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# Tusculum First

The Tusculum First Campaign is a comprehensive initiative to improve all aspects of the Tusculum experience, particularly those areas that most affect students and their ability to achieve. This campaign strives to increase the overall quality of life at Tusculum College and to create within the Tusculum community the best possible environment for learning. New construction and renovations, expansion of academic programs and technological improvements are key elements as Tusculum College steps out to be first - in our community, in our region and in reputation.



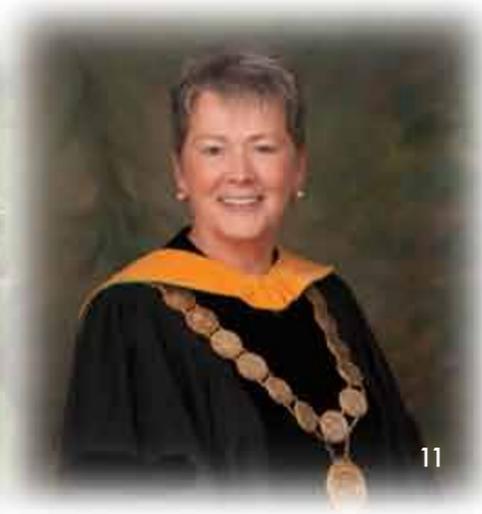
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<p><b>1794</b> FIRST college in Tennessee</p>	<p><b>1806</b> FIRST institution in Tennessee to educate an African-American</p>	<p><b>1878</b> FIRST Presbyterian-affiliated institution to admit women</p>	<p><b>1884</b> Nettie Fowler McCormick, the college's first benefactor, makes her first gift to the college</p>	<p><b>1927</b> Tusculum receives its first accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools under leadership of President Charles Oliver Gray</p>	<p><b>1962</b> Katherine Hall is constructed, the first of five buildings added to campus during a 10-year span</p>	<p><b>1984</b> FIRST college in East Tennessee to offer programs designed for working adults</p>	<p><b>1991</b> FIRST college east of the Mississippi to adopt focused calendar</p>	<p><b>1999</b> New student center, Niswonger Commons, is opened</p>	<p><b>2002</b> Knoxville Regional Center opens, four new apartment-style residence halls open</p>	<p><b>2005</b> Renovation and expansion of Thomas J. Garland Library</p>	<p><b>2009</b> Dr. Nancy B. Moody becomes the first female president of Tusculum College.</p>	<p><b>2014</b> The Tusculum First Campaign is launched</p>
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# An Institution of Vision

Tusculum College strives to actualize educational excellence and ongoing relevance through our third century by:

- Establishing transformative living and learning communities,
- Reflecting institutional integrity through aspirational leadership and academic innovation,
- Distinguishing Tusculum College alumni as leading citizen-scholars, and
- Maximizing individual, group and community fiscal support and partnerships to promote innovation.



Throughout her history, Tusculum College has embraced three timeless values. We believe in:

## INTEGRITY

Encompassing honesty and trustworthiness, all members of the Tusculum community value and live with integrity, respect and virtue in communications, relationships and actions.

## EDUCATION

We value a balanced education grounded in the civic and liberal arts and career preparedness. Our goal is for students to develop practical wisdom, global literacy, critical and independent thinking and an appreciation for life-long learning, diversity and inclusion.

## CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

We value our unique heritage in the civic arts and the Judeo-Christian tradition and seek to develop leaders who are citizen-scholars and will serve their communities throughout the world.

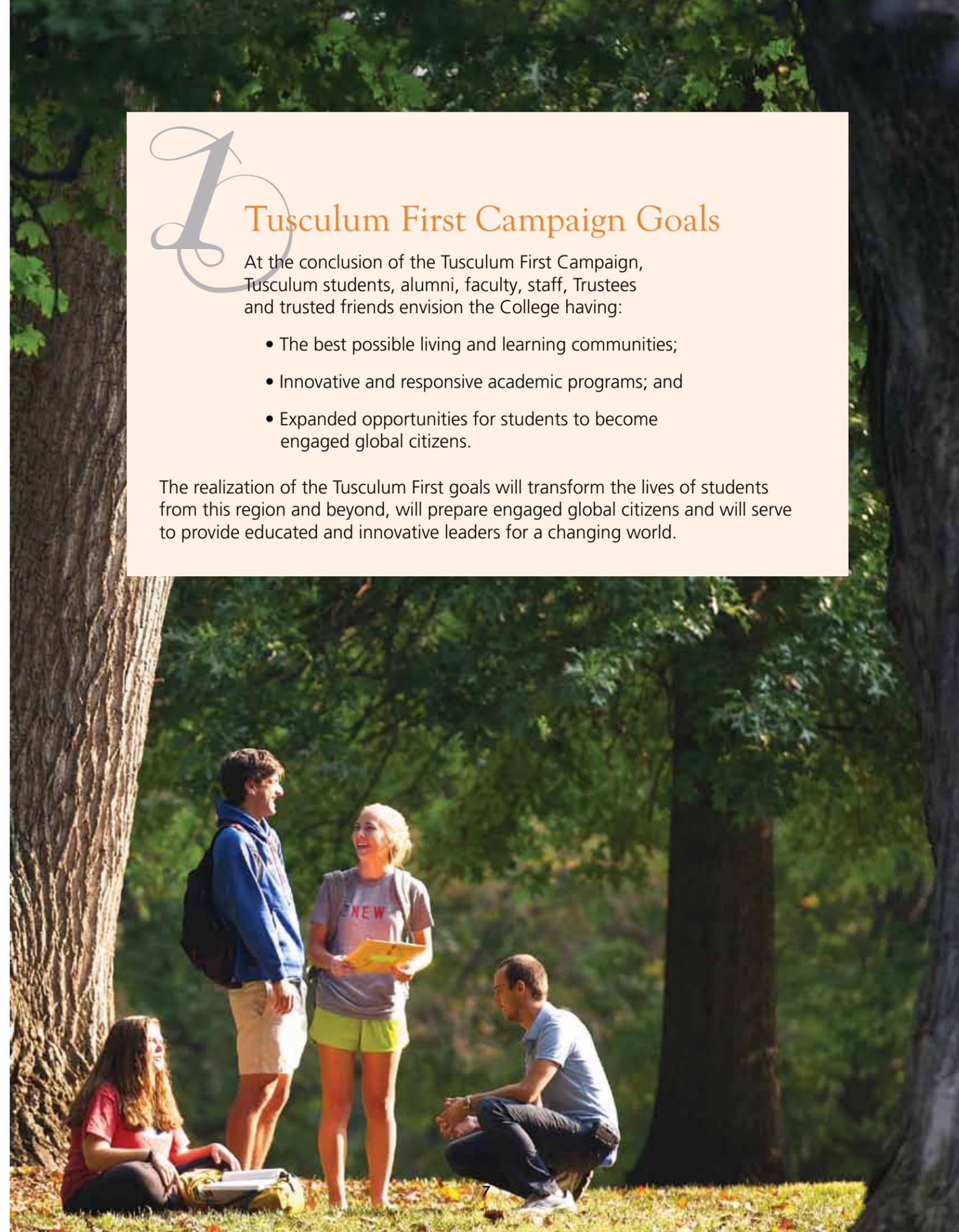


## Tusculum First Campaign Goals

At the conclusion of the Tusculum First Campaign, Tusculum students, alumni, faculty, staff, Trustees and trusted friends envision the College having:

- The best possible living and learning communities;
- Innovative and responsive academic programs; and
- Expanded opportunities for students to become engaged global citizens.

The realization of the Tusculum First goals will transform the lives of students from this region and beyond, will prepare engaged global citizens and will serve to provide educated and innovative leaders for a changing world.





## CONSTRUCTION

- Center for Science and Math  
Tredway Hall Renovation..... \$10 million
- Environmental Resources and Facilities  
Center..... \$2 million
- Student Life Improvements ..... \$3 million

## ACADEMIC RESOURCES

- Technology ..... \$1 million
- Academic Programs ..... \$2 million



ENDOWED  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
\$4 million

TUSCULUM  
FUND  
\$3 million

**TOTAL** **\$25 million**

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Students learned how to conduct themselves in a formal dining setting during a recent etiquette dinner.



## Professionalism Focus of New Multi-Year Initiative



“Our students want to be leaders, but they often find themselves in an entry level position with no available leadership opportunities. Not everyone can begin as a leader, but everyone can exhibit professionalism.”  
Dr. Joel Van Amberg

A new initiative at Tusculum College seeks to promote professionalism across campus. Dr. Joel Van Amberg, associate professor of history and director of the Commons program, will be leading an effort with support from the Niswonger Foundation. The Professionalism for Leadership Initiative is designed to cover both academic and co-curricular functions to expand development opportunities for all residential students.

Dr. Van Amberg explained the partnership is tailored to fit three major elements on the Tusculum campus. It recognizes Tusculum is a value-based institution, establishes what behaviors are associated with professionalism and incorporates the presentation of professionalism Tusculum students are already being taught.

“One thing we are strongly emphasizing to our freshmen is that by professionalism, we mean a series of values and behaviors that will help them achieve success in a principled way wherever they are in life,” he said. “Right now, professionalism will help them achieve success in the classroom, and that is their focus. Later on, these same professional values will help them in the job market and in achieving success in their chosen field.”

Activities supporting the program began this fall. Programs focusing on behavior, etiquette, networking and job seeking preparation have been integrated into new student orientation programs and the Tusculum Experience course, as well as through Student Affairs, Student Support Services, Arts Outreach and Career Services programs and into the classroom curricula.

Students have had several opportunities this semester to participate in activities to increase their professionalism, including an information session with skit performances on “what not to do in an interview” and opportunities to learn tips to create a professional resumé.

Additionally, several courses are providing parallel assignments that tie to the course topic and also to the professionalism initiative.

Van Amberg added that the goal is for students to acquire knowledge of and begin to articulate an identification with professional values such as commitment to excellence, integrity, honesty, expertise, humility, respect, compassion, awareness of personal boundaries and comportsment/professional self-control.

# Not Treading Water



## Academic Resources

### Hawkins Finds Tusculum An Excellent Preparation For Graduate School

Ariel Hawkins '13, an environmental science and biology major while at Tusculum, has used her degree to enter into the master's program in marine and environmental science at the University of the Virgin Islands.

