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President's Perspective

Tusculum University is certainly in the education business, but it is also in the transformation business. It is our job and mission to inspire civic engagement, enrich personal lives and prepare career-ready professionals.

The degree to which our students are better citizens, better people and better prepared is the extent to which we provide a transformational experience. Grades give us an indication of a student's success in class. Conferring degrees is an indication of successfully preparing students – but so are the accomplishments of our alumni and the transformation of our students during their time with us.

God has called our students to become engaged citizens, winning coaches, inspiring teachers, innovative scientists and successful business leaders among many other things. At Tusculum, we equip students to answer their calling. When the Queen of Sheba met King Solomon, she observed that God had made him king so that he may execute justice and righteousness. It is inspiring to think how each of our employees and each of our students fill in these blanks: "God has made me to be _____, so that I may _____."

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel
President

Word of the Week

"Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness." – 1 Kings 10:9 ESV

Photo of the Week



We are seeing the early signs of spring with the flowers and other foliage coming to life on campus.
Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Bonuses and university contributions to retirement plans coming in July

Full-time employees who have been with the university for more than a year will receive a bonus, and Tusculum will begin contributing to their retirement plans in July.

Dr. Hummel delivered the wonderful news during the President's Coffee Friday, Feb. 24 and said this development was a result of much hard work and strong leading indicators that show enrollment and retention will be on the rise beginning in the fall.

Dr. Hummel presented the package of benefits enhancements as part of a broader message that many positive developments have occurred at Tusculum in recent months. He noted that Tusculum is headed in the right direction!

Faculty and staff members thank the university's cabinet for this terrific news.

Spring break reminder

Spring break will take place next week. No classes will be held. The university's offices will be open Monday, March 6-Wednesday, March 8, but will be closed Thursday, March 9, and Friday, March 10.

The Thomas J. Garland Library will be closed Sunday, March 5, will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, March 6-Wednesday, March 8, and will then be closed until 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12, when normal hours will resume. The cafeteria and Chick-fil-A will be closed starting Friday night, March 3, with the cafeteria reopening for dinner Sunday, March 12, and Chick-fil-A returning at its regular hours Monday, March 13.

The Pioneer Exchange is open this week from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for students to collect food for the break if they will need food assistance throughout spring break. In addition, First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, Arrowhead Church and Towering Oaks Baptist Church in Greeneville will provide lunch at noon Tuesday and Thursday of spring break in the Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room.

Please check the schedule in this edition of The Pioneer Press to learn what activities are still taking place.

Today is the final day of auditions for the "5 X 10 Plays"

Tusculum students, faculty and staff are invited to audition today at 7 p.m. in the Behan Arena Theatre of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center for a part in the "5 X 10 Plays." The location for the auditions was a last-minute change due to other activities in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre.

Experience in theater performances is a plus but not a must for the actors. The auditions will consist of cold readings, and no preparation is required. Directors are seeking people age 15 and older to fill the roles in the diverse plays.

Every other year, Theatre-at-Tusculum and the English and Languages Department collaborate to bring us the "5 X 10 Plays." This year's shows 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. This will be the 10th anniversary of the "5 X 10 Plays."

The event features five plays, each of which lasts about 10 minutes. You can learn more details, including the names, writers and directors of this year's plays, in this [news release](#).



Seleena Bakshi, left; Taylor Bowman, center; and Paige Mengel audition for "Modern Witches." Photo from Meagan Stark



Zach Gass, left, and Daniel Matheney audition for “The Oktavist.” Photo from Meagan Stark

Dr. Hunsader to speak at chapel today

Dr. Tricia Hunsader, our provost and vice president of academic affairs, will share her 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. Due to spring break, we will not have chapel next Monday.

Faculty, staff and students who cannot attend chapel in person can participate via Zoom, using the URL <https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89872872826?pwd=SzU1OThWL0tuZThCOEFCVHpLcVRIUT09>.

Join us for this spiritual growth opportunity!



