan Barker, a 2015 Tusculum graduate, an adjunct professor of history at the university and a doctoral candidate in history at Purdue University.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m., students will showcase their work in two sessions, each consisting of one section of papers and presentations and the other posters and exhibits. The sessions end at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by ice cream provided by Creamy Cup. The business, located across the Erwin Highway from the Tusculum Arch, is also donating coffee for the event.

For a list of the students, their academic programs and their subject, please [click here](#).

Barker holds a bachelor's degree in history and English, with a creative writing concentration, from Tusculum and a master's degree in history from East Tennessee State University. His research examines the history of European exploration between 1500 and 1900, and it has appeared in the Journal for the Southern Association of the History of Medicine and Science.

He has given public lectures on the history of science, 18th and 19th century naval exploration and the history of the Indigenous settlement of the Pacific Ocean.



Ryan Barker

### **History students present at conference**

We congratulate four of our history students for their recent presentations of their research at the 2023 Tennessee Phi Alpha Theta regional conference.

The presenters and their subjects were:

- Eirik Dahlgren – “Masonic Bibles and their Social Context”
- Samantha Nelson – “Almanacs and Women in Eighteenth Century and Early Nineteenth Century America”
- Megan Page – “Botticelli: Neoplatonic Art in the Renaissance”
- Maggie Vickers – “East Tennessee Church Loyalties in the Post-Civil War Era”

Fellow student Hughston Burnheimer joined the group for the event.

Phi Alpha Theta is a national honors society for history majors founded in 1921.



Left to right are Dr. Jeffrey Perry, Megan Page, Samantha Nelson, Maggie Vickers, Eirik Dahlgren, Hughston Burnheimer and Dr. Angela Keaton. Photo from Emma Keaton

### **Form created to submit in-house print jobs**

Tusculum has created a form for faculty and staff members who would like to have items printed by the art and design program.

Anyone interested simply goes to <https://site.tusculum.edu/printing-requests/> and completes all of the fields in the form. The form provides for the product to be provided within five business days during the academic year and 10 days at other times. Be mindful of the need to adequately plan for print requests so they are not submitted at the last minute.

Lanna Monday, assistant professor of art and design, will oversee the printing and design. She can answer questions at [lmonday@tusculum.edu](mailto:lmonday@tusculum.edu).

We are pleased to provide this service and help faculty, staff and students accomplish their projects.

### **Put the Old Oak Festival on your calendar!**

Remember, the Old Oak Festival will take place Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, April 23 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

You can enjoy great food and other vendors, meet authors, listen to great music, enjoy a train exhibition, see a car show and attend the "5 X 10 Plays." Many others activities will also be available.

Faculty and staff members who want to have a booth at the festival do not have to pay for the space they occupy!

You can learn more at <https://site.tusculum.edu/old-oak-festival/>. You can also read this [news release](#).



The Old Oak Festival provides a great opportunity for faculty members to reconnect with alumni as Wayne Thomas, dean of the College of Civic and Liberal Arts, second from the right, knows. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

## **Old Oak Festival parking instructions!**

We have important information to share about parking during the Old Oak Festival. **Due to the many activities taking place on campus and the need to provide access for vendors and others, faculty, staff and students will have to park in certain places on campus.**

**Beginning at noon Friday, April 21,** students, faculty and staff will have to park in the Meen Center, Indoor Practice Facility and practice field parking lots in the heart of campus as well as the gravel parking area adjacent to the apartments and the Facilities Management Department. Additional parking will be available in front of the Costume Shop, in the grassy/gravel lot next to Tusculum Baptist Church and the parking lot at nearby Doak Elementary School.

Tusculum family members will be able to return to using other parking spaces on campus when the festival concludes at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23.

**Please begin the planning process now for identifying a parking space in one of the designated spots during the festival.**

## **“5 X 10 Plays” begin next week**

Catch one of the six upcoming performances of the “5 X 10 Plays” They will be held April 21, April 22, April 28 and April 29 at 7 p.m. and April 23 and April 30 at 2 p.m. in Behan Arena Theatre on the lower level of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center. Two of those performances fall during the Old Oak Festival.

As the name suggests, each performance consists of five plays lasting about 10 minutes each. We are pleased student Josie Norton has written one of the plays, and Meagan Stark, associate director of Student Support Services, has written another. Student Gracie Weems is directing Norton’s play, and Frank Mengel, technical director for Tusculum, is directing Stark’s. Erin Hensley Schultz, Tusculum’s costume director, and Steve Schultz, director of admission operations, are also directing plays.