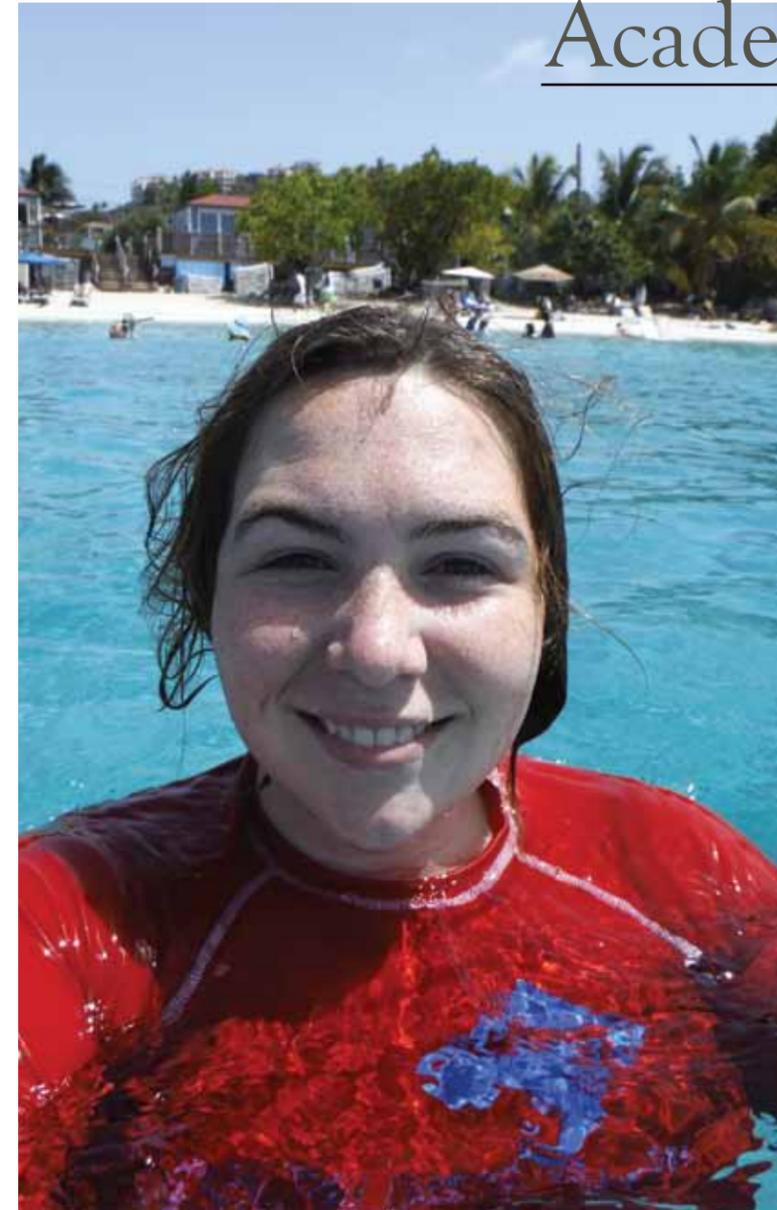
"I was so ecstatic," Hawkins explained. "There were a tense few months while I stressed over how I was going to pay for grad school, but, luckily I was granted a teaching assistantship and I was able to attend."

Before being accepted into the program, Hawkins worked as the watershed development coordinator for the Middle Nolichucky Watershed Alliance. She also participated in an internship the summer before her senior year in Walpole, Maine, where she worked with the University of Maine's Research Center assisting a team of senior marine biologists and graduate students under faculty member Dr. Robert Steneck.

"Tusculum really helped prepare me because, for one, the block schedule already had me primed for long, intense class sessions, so the nine-to-five class schedule didn't wear me out as much as it did some of the other students," Hawkins said.

“I had a much more extensive background in basic environmental science than some of my peers, so that a good portion of my initial classes were more of a review.”

*Ariel Hawkins '13  
pictured to the left with her fellow students in the  
Virgin Islands*



Tusculum seeks to expose students to the latest ideas, developments and technology by providing programs that will prepare them for the jobs of the future.

Community has become an important part of her grad school experience. "There's always someone to go out on the boat with you to collect samples or to be your dive buddy. If you can't figure out how to work the stereomicroscope that's probably too expensive to have been trusted to you anyway, there's always a friend to hold your hand and take you through the steps. This is a vital component to grad school success that I did not consider when I was first applying - the community support."

Hawkins added, "I was lucky that I ended up in a school that has a small program with professors who are always willing to spend time helping you out."

Hawkins is now living in the Virgin Islands while she completes her degree. She has a little apartment overlooking a harbor where she can see Puerto Rico and watch cruise ships come in. The relaxed island culture is something she says she will miss after graduating, but added that, "This school is very similar to Tusculum in that respect, and I think that accounts for much of my success here."

"I have never had so much fun in my whole life. I also would never have guessed that my thesis research and personal passion would turn out to be the life history and behavior of sea slugs."

By Ryan Barker

Senior history and creative writing major  
from Laurens, S.C.



# Academic Resources

## Patterson Seeks Ways to Motivate Student Writers

Tusculum's faculty are a rare and unique breed, as working with students in three-hour blocks calls for talent, creativity and a constant desire to learn new innovative techniques and interesting methods to engage students. This is certainly true with Heather Patterson, assistant professor of English and chair of the English Department.

Patterson recently received a fellowship to attend the Salzburg Global Seminar in hopes of bringing back new ideas to motivate her student writers.

The seminar Patterson attended was "Defining America: New Writing, New Voices, New Directions," and focused on changing patterns in the American identity through literature. It included a look at the diminishing bookstores and the voices of new and established writers in an attempt to find out what direction America is heading.

"We have only exceptional writers on our faculty in Arts and Sciences," said Wayne Thomas, interim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. "Heather, being selected for a Salzburg Seminar, evidences that she's amongst the best. Heather's selection is quite an honor to her and to the institution that is Tusculum College."

Patterson explained that the Salzburg Global Seminar tendered an "important dialogue that I can bring back to my institution to enhance the work we've undergone to revamp our literature concentration. Since Tusculum College has made a commitment to exposing students to

works often excluded by older models of literary canon, I'd like to return from this Salzburg Seminar with new ideas and approaches to introducing our students to 'voices, writing, directions' that have not only been neglected in the past, but that are also now emerging around us due to demographic changes, new connections made available through expanding technologies and changes in political climates."

"My participation in this seminar will certainly aid in my mission to process the ways in which American writing is changing, the reasons for these changes and how I might open our literary journal and classrooms to the consideration of these transformations."

She added, "I'm proud to represent Tusculum College in Salzburg. This is a global seminar, so I will be able ~ and so will those who are afforded the opportunity after me ~ to enter into a conversation that isn't restricted by geographic boundaries, an important conversation that centers on imagination, sustainability and justice, the themes of the seminar that hold keys to human progress."

Patterson came to Tusculum in 2008. Her fiction was selected to receive an Association of Writers and Writing Programs Intro Award, and her short fiction has been published in a number of literary journals. She currently serves as fiction and managing editor of *The Tusculum Review*.

By Ryan M. Barker

Senior creative writing and history major from Laurens, S.C.



Heather Patterson



Hohensalzburg Castle in Salzburg

# Academic Resources



By integrating the use of technology, social media and virtual experiences, we'll provide an advanced, real-world learning experience that prepares students for a 21st-century world.

## College Moves Toward Technology Standardization

In July 2011, Tusculum College embarked on an ambitious technology program that will support the goals of the College for years to come.

In the past academic year, both the Knoxville and Morristown locations have been moved under one network umbrella along with the Greeneville campus, allowing for devices to be serviced and managed from one location. The implementation of Thin Client Technology has allowed Information Systems to centralize management of software and hardware, as all of the work is done on the server. In layman's terms, Thin Client Technology means that Information Services can make one change or update on the server then push that out to all terminals in a lab.

A 24-station computer lab was replaced with Thin Client Technology in Morristown. At the Knoxville Center, 42 Thin Client Technology terminals were installed as replacements for computer labs and faculty and staff work stations.

According to Dr. Blair Henley, chief technology officer, the ultimate goal is to standardize technology in every classroom utilized by faculty, thereby providing them access to current educational technology trends to assure the best experience possible for faculty and students.

In addition, a new mobile distance learning cart was installed in Knoxville.

On the academic side, Tusculum College started its dual enrollment online program thanks to a partnership with the Niswonger Foundation's I3 grant. Students from about half of the 29 high schools supported by The Niswonger Foundation/I3 grant have taken courses thus far.

One of the biggest markers in the technology improvement plan hit in the past year was the campus wide wireless access achieved on the Greeneville campus, added Dr. Henley. "We now have a completely managed, wireless access solution that affords faculty, staff, students and campus visitors a fast, reliable experience in accessing network resources and data," he said.

In order for Tusculum to prepare its graduates for a global society, information technology must be explored and used. To this end, it becomes vital that the College have a strong infrastructure, for which the Tusculum First campaign will provide support.

# Learning and Living Spaces

The new nearly 100,000-square-foot Ronald H. and Verna June Meen Center for Science and Math will enable a more advanced science and math education, making Tusculum graduates more attractive to employers and more competitive and prepared for graduate and professional schools.



**An Enhanced Tredway Hall**  
With all science programs moving to the new Center for Science and Math, Tredway Hall will be renovated to provide classroom space for new academic programs and to meet the space needs of existing programs. The College is committed to providing technologically advanced, flexible teaching and learning environments that will accommodate the needs of both students and faculty.

