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**President's Perspective**

One of my greatest privileges of working at Tusculum is seeing how many gifted and talented students we have who work hard to reach their potential and to become prepared for their careers and callings.

It is also a privilege to work with so many gifted, brilliant, and dedicated faculty and staff who give so much to make a Tusculum education so valuable. We have been given our gifts for more than just ourselves and our future jobs. We have been gifted to make a difference.

Go Pioneers!

Dr. Scott Hummel  
President

### **Word of the Week**

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God...” – Ephesians 4:11-13a ESV

### **Photo of the Week**



Frank Mengel, right, technical director, and Jordan Baker, assistant professor of biology, help build sets for the upcoming "5 X 10 Plays." Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

## **The Old Oak Festival is this weekend!**

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. All Tusculum family members are encouraged to attend. Many faculty, staff and students are involved in various activities associated with the festival.

You can enjoy great food and other vendors, meet authors, listen to great music, see a car show and attend the "5 X 10 Plays." Many others activities will also be available, including a train exhibition and sword fighting, which have been organized by students Hughston Burnheimer and Eirik Dahlgren, respectively.

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](#).



Students Hayley Lazo, Angela Masiello and Madison McGinnis, left to right, took time to enjoy the festival in 2022.

**Critical information about parking during the Old Oak Festival!**



We remind you of important information 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 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” start Friday**

The “5 X 10 Plays” 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.

Each performance consists of five plays lasting about 10 minutes each. Students and staff members are among the play writers and directors for this production, and we urge you to support their outstanding work.

Opening night Friday will have an additional treat. Gary Garrison, an acclaimed playwright and former executive director of the Dramatists Guild of America, will hold a question-and-answer session at the conclusion of the five plays. Every playwright who has penned a 5 X 10 play in previous years has been invited to return for the event. Other professional playwrights are finalizing plans to attend that night or be in town for the second show.

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

You can learn more at <https://site.tusculum.edu/5-x-10s/> and <https://www3.tusculum.edu/news/news/2023/the-5-x-10-plays-return-to-tusculum-for-a-six-show-run-distinguished-national-playwrights-to-attend-opening-weekend/>.



Taylor Bowman, Gracie Moore and Melody Tunnel rehearse “Modern Witches” Friday. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Care for Creation: Earth Week starts today**

Tusculum will observe Care for Creation: Earth Week with three events, starting today, 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 Rev. Dr. Schade holds a doctorate from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. She spoke in the fall via Zoom to our Breaking Bread ministry.

# 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**

**TUSCULUM UNIVERSITY**  
— COLLEGE OF SCIENCES, TECHNOLOGY, & MATHEMATICS —

**BREAKING BREAD ECUMENICAL CAMPUS MINISTRY**

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## Congratulations to the women's tennis team on its conference title!

We congratulate the women's tennis team for winning its seventh regular season South Atlantic Conference championship last week. Tusculum's previous regular season SAC championships came in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010 and 2019.

Next up is the SAC Championship Tournament, where the Pioneers will be the No. 1 seed. Tusculum will play the eighth seed Thursday, April 20 as it seeks to add to its collection of titles earned in 2004, 2008, 2014 and 2017.

The women enter the postseason playing at a high level, with a streak of five consecutive victories, four of which have come against nationally-ranked opponents. You can read more in this [news release](#) from the Office of Athletic Communications.





Junior Paulina Loretz smacks a forehand during the women's tennis team's victory last week over Wingate University. Photo from the Office of Athletic Communications



## Success in recruiting students

The Office of Admission continues to work diligently to recruit additional students to Tusculum and has accomplished an impressive goal.

Dr. Jacob Fait, vice president of enrollment management and financial aid, established a plan for the office to visit every high school in the state. Last week, the office finished last county on the Tennessee map! Congratulations to the admission team for meeting this impressive goal!

Tusculum is up in applications, acceptances and deposits in the traditional and adult and online studies programs.

As a follow-up to the admission team's outreach, the Office of Communications and Marketing has engaged in a geofencing campaign with each of the high schools. This is enabling the university's message to continue to be shared with these schools.



Here is the completed map! Photo from Dr. Jacob Fait

## 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.   |
| CONVOCATION            | Pioneer Arena           | 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.    |

### **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. 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, their subjects and their room assignments, please see the attached document.