Dr. Tricia Hunsader

Celebrate African American artists at special event

The English and Languages Department and the Center for Civic Advancement are sponsoring the African-American Read-In Tuesday, Feb. 28, from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room.

Attendees can read or listen to poetry, plays, novels or essays from African American authors. Participants can bring a work of their choosing, but organizers will also have selections available for reading. Participants can play speeches or music from notable African American leaders and artists.

The event is free, and there will be light refreshments and giveaways. All faculty, staff, students and community members are invited.

The African American Read-In is a national event founded by the National Council for Teachers of English. You can read more about the Tusculum event in this [news release](#).

This is a fun event and a great opportunity to collaborate with other Tusculum family members.



Elizabeth Goodale, wife of Dr. Troy Goodale, reads during the 2022 event. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Get ready for free floats this week!

Faculty, staff and students can stop by the Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room Wednesday, March 1, from 2-3 p.m. for a free float!

That day, we will celebrate Free Float Friendsday, a special event to recognize that our sweet tooth just cannot be ignored. We hold this important event the first Wednesday of every month.

So join us for a great treat and wonderful fellowship!



Interest session about RA opportunities scheduled for Wednesday

The Office of Student Affairs seeks resident assistants and has scheduled an interest session at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, in The Pioneer Perk.

The deadline to apply to be an RA is 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 17. You can use the QR code in the graphic below to reach the application page on the Tusculum website.

Light the way and be an RA – and join us for this interest session!

Light THE WAY *Be* AN RA!

APPLY TO BE AN RA TODAY

APPLY HERE

DEADLINE: MARCH 17
AT 11:59 P.M.

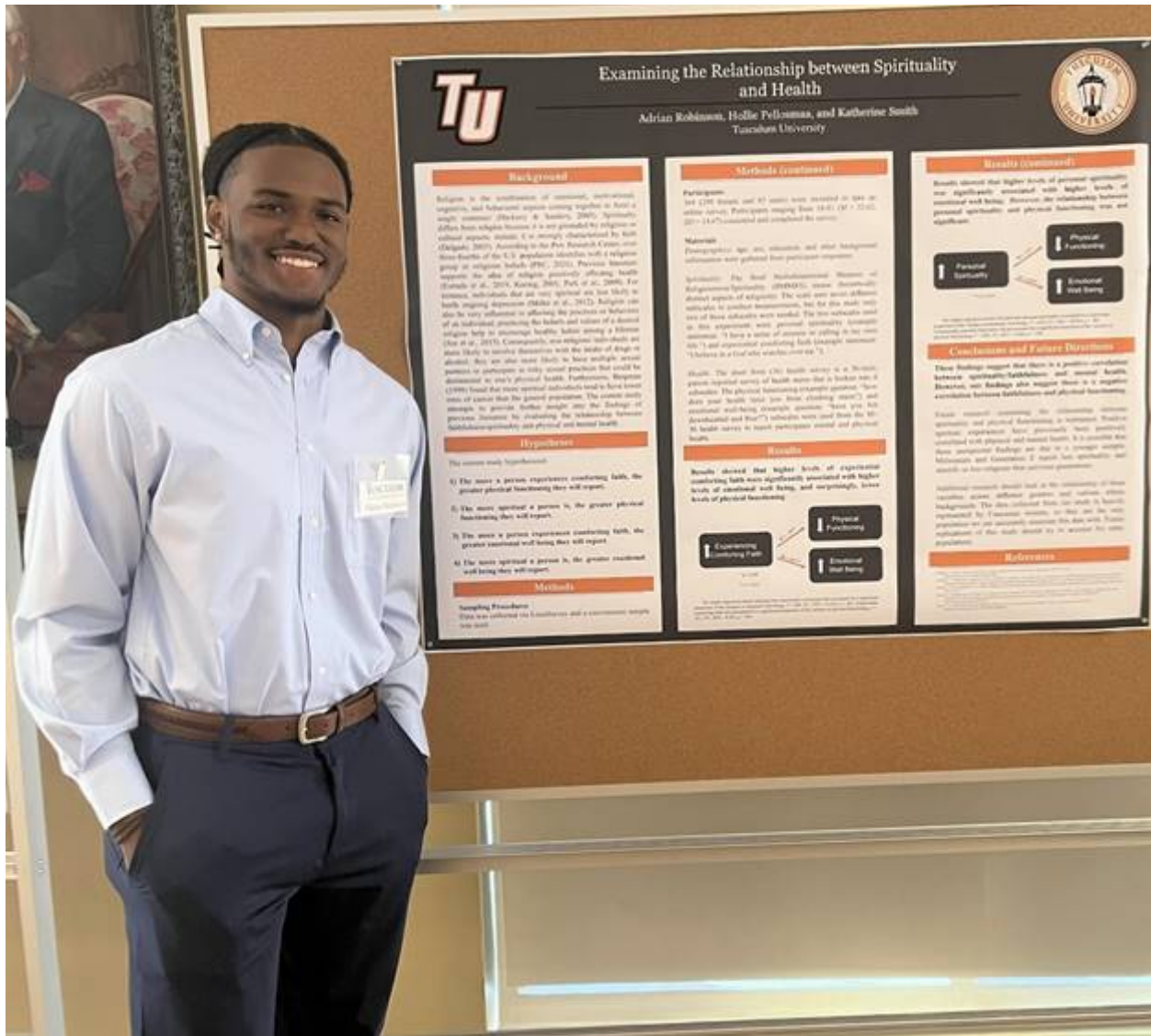
INTEREST SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
8:00 P.M. IN THE PIONEER PERK

