



**February 20, 2023**

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**President's Perspective**

I have had the privilege of serving as the president of Tusculum University for three years, starting on President's Day 2020.

As I reflect on the past three years, I recall Tusculum's resilience in overcoming significant challenges. We have faced a pandemic, a reaffirmation of accreditation process, decreasing enrollment and tight finances. Because of a strong cabinet, dedicated staff and committed faculty, we kept our Tusculum family safe while maintaining high academic standards throughout the pandemic, we cleared all accreditation matters, and we have strong leading indicators for fall 2023 enrollment and improving finances. Tusculum is making the turn to greater success and strength.

On this President's Day, I also recall George Washington's farewell speech in which he emphasized the importance of religion in the life of the country and the need for an educated and enlightened populace. Tusculum was founded to help build the republic and inspire civic engagement. President George Washington recognized Tusculum's importance and donated \$100 to support our students.

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel  
President

### **Word of the Week**

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." – 2 Corinthians 4:6 NIV

### **Photo of the Week**



Mikaela Cooney, associate professor of criminal justice, was one of the participants in the Couples Painting Night event in Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center Tuesday and created an impressive product. Standing behind her is Meagan Stark, associate director of Student Support Services, who also participated in the event. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

**President’s Day reminders**

In observance of the President’s Day holiday, we have some changes for today:

- All Tusculum offices are closed today.

- No classes are being held.
- We will not hold chapel today but will return next Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the Perk and via Zoom with Dr. Tricia Hunsader, our provost and vice president of academic affairs, sharing her personal story of faith. The Zoom link is <https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89872872826?pwd=SzU1OThWLOtuZThCOEFcVHpLcVRIUT09>.
- The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will not meet today but return next week.
- The Thomas J. Garland Library will open today at 4 p.m. and close at midnight. Normal hours will resume Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Please check the schedule for activities still taking place today.



Dr. Tricia Hunsader

**President's Coffee starting earlier Friday**

To accommodate setup for the Theologian-In-Residence series, we will hold the monthly President's Coffee at **8:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24**, in Chalmers Conference Center and via Zoom.

Dr. Hummel will have a special announcement for employees in addition to other updates and the name of the February President's GEM Award recipient.

If you cannot attend in person, here is the Zoom

link: <https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/83307317514?pwd=dWdmRTQzRU8xMFV DOTNlc2hiU2JuUT09>.

## **Deadline is Wednesday for GEM Award nominations!**

Faculty and staff members can nominate a colleague to earn the President's GEM Award for February by completing this [short form](#) 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 **Friday, Feb. 24, at 8:15 a.m.**

## **College of Education earns full approval from the state**

Our College of Education received excellent news recently when the Tennessee State Board of Education approved a designation of full approval for Tusculum.

In 2020, the Tennessee State Board of Education classified the College of Education's status as full approval with minor stipulations. Within three months of that vote, the College of Education worked with the Tennessee Department of Education to develop and implement an action plan focused on addressing the minor stipulations.

In September 2021 and July 2022, the department conducted progress reviews and concluded the College of Education had provided sufficient evidence that progress was made in addressing each of the minor stipulations. The department recommended that the State Board of Education grant full approval without stipulations. The State Board of Education voted Friday, Feb. 10, to approve the department's recommendation.

We commend the College of Education for its excellence in drafting a well-designed plan, enacting it and achieving this outstanding result. The faculty, staff and leadership of the College of Education are committed to attaining the highest standards, and their efforts have borne fruit. We congratulate Dr. Miriam Stroder, the dean, and everyone else in the College of Education for this outcome from the state.

## **Graduation policy change enacted**

We are excited to share that 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](mailto:registrartu@tusculum.edu) or 423-636-7311 for more information.

### **Auditions scheduled for the "5 X 10 Plays"**

Tusculum students, faculty and staff are invited to audition at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, or Monday, Feb. 27 in the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center for a part in the "5 X 10 Plays."

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](#).



Elizabeth Sparks, left, and Jackson Beddingfield perform a scene during a prior “5 X 10 Plays.” Photo from Wayne Thomas

### **Tusculum Youth Actors Studio SHOWCASE being held this weekend**

Enjoy the talent of local youth actors who will perform short plays this weekend at the Tusculum Youth Actors Studio SHOWCASE 2023 in the Behan Arena Theatre.

Theatre-at-Tusculum is presenting the event Friday, Feb. 24, and Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. as well as Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. More than 30 local youth actors ages 8-18 will perform, and Tusculum students Josie Norton, Todd Wallin and Gracie Weems will make their directorial debuts.