Joe Calloway will be one of the presenters at the symposium. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **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.

In addition, he 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

## Enjoy pet therapy dogs on campus Wednesday

Student Support Services and the Office of Student Affairs are teaming to bring pet therapy dogs to campus Wednesday, April 19, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.!

The event will take place in the breezeway of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to visit with the therapy dogs.



## Excellent scholarship news for a student!

Dexler Benjamin, a senior pursuing a major in chemistry, with a pre-pharmacy concentration, as well as a psychology minor, recently received excellent news from Omega Psi Phi, a fraternity to which he belongs.

Benjamin recently learned he had earned more than \$7,000 in scholarship money from the fraternity due to his outstanding 3.82 grade point average. Chuck Sutton, dean of students, said Benjamin might receive an additional \$10,000 for his academic accomplishments.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college. Omega Psi Phi fraternity continues to be on the front line, leveraging its power, influence and more than 100 years of commitment to the uplift of its people and its communities.

We congratulate Benjamin on his achievements and are eager to watch his career progress!





Dexler Benjamin

## Summer and fall registration continues

Students who were unable to participate in Wednesday's pop-up registration event can still register for summer and fall classes. We encourage anyone who has not completed the registration process to take care of this matter as soon as possible.

Taking classes in the summer remains an excellent option for potentially reducing students' course load in the fall or spring or graduating early. Registering for the fall as quickly as possible ensures students have a better chance of being able to enroll in the classes they want and need.

Here are the summer sessions:



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

**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.

## Obtaining housing for the fall

We remind returning students who have not taken care of their housing to complete that task as soon as possible by visiting <https://my.tusculum.edu/forms/housing-lottery-form/>.

**Students cannot participate in the housing lottery if they have not registered for fall classes. 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 need 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](#).

## Checkout procedures for the spring semester

The Office of Student Affairs wants to inform students about proper checkout procedures to avoid charges. **Students who decide to check out before the end of the semester need to understand they are voluntarily terminating their housing contract and will not be refunded.**

Please review these [checkout steps](#).

Students may check out with an RA from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. each day at Student Affairs. If they need to check out between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m., they need to see their RA for a pre-checkout and understand that any damages or cleaning needs that arise afterward will be charged to their account.

**Nongraduating students are required to complete this checkout by Friday, May 5, at 5 p.m.** If they need to stay past this date, they will need to contact Student Affairs for approval.

**Graduating students are required to complete the checkout by Sunday, May 7, at noon.** If they need to stay past this date, they will need to contact Student Affairs for approval.

Students who have questions can contact the Office of Student Affairs at 423-636-7315 or [studentaffairs@tusculum.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@tusculum.edu).

## Angelo Botta to speak today at chapel

Angelo Botta, assistant professor of sport science, 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=SzU1OThWLOtuZThCOEFCVHpLcVRIUT09>.

We look forward to seeing you at chapel!



Angelo Botta

### **Two more Art and design capstone exhibitions remain this month**

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

The remaining students and dates:

- 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. Brooks' will be on display during the Old Oak Festival.

You can read more about these exhibitions in this [news release](#).





Katelyn Brooks

**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.

Go to <https://site.tusculum.edu/printing-requests/> and complete 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 [lmunday@tusculum.edu](mailto:lmunday@tusculum.edu).