Academic Symposium submission deadline March 13

We remind students that the deadline to submit work for the annual Academic Symposium is Monday, March 13. The symposium will be held Friday, April 21 from 9 a.m.-noon.

Students from all academic disciplines are encouraged to submit original academic work, including research, creative and artistic expression and professional experience (internships and practicums). Academic work may be presented as a poster, paper, presentation or exhibition.

The submission link is <https://ws.tusculum.edu/survey/index.php/613735?lang=en>. For additional details about the symposium, please visit <https://site.tusculum.edu/academic-symposium/>.



Adrian Robinson presents a poster during the 2022 Academic Symposium. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Dr. Gonzalez to perform a recital this week

Dr. David Gonzalez, director of bands, will set aside the baton Thursday, March 2, and play the tuba in front of the audience during a recital that begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre.

His performance will enable audience members to experience everything they thought was impossible with a tuba. That will include higher notes and a faster tempo. He will play a CC tuba, which has a fundamental pitch of C, and an F tuba, which has a fundamental pitch of F, during his performance.

Dr. Gonzalez will perform six songs, with an intermission in the middle. Accompanying him on the piano will be Robert Hicks, an adjunct faculty member at Tusculum

The event is free and open to all Tusculum family members. You can learn more in this [news release](#).



Dr. David Gonzalez, right, and Robert Hicks practice for the recital. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Community Band holding concert on campus March 7

The Tusculum University Community Band will return for another performance Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre.

With Dr. David Gonzalez, Tusculum's director of bands, as the conductor, the community band will perform a pops concert! Be ready to have fun as the band performs these songs:

- "Looney Tunes Overture"
- "The Symphonic Gershwin"
- "Symphonic Highlights from 'Frozen'"
- "Movie Chartbusters"

- “The Magic of Andrew Lloyd Webber”

The concert is free, and all Tusculum family members are welcome.



Tusculum family members who participated in the December community band concert were, front row, left to right, Jyclyn West, Hannah Morgan and Honey Stanley and back row, left to right, Greg Fay, Dr. Kurtis Miller, Hughston Burnheimer and Derek Hatcher. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Preview Day for potential new traditional students less than three weeks away

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

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.

Potential students can register and receive additional information at <https://site.tusculum.edu/register-for-open-house/>. You can learn more in this [news release](#).