The event will feature genres such as comedy and tragedy in five, 10-minute plays.

The attendance cost is \$5. You can buy tickets [here](#).

### **Mardi Gras celebration to be held in Virginia Hall**

The English and Languages Department is inviting everyone to the third floor of Virginia Hall for a Mardi Gras celebration. Faculty, staff and students are invited to enjoy food, fellowship and king cake from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21!

That is not the extent of the fun. All Tusculum family members are invited to participate in an open mic in Virginia 307 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Bring your creative writing work, such as poems, fiction and essays, to read during that time! Or you can come and listen others display their talent!

We look forward to enjoying Mardi Gras with you!



This is the 2020 Mardis Gras celebration. Photo from Kelsey Trom

### **Ash Wednesday service to be held on campus**

Begin the season of Lent on a strong note by participating in an Ash Wednesday service on campus.

The Rev. Ken Saunders, rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Greeneville, will lead the 3:30 p.m. service in The Pioneer Perk. Saunders is a well-known figure on campus. He has led the Stations of the Cross on campus during Holy Week and is one of the leaders of the Breaking Bread ministry at Tusculum.

All Tusculum family members are welcome. We look forward to worshipping with you!





The Rev. Ken Saunders

### **Theologian-In-Residence concludes this week**

The final session of Theologian-In-Residence will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Chalmers Conference Center and via Zoom.

Dr. Ryan Stokes, director of graduate theological studies and associate professor of biblical studies at Carson-Newman University, will again give the presentation. Friday's session is called "Satan in the New Testament." The theme this year is "The Satan and the forces of evil."

If you have been unable to attend the other sessions, you are still welcome at the final one. You can view the prior sessions by clicking "Theologian-In Residence" in the media section of <https://site.tusculum.edu/campus-ministries/>.

To register for Theologian-In-Residence, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 423-636-7303 or email [kkidwell@tusculum.edu](mailto:kkidwell@tusculum.edu). 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](#).



Join us for the last session of Theologian-In-Residence. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Deadline approaching 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](#).

Make your reservations now! 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.

If you have questions about the Israel tour or the excavation, please email Dr. Hummel at [president@tusculum.edu](mailto:president@tusculum.edu).



The picture is from the Old City in Jerusalem showing a back entrance into the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Photo from Dr. Hummel

### **A no-hitter by a Tusculum pitcher!**

Congratulations to Tusculum junior pitcher Seth Willis, who tossed a no-hitter during the second game of Tusculum's double-header Saturday against Davis & Elkins College!

Willis walked one and struck out 13 on 88 pitches in his seven innings of work during the Pioneers' 23-0 rout. It is the first no-hitter in recorded program history.

You can hear Willis talk about his performance in [this video](#) from the Office of Athletic Communications.



Seth Willis tossed a no-hitter this weekend. Photo from the Office of Athletic Communications

### **Spread the word about 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.

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/>. 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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## Students can learn more about being an RA and apply

The Office of Student Affairs is on the lookout for resident assistants and has scheduled a meeting for students to learn more.

Student Affairs will hold 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!