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

### **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!



### **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.

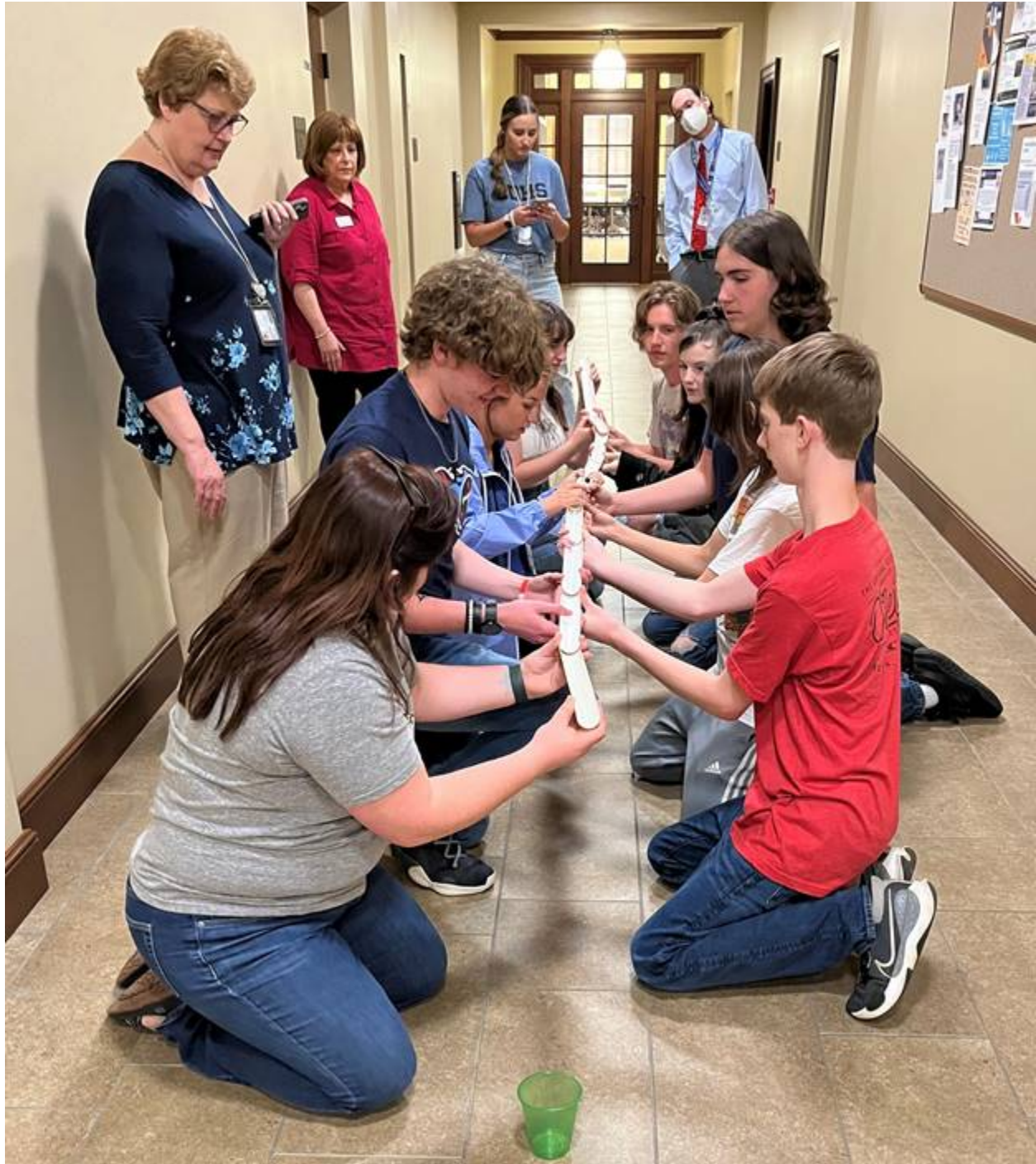
A promotional poster for the 2023 Lantern Festival. The background is black with a pattern of small, glowing yellow circles. At the top, the text 'TU|STUDENT AFFAIRS' is written in a white, serif font. Below this, a solid orange horizontal band contains the title '2023 LANTERN FESTIVAL' in a large, bold, black serif font. The poster is divided into several sections. On the left, an orange square contains the text 'ATTENTION: SPRING 2023 GRADUATES!' at the top, a black silhouette of a lantern with radiating lines in the center, and the text 'WEDNESDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 6PM @ CHALMERS' at the bottom. To the right of this square, there are two more orange rectangular boxes. The top one contains the text: 'The Lantern Festival is a Tusculum tradition where graduating students honor up to two faculty or staff members that have positively impacted their TU experience and one student to carry on their legacy. Reception will follow the ceremony.' The bottom one contains: 'Graduates can RSVP by using QR Code or by emailing chensley@tusculum.edu. Please RSVP by Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.' To the right of the bottom box is a square QR code.

### Bringing local high school students to Tusculum

We were pleased to host students from Chuckey-Doak, West Greene and South Greene high schools on campus for the Old Oak Workshops.