We encourage you to share the news with family, friends and other connections and alert Laura Battel, executive director of traditional admission, if you can assist with the event.



PREVIEW DAY

Experience all Tusculum has to offer!

- ▶ TOUR CAMPUS
- ▶ LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR MAJORS AND MINORS
- ▶ DISCOVER HOW AFFORDABLE TUSCULUM IS
- ▶ MEET PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS
- ▶ VISIT WITH CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Saturday, March 18,
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meen Center

LUNCH PROVIDED!

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

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The poster features a circular QR code in the top right corner. Below the QR code is a photograph of a mascot character with a beard and a red and black jacket, standing on a field with a crowd of people in the background. The background of the poster is a light orange color with a white diagonal stripe.

Dr. Travis Williams co-authors two-volume commentary on 1 Peter

We congratulate Dr. Travis Williams, professor of religion, on the recent publication of a two volume commentary on 1 Peter that he co-wrote with his former doctoral supervisor, Prof. David Horrell.

Dr. Williams said Prof. Horrell asked him to join him on the project because of its massive size and Prof. Horrell's additional writing commitments. The two volumes cover nearly 1,700 pages. This project was right up Dr. Williams' alley because of his academic studies and research.

"Not only had I written my doctoral dissertation on 1 Peter, which was later published, but I was also just finishing up a second book on the letter, along with a number of published journal articles and essays," Dr. Williams said. "And since our perspectives on 1 Peter were closely aligned, it made for a natural collaboration."

Dr. Williams said he and Prof. Horrell have written the largest commentary ever on 1 Peter to his knowledge.

The two volumes are part of The International Critical Commentary, a series of commentaries written on each book of the Bible and published by Bloomsbury T&T Clark. Dr. Williams said the ICC is one of the oldest and most prestigious commentary series in the field of biblical studies. Its history extends more than 100 years. He said invitations to contribute to the series are based on expertise in a given area and that publication of a commentary in the ICC series is normally considered a career-defining event.

The volumes became available for purchase in Europe on Feb. 23, but will not be available in the United States until April 6.



Dr. Williams holds the two-volume series. Photo from Dr. Hummel

Recognizing the contributions of our TRIO programs

You might not have been aware it was happening, but a special recognition took place Saturday, Feb. 25.

TRIO Day is a national recognition of the efforts of federally funded programs at colleges and universities geared toward helping students attend and graduate from a higher education institution with a

bachelor's degree. It takes place the fourth Saturday of every February and is a great time to consider how much the TRIO programs at Tusculum contribute to student success and advancement.

Tusculum offers seven TRIO programs, and the leaders of them have taken great care to write new and renewal grants that have been funded by the federal government. Our programs are Upward Bound, Cocke County and Hawkins County Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math and Science, Talent Search, Talent Search-West, Student Support Services and ARCHES.

Many Tusculum students are part of SSS and ARCHES, and those who are not and qualify should accept the opportunity to join these wonderful programs. Faculty and staff members collaborate with some or all seven of these TRIO programs as part of the effort to help students achieve.

We commend our TRIO programs for their excellent performance and dedication. They contribute greatly to the strength of our university and play an integral role in helping us meet our mission.

You can learn more about the Tusculum TRIO programs in this [news release](#).



TRIO staff members gathered for a photo in September. Photo from Rachael Barnett

Job opportunities for student for Upward Bound summer academy

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 academy 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.

In the graphic below, you can learn more about this great opportunity to grow leadership skills and add to your résumé.

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MATH & SCIENCE

Summer job opportunity

RA & RD
positions
available

Tusculum University Upward Bound is an intensive college preparatory program funded by the U.S. Department of Education, designed to encourage college entry and completion for area high school students that are income eligible based on the federal guidelines and/or will be the first in their families to obtain a four-year college degree.

Residential Advisors and Directors will be required to live in the dorms at Tusculum University while supervising and mentoring high school students.

\$2,000 pay
+ summer
housing +
meals

This summer employment opportunity will include 1 week of training, 5 weeks working as a residential advisor, mentor, and classroom aid, and 1 week supervising students on a trip to New York.