*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

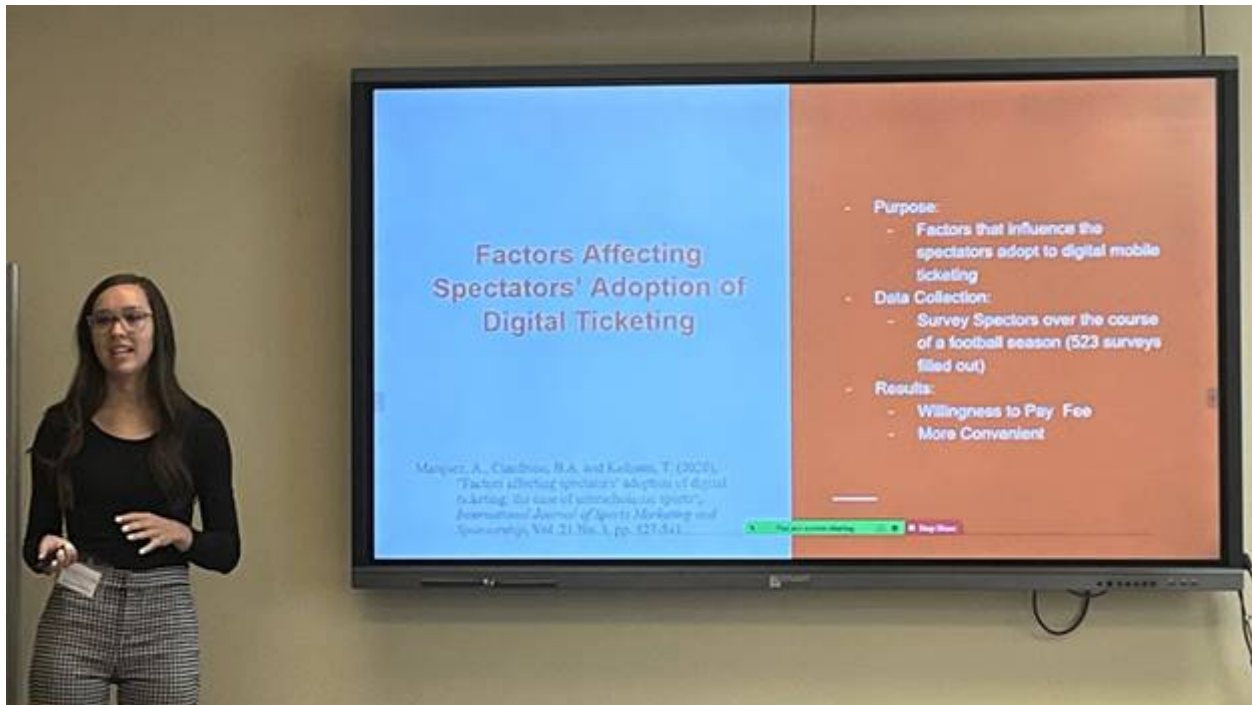
### **Academic Symposium submission deadline set**

Tusculum's annual Academic Symposium has been set for Friday, April 21 from 9 a.m.-noon, and the submission deadline for students is Monday, March 13.

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 an exhibition.

The submission link is <https://ws.tusculum.edu/survey/index.php/613735?lang=en>.

We look forward to seeing students showcase their work. The symposium is an excellent way for students to demonstrate they are career-ready professionals. The event also highlights the active and experiential learning available at Tusculum.



Jacqueline Butler, who has since graduated, makes a presentation at the 2022 Academic Symposium. Photo by the Office of Communication and Marketing

## Take advantage of summertime to complete courses

Students can ease their course load during the fall and spring semesters or put themselves on a path to graduate early by taking summer courses.

Registration for summer classes is underway, and we encourage students to work with their advisor to develop a plan for some coursework during that time of year.

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.

### **Students write about 75 notes of appreciation to faculty and staff members**

We are grateful to all of the students who took time to write about 75 notes of appreciation to faculty and staff members. They were distributed to the faculty and staff members on Valentine's Day.

Faculty and staff members enjoy helping students navigate collegiate life and become career-ready, civically engaged professionals. Students who shared their kind words provided an additional boost to the recipients' day.

The idea came from Dr. Heather Henson-Ramsey, dean of the College of Science, Technology and Mathematics, who saw this activity when she worked at another institution. She thought Tusculum employees would enjoy receiving the messages. She also believes it is always good for students to feel like they are helping others.





Billie Ann Pace shows the notes of appreciation she received. Photo by the Office of Communication and Marketing

**Esports and gaming labs available days revised**

In response to student preferences, the days when the esports and gaming labs in COG North are available have been revised.

The 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.

To learn more about the labs, please read this [news release](#).

## JOIN US IN THE ESPORTS AND GAMING LABS!

### New Days!

Second floor of COG North

Fun times every Wednesday and Saturday!

6 p.m.

### Free!

### You stop when you want!



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

# TU|ESPORTS



### Key audit continues

The Facilities Management Department has begun its campuswide key audit with employees but still has more areas to visit.

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.

### **Archaeology presentation coming to Tusculum in March**

Dr. Bebel Ibarra, a native Peruvian archaeologist, who now lives in Greeneville, will discuss his recent work on pre-Columbian Andean societies during a lecture on campus Wednesday, March 22, at 2 p.m. The location of his talk is to be determined.

The title of his presentation is “Bioarchaeology and the Cult of the Dead in the Peruvian Andes.” All Tusculum family members are invited to attend.

Dr. Ibarra specializes in Andean archaeology and holds a doctorate in anthropology from Tulane University in New Orleans. His research is focused on bioarchaeology and the study of ancestor veneration and the cult of the dead within the region.

Although human remains analysis has been a particular interest in his studies, through collaborative research, multiple topics such as paleopathology, isotope analyses and DNA sequences have also been addressed. Dr. Bebel teaches anthropology at Walters State Community College. He has been leading the annual Huari–Ancash Bioarchaeological research project in Peru since 2004.