Tusculum faculty, staff, administrators and students held exciting classes for the students in the Meen Center and took them around the campus. These high school students also had an opportunity to eat in the cafeteria.

We commend Vicky Johnson Bós, associate professor of English, for her leadership with this event and thank all of the Tusculum family members who taught a class. You can read more in this [news release](#).



High school students participate in a hands-on project in a class taught by Dr. Miriam Stroder, dean of the College of Education, and Dr. Peggy Goodson-Rochelle, associate professor of education. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

### **Dr. Travis Williams edits new book on the Dead Sea Scrolls**

Continuing his scholarly pursuits, Dr. Travis Williams, professor of religion, contributed two essays to and served as one of the editors of a new book on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Dr. Williams said the essays in the book, “The Dead Sea Scrolls in Ancient Media Culture,” arose from a 2019 conference in London called the “Dead Sea Scrolls and Ancient Media Criticism,” which he helped lead.

He said the conference’s original design was to bring Dead Sea Scrolls scholars working on various aspects of ancient media culture, such as reading, writing, education, textuality, literacy, orality, memory and ritual, into direct dialogue with the work of classicist William A. Johnson, a professor at Duke University. The specific purpose was to explore his theory of reading cultures in the Roman Empire.

Organizers, including Dr. Williams, invited leading Dead Sea Scrolls scholars from around the world to deliver papers on various aspects of ancient media. They also invited Johnson to attend and provide a response from his position as a classicist. The essays are the published proceedings from those discussions.

Both of Dr. Williams’ essays are intended to introduce readers to ancient media studies in different ways. The first provides an overview of how biblical scholars have addressed ancient media culture during the last 20-30 years. The second discusses how issues of textuality have been treated within recent Dead Scrolls scholarship more specifically.

We congratulate Dr. Williams on his latest professional achievement! The book is now available and can be purchased at the publisher’s website (<https://brill.com/display/title/63712>) or any major book seller.



# The Dead Sea Scrolls in Ancient Media Culture

*Edited by*

TRAVIS B. WILLIAMS, CHRIS KEITH,  
AND LOREN T. STUCKENBRUCK

BRILL

## Tusculum faculty member runs successful marathon

Dr. Wei Hu, assistant professor of mathematics, has become an accomplished runner in his spare time.

Recently, Dr. Hu ran the Knoxville Marathon in 3 hours and 9 minutes and placed first in his age group and 25th overall. He describes the course as extremely hilly, with more than 1,200 feet ascent. He said he was proud to run the race in a Tusculum University singlet.

Dr. Hu previously ran in the Boston Marathon and finished in the median position.



Dr. Wei Hu proudly wears his medal at the race's conclusion. Photo from Dr. Hu

## Welcoming back Josh Ealy!

Tusculum held a news conference Monday, April 10, to formally welcome Josh Ealy as our new athletic director.

Ealy takes the reins of the athletic department today and will serve as a member of the Executive Cabinet. He returns to Tusculum after having previously served as associate athletic director and has a long Tusculum resume. He earned a bachelor's degree in sport management and a master's degree in organizational training and performance management from the university and played basketball for the Pioneers from 2004-2007.

You can watch a story by WJHL, a local television station, about Ealy [here](#).



The new first family of Tusculum athletics is Josh Ealy; his wife, Carrie; their son, Jaxton; and their daughter, Caroline

## Wishing Doug Jones well at his reception

We appreciate everyone who attended the reception for Doug Jones prior to the conclusion of his service with Tusculum after 26 years.



The event was heartfelt, and Jones was clearly emotional as he addressed the audience. Many people within the Tusculum family as well as fans of the athletic program attended. Randy Loggins, who served as associate athletic director for operations at Tusculum before accepting an athletic leadership position at Converse University, returned for the occasion.

In addition to the photo below, you can see others on Tusculum's [Facebook page](#).