### Environmental Resources and Facilities Center

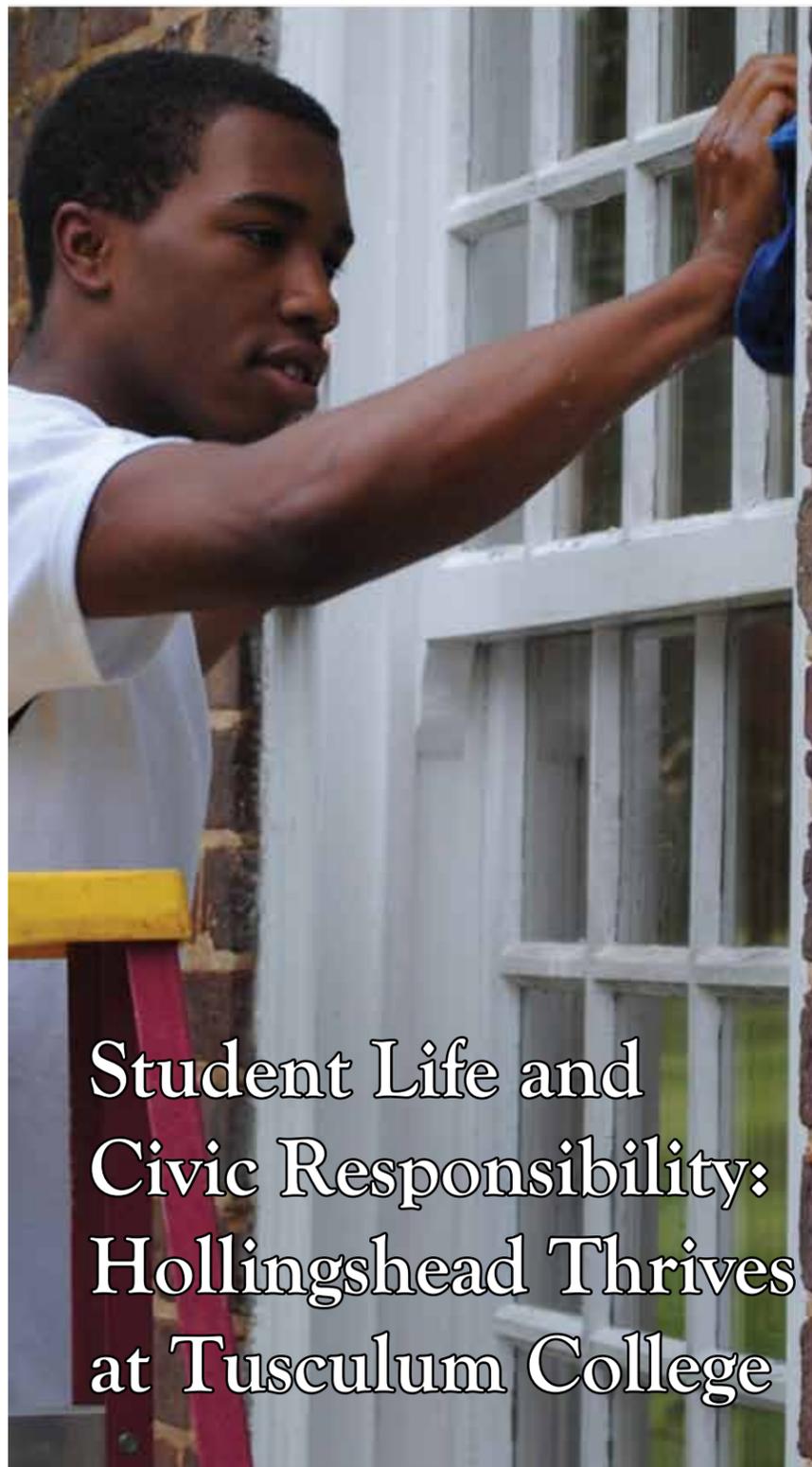
The new environmental resources center will inspire in our students, and students outside Tusculum, a desire to be environmentally responsible and to leave the world a better place.



### Student Life Improvements

These improvements will provide our growing student population a healthy balance between work and community, helping them to develop not just as scholars but as whole persons.

# Living and Learning Spaces



Student Life and Civic Responsibility: Hollingshead Thrives at Tusculum College

“Academics are great, but student life and getting involved on campus helps set you apart. Student life activities teach organizational skills and team building. By taking an active part in campus life, you can improve yourself and build your personal brand. It shows what you have to offer.”

*Steven Hollingshead*

As an entering freshman, Steven Hollingshead decided he would try Tusculum College for a year and then most likely transfer to another school. Four years later, Steven is still at Tusculum and has become a respected campus leader.

The Memphis native recalls that he originally had decided to go to Johnson and Wales University in New Jersey but then received an offer from Tusculum. He visited the College and fell in love with the campus during his tour.

When he got to campus as a student, Steven decided to immerse himself in college life and joined 22 student organizations. Yes, 22 student organizations, and his experiences, including organizing the first Midnight Madness basketball event that attracted a large number of the student body, helped Steven make the decision to stay at least another year at Tusculum as his freshman spring term came to an end.

“I wanted to take advantage of every experience that was available to me at college,” he said. “I want students to see that there is so much to college life.”

During his sophomore year at Tusculum, Steven became an Orientation Leader and a PAL (Peer Academic Leader), working with conditionally admitted students. He took on leadership roles in the Student Government Association (SGA), the Black Student Union (BSU) and the Student Activities Board.

By the end of his sophomore year, there wasn't a decision to be made. Tusculum was his college.

A business major, Steven became an integral part of the “Help Me Help You” program, a student-led initiative that provides assistance to local small businesses and entrepreneurs and its outgrowth, the Center for Economic Development and Entrepreneurship. The Bonner Leader student service organization and the Pioneer Green Team have also benefited from his

commitment to helping others and service. As a member of the Pioneer Dance Team, he has helped entertain spectators at football and basketball games.

His favorite organizations have been SGA and BSU, and he has served as president of both organizations. Currently, he is secretary of SGA and president emeritus of BSU, helping train the new leaders. Both the SGA and BSU “can create a voice for anyone who may have not felt they had one before.”

Steven's activities have already helped him professionally. He was the first Tusculum student to be awarded a Bonner Service Fellow internship during his junior year. He worked with the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy in Memphis. His internship brought networking opportunities, grant writing experience, an opportunity to meet city leaders and a better understanding of the ways entities in a community work together.

This fall, Steven finished his second internship with Enterprise. This helped him secure a position with the company after he graduates. He is appreciative to Robin Lay, director of career services, for telling him about the job fair where he made his initial contact with Enterprise.

Continuing his education is part of Steven's future plans. He wants to go to graduate school and pursue his MBA and eventually a master's in business law. But, these are not the only degrees he wants to earn. Eventually, he says he wants to earn 10 degrees in a variety of areas including English, math and criminal justice. Keenly interested in political science, Steven has another aspiration – president of the United States. With his drive, work ethic and commitment to serve others, it would not be surprising if there is a Tusculum alum in the White House one day.

By Eugenia Estes '04  
Associate Director of College Communications

Serving as president of the Student Government Association gave Steven a number of opportunities to continue to develop his public speaking skills, such as the international flag dedication ceremony.



# Living and Learning Spaces



Career Services  
Provides  
Guidance  
For Life  
After Tusculum

What am I going to do after I graduate?

The Office of Career Services seeks to help students and alumni answer that all important question with services available as soon as they enter Tusculum College.

The mission of the Tusculum College Office of Career Services is to equip students with the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities required beyond the classroom to successfully transition from college to either graduate school or the world of work.

The Office of Career Services offers assistance with career planning and employment resources for Tusculum College students and alumni. Career Services is also an important resource for employers to connect with Tusculum students.

“Career Services is designed to support all of our students, but we also work with alumni in a variety of ways,” said Robin E. Lay, director of career services. “In addition to helping students prepare to enter the workforce, we also offer alumni similar services and provide alumni a direct link to the hiring of our students.”

Lay added that recent graduates of Tusculum College are



Robin Lay

encouraged to use the same career services that are available to current Tusculum students. Some of these resources include advice on updating resumes, job search strategies, networking tips, building a LinkedIn profile and providing job search guides. The Office brings employers to campus to interview students for open positions. Sessions with graduate school representatives are also scheduled during the year.

A wide array of services are available to help students decide what careers may be right for them. Assessment instruments help students realize their strengths and direct them towards potential careers.

Career assessments measure several critical areas that are important to choosing and succeeding in a career, including personality, interest, work values and vocational skills. The Office of Career Services assists students in understanding the career assessment and deciding on career paths.

“These career assessments are only the beginning of the services offered to students,” said Lay. “The Office of Career Services also provides students with job and internship opportunities, career advice, resumé and interview tips, graduate school resources, career search resources, an on-campus recruitment program, career workshops and fairs.”

Services are provided to all students, including those in both the Residential and Graduate and Professional Studies programs. For more information about the assistance offered by the Office of Career Services, contact Lay at rlay@tusculum.edu or 423-636-7447.

# Science, Education Define Alumna's Life of Service

Dr. Judy Domer and her husband Floyd ride in the Homecoming 2012 parade. She received the Pioneer Award from the Alumni Association that year.



Science and education have been key threads in the professional and personal life of Dr. Judith Elaine Kofroth Domer '61 since the days she walked under the Old Oak and climbed the steps of Tredway Hall.

Throughout her life, Dr. Domer has exemplified the ideals of Tusculum College and has faithfully served her Alma Mater. She is a former president of the Alumni Association, and she currently serves on the Tusculum College Board of Trustees. She has been recognized and honored for her many accomplishments over the years. She was the 2012 recipient of the Pioneer Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Tusculum College Alumni Association.

“We were very pleased when Judy accepted our invitation to join the Board of Trustees,” said Chair of the Board Kenneth A. Bowman, a 1970 graduate of Tusculum College. “Higher education and support for Tusculum College have been key components throughout her personal and professional life, and many have benefited greatly from her input and influence as she helps the college grow in its endeavors.”

Dr. Domer has excelled in her professional life and is an example to our current students of the successes that await them if they work hard and stay the course. Dr. Domer has been the president of the Medical Mycological Society of the Americas, served on the editorial boards of several journals, most notably “Infection and Immunity” and “Clinical Microbiology Reviews,” served as the chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee for the American Society for Microbiology and had appointments to several Study Sections at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

While at Tusculum College she was a member of Alpha

Chi National Honor Society and a Charles Oliver Gray Scholar. She graduated *magna cum laude*. Before graduation, she was recruited to Tulane University Medical School by a female scientist who was the principal investigator on a grant designed to educate students in the field of medical mycology, the study of fungi that are of medical importance. The training grant provided funds to cover tuition, books, research expenses and living expenses, so that students had only to work diligently toward a degree. Her dissertation was awarded the Sigma Xi Award for best Ph.D. dissertation at Tulane University in 1966.