May 22-July 9

<https://web.tusculum.edu/trio/ub/summer/residential-staff-guide/summer-staff-interest-application/>

scan QR code
for more details and application



Stacey McGill at smcgill@tusculum.edu if you have any questions

Tusculum Debate Team achieves success

The Tusculum University Debate Team finished as the first place four-year university in national parliamentary debate at the Tennessee Valley Invitational this weekend in Knoxville.

Joseph Medeck, a freshman pursuing a major in environmental science, and Maria Torres a sophomore seeking an associate of arts in communication were a semifinalist pair, and Medeck received an individual speaker award for his performance in the tournament.

The tournament involved teams from Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University, Erskine College and local community colleges competing in national parliamentary debate, international public debate and individual events.



Maria Torres, left, and Joseph Medeck show their awards. Photo from Dr. Kurtis Miller

Coach Burton picked for the GEM Award!

J.T. Burton, our beloved head men's basketball coach, was selected as the President's GEM Award recipient for February. Dr. Hummel announced the choice during the President's Coffee Friday.

Here are some of the glowing comments made about him:

“It was obvious from the second I met him that he cares. His smile is infectious, and his kindness is immeasurable. He is both passionate and compassionate. When there is a problem, he works hard to find the solution. He is the ultimate university ambassador.”

Burton was also described as a mentor of young men who epitomizes Pioneer Pride and lives the Tusculum mission.

“He is one of the finest people I have had the pleasure to be associated with at Tusculum. He is caring, funny, friendly and good-tempered and is a team player in every sense of the word. He believes in helping others and supporting them to their next level and full potential. He is a winner in every sense of the word and equips others to win on the court and in the classroom.”

Burton molds his players into well-rounded individuals.

“His players are better athletes, better students, and better young men because of him. His goal is not only to win basketball games, but for his players to excel academically and become quality members of society. The Tusculum family is very fortunate to have Coach J.T. Burton”

Faculty and staff members can nominate a colleague to earn the President’s GEM Award for March by completing this [short form](#) by **noon** Wednesday, March 29. Dr. Hummel will announce the recipient at the President’s Coffee Friday, March 31, at 9 a.m.



Coach J.T. Burton

Reminder about graduation policy change

Beginning with the May 6 graduation, students who have not yet completed all requirements of their degree but have no more than six hours of coursework remaining will be able to participate in the commencement ceremony.

If students will be within six credits hours of completing their degree requirements at the end of this semester, these are the steps to apply to participate in the May commencement ceremony:

1. If they have not already done so, they need to complete the [Application for Graduation](#) form right away.
2. Finalize an advisor-approved plan to complete remaining coursework and submit the completed [Early Commencement Participation Request](#) form to the Registrar's Office
3. Pay off the student account balance in full at least two weeks prior to commencement.

Important note: Although students may be approved to participate in the commencement ceremony early, their degree will not be conferred until the next graduation date following completion of their coursework.

Also, please be aware Tusculum will no longer be holding commencement ceremonies in August. Those who will finish their programs in August will participate in either the May or December graduation event.

Students who are interested in taking advantage of this new policy and have more questions should feel free to contact the Registrar's Office at registrartu@tusculum.edu or 423-636-7311 for more information.

Facilities Management progressing on the key audit

The Facilities Management Department has visited several offices and department for its campuswide key audit with employees. Chad Grindstaff, the department's director, said the process will continue for a while longer.

Remaining departments and offices 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.

King cake and readings made for a great Mardi Gras!

We are grateful to the English and Languages Department for a nice Mardi Gras celebration Tuesday, Feb. 21. The homemade king cake by Kelsey Trom, associate professor of English, and the other food were delicious!

The experience of hearing faculty and students read their work and others was particularly enjoyable during the open mic period. They demonstrated why we can be proud of our excellent creative writing program, which has produced a consistent record of quality product.