Tusculum students, faculty and staff are eligible for one free ticket. The prices for all other individuals are in the graphic below.

**Theatre-at-Tusculum Presents**

# THE 5X10 PLAYS

in association with the English & Languages Department

April 21, 22, 28, & 29 at 7 PM  
 April 23 & 30 at 2 PM in the Behan Theatre

**THE OKTAVIST**  
 BY VINCE GATTON  
 DIRECTED BY ERIN HENSLEY SCHULTZ

**THE END OF SUMMER**  
 BY HANK KIMMEL  
 DIRECTED BY STEVE SCHULTZ

**SWEPT UNDER THE RUG**  
 BY JOSIE HORTON  
 DIRECTED BY GRACIE WEEMS

**MODERN WITCHES**  
 BY MEAGAN STARK  
 DIRECTED BY FRANK MENGEL

**THE LETTER**  
 BY AMY ZIPPERER  
 DIRECTED BY ANDY ROSS

\$15 for 12-59  
 \$12 for 60+  
 \$5 for 12 and younger



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# 10TH ANNIVERSARY

## **Tusculum family invited to hear guest speaker in a computer science class**

All students, faculty and staff are invited to hear a guest speaker in Dr. Faisal Al-khateeb's Management Information Systems class Tuesday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the Meen Center lecture hall.

Anindya K Chanda, digital products and strategy manager for Eastman Chemical Company, will discuss the topic "Digital and Business Outcome."

Chanda is a digital transformational leader. He brings more than 20 years of experience steering multi-million-dollar enterprise digital initiatives in the field of digital products ideation, development, rollout and value capture, business intelligence and data analytics projects and securing project sponsorships. He is a killed strategist and transformational leader with a proven track record in driving efficiency and adoption.

In addition, Chanda is an expert in leading programs and high-performing teams to realize significant value capture and to deploy the right platform, capabilities, and analytics solutions for the business functions at a global scale.

We thank Chanda for coming to Tusculum and assisting our students!



Anindya K Chanda

**Purchase a cheer bag to support a student!**

To help students with stress and bring joy as the end of the semester nears, the Bonner Leader Program is conducting a fundraiser to send cheer bags to classmates. This has become a Tusculum tradition as we conclude each semester.

This is a great opportunity for faculty and staff who know a student who could use encouragement! It is also a neat way for students to support a classmate – or treat themselves!

The cost of a cheer bag is \$15 per bag. The fundraiser supports the Bonners' efforts on campus and in the community, including service work and upkeep of a food pantry and clothing closet within the Pioneer Exchange.

The QR code below includes instructions for online orders. If you would like to pay with cash or a check, you can send them to P.O. Box 5042. Checks can be made payable to the Center for Civic Advancement. The due date for orders and payment is Friday, April 14, and students can pick up their bags from Monday, April 24-Friday, April 28.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity!



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**CHEER BAGS**  
assembled by our Bonner Leaders

**Encourage students to finish the semester strong!**

**Bags will include**

- ▶ SNACKS
- ▶ SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- ▶ OTHER JOYFUL ITEMS

**\$15 PER BAG**

**Payments Due  
Friday, April 14**

Please use the QR code below to donate. Once donations are received and the bags are assembled, students will receive an email alerting them about their bag.



### Care for Creation: Earth Week begins next week

Tusculum will observe Care for Creation: Earth Week with three events next week featuring a guest minister.

The Rev. Dr. Leah Schade, a Lutheran minister and associate professor of preaching and worship at Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky, will speak with Tusculum faculty, staff and students Monday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Meen Center.

She will then hold a meet-and-greet luncheon in Chalmers Conference Center at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, and speak at St. James Episcopal Church that night at 6:30. Both of the events on Tuesday are open

to the community as well as the Tusculum family. The 11 a.m. event was recently changed to Chalmers due to a conflict with the prior location.

The Rev. Dr. Schade, who holds a doctorate from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, spoke in the fall via Zoom to the Breaking Bread ministry on campus.