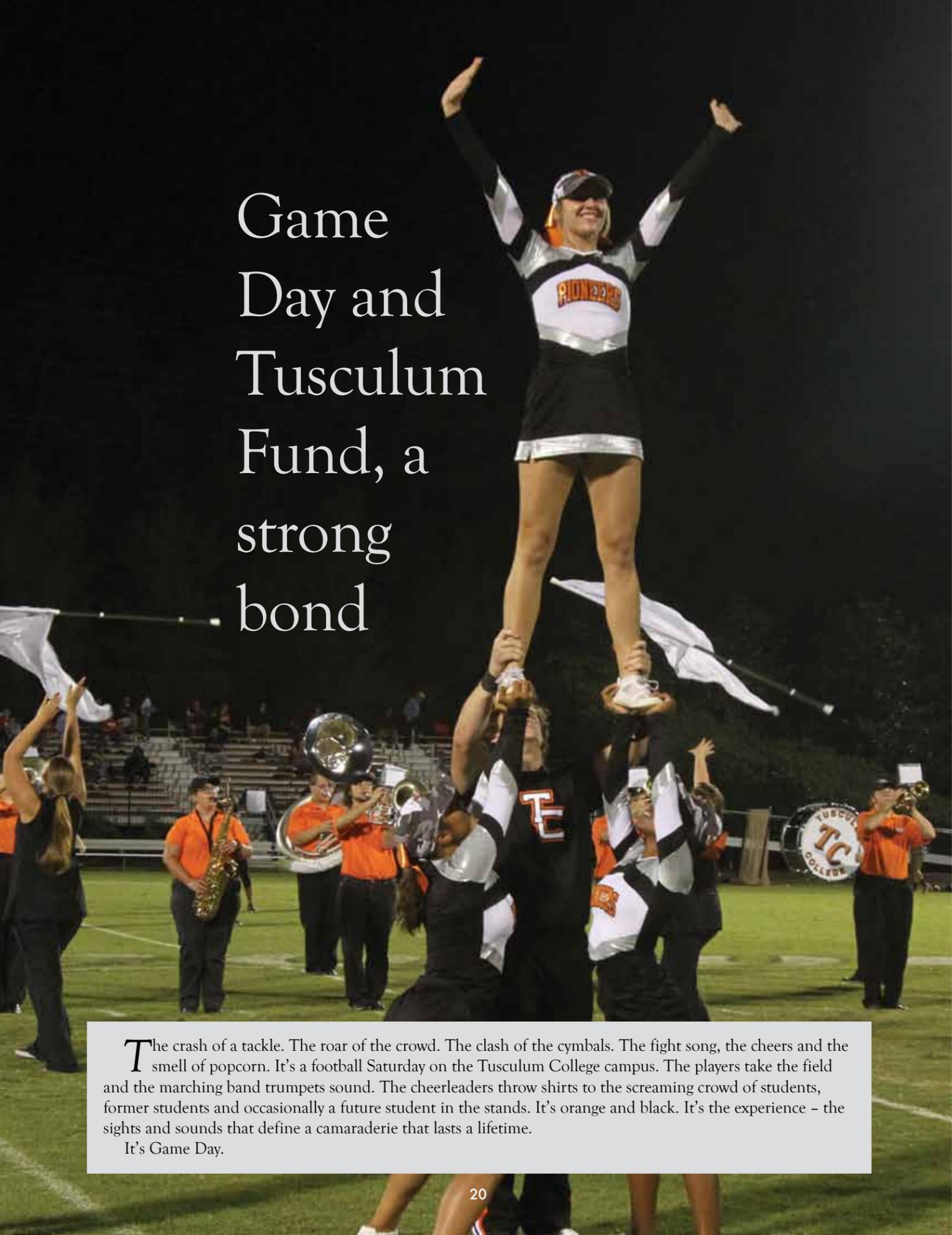
During her tenure at Tulane University, Dr. Domer was heavily involved in research, mentored postdoctoral fellows and graduate students who did research in her laboratory and taught both medical and graduate students in the areas of medical mycology and immunology.

In 1996, she was awarded the Virginia Furrow Medical Education Award at Tulane Medical School for her teaching. Her research over the years resulted in 68 publications in refereed journals. This heavy involvement in research also led to her appointment to various Study Sections at NIH and the Veterans Administration, and as a reviewer for Howard Hughes Predoctoral Fellowships.

In 1997, she became the dean of the graduate school and the chief research officer for Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., from which she retired in 2004.

In 1965, Dr. Domer married Dr. Floyd Domer, a distinguished scientist and educator, who was on the faculty at Tulane Medical School from the early 1960s through 1997. He was later an adjunct professor in the Department of Biology at Appalachian State University.

# Game Day and Tusculum Fund, a strong bond



The crash of a tackle. The roar of the crowd. The clash of the cymbals. The fight song, the cheers and the smell of popcorn. It's a football Saturday on the Tusculum College campus. The players take the field and the marching band trumpets sound. The cheerleaders throw shirts to the screaming crowd of students, former students and occasionally a future student in the stands. It's orange and black. It's the experience – the sights and sounds that define a camaraderie that lasts a lifetime.

It's Game Day.

# Endowed Scholarships



Each year, the College relies heavily on the continuous and generous contributions of dedicated alumni, friends, parents and organizations of all types to support important academic and co-curricular programs. Considered the lifeblood of the College, the Tusculum Fund provides key support for student scholarships, athletics, library resources, technology, departmental budgets and academic programs.

In a single fall afternoon, the Tusculum Fund touches the lives of a significant portion of the Tusculum College community.

Senior saxophone player Katie Sadowski from Hartselle, Ala., had never played an instrument before joining the Tusculum College band. The Tusculum Fund, which supports the Pioneer Band program and other student organizations, provided that opportunity for Katie and many others like her.

Senior math education major Lizzie Talley of Fairview, Tenn., cheers from the sidelines while freshman tackle Matt Simon of Lithonia, Ga., paces the sideline ready to return to the game. The Tusculum Fund supports athletics, from football to cheerleading to soccer to lacrosse. Students like Lizzie and Matt depend on the support to provide them the outlets to do what they love.

The Tusculum Fund allows Stephanie Turner, a junior journalism major from Shelbyville, Tenn., to participate in flag corp and the campus handbell choir and supports her as a student leader in the English Student Organization, the Frontier Magazine and other student organizations. These outlets are preparation for Stephanie's future career.

The Tusculum Fund underpins the athletic training program that supports all the Pioneer teams, and the students who never fail to execute their role on the sideline with professionalism and expertise.

One glance around reveals a multitude of opportunities available to Tusculum students in one place because of the support provided by the Tusculum Fund. Athletics, music, dance and career preparation. It is all there, and it works and thrives because of the support by so many Pioneers and



friends of the College. The Tusculum Fund is what makes the Tusculum experience. The Tusculum Fund provides those extras that make the college experience become those oft-told stories at alumni events.

Senior art education major David Nunez from Greeneville, Tenn., has been part of the Tusculum College band program from the day it began. Headed toward graduation, Nunez joins the band as a volunteer for one more game doing the thing he loves the most, playing drums. The band program has been one of the highlights of his time at Tusculum.

Those memories, these friends, these relationships will last a life time. Game Day, it is so many memories in the making.

By Suzanne Richey '14  
Director of College Communications

# Endowed Scholarships

## GPS Scholarships Recognize Students Who Excel

Scholarships for students in Tusculum College's Graduate and Professional Studies program are a part of not only providing financial aid, but recognizing excellence among those students who excel.

Michael Fawley '14 received the 2013-14 American Society for Training and Development scholarship award from the organization's Smokey Mountain Chapter. The scholarship was created to encourage student excellence in the human resource development program.

"Our chapter has a heart for supporting training in the local community, and what better way to do that than through education," said Past President Allison Miller about the group's decision to support their profession through an educational scholarship.

Recipients are selected who have high financial need, who have shown academic promise and who are committed to being active and involved in the field of training and development. Preference is given to adult students studying on the Knoxville campus of Tusculum College.



Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody congratulates Michael Fawley on his scholarship during a banquet last spring.

Fawley is employed by Energizer as a marketing analyst in Knoxville and has now earned a master's degree in education in human resource development at Tusculum College. He is a member of ASTD, vice president of the East Tennessee Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication and a member of the Institute for Packing Professionals.

In addition to his degree at Tusculum, Fawley has a Master of Business Administration and a bachelor's degree in English, both from the University of Tennessee.

Amanda Holt '12 was presented the 2012-13 Jean Hixon Memorial Award, named in honor of a long-time member of the Graduate and Professional Studies staff. Designed to recognize academic achievement, the Jean Hixon Memorial Award recipients are chosen by Tusculum faculty as students who have demonstrated academic achievement with a GPA of 3.50 or better and dedicated community service.

Holt is a first grade teacher at Centerview Elementary School in Bybee, Tenn., and earned her bachelor's degree in education.

"Scholarships for our adult students are extremely valued," said Michelle Arbogast, associate director for corporate and foundation relations. "These scholarships are a recognition of the hard work and success the students have put forth and achieved."

Endowed scholarships enable students – often first generation and in need of financial aid – to have access to higher education and graduate with as little debt as possible.



Amanda Holt

# News and Notes

## College to host free medical clinic in November

Responding to a regional need, Tusculum College will host a Remote Area Medical (RAM) free health-care clinic, Nov. 8-9.

RAM is a Knoxville-based organization providing free medical care for the uninsured and underinsured. According to Mark Stokes, organizer of the event and chaplain at Tusculum College, response to the call for volunteers has been good.

"This is an event that suits the Civic Arts mission of Tusculum College. There is a documented need for accessible medical care in the area, with more than 600 people expected over the weekend," he said. "We are hosting the event in conjunction with the community. We have hundreds of volunteers, not only from the RAM organization but from Greeneville and Greene County."

During the two-day, weekend clinics, commonly called expeditions, RAM provides basic medical services,

dental work and optometry services and free, on-site glasses that day. Health care services provided include comprehensive screening for diabetes and hypertension, procedures such as mammography, colon cancer screening, retinal screening using telemedicine technology, chest x-rays, pulmonary function studies and some gynecological procedures.

On both days, the parking lot will open at midnight and RAM will begin handing out numbers to patients at 3 a.m. The doors open at 6 a.m.

RAM, founded by adventurer Stan Brock in 1985, is dedicated to providing medical and veterinary access in rural and remote areas to anyone who needs it, both domestically and abroad. Brock received an honorary doctorate from Tusculum in 2012.

For more information, visit RAM's website at <http://www.ramusa.org/> or email [RAM@tusculum.edu](mailto:RAM@tusculum.edu), or call (423) 636-7450.