Also featured prominently in the event was The Tusculum Review, the university's international literary journal.

Photos in addition to the one below are available in [this gallery](#).



Elizabeth Massengill, who is pursuing a major in psychology, reads during the Mardi Gras celebration. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

Deadline two weeks away for the Israel trip!

The deadline to join Dr. Hummel as he leads a trip to Israel from June 22-July 2 is less than a month away. Participants need to register by Wednesday, March 15. You can learn more and register for the Israel trip [here](#).

Those who go can earn three credit hours if they want to satisfy general education or religion course requirements. 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.

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 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.

If you have questions about the Israel tour or the excavation, please email Dr. Hummel at president@tusculum.edu.



Dr. Hummel and First Lady Starr Hummel are at the Cliffs of Arbel overlooking the northern part of the Sea of Galilee. Magdala (Mary Magdalene's hometown), the Mount of Beatitudes and Capernaum can be seen along the shore. Photo from Dr. Hummel

Use the summer to take some courses!

Students can ease their course load during the fall and spring semesters or potentially graduate early by taking summer term courses. Summer generally carries a more leisurely pace, and students can take care of some credits during this period.

Registration for summer classes is underway. 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.

Fall semester registration starts March 27

Students will be able to start registering for their fall classes the week of March 27.

In keeping with the traditional flow, the first day for registration will be:

- Monday, March 27 – graduate students, veterans, adult and online studies students and honors students
- Tuesday, March 28 – seniors
- Wednesday, March 29 – juniors
- Thursday, March 30 – sophomores
- Friday, March 31 – first-year students

It is important for students to remember:

- They must meet with their advisor before they can choose their courses.
- They will not be able to register for courses if they have a business office hold on their student account.
- They will not be able to participate in the housing lottery if they do not register for courses to be held in the fall.

Native Peruvian archaeologist presenting at Tusculum in March

All Tusculum family members are invited to attend an upcoming presentation from a native Peruvian archaeologist Wednesday, March 22, at 2 p.m. in the Meen Center lecture hall

Dr. Bebel Ibarra, who now lives in Greeneville, will discuss his recent work on pre-Columbian Andean societies. The title of his presentation is "Bioarchaeology and the Cult of the Dead in the Peruvian Andes."

Dr. Ibarra specializes in Andean archaeology and holds a doctorate in anthropology from Tulane University in New Orleans. Dr. Bebel teaches anthropology at Walters State Community College.

His research is focused on bioarchaeology and the study of ancestor veneration and the cult of the dead within the region. He has been leading the annual Huari–Ancash Bioarchaeological research project in Peru since 2004.



These tombs in the Andes are called chullpas (above ground burials). They date between 1000 and 1500 AD. Photo from Dr. Joe Van Amberg

Support the university through financial donations

Faculty and staff members can continue to make a difference by completing the [faculty and staff contribution form](#).

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

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.

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.

Reminders

- Shuttles to Walmart in Greeneville for students are available every other Wednesday at 8 p.m. Upcoming dates are March 1, March 15, March 29, April 12 and April 26. Shuttles leave from the Scott M. Niswonger Commons parking lot.
- Appointments are available for free income tax return preparation by Tusculum students and community volunteers. Available slots are 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 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tuvita2023>.
- The esports and gaming labs now open at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays and do not close until students want to stop playing. Students can play League of Legends, Super Smash Brothers, Rocket League and other games.
- The Greeneville Flyboys, an Appalachian League baseball team that plays its home games at Pioneer Park, seeks interns. Students can send their bbouschart@flyboysbaseball.com. You can learn more about internships at <https://www.appyleague.com/greeneville/about/job-opportunities>. More information about the team is available at <https://www.milb.com/greeneville/>.
- 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. 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



All Tusculum family members

Monday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; **auditions for the "5 X 10 Plays"**

Tuesday, Feb. 28, noon, Scott M. Niswonger Commons living room; **African American Read-In**

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Wednesday, March 1, 11 a.m., in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons; **Floyd's Snack Shack food truck**