**CARE FOR CREATION: EARTH WEEK**

**Good Stewardship of Creation is one way we live out the mission of Tusculum.**

**The TU Students, Faculty, and Staff, are invited to join the Rev. Dr. Leah Schade as she introduces us to ways we can live out this mission in our everyday lives.**

**Monday, April 17 - 6:30 pm**  
**Meen Lecture Hall**  
*"Art as a Window into the Intersection of Religion, Gender, and Ecology"*

**Tuesday, April 18 - 11 am**  
**Chalmers Room in Niswonger**  
*"Meet & Greet Luncheon"*  
\*Must use meal swipe or purchase meal from cafeteria to enter

**Tuesday, April 18 - 6:30 pm**  
**St. James Episcopal, Greeneville, TN**  
*"God's Creation Needs the Church; God's Church Needs Creation: Biblical Foundations for an Earth-Ethic"*

Sponsored by:

**Greeneville Ecumenical Clergy Network**

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**BREAKING BREAD ECUMENICAL CAMPUS MINISTRY**

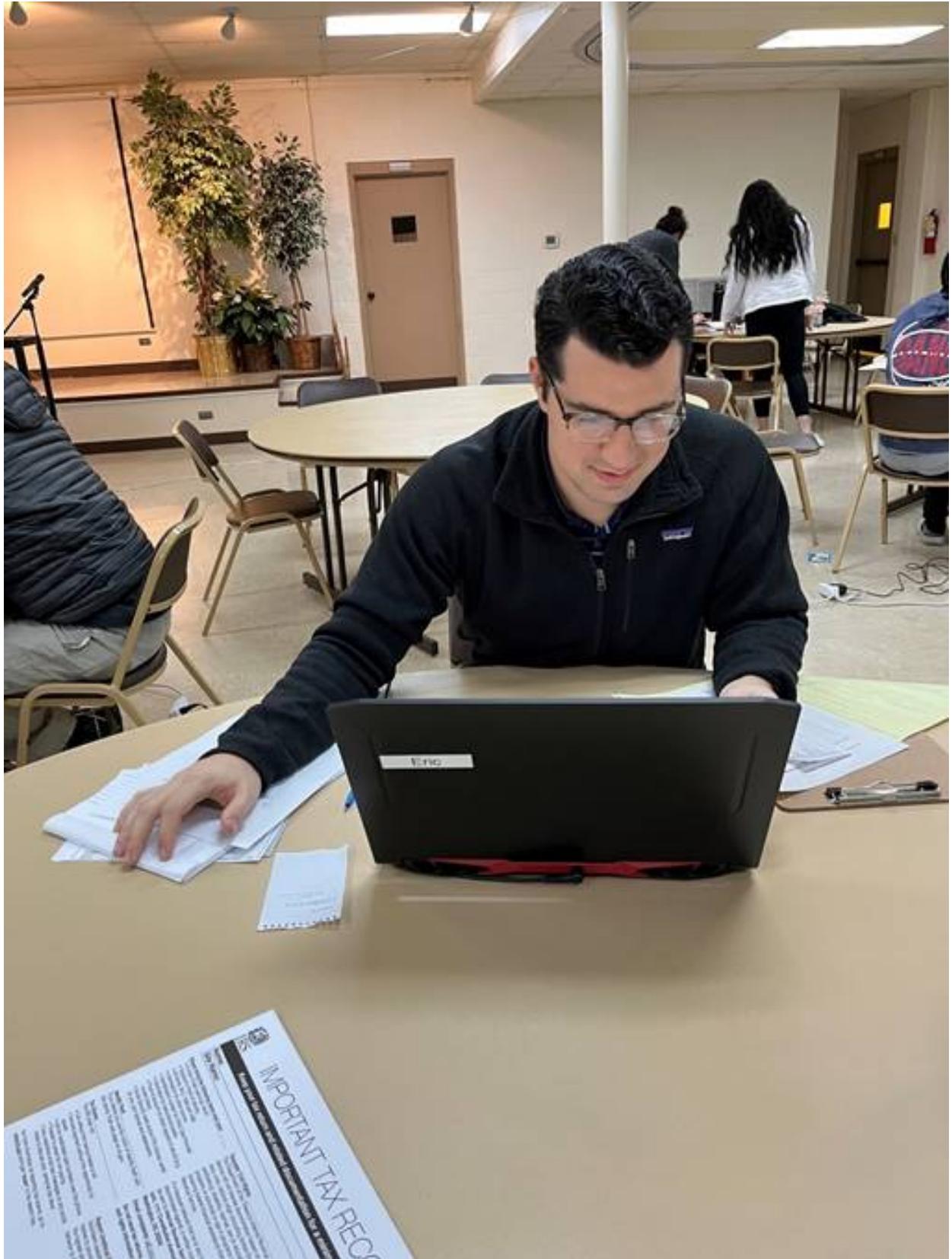
Contact: Prof. Jordan Baker  
bakera@tusculum.edu

### **This is the last week to complete your tax return for free through Tusculum**

If you have not completed your income tax return, Tusculum students and community volunteers can help you prepare yours for free. But you need to act fast!