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# Dr. Ron May returns to serve his Alma Mater

## Johnson and Thomas assume new roles

Two academic leaders have assumed new roles and an alumnus returned to serve his Alma Mater as the fall 2014 semester began.

**Dr. Ron May** is serving as interim vice president of academic affairs. Dr. May, who served Tusculum College as dean of faculty from 1985 to 1988, has agreed to serve in an interim capacity through June 30, 2015.

Dr. May, a 1968 Tusculum graduate, retired in June as president of Ancilla College in Donaldson, Ind. In his career he has taught public school, served as a college professor, department head, dean, vice president and twice as a college president, at Ancilla and Louisburg College in Louisburg, N.C.

He has been recognized by numerous organizations, including by the Leadership Marshall County program with their Leader of the Year Award in 2011. He also served for a time as the president of the Tusculum College Alumni Association.

Dr. May earned a Doctorate of Education from Indiana University, a Master of Arts in Teaching from East Tennessee State University and an Associate in Science from Vincennes University.

**Dr. Lisa Johnson** has been named associate vice president for student success. While not a new position, the title change is part of an organizational restructuring around college goals. She will continue with her current responsibilities which include the Office of the Registrar, academic advising, and the Academic Resource Center.

Dr. Johnson previously served as assistant vice president for academic affairs, director of the School of Education and as assistant professor of education.

"I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, leadership team and students as we pursue a variety of avenues to build and foster a sense of community that ensures the success of our students. The Board of Trustees



Dr. Ron May



Dr. Lisa Johnson

and the administration of Tusculum College has shown long-term commitment to this effort, and it's exciting to dive in and get to work on the projects we have in front of us," said Johnson.

Dr. Johnson, in her previous role, has led the efforts to institute Orange Rush week, a series of events on the Tusculum campus to encourage engagement among new students joining Tusculum as freshmen or as transfer students.

Dr. Johnson, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in special education from East Tennessee State University, also earned her master's degree and doctorate of education, both in educational leadership and policy analysis, from ETSU. Dr. Johnson also currently serves as a program evaluator for the Tennessee Board of Examiners.

**Wayne Thomas** has been named interim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Thomas has served as chair of the Department of Fine Arts, associate professor of English and the chair of the English Department. He joined Tusculum College in 2005 and is responsible for the establishment of several strong arts and humanities programs.

He has a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre History and Literary Criticism, a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing/Scriptwriting from Georgia College and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing/Fiction and Nonfiction from West Virginia University.

Thomas is the 2012 recipient of Tusculum College's Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. He also received the National Living Faculty Award for dedicated service to students in 2013.

With the English Department, Thomas coordinated the annual Humanities Lecture Series, bringing guest authors to campus to share their works, meet students, and share professional experiences through small panel sessions.

Thomas's works have been seen in several literary journals and anthologies, including "River Teeth."

He recently co-edited an anthology of Appalachian literature, "Red Holler."



Wayne Thomas

# Dr. Gregory W. Nelson named new Trustee

**Dr. Gregory W. Nelson** is the newest member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees. Dr. Nelson retired this year from Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport where he served as senior vice president and chief technology officer. He worked for Eastman for 26 years.

"We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Nelson will be joining the Tusculum College Board of Trustees," said Dr. Kenneth A. Bowman, chair of the Tusculum Board of Trustees and a 1970 graduate of Tusculum College. "He brings a wealth of expertise and experience that will benefit the institution, his fellow Board members and the entire Tusculum community."

Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum College, said, "Given Dr. Nelson's background, the national focus on STEM programs, Tusculum's renewed emphasis on the sciences and the planned construction of a new 94,000 square-foot science and math center, I anticipate a synergy that will bring innovative ideas and opportunities to Tusculum College."

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Dr. Nelson earned his doctorate in analytical chemistry from Emory University and his Bachelor of Science in chemistry from the University of Alabama. He also completed programs at

Harvard University and through the Darden Executive Education program.

"Not only has Dr. Nelson had a career as an outstanding scientist, he has also been active for many years in the promotion of academic excellence," said Dr. Scott Niswonger '87 H'06, a member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees. "Serving in a leadership role in S.C.O.R.E., he has been at the forefront of statewide education reform and enhancement. I look forward to Dr. Nelson bringing all of those skills to ensure a strong and relevant future for Tusculum College."

Nelson is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Industrial Research Institute and was the 2013 president of the Board of Directors for United Way of Kingsport. He is a board member of Tennessee S.C.O.R.E. and an advisory board member of the STEM Path to the MBA at Culverson College of Commerce at the University of Alabama.



Dr. Gregory W. Nelson

# Spring brings two significant grants to Tusculum

Tusculum College announced this spring that it was named as recipient of two significant grants from First Tennessee Foundation and the Women's Fund of East Tennessee.

The Women's Fund of East Tennessee awarded an \$11,000 grant to Tusculum College for a first generation college student mentoring program.

The grant provides for 18 rising high school juniors from low income families, who would be their family's first generation to attend college, to participate in a six-day residential, mentor institute at Tusculum College. The new program is called the Women's Search for Success and Self-Sufficiency.

According to Dr. Moody, 75 percent of Tusculum College students call Appalachia home, and approximately 35 percent of Tusculum's students are first-generation, with parents who have no college experience.

Jeanne Stokes, who coordinates the new program said,

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to discover different career options, as well as participate in team building activities and cultural enrichment. We want the students to leave with a sense of self-sufficiency that will enable them to be successful as they complete high school and enter and complete college."

The second grant was a \$5,000 First Tennessee Foundation "150 Days of Giving" grant. First Tennessee provided a \$5,000 grant per day for 150 days to celebrate its 150th anniversary. Supporters of Tusculum voted daily in order to reach the highest total to receive the grant.

"We are so blessed with support from our alumni and friends, students, faculty and staff and everyone associated with Tusculum College," said Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum College. "We are also very appreciative that First Tennessee chose to celebrate their success by giving back to community organizations that work to improve people's lives."

## 2014 Sports Hall of Fame class inducted

The 2014 Tusculum College Sports Hall of Fame class were inducted during Homecoming 2014 festivities. This year's inductee class are Pioneer golf coach Bob Dibble, All-American football linebacker Craig Pritchett '03 and record-setting woman golfer Shannon Palenkas Stone '07.

The induction ceremonies took place Oct. 18 during the alumni breakfast. The inductees were also honored prior to the homecoming game against Carson-Newman University.

### Bob Dibble

For the past quarter of a century, Bob Dibble has directed the golf fortunes at Tennessee's oldest college. Dibble, a native of Peoria, Ill., has coached the men's team for 25 years and started the women's program in the 1997-1998 season.

His teams have captured seven conference titles and two region championships. He guided the Tusculum men's squad to five consecutive national tournament appearances from 1993-1997. In the women's inaugural campaign, the Pioneers placed 13th at the NAIA National Tournament. In all, he has guided the Tusculum golf programs to an amazing 45 team tournament titles during his tenure.

He has been honored by his peers as conference coach of the year on nine occasions, including the 2011-2012 campaign when he was named the South Atlantic Conference Women's Golf Coach of the Year for a second time. (He earned the inaugural SAC Coach of the Year accolade during the 1999-2000 season.) He has mentored three All-Americans, 45 All-Conference players, four conference players of the year and three SAC Freshmen of the Year. He has coached eight players who qualified for NCAA Division II region play.

Dibble's players have also excelled in the classroom as 24 players have garnered All-America Scholar Athlete recognition, while five of his squads have captured the SAC Team Academic Award. He has also coached five SAC Scholar Athletes of the Year.

Dibble served as head professional at Link Hills Country Club in Greeneville, Tenn. from 1978 to 2000. He turned pro in 1957 and became a Professional Golf



Bob Dibble

Association member in 1964. Dibble also squeezed in a stint serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Dibble served as Midwest PGA President from 1971-73 while living in Missouri and was a club pro in Florida as well. A veteran of the PGA Winter Tour, Dibble has qualified for the PGA National Club Pro Championship on three occasions. Junior golf has been Dibble's passion for more than 20 years. He has built one of the state's strongest youth programs at Link Hills. Dibble has been honored on four occasions with the Tennessee PGA Junior Golf Leader of the Year Award. In 1982, he won the Tennessee PGA Horton Smith Award for his contributions to the game of golf.

Dibble has been married to his wife Cindy for more than 50 years and the couple has three grown children: Sandy, Tim and Chris. His son, Chris, is the head golf professional at Holston Hills Country Club in Knoxville. The Dibbles are also the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren.

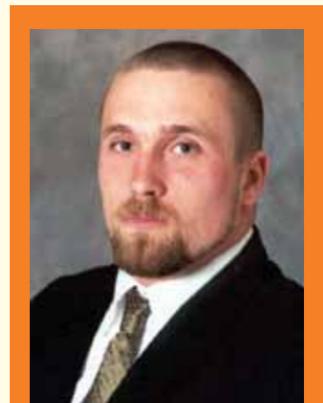
### Craig Pritchett

From 1999-2003, Craig Pritchett was the epitome of the ideal college student-athlete. He shined both on the Tusculum football field and in the classroom.

In his 43-game career, he recorded 277 tackles, the sixth-most all-time and the fourth highest tally by a Pioneer linebacker. He also amassed 39 tackles for loss, which is sixth in the Tusculum record book, while his five fumbles forced and five fumble recoveries are the third and fifth highest ever by a Pioneer, respectively.

The two-time All-South Atlantic Conference selection earned second team honors in 2002 and first team accolades in 2003. He was a four-time team captain and his teams recorded wins over three nationally-ranked opponents, including two times against arch-rival Carson-Newman.

During his 2000 rookie season, he posted 66 tackles, including nine for loss, two sacks and four interceptions, which are tied for the third most in a Tusculum single-season. He also forced two fumbles, recovered two more and tallied seven passes defended. For his efforts, he was named the 2000 SAC Defensive Freshman of the Year.



Craig Pritchett

Pritchett recorded 82 tackles in 2001 as the Pioneers posted an 8-2 record and finished the season ranked 21st in NCAA Division II.

In 2002, he finished with 90 tackles, including 17 hits behind the line of scrimmage, which are the third most tackles for loss in school history.

In his 2003 senior campaign, Pritchett made 39 tackles, while leading Tusculum to a 9-2 record, a No. 19 national ranking and the program's first South Atlantic Conference championship. He was named to the Daktronics All-Region Team and the D2football.com All-America team.