Dr. Bebel Ibarra

### **Summer job opportunities remain 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.

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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](mailto:smcgill@tusculum.edu) if you have any questions

Conservation Core formed on campus

The Conservation Core is a new student-led conservation group that has formed on campus. Senior Jyclyn West, an environmental science major, said the group seeks to preserve and improve the biological world around campus.

The group's most recent project included planting pollinator gardens around Meen and Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center. Members who worked on this project are Joe Calloway, Josh Curray, Breanna Mathes, Andrew Medeck, Mirna Ramirez and West.

The core welcomes students from all majors. The group's next meeting is Wednesday, March 1, at 3 p.m. in Meen Center Room 019.



Conservation Core members plant a pollinator garden near Behan Arena Theatre on the lower level of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center. In the photo are, left to right, Mirna Ramirez, Joseph Medeck and Breanna Mathes. Photo from Jyclyn West

### **Valentine's Day art events draw large crowds!**

The lobby of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center was packed Tuesday night with couples and individuals who wanted to paint under the tutelage of Bill Bledsoe, assistant professor of art and design.

Couples Painting Night, which sold out, attracted Tusculum faculty and staff members as well as several residents throughout East Tennessee! They had an opportunity to paint a Paris scene, and enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music and dancers from Central Ballet.

Earlier, Tusculum family members and community members celebrated the opening of the newest location for the Clem Allison Gallery. The event featured 16 pieces of art belonging to Bledsoe, an accomplished local artist for 45 years, including the last seven years as the leader of Tusculum's studio art program.

During the gallery event, Bledsoe said Allison, who served as director of the division of arts and humanities at Tusculum before his retirement, is just as genuine, kind and considerate today as he was the first time they met. He called Allison a mentor and encourager and said they engage in many conversations about life. He was pleased the gallery was named in Allison's honor.

Allison returned the compliment, saying Bledsoe has done a phenomenal job with the art program and taken it far beyond what Allison was able to do. He praised the lighting and layout in the gallery and said the new setting is beautiful and ideally located near the Marilyn duBrisk Theatre.

Bledsoe was recognized as one of the top 100 artists of Tennessee in 1987, and his work is part of a permanent collection in the Frist Art Museum in Nashville. He was commissioned to create a painting celebrating the 225th anniversary of Tennessee and Jonesborough, the state's oldest town.

He is well-known in the region for spearheading the campaign to rename Tennessee's NFL football team when it moved from Houston, and he worked with NFL properties, ownership and the state of Tennessee on this endeavor.

You can learn more about Bledsoe in this [news release](#).

To see photos in addition to the ones below, please visit [this collection](#).



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SEND US AN INTERLIBRARY LOAN REQUEST!





Top photo: Bill Bledsoe, left, assistant professor of art and design, speaks with the crowd at the start of Couples Painting Night. Bottom photo: Bledsoe and Clem Allison share a moment in front of one of Bledsoe's paintings in the new gallery. Photos by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Faculty and students saw 22 different species of birds during event Friday**

A group of students, faculty members and an expert from the community walked around campus Friday and found a lot of birds.

The group participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Using binoculars as needed, they saw 22 different species, including the belted kingfisher, yellow-rumped warbler, tufted titmouse, eastern blue bird and turkey vulture

This is the fifth year Tusculum has participated in this national event. We are fortunate to have such a fantastic campus that has so many opportunities to explore nature – from our arboretum to the Paul E. Hayden Educational Wetland, to the creeks and new trails. The abundance of natural resources strengthens our science programs and enhances the campus living and working experience.

[This gallery](#) provides photos of the group in action.



The group consisted, left to right, of Jordan Baker, Mirna Ramirez, Jyclyn West, Dr. Susan Monteleone, Thomas Blevins, Dr. Heather Henson-Ramsey and Andrew Medeck. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Support the university through financial donations**

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to complete 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Greeneville Flyboys, an Appalachian League baseball team that plays its home games at Pioneer Park, seeks interns. Students can send their [bbouschart@flyboysbaseball.com](mailto: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](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



### All Tusculum family members

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m., in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons; **Fork in the Road food truck**

Thursday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Sunday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; **auditions for the "5 X 10 Plays"**