Wednesday, March 1, 2 p.m., Niswonger lobby; **Free Float Friendsday**

Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; **recital by Dr. David Gonzalez**

Faculty and staff

Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m., Meen Center lecture hall; ACT boot camp for TRIO programs

Students

Wednesday, March 1, 3:30 p.m., Room 106 of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center; **Art and Design Club**

Wednesday, March 1, 8 p.m., Scott M. Niswonger Commons parking lot; **Walmart shuttle**

Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m., Indoor Practice Facility; kickball

Community

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; **Tusculum University Community Band rehearsal**

Spiritual

Monday, Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m., The Pioneer Perk and Zoom
(<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89872872826?pwd=SzU1OThWLOtuZThCOEFCVHpLcVRIUT09>); chapel

Monday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. Meen Center lecture hall; **Arrowhead Church C+YA (College & Young Adults)**

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., First Christian Church; **PILLAR Young Adult Ministry**

Thursday, March 2, 6 p.m., Meen Center Room 300; **Breaking Bread**

Thursday, March 2, 8 p.m., Tusculum Baptist Church; **SPOT**

Friday, March 3, 10 a.m., Chalmers Conference Center and Zoom; **Theologian-In-Residence**

Sunday March 5, 2 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; **service by Thrive Church**

Athletics



Freshman Theresa Green-White runs in a relay in earlier action at Vanderbilt University. During the weekend, she accounted for 10 of the women's indoor track and field team's 20 points at the South Atlantic Conference Indoor Track & Field Championship. Photo from the Office of Athletic Communications

Monday, Feb. 27, and Tuesday, Feb. 28, all day, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; women's golf team at the Low Tide Intercollegiate

Monday, Feb. 27, and Tuesday, Feb. 28, all day, Pawley's Island, South Carolina; men's golf team at the Barton Spring Bulldog Clash

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5 p.m., Pioneer Park; baseball team vs. King University

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., Lees-McRae College; men's volleyball team vs. Lees-McRae College

Wednesday, March 1, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Emory & Henry College; softball team vs. Emory & Henry College

Wednesday, March 1, 5:30 p.m., Pioneer Arena; women's basketball team vs. Lenoir-Rhyne University in the South Atlantic Conference Championship quarterfinal

Wednesday, March 1, 7 p.m., Lees-McRae College; men's lacrosse team vs. Lees-McRae College

Friday, March 3, 1 p.m., Pioneer Field; men's lacrosse team vs. The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Friday, March 3, 2 p.m., Anderson University; men's and women's tennis teams vs. Anderson University

Friday, March 3, 6 p.m., Pioneer Park; baseball team vs. Coker University

Saturday, March 4, noon, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; beach volleyball team vs. University of North Alabama at the 2023 Tiger Beach Challenge

Saturday, March 4, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Pioneer Park; baseball team vs. Coker University

Saturday, March 4, 1 p.m., Wingate University; women's lacrosse team vs. Wingate University

Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Lenoir-Rhyne University; softball team vs. Lenoir-Rhyne University

Saturday, March 4, 5 p.m., Baton Rouge, Louisiana; beach volleyball team vs. Louisiana State University at the 2023 Tiger Beach Challenge

Sunday, March 5, 1 p.m., Baton Rouge, Louisiana; beach volleyball team vs. University of Central Arkansas at the 2023 Tiger Beach Challenge

Sunday, March 5, 3 p.m., Baton Rouge Louisiana; beach volleyball team vs. The University of Alabama at Birmingham at the 2023 Tiger Beach Challenge



The Pioneers enjoyed a strong week, defeating Mars Hill University and Bluefield State University 6-1 in separate contests. In this photo, freshman Will Gee prepares his backhand against Bluefield State. He was part of doubles team wins in the two Pioneers' victories. Photo from the Office of Athletic Communications

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Faculty and staff birthdays

Thursday, March 2 – Kenneth Brewer

Sunday, March 5 – Bryan Buckius

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