In the classroom, Pritchett finished his undergraduate career with a 3.76 cumulative grade point average majoring in visual arts. He was named the SAC Football Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2002 and again in 2003.

The two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District selection was also recognized for his numerous community service endeavors with his selection to the 2003 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team® and was one of only 11 players from NCAA Division I FCS, NCAA II, NCAA III and the NAIA to be chosen.

Pritchett is in his 10th season on the football coaching staff at his prep alma mater Ridgeland High School in Rossville, Ga. He is married to the former Susanne Chesney, who is a 2003 Tusculum graduate, and they are the parents of a seven-year-old son, Braylon and five-year-old daughter, Chesney.

### Shannon Palenkas Stone

Shannon Palenkas Stone enjoyed one of the best playing careers in the history of the Tusculum women's golf program.

From 2003-2007, the Maryville, Tenn. native posted a career scoring average of 83.44, which was a school record upon her graduation and is currently the fifth lowest in the Tusculum record book.

She garnered All-South Atlantic Conference honors on three occasions, including two times on the first team. In her senior campaign, she shot a then-school record 78.28 scoring average, which is the fourth best currently. In the 2006-2007 season, she won two individual tournament titles and was named the SAC Player of the Year.

She claimed the 2006 Tusculum Fall Classic crown with her two-day score of 148. She would later cap off her stellar career by winning the 2007 SAC Tournament title. She is the only women's golfer in Pioneer history to sweep SAC Player of the Year and SAC Tournament MVP honors in the same season.



Shannon Palenkas Stone

The three-time SAC All-Tournament honoree finished in the top-20 on 24 occasions, including 14 times in the top-10 along with six top-5 performances.

At the end of the 2006-2007 academic year, she was named the Tusculum College Female Athlete of the Year, becoming the first women's golfer to earn the College's top athletic honor.

She graduated from Tusculum in 2007 with a degree in business administration and is a creative service manager with the Pilot Flying J.

Shannon is married to Cody Stone, who was a point guard on the Pioneer men's basketball team and graduated from Tusculum in 2004. The Stones live in Maryville, and are the parents of two daughters, Ella and Harper.

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## Pioneers earn team, individual academic honors

### Tennis Teams Sweep ITA Academic Honors

The Tusculum men and women's tennis programs both earned ITA All-Academic Team honors, making Tusculum one of only 25 NCAA Division II colleges and universities to sweep both honors. Both teams are under the leadership of Coach Tommy Arnett.

The Tusculum men's tennis team is one of only 29 college and university teams in NCAA Division II to be recognized as a 2013-2014 Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team. The Pioneers also had six of its team members earn ITA Scholar Athlete distinction including: Joseph Elphingstone, Nicolas Planchard, Leon Seiz, David Siegle, Jonas Winkelmann and Lukas Winkelmann.

The ITA All-Academic Team Award is presented to any ITA program that has above a 3.2 cumulative grade point average. ITA Scholar Athletes are student-athletes who are varsity letter-winners, have a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the current academic year and have been enrolled at their present school for at least two semesters.

The Tusculum men boasted a 3.613 team GPA for the 2013-14 academic year and their 3.454 cumulative GPA is the fifth-best of Tusculum's sponsored sports. Tusculum is also the only South Atlantic Conference men's tennis program to earn ITA All-Academic Team distinction. This marks the eighth straight year Tusculum has earned the ITA All-Academic Team Award.

The women's tennis team is one of only 57 college and university teams in NCAA II to be recognized as an ITA All-Academic Team. The Pioneers also had four of its members earn ITA Scholar Athlete distinction including: Sarah Baker, Kate Hutchinson, Erin Mills and Emily Waters.

The Pioneer women recorded a 3.506 team GPA, the third-best of Tusculum's sports. This marks Tusculum's third consecutive ITA All-Academic Team Award and eighth time in the last 11 years.

### Volleyball squad garners AVCA Team Academic Award

The Tusculum College volleyball team was one of 94 NCAA Division II programs to earn the American Volleyball Coaches Association's Team Academic Award.

The award, which was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors volleyball teams that display excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale or a 4.10 cumulative team GPA on a 5.0 scale.

The Pioneers posted a 3.51 team GPA at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year, which is the second highest amongst Tusculum's 15 intercollegiate sports.

Tusculum was also one of five South Atlantic Conference programs to earn the AVCA Team Academic Award this year.

The Pioneers have enjoyed eight straight winning seasons, including the last six under Coach Michael Robinson's watch.



### Sarmiento named regional Scholar Athlete of the Year

Former Tusculum College volleyball student-athlete Ashley Sarmiento '14 has been selected as the Division II Collegiate Commissioners Association Southeast Region Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2013-2014.

The award highlights the extraordinary achievements, both on and off the field, of Division II student-athletes. A total of eight male and eight female student-athletes across the country earned regional distinction.

Sarmiento, a native of Dayton, Ohio, earned the South Atlantic Conference Presidents Award for a second consecutive year. She graduated *magna cum laude* this past May with a 3.92 cumulative grade point average in mathematics and math education. She was honored with the Tusculum College President's Award, and is now teaching in Williamson County.



A strong Tusculum contingent attended Stan Wilson's induction ceremony. From left are Frank Horsman '68, Wilson, Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody, Joe Stallard '56 and Bill Gardner '69.

## Wilson named to hall of fame at Virginia school

Tusculum College alumnus Richard "Stan" Wilson '66 was inducted recently into the inaugural class of the John I. Burton High School Hall of Fame.

Wilson, along with four others, became charter members of the Norton, Va., high school's hall of fame on Sept. 12. At the ceremony he was presented a formal recognition by Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody on behalf of Tusculum College and the Board of Trustees.

Wilson, a native of Norton, was a three-year starting forward on the Tusculum men's basketball team, including his 1966 senior season as Tusculum captured the Volunteer State Athletic Conference (VSAC) Tournament title. Wilson served as co-captain of the squad that rolled through the postseason with wins over Belmont, Tennessee-Martin and Union. In 1995, Wilson was inducted into the Tusculum College Sports Hall of Fame.

After serving a year as an assistant basketball coach, he returned to his prep alma mater where he accounted for one of the most successful high school coaching careers in the State of Virginia. From 1970 until his retirement in 2009, he accumulated 542 career wins, making him the winningest Group A boys high school coach in Virginia High School League history. His victory total is the most by a boys basketball coach west of Roanoke and the sixth most overall in state history.

In his 39-year professional career at Burton High School, Wilson also served as the school's principal and athletic director. In recognition of his outstanding achievements, the school's basketball gym was renamed in his honor.



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# ‘On a lovely hilltop behind Tusculum College’

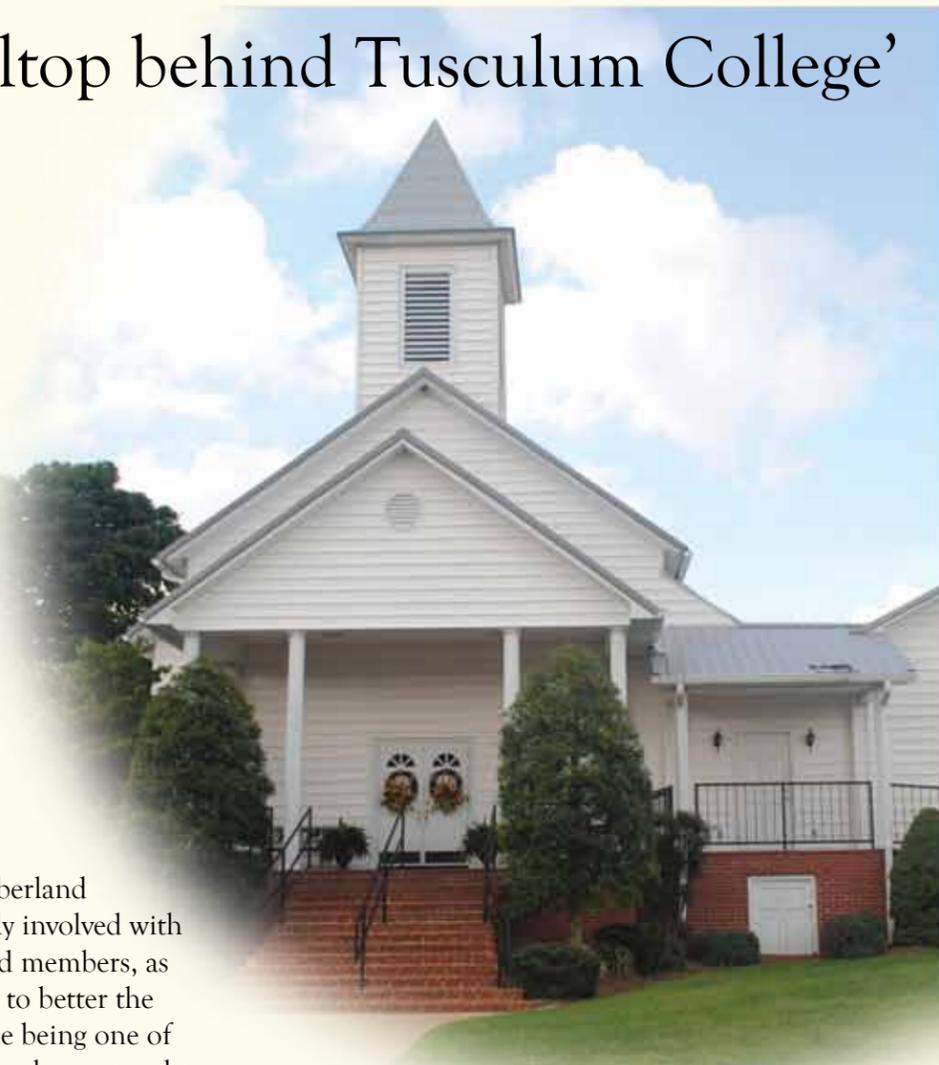
## Nearby church shares ties

Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church began in the 1800s during the Great Revival. People gathered for church in the Tusculum area, usually near a creek or in Holly Creek School House. After 28 years of gatherings, the main church rooms were built, often described as being “on a lovely hilltop behind Tusculum College.” As Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church’s fellowship grew, additions were made to accommodate youth programs and enhance accessibility.