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is available through Thursday, April 13. Appointments are from 5:30-8:30 p.m. today at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2343 Knob Creek Road, Johnson City; 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Thursday in the Meen Center.

You can schedule your appointment at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tuvita2023>.



Eric Gschwind prepares a tax return in Johnson City. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

## Recording available of After the Cap and Gown graduate school event

If you were unable to participate in After the Cap and Gown last week, you can access the recording at <https://youtu.be/IMXxdYBHOyc>.

During the event, Tusculum deans and faculty members provided details about the university's master's degree programs, and some alumni provided firsthand accounts of participating in a Tusculum graduate program.

The financial aid and admission teams also discussed the affordability of our master's degrees and the application process.

You can learn more about Tusculum's graduate programs at <https://site.tusculum.edu/apply-visit/apply/graduate/>.

## Restore Ukraine fundraiser being held on campus

A Restore Ukraine fundraiser will take place in Chalmers Conference Center Friday, April 21, with a silent art auction starting at 6:30 p.m. and dinner beginning at 7 p.m. All money raised will support Restore Ukraine as it provides assistance to Ukrainians impacted by the war. The Rotary Club of Greeneville is matching up to \$2,500.

Dr. Hummel is purchasing a table and can take four additional people who are interested. If you are interested, please let Dr. Hummel know. He hopes several people from Tusculum will come to give their support.



The poster features a blue and yellow wavy background on the left. At the top left is the Rotary logo with a Ukrainian flag. In the center is a logo of a blue heart held in yellow hands, with the text 'RESTORE UKRAINE' below it. At the top right is a ticket icon with the text 'Individual tickets - \$50' and 'Table for six with sponsorship - \$500'. The main title is 'Dinner Art Auction and Fundraiser' in large blue font. Below it is a paragraph: 'The Rotary Club of Greeneville cordially invites you to enjoy an authentic Ukrainian dinner with recipes provided by local Ukrainian refugee families, experience original Ukrainian art shipped from the battlefield to Greeneville, and place bids on true pieces of history.' Below that is 'Keynote Speaker: Co-founder Yaro Hnatusko'. At the bottom left are three lines of text: 'A silent auction featuring authenticated Ukrainian art begins at 6:30 p.m. on April 21st at Tusculum University in the Chalmers Center's Niswonger Commons.', 'A Ukrainian buffet dinner starts at 7:00 pm as bids continue.', and 'All donations raised on the night of the event will be matched by the Rotary Club of Greeneville up to \$2,500.' At the bottom left is 'For information about Restore Ukraine, go to [restore-ukraine.org](http://restore-ukraine.org)'. At the bottom right is an envelope icon with the text: 'RSVP no later than April 14', 'David Varney', 'dev2063@gmail.com', 'Make checks payable to Rotary and mail to:', 'Rotary Club of Greeneville', 'PO Box 543 Greeneville, TN', '37744'.

Individual tickets - \$50  
Table for six with sponsorship - \$500

# RESTORE UKRAINE

## Dinner Art Auction and Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Greeneville cordially invites you to enjoy an authentic Ukrainian dinner with recipes provided by local Ukrainian refugee families, experience original Ukrainian art shipped from the battlefield to Greeneville, and place bids on true pieces of history.

**Keynote Speaker: Co-founder Yaro Hnatusko**

A silent auction featuring authenticated Ukrainian art begins at 6:30 p.m. on April 21st at Tusculum University in the Chalmers Center's Niswonger Commons.

A Ukrainian buffet dinner starts at 7:00 pm as bids continue.

All donations raised on the night of the event will be matched by the Rotary Club of Greeneville up to \$2,500.