Left to right are Randy Loggins, Bobbie Clarkston, Doug Jones, Josh Ealy and Dom Donnelly. Photo by the Office of Communications and Marketing

**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**

## 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 banner on the left with a Rotary logo and a Ukrainian flag. In the center, a blue heart is held by two yellow hands, with the text 'RESTORE UKRAINE' below it. The main title 'Dinner Art Auction and Fundraiser' is in large blue letters. Below it, a paragraph describes the event: '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.' The keynote speaker is 'Co-founder Yaro Hnatusko'. The bottom left contains details about the silent auction, dinner, and donation matching. The bottom right includes an envelope icon, an RSVP deadline of April 14, contact information for David Varney, and check payment instructions.

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

## 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.

For information about Restore Ukraine, go to [restore-ukraine.org](http://restore-ukraine.org)

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

## 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 have provided free webinars for faculty and staff members related to supporting first-generation college students. The remaining one for the spring is Monday, May, 15, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The webinar, available through Zoom, is a pre-recorded presentation from a higher education expert. You can learn the names, Zoom links and details of the presentation [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. The remaining date for the spring semester is April 26. The shuttle leaves 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 18, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Wednesday, April 19, 11 a.m., breezeway of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons; **pet therapy**

Wednesday, April 19, 11 a.m., in front of the Scott M. Niswonger Commons; **Southern Cross food truck**

Thursday, April 20, 10:30 a.m., Pioneer Arena; **Honors Convocation**

Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m., Old Gym; **REFIT exercise class**

Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, 7 p.m., Behan Arena Theater; **"5 X 10 Plays"**

Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m., Tusculum campus; **Old Oak Festival**

Sunday, April 23, 10 a.m., Tusculum campus; **Old Oak Festival**

Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m., Behan Arena Theatre; **"5 X 10 Plays"**

### **Faculty and staff**

Wednesday, April 19, 9 a.m., Geneva Conference Room; **Diversity Committee**

Thursday, April 20, 9 a.m., Zoom; **Operation Success Committee**

### **Students**

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

Wednesday, April 19, 6 p.m., Zoom; **College of Education Virtual Honor Awards Ceremony**

Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m., Pioneer Field; **Student-Athlete Appreciation Day**

### **Spiritual**

Monday, April 17, 3:30 p.m., The Pioneer Perk and Zoom

(<https://tusculum.zoom.us/j/89872872826?pwd=SzU1OTthWL0tuZThCOEFCVHpLcVRIUT09>); chapel

Monday, April 17, 8 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m. Meen Center lecture hall; **Arrowhead Church C+YA (College & Young Adults)**

Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m., First Christian Church; **PILLAR Young Adult Ministry**

Thursday, April 20, 8 p.m., Tusculum Baptist Church; **SPOT**

Sunday April 23, 2 p.m., Meen Center lecture hall; **service by Thrive Church**

### **Community**

Monday, April 17, 4 p.m., Behan Arena Theatre; **Great Literature Alive Well Playing in Greeneville, Tennessee**

Tuesday, April 18, 6 p.m., Marilyn duBrisk Theatre; **Tusculum University Community Band rehearsal**

### **Athletics**





Midfielder Jordan Daniel, left, a graduate student, compiled nine assists, a Tusculum record, in Saturday's men's lacrosse game against Newberry College at Pioneer Field. Photo by the Office of Athletic Communications

Monday, April 17, and Tuesday, April 18, all day, Hickory, North Carolina; **men's golf team at the SAC Championship**

Tuesday, April 18, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Red Edmonds Field; **softball team vs. UVA Wise**

Friday, April 21, 6 p.m., Pioneer Park; **baseball team vs. Anderson University**

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m., Hickory, North Carolina; **outdoor track and field teams at the LR Bears Invitational**

Saturday, April 22, noon, Mars Hill University; **women's lacrosse team at Mars Hill University**

Saturday, April 22, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Pioneer Park; **baseball team vs. Anderson University**

Saturday, April 22, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Red Edmonds Field; **softball team vs. Newberry College**

Saturday, April 22, 3 p.m., Mars Hill University; **men's lacrosse team vs. Mars Hill University**



Senior midfielder Kamryn McNeil, 23, scored a goal against Newberry College in Saturday's game at Pioneer Field. Photo from the Office of Athletic Communications

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

## Faculty and staff birthdays

Tuesday, April 18 – Kyle Dickey

Thursday, April 20 – Melissa Dixon

Saturday, April 22 – Jim Miller

Saturday, April 22 – Vanessa Fyfe

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**Go Pioneers!**