Since its beginning, Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church has been closely involved with Tusculum College through its shared members, as well as a variety of projects designed to better the community, the most recent example being one of Tusculum College’s Service Learning classes, taught by Robin Fife, assistant professor of social sciences. Members of both Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Tabernacle Presbyterian Church worked with the class to rehabilitate New Hope Cemetery.

New Hope Cemetery stands in the remnants of New Hope Church, a sister branch of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian. The three groups worked in unison to create a database of the individuals buried in New Hope, to implement techniques to help preserve the tombstones, clean up the cemetery, to build a bridge over the deep ditch between the road and the cemetery grounds and to raise funds to help better maintain the cemetery in the future.

Despite the passing of more than 150 years, Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church has endeavored to keep close connections to its community and to Tusculum College. The current pastor, Tammy Greene, said “We are always looking for more ways to be involved with Tusculum.” Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church has a history of welcoming



students and continues to welcome students today.

The connection between the church and the College can be found on the headstones of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery. Some of the many notables buried there include:

**Landon “Daddy” Haynes**, an 1877 alumnus, served Tusculum in multiple capacities for 65 years. He taught arithmetic, mathematics, geology, Bible studies, surveying, astronomy, physics, Spanish, Latin and Greek. He was described as “a patient man who worked with the dimmest of students after class until all had mastered even the most difficult problems.” While he was offered higher paying jobs elsewhere, Haynes loyally served Tusculum College.

**Charles Oliver Gray Sr.**, was a Presbyterian minister, beginning at First Church in Smithtown Branch and continuing in Oakland Heights Church in Asheville, N.C. Dr. Gray served on



the education committee in the Holston Presbytery, where he learned of Tusculum College. In 1908, he became Tusculum College’s president, overseeing the merging of Washington College and Tusculum College. Dr. Gray, who received an honorary degree from Tusculum in 1920, played a pivotal role in increasing endowment, enrollment, salaries and achieved Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation. His granddaughter, Charlotte O. Gray, currently serves on the Tusculum College Board of Trustees.

**Charles Oliver Gray Jr.**, a 1917 College alumnus, was the son of Charles Oliver Gray, Sr. He served Tusculum as a long-time music professor. As the composer of the Tusculum College Alma Mater, he is remembered today at all formal Tusculum College functions.

**Sara “Ted” Shenault Speer**, a 1932 alumna, was a teacher in the Greene County School System for 40 years. She was honored as Greene County Teacher of the Year, and she was a member of the Greene County Retired Teachers Association. She was a devoted member of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church and she contributed to it through her music. She was married to Reverend John W. Speer, and she was the “epitome of a minister’s wife.”

**Theodora Rankin Johnson** was a lifelong member

of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She graduated from Tusculum College with honors in 1934 and participated in several varsity athletic teams. Johnson taught at the Greenville School System and coached the women’s basketball team for four years before retiring in 1976.

**Bill Alexander**, a 1955 alumnus, served in the armed forces before becoming the New York Giant’s first baseman. He returned home and graduated from Tusculum College majoring in business administration and minoring in philosophy and religion. Alexander served as president of the student body and worked as a personnel director at the Magnavox plant in Jefferson City. He and his wife, Dot, were tremendous supporters of the College, and Dot is still frequently seen at campus events and remains engaged with a number of programs at Tusculum.

**Dr. Samuel E. Miller** was a long-time supporter of his Alma Mater. After graduating from Tusculum College in 1935, he briefly taught chemistry at Tusculum College, where he met Mary Agnes Ault, a student who later became his wife. Afterwards, Miller worked as a chemist for the Food and Drug Administration and later continued school, receiving his medical degree in 1950 from the University of Virginia Medical School. After retiring from medicine, he began writing and published a book of poetry that included several selections based on his time at Tusculum College. He received an honorary doctorate from Tusculum in 1998. His support was instrumental in the creation of Tusculum Arts Outreach’s annual Acts, Arts, Academia performance and lecture series.

**David Behan** taught and directed the theater department at Tusculum. He co-authored “Blazing Trail,” which is a historical outdoor drama of Tusculum College and Greene County created in honor of the College’s 175th anniversary. Behan received an award as outstanding faculty member in 1987.

By Stephanie Turner

Junior journalism and professional writing major  
from Shelbyville, Tenn.

# Class Notes

## '40s

**Jack Barker '48** of Lakeland, FL, was recently the subject of a feature profile by his local newspaper, the *Lakeland Ledger*. The article focused on his life as a coach and his second career as the owner of a travel service after he retired from coaching. The article also mentions his late wife Jeanne, who passed away in 2009, and her artwork that decorates his home. Jack and Jeanne attended Homecoming 20 years in a row and traveled extensively, visiting more than 100 countries. At Tusculum, Jack lettered in five sports and is a member of the Tusculum College Sports Hall of Fame. He lived in Craig Hall and majored in physics with a minor in math. He was drafted his sophomore year and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a pilot. After his military service, he coached football, baseball, basketball, swimming and gymnastics.



## '60s

**Bette J. Hendrickson Walsh '64** has recently relocated to a life-care campus in Vero Beach, FL. She is an active community volunteer in Vero Beach, where she has lived for the past 18 years.

**Commander John Redden '65**, USN Retired, has written that a recent communication from his Alma Mater brought back memories of an early September day in 1961 when he called Marion Edens to tell him that he could not come to Tusculum. Despite working two part-time jobs in his senior year of high school and three jobs during that summer, he had not saved enough money. In just five days, Edens arranged for a \$500 scholarship through his local Presbyterian church. Redden returned home after one semester to work full time and returned to Tusculum the following fall with a part-time job at the Suburban Motel. The following year his part-time job was at King Arthur's Court. His two-and-a-half years at Tusculum qualified him to enter flight training in the Navy, which led to his career as a carrier pilot. He said he would not have achieved his childhood dream if a very dedicated director of admissions had not taken the time to make it happen. "I will always honor Mr. Edens and Tusculum for the opportunities that the college opened to me."

**Bill Gardner '69** of Bean Station, TN, has been named the National Junior College

Athletic Association National Coach of the Year following the NJCAA Division II Golf Championship in the spring. Gardner coaches the Walters State Community College men's golf team, which won the tournament. Gardner coached an individual national champion in 1995, but this is the first time he has guided his team to the national title. The tournament was held in Ancilla, IN, which is the home of **Ron May '68**, who was then president of Ancilla College. May was able to have dinner with Gardner and his team during the tournament.

## '70s

**Barbara Davis McGavock '74** of Johnson City, TN, and wife of late Tusculum professor Dr. W. Donald McGavock, is celebrating the birth of her first grandchild, Adaline May "Addie" DiCesare, on Jan. 2, 2014. She resides with her parents, Brandon and Kristen DiCesare in Rochester, NY.

**Bruce McKinney '76** writes that it has been his desire for some time to contact his old friends "Bruce Jensen, Dave Moody, Denise, Elsie, Linda, Ron Newman and Cindy, all of the gang who hung out at Craig Hall" for late night pinochle games, Connie's and the trip to Ned's for the hot fudge. He asks his fellow alums to contact him if they remember "Steady Eddie" at bemckinney@gmail.com.

## '80s

**Jim Hughes '80** of Blairsville, GA, has been elected president of the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association. He has retired from coaching/teaching after 33 years to follow his daughter, Angie, who is a softball pitcher for Lee University. He and his wife, **Jackie (Laughner) '81**, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary this year. His older daughter, Kellie, is a physical therapist who recently married. He would like to hear from his classmates at jihughes1457@gmail.com.

**The Rev. Nell Stanton Grimm '85** of Lillington, NC, has opened an independent practice as a counselor in Raleigh, NC.

**Scott M. Niswonger '87 H'06** of Greeneville, TN, has been chosen by the Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA) to receive the 2014 Donald R. Myers Humanitarian Award. Niswonger has actively promoted a philosophy of "learn, earn, and return" that has helped to empower the region's young people and has received broad recognition throughout the state as well as Appalachia. In 1999, he was inducted into the Business Hall of Fame and was chosen by Ernst & Young as Entrepreneur of the Year for the southeastern United States. On a state level, Niswonger served as vice-chair of the Tennessee Board for Economic Growth and chairman of the Building and Finance Committee for the State of Tennessee. Niswonger was cited by the DDAA for his leadership and service in the cause of "numerous educational, community and economic development endeavors." The award also commended him for tireless efforts that had "greatly contributed to the growth and development of north-eastern Tennessee and enhanced the quality of life for many of the Region's residents."

**Dave Tollett '88** of Estero, FL, has been named the Atlantic Sun Conference Baseball Coach of the Year for the 2014 season. Tollett, who is head coach at Florida Gulf Coast University, has earned Coach of the Year honors from the conference four times in his career. He guided his team to its fourth conference regular-season title.

## '90s

**Jim Hackworth '94** of Clinton, TN, has retired from Oak Ridge National Laboratory. His wife is Brenda Hackworth. He is a member of the Business Advisory Board for

Emory Valley Center in Oak Ridge and the Clinton Rotary Club.

**Rev. Roxianne Sadler Sherles '97** of Loudon, TN, has been named the new pastor for St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church in Athens, TN. She is retired from CDM Federal Services, where she was an environmental scientist for 35 years.

**Brenda Ottinger '98** of Greeneville, TN, has been named system-level Principal-of-the-Year by the Greeneville School System. Ottinger is principal at Highland Elementary School and has 21 years experience as a teacher and principal.

## '00s

This year's Leadership Blount County class includes alumnae **Amy Cowden '01** and **Joni Ann Crisp Seratt '04**, both of Maryville, TN. Cowden is the assistant to the mayor in Blount County and a member of the Keep Blount Beautiful Board of Directors. Seratt is the director of the Blount County Probation and Driving School and a member of the Blount County Drug Court Foundation Board of Directors.

**Richelle Gregory '02 '09** of Maryville, TN, has assumed new duties as director, talent management and GPP HQ for the Alcoa Company. She will also continue to be a member of the Global Primary Products HR Lead Team of Alcoa. Richelle will be responsible for leading all areas of human resources for GPP HQ and she will continue to maintain her responsibilities for global GPP talent management.

**Amber Lynne Corn '05** of Sevierville, TN, passed the Tennessee Bar examination in May. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Tusculum and attended the Duncan School of Law at Lincoln Memorial University.