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RSVP no later than April 14  
David Varney  
dev2063@gmail.com  
Make checks payable to Rotary and mail to:  
Rotary Club of Greeneville  
PO Box 543 Greeneville, TN  
37744

## Tusculum holding a variety of summer youth camps in campus!

Tusculum has scheduled multiple summer youth camps. The first one starts May 29. If you have family members who qualify, you can sign up by visiting <https://site.tusculum.edu/camps/>. If you know of others who might be interested, please let them know.

Congratulations to Greg Fay, director of camps and continuing education, and the faculty and staff members who collaborated with him to create a robust list of camps for this summer.

# Enjoy summer youth camps at Tusculum!



<https://site.tusculum.edu/camps/>  
to learn more and register.

**TUSCULUM**  
UNIVERSITY  
**CAMPS**

**MUSIC**  
**THEATRE**  
**FORENSICS**  
**PIONEER SKILLS**  
**ART AND DESIGN**  
**CREATIVE WRITING**  
**MEDICAL PROFESSIONS**  
**HAND TOOL WOODWORKING**

## Enjoy some furry friends on campus

Student Support Services and the Office of Student Affairs are teaming to bring pet therapy dogs to campus next week!

The event will take place in the breezeway of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons Wednesday, April 19, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to visit with the therapy dogs.



### **Students should make plans for Pioneer Weekend**

As students prepare for finals, they should ensure they set aside leading up to exams for some fun activities.

Tusculum will hold Pioneer Weekend Friday, April 28-Sunday, April 30. Students can enjoy a variety of activities that will add a little balance to their lives in the midst of an extremely busy academic period. We look forward to seeing you at the events!



**PIONEER WEEKEND**  
**2023**

**APRIL 28**  
**CARNIVAL ON THE QUAD**  
11AM-2PM @ NISWONGER QUAD

**BONFIRE**  
6PM-9PM @ APT QUAD

**APRIL 29**  
**3V3 BASKETBALL & 4V4 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**  
1:00PM @ KAT HALL COURTS

**TU FORMAL**  
8:30PM-12AM @ PIONEER ARENA

**APRIL 30**  
**MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST**  
10PM-12AM @ CAFETERIA

**For more information visit.**  
**@tusculumconnect on Instagram**

### Lantern Festival being held in May

Students graduating in May or walking across the stage in May are invited to participate in the Lantern Festival Wednesday, May 3, at 6 p.m. in Chalmers Conference Center.

This is one of Tusculum's older traditions. Graduating students will pass a lantern to an underclassman they believe will carry on the Tusculum tradition and give pins to faculty and staff members who have been particularly meaningful to them.

The Lantern Festival is an emotional and meaningful event, and we encourage students to participate.

### **Excellent presentation from a Board of Trustees member**

We thank Dr. Walter Johnson, a Tusculum alumnus and Board of Trustees member, for his excellent presentation “The Business of Chemistry and Life: Advice from a Successful Businessman” to students as well as faculty and staff Thursday, April 6, in the Meen Center.