### Faculty and staff

Thursday, Feb. 23, 9 a.m., Zoom; **Operation Success Committee**

Friday, Feb. 24, 8:15 a.m., Chalmers Conference Center and Zoom  
(<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/83307317514?pwd=dWdmRTQzRU8xMFV DOTNlc2hiU2JuUT09>); **President's Coffee**

Friday, Feb. 24, 1:30 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; **Faculty Assembly**

### Students

Monday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., indoor practice facility; **5-on-5 soccer**

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 3:30 p.m., Room 106 of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center; **Art and Design Club**

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m., indoor practice facility; **flag football**

Friday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **3-on3 basketball**

### **Community**

Monday, Feb. 20, Tuesday, Feb. 21, Wednesday, Feb. 20, and Thursday, Feb. 21, 4 p.m., Behan Arena Theatre; **Great Literature Alive Well Playing in Greeneville, Tennessee**

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; **Tusculum University Community Band rehearsal**

### **Spiritual**

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Meen Center lecture hall; **Arrowhead Church C+YA (College & Young Adults)**

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., First Christian Church; **PILLAR Young Adult Ministry**

Thursday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m., Meen Center Room 300; **Breaking Bread**

Thursday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m., Tusculum Baptist Church; **SPOT**

Friday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m., Chalmers Conference Center and Zoom; **Theologian-In-Residence**

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; **service by Thrive Church**

### **Athletics**



Senior forward Justin Mitchell, left, led the way Saturday against Newberry College with 21 points and collected 11 off the bench Wednesday against Carson-Newman University. The Pioneers defeated both teams and now stand at 13-10 overall and 9-7 in the South Atlantic Conference. Photo by the Office of Athletic Communications.

Monday, Feb. 20, and Tuesday, Feb. 21, all day, Dade City, Florida; **men's golf team at the Saint Leo Invitational**

Monday, Feb. 20, 1 p.m., Mars Hill University; **men's and women's tennis teams at Mars Hill University**

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Red Edmonds Field; **softball team vs. Bluefield State University**

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m., Pioneer Park; **baseball team vs. Young Harris College**

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m., Nichols Tennis Center; **men's and women's teams vs. Bluefield State University**

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 4 p.m., Pioneer Field; **women's lacrosse team vs. North Greenville University**

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m., Anderson University; **women's basketball team vs. Anderson University**

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m., Anderson University; **men's basketball team vs. Anderson University**

Friday, Feb. 24; Saturday, Feb. 25; and Sunday, Feb. 26, all day, Greensboro, N.C.; **women's bowling team at the Stallings Invitational**

Friday, Feb. 24, 6 p.m., Pioneer Park; **baseball team vs. UVA Wise**

Friday, Feb. 24, 6 p.m., Fort Valley State University; **men's volleyball team vs. Fort Valley State University**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m., Winston-Salem, North Carolina; **indoor track and field teams at the SAC Championship**

Saturday, Feb. 25, noon and 2 p.m., Red Edmonds Field; **softball team vs. Southern Wesleyan University**

Saturday, Feb. 25, noon, Jacksonville, Florida; **beach volleyball team vs. College of Charleston**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Pioneer Park; **baseball team vs. UVA Wise**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m., Wingate University; **men's lacrosse team vs. Wingate University**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m., Pioneer Field; **women's lacrosse team vs. Lees-McRae College**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m., Catawba College; **women's basketball team vs. Catawba College**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m., Morehouse College; **men's volleyball team vs. Morehead College**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m., Catawba College; **men's basketball team vs. Catawba College**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m., Jacksonville, Florida; **beach volleyball team vs. Palm Beach Atlantic University**

Sunday, Feb. 26, 8 a.m., Jacksonville, Florida; **beach volleyball team vs. Jacksonville University**

Sunday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. Jacksonville, Florida; **women's volleyball team vs. The University of Tampa**

Sunday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m., Winston-Salem, North Carolina; **indoor track and field teams at the SAC Championship**

Sunday, Feb. 26, noon and 2 p.m., Red Edmonds Field; **softball team vs. Shepherd University**



Senior guard Blayre Schultz, left, had strong performances last week, leading the Pioneers with 27 points against Newberry College and 22 points against Carson-Newman University. The women's basketball team trounced Newberry and came from behind to defeat Carson-Newman to move to 20-6 overall and 11-5 in the South Atlantic Conference. Photo by the Office of Athletic Communications

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

### **Faculty and staff birthdays**

Wednesday, Feb. 22 – Mike Verna

Friday, Feb. 24 – Dr. Angela Keaton

Saturday, Feb. 25 – Laura Carr



Sunday, Feb. 26 – Thomas Turner

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