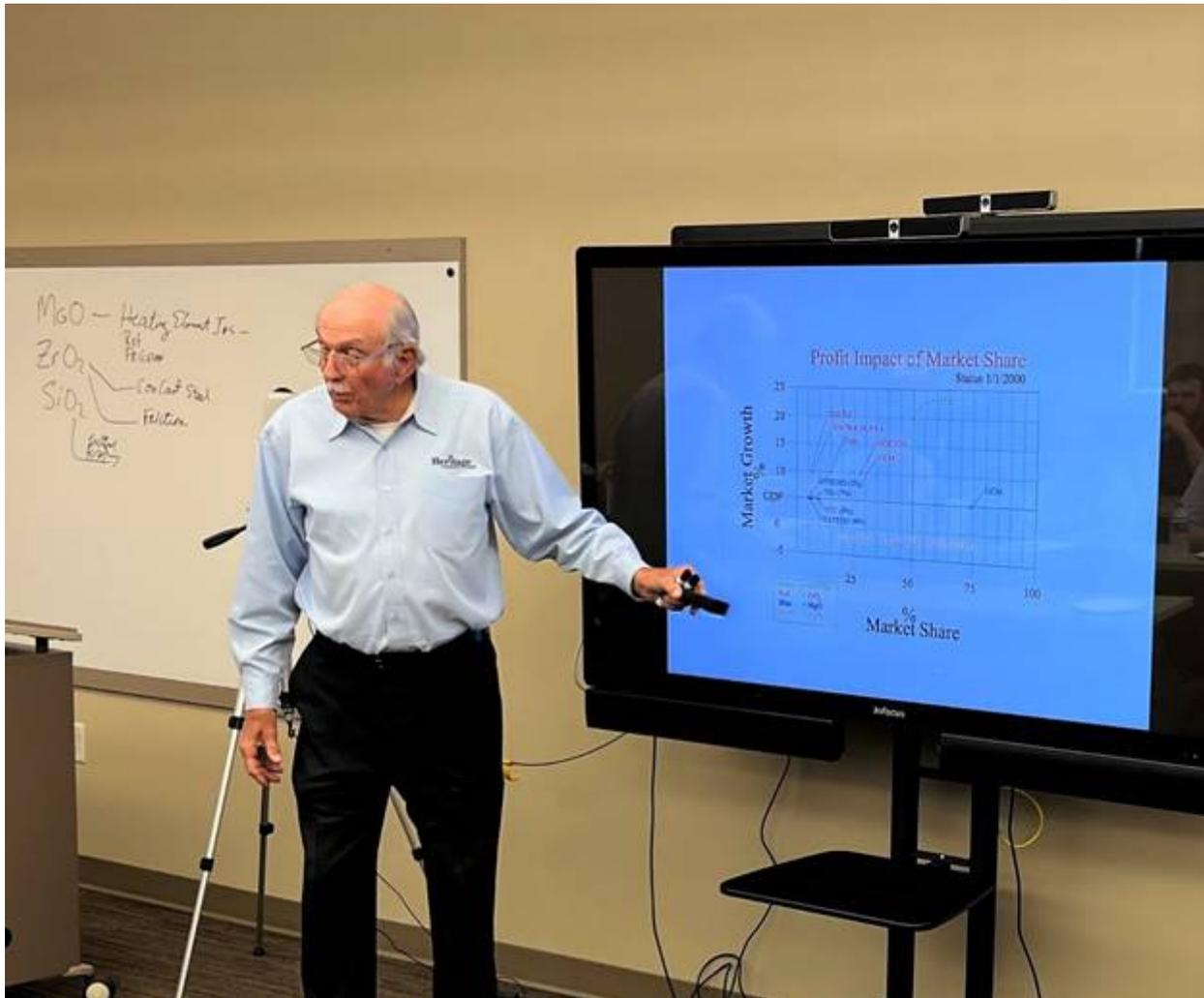
Dr. Johnson reviewed his career path and the businesses in which he has been involved. Early in his talk, he discussed his most disappointing moment – when he knew the technology, had managed a plant, had served as a salesperson and had been a technical salesperson, but when it came time for the company where he was working to hire an operations manager, he was not selected because he was a Tennessee farm boy.

Rather than letting that illogical reason pull him down, Dr. Johnson continued moving forward and has experienced tremendous success in his career.

He dispensed some nuggets of advice:

- “Network as much as possible, even when you are a student.”
- “Wherever you take a job, your first objective should be to become the most authoritative person on a process or a product in the world. When you do that, you are guaranteed to be the lead dog.”
- “You don’t have to be in a full growth company to make money.”
- “The world has become a one-day delivery business. Things happen fast.”
- “Take the accounting courses. Take the business courses. Take the finance courses. If you go in for an interview and you are only a chemist, the company is going to put you in a lab.” If you have business acumen, the company will put you in management.”

- “Be fluent in at least two languages.”
- “Be flexible.”
- “Save 25% of whatever you earn and invest it. If you do that starting on Day 1, you will never miss the money. When you are 65, you’re probably a millionaire.”



Dr. Walter Johnson speaks to students, faculty and staff. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Retired federal magistrate speaks in Tusculum political science class**

Richard Miller, associate vice president of institutional effectiveness, who teaches an American government class at Tusculum, invited retired federal Magistrate Judge Dennis Inman to serve as a guest speaker in his class.

Inman gave overviews of the Tennessee and federal judicial systems, helping students understand some of the details of court operations and sharing some of the most common cases that are heard in federal courts. He also presented information about the types of people who work for the federal courts and

the way the court system adapted to the coronavirus pandemic. He expertly shared information with the students while adding some humor to his presentation.

Inman retired in 2019, but he conducts a lot of outreach for the federal courts. He routinely visits schools in the area to explain the role of federal courts.

We thank him for sharing his time with our students.



Judge Dennis Inman speaks to the American government class. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Holy Week services enriched personal lives**

We are grateful to all of the guest speakers, musicians, scripture readers during the first three days and the leaders and participants in the Stations of the Cross, all of whom made our Holy Week services a tremendous success.

Holy Week services provide the opportunity for participants to grow closer to God as they prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

To see a gallery of photos, in addition to the one below, taken by the Office of Communications and Marketing, please click [here](#).



Participants in Holy Week services stand and read from the Bible.

### **Easter eggs placed around campus were a neat find for students**

We are sure our students enjoyed hunting for eggs around campus. Whatever they discovered inside the egg no doubt brought fulfillment.

We know Jessica Silvers was happy. She found the egg with the \$100 voucher!



Here is Jessica Silvers with the money. Photo from Dr. Chris Shumate

### **Fun decorating cupcakes at the Center for Academic Success and Tutoring**

Students enjoyed themselves Thursday at the Center for Academic Success and Tutoring as they decorated cupcakes as part of the pre-Easter festivities!

In addition to the photo below, you can see other photos in [this gallery](#) from the Office of Communications and Marketing.





Mirna Jacinto-Ramirez, right, enjoys a cupcake event in the Center for Academic Success and Tutoring.  
Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Easter egg hunt at the Meen Center a big hit!**

Many faculty and staff members joined us Saturday, April 8, as we partnered with First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville, our mother church, to hold an Easter egg hunt in the Meen Center!

The event was moved to the Meen Center due to the inclement weather, but that did not dampen anyone spirits! Children excitedly pursued the eggs and the goodies inside.

We are pleased to build on our longtime relationship with First Presbyterian Church by jointly holding this event. We look forward to seeing it continue to grow in popularity and size.

The church supports Tusculum in other ways, adopting our women's soccer and women's basketball teams. First Presbyterian has also assisted new students during move-in day in August.



Colton Miller, left, and Avery Miller, the son and daughter, respectively, of Jim and Kristina Miller, stand by their collection of eggs from the event. Jim is the associate director of athletic communications, and Kristina used to work in the Business Office. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

## Reminders

- Beginning the week of May 22 and concluding the week of July 24, offices on campus will be closed on Fridays. Employees can work with their supervisors to determine how they will complete their 40 hours each week during that period.
- Tusculum wants to be sure everyone is aware of the policy on posting and distributing materials on campus. Materials may not be posted on any undesignated areas, including wood or painted surfaces, doors, glass, walls, car windshields, or over previously posted materials. Tile or cement walls may be permissive but must be checked with the facility manager.” The university will add cork strips in all elevators on campus and add a bulletin board near the Center for Academic Success and Tutoring on the ground floor of the Meen Center to assist with the information dissemination process.
- Student Support Services and ARCHES are providing free webinars for faculty and staff members related to supporting first-generation college students. The remaining ones for the spring semester are Friday, April 14, from 10-11 a.m. and Monday, May, 15, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The webinars, available through Zoom, are pre-recorded presentations from various higher education experts. You can learn the names, Zoom links and details of the presentations [here](#). If you have additional questions, please email Rachael Barnett, SSS director, at [rbarnett@tusculum.edu](mailto:rbarnett@tusculum.edu).
- Shuttles to Walmart in Greeneville for students are available every other Wednesday at 8 p.m. Remaining dates are April 12 and April 26. Shuttles leave from the Scott M. Niswonger Commons parking lot.
- The key audit by the Facilities Management Department continues. Remaining departments and offices will be notified when facilities management will visit. Employees who have keys they were not assigned will need to complete paperwork to properly document possession.
- 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.
- Students can schedule a counseling appointment with Tommy Delbridge, a licensed clinical social worker, or Stephanie Edwards, a licensed professional counselor. They can request an appointment by visiting <https://my.tusculum.edu/forms/request-an-appointment/> or emailing [counseling@tusculum.edu](mailto:counseling@tusculum.edu). Delbridge and Edwards meet with students in person in Rooms 230 and 233 of the Thomas J. Garland Library and conduct virtual sessions.
- 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

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

**Quad in front of Niswonger Commons  
Everyone invited!**



**All Tusculum family members**

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Wednesday, April 12, 11 a.m., in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons; **I Don't Care Kitchen food truck**

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

**Faculty and staff**

Friday, April 14, 10 a.m., Zoom

(<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/85267558345?pwd=Y1Y5eTVHdHZTczAyM3BDZXd2SEFyUT09>); presentation "Exploring the Ways Jargon Influences College Access and Success" coordinated by Student Support Services and ARCHES

## **Students**

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m., Indoor Practice Facility; **7-on-7 soccer**

Wednesday, April 12, 11 a.m., Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room; **pop-up registration**

Wednesday, April 12, 3:30 p.m., Room 106 of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center; **Art and Design Club**

Wednesday, April 12, 6 p.m., The Country Club in Morristown; **Student Support Services/ARCHES banquet and etiquette dinner**

Wednesday, April 12, 8 p.m., Scott M. Niswonger Commons parking lot; **Walmart shuttle**

Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **flag football**

## **Spiritual**

Monday, April 10, 3:30 p.m., The Pioneer Perk and Zoom

(<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89872872826?pwd=SzU1OThWL0tuZThCOEFCVHpLcVRIUT09>); **chapel**

Monday, April 10, 8 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m. Meen Center lecture hall; **Arrowhead Church C+YA (College & Young Adults)**

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m., First Christian Church; **PILLAR Young Adult Ministry**

Thursday, April 13, 6 p.m., Meen Center Room 300; **Breaking Bread**

Thursday, April 13, 8 p.m., Tusculum Baptist Church; **SPOT**

Sunday April 15, 2 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; **service by Thrive Church**

## **Community**

Monday, April 10, 4 p.m., Behan Arena Theatre; **Great Literature Alive Well Playing in Greeneville, Tennessee**

Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; **Tusculum University Community Band rehearsal**

## **Athletics**



The beach volleyball team captured its third straight SAC Beach Challenge Friday after defeating Catawba College and Carson Newman College in the weather-shortened event. You can read more in this [news release](#). We congratulate the team on this impressive achievement. Earlier in the week, the Pioneers split two home matches against Morehead State University. In that match, senior Emylie Green, left, watches the ball after Mackenzie Shirley digs it. Photo from the Office of Athletic Communications

Monday, April 10, 12:30 p.m., Nichols Tennis Center; men's and women's tennis teams vs. Newberry College

Monday, April 10, 3 p.m., Lenoir-Rhyne University; baseball team vs. Lenoir-Rhyne University

Tuesday, April 11, 10:30 a.m., Nichols Tennis Center; men's and women's tennis teams vs. Wingate University

Tuesday, April 11, noon and 2 p.m., Carson-Newman University; softball team vs. Carson-Newman University

Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m., Lee University; baseball team vs. Lee University

Wednesday, April 12, 1 p.m., Nichols Tennis Center; Emory & Henry College; men's and women's tennis teams vs. Emory & Henry College

Wednesday, April 12, 1 p.m., Pioneer Field; women's lacrosse team vs. UVA Wise

Thursday, April 13, 1 p.m., Catawba College; men's and women's tennis teams vs. Catawba College

Friday, April 14, 1:30 p.m., Charlotte, North Carolina; men's volleyball team vs. Maryville College at the IVA Tournament

Friday, April 14, 2 p.m., Cullowhee, North Carolina; outdoor track and field teams at the Catamount Classic

Friday, April 14, 6 p.m., Catawba College; baseball team vs. Catawba College

Friday, April 14; Saturday, April 15; and Sunday, April 16, time to be determined, Tavares, Florida; beach volleyball team vs. opponent to be announced at the AVCA Small College Teach Championship

Saturday, April 15, noon, Cullowhee, North Carolina; outdoor track and field teams at the Catamount Classic

Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Belmont Abbey College; softball team vs. Belmont Abbey College

Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Catawba College; baseball team vs. Catawba College

Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m., Pioneer Field; women's lacrosse team vs. Newberry College

Saturday, April 15, 5 p.m., Pioneer Field; men's lacrosse team vs. Newberry College

Saturday, April 15, time to be determined, Charlotte, North Carolina; men's volleyball team vs. opponent to be announced at the IVA Tournament

Sunday, April 16, all day, Hickory, North Carolina; men's golf team at the SAC Championship



Junior Ivan Ivars is ready to unleash his forehand in recent action against UVA Wise. The men's team, which is 12-4 and 8-0 in conference play, was featured last week on WCYB, a local television station. You can see the story [here](#).

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

### **Faculty and staff birthdays**

Wednesday, April 12 – Dr. Troy Goodale

Thursday, April 13 – Belle Kemp

Sunday, April 16 – Cindy Pippin

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**Go Pioneers!**