**Henri Lespinasse '08** and his wife, Nicole, are expecting their second child in December 2014. Henri is currently working for himself as owner of Hdmi Media, a video production company. He was co-editor of the award-winning documentary "Grease-Paint" (2013), which follows Joey Thurmond and his family as they travel around the country performing as circus clowns. The film is available at Best Buy, Amazon, f.y.e. and Hulu. Henri is currently working on upcoming films and documentaries.

**Mitch Fine '09** of Newport, TN, is teaching sixth grade in the Newport City School System. He attends Unity Baptist Church.

**Amanda Waddell '09** has returned to Greeneville, TN, and been named the executive director of the Greeneville City Schools Education Foundation. She and her family had temporarily moved to St. Louis, MO, where her husband worked on an assignment for his employer. Amanda served as director of career development at Tusculum before moving to St. Louis.

**Rebecca Tankersley '11** of Marietta, GA, is now Communications Officer, Enrollment Services at Georgia Institute of Technology. Tankersley served as an Admissions Counselor during her time at Tusculum.

## '10s

**Micah Haney '10** began working in March as an agent for American Home Life in Knoxville.

**Jonathan Lyons '11** of Elizabethton, TN, began graduate school this summer in the East Tennessee State University Accelerated RN program.

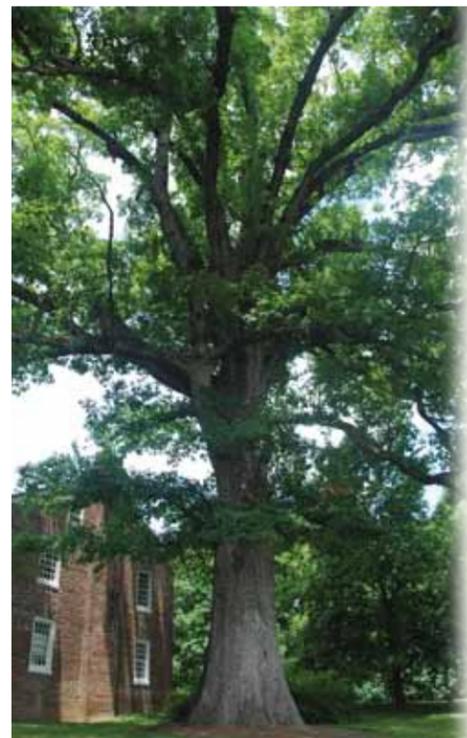
**Kate Barford '13** is working for and attending Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Kate is working on her doctorate in social psychology. She began her doctoral program in September.

**Cory Callahan '13** of Bristol TN, has begun the physician assistant program at the University of Dayton, OH.

**Zach Wampler '13** of Greeneville, TN, recently made it into the top 200 for Project Greenlight, a documentary series on HBO, executive-produced by Matt Damon and Ben Affleck. The show takes an uncensored look at the challenges facing a first-time director, and Zach beat out thousands of other candidates before missing the next cut. Zach



participated in the digital competition with hopes of getting to direct his first feature film through Project Greenlight.



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**Beth Wright '13** of Powell, TN, is now working as a web development intern at Jewelry Television in Knoxville, TN.

**John Zach Conlon '14** of Woodlands, TX, has been accepted into Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, in the master's degree program. He will study neuroscience and began his studies this fall.

**Theo Oing '14** of Hixson, TN, has been accepted into the psychology master's degree program at Rutgers University.

## Weddings

**Sarah Creutzinger '05** and Edward Arellano Maira were married on July 5 in Greenville, TN, at Still Hollow Farm. Following the wedding, the couple enjoyed traveling in North Carolina. The couple live in Santiago, Chile, where Sarah is a middle school principal at Lincoln International Academy. Sarah is the daughter of **Scott Niswonger '87 H'06**.

**Nicholas Shaun Darnell '06** and Emily Denise Duck were married March 22, 2014. Nicholas works at East Ridge Middle School in Russellville, TN, and now has a master's degree in administration from East Tennessee State University. The couple are living in Morristown, TN.

**Sonya Ramsey '08** and Eric Shindler were married on June 7 on the terrace of the General Morgan Inn in Greenville, TN. After a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, and the Cayman Islands, the Schindlers are residing in Knoxville, TN.

**Joseph John Vogt II '12** and Christy Danielle Johnson were married June 28 at the General Morgan Inn in Greenville. **Brett DePalma '11** was best man and the groomsmen included **Brian Alexander '14** and Joe's father, **Kelly Vogt '83**. Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple is living in Johnson City, TN. Joe works in AT&T customer services. His grandparents are **Joe and Kathy Vogt '53 '56**.

**Felicia Waters '14** and Daniel Holt were married on July 28. Following a honeymoon cruise, the couple is living in Newport, TN.

## Memorials

### '30s

**Polly Anne Carter Estes '37** passed away on Aug. 9, 2014, at the home of her daughter, Margaret, in Buffalo Grove, IL. She was a retired elementary educator.

**Dr. John Frederick "Jack" Fulbeck '39** of Covina, CA, passed away on Dec. 25, 2011. He was a poet and professor of comparative

literature at the California State Polytechnic University at Pomona. He served two terms as president of the California State Poetry Society. His poems won numerous awards on the state and international level. His poem "Challengers" was read by Taylor Wang from the orbiting Space Shuttle Challenger in 1985. He authored three books of poetry. A veteran, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a fighter pilot in the South Pacific. After the war, he worked as a newspaper and magazine editor and a freelance writer.

### '40s

**Agnes Marilyn McClain Brownier '42** of Medford, OR, passed away March 23, 2014. A native of Oregon, Mrs. Brownier was a school teacher for many years. She earned a master's degree in teaching and later a doctorate in nutrition. She enjoyed playing bridge and reading.

**Betsy Jean Bowman '45** of Greenville, TN, passed away July 28, 2014. After graduating from Tusculum, she began her working career as a news reporter at "The Greenville Sun." Ms. Bowman earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Tennessee in 1957. Her career in social work began that year at Mountain Home in Johnson City, TN. The following year she became a child welfare case worker in the Department of Public Welfare in Johnson City. Ms. Bowman returned to the Veterans Administration in 1964 and worked with veterans until 1972. Prior to her retirement in 1974, she was director of the Area Project on Aging with the First Tennessee-Virginia Development District. After retirement, she moved

to Greenville, becoming an active and dedicated citizen. She served as Greenville alderman from 1989 to 1997. Ms. Bowman also proved her commitment to the community as a member of numerous local organizations. The history of Greenville was her passion, with her main focus on the downtown area. Ms. Bowman was the co-coordinator of the Greene County Bicentennial in 1983. She was deeply involved in the founding of the Nathanael Greene Museum in the mid-1980s. Ms. Bowman chaired the Heritage Trust Committee for the restoration of The Big Spring. She also chaired the Christmas in Olde Greene Committee. She wrote a newspaper column, "Nostalgia is. . ." and published copies of the column in book form. Her love for film and classic movies inspired her to write and publish "The World of Flickering Light and Shadow" in 2001. Ms. Bowman was a member of Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church.



**Dr. Leland James "Jay" Sarrell Sr., '47** of Blue Ridge, GA, passed away on Oct. 18, 2013, at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. Dr. Sarrell was a retired optometrist, who had practiced for 55 years. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and was a lifetime member of the Fannin County VFW Post #6570. Dr. Sarrell was a past president of the Kiwanis Club, former Boy Scout Master, former police commissioner and served on county council. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

**Dr. Harry Kendall '48** of Dellwood, FL, passed away Aug. 8, 2014. Dr. Kendall volunteered for the Marine Corps at 17 following Pearl Harbor. He served in the South Pacific during the war then used the GI bill to earn his physics degree from Tusculum. He received his master's from Florida State University and his doctorate from the University of Florida. One of his first jobs was teaching at Chipola Junior College in Florida. He went on to teach at Emory and Henry College in Virginia and then became

a charter faculty member of the University of South Florida in Tampa. Dr. Kendall had a passion for teaching, loved the outdoors, his family and his country.

**D. Oliver Burkey Jr. '48** of Greenville, TN, passed away Sept. 6, 2014. Mr. Burkey was a long-time supporter of his Alma Mater and served a number of years on the Council for Church Relations. He served as president of the Alumni Association from 1968-1972 and was a member of the Alumni Executive Board for many years. He helped raise funds for Tusculum's endowment and chaired the 1991 Greene County Tusculum Alumni Fund. Mr. Burkey was a retired agent for the Life Insurance Company of Georgia, serving 38 years. During most of his adult life, he immersed himself in volunteer community service. Mr. Burkey was a charter member of the Glenwood Ruritan Club, serving as its treasurer from 1959-2011. Mr. Burkey served as the chairman for the Greene County division of the local United Way Campaign for 38 years. He was responsible for raising more than \$350,000 for the United Way in his lifetime, much of it through door-to-door visits. Mr. Burkey used his fundraising expertise to help raise thousands of dollars for the Orebank Volunteer Fire Department. He served as president of the Greenville Life Underwriters' Association. Mr. Burkey was a member of Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, where he had served as an elder since 1947. He was also the cemetery and building fund treasurer. Mr. Burkey was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific theater as a liberty ship gunner. He was a charter member of the Andrew Johnson VFW Post 1990. He was recently presented with a Quilt of Valor by the Greene County Quilters group in honor of his service. He was a lifelong active member of the Greene County Republican Party and was the 25th District Party Chairman for decades, recruiting election poll workers up to the time of his passing.

**Natalie G. Poole, '48** formerly of West Palm Beach passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2008 in Jacksonville, FL.

**Glenn D. Renner '48** of Greenville, TN passed away unexpectedly on April 13, 2014. After earning a bachelor's degree in mathematics, chemistry and physics from Tusculum, Mr. Renner earned a master's degree in educational administration and statistics from the University of Tennessee. Mr. Renner was a veteran, having served in the

U.S. Navy. As an educator, he taught math and science at Greenville and Ottway high schools and taught sixth through eighth grades at DeBusk Elementary School. He also served as principal of Ottway High School and was a basketball coach at St. James High School. Mr. Renner worked in the insurance and real estate business for 21 years and operated the Brook-Glen Farm Supply feed store for 21 years, retiring in 1996. Active in the civic life of the community, Mr. Renner served as a Greene County Commissioner for seven years and was a state representative in the mid-1960s. He served on the Kinser Park Commission for about 28 years. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Kiwanis Club.

**Dr. Dale Self '48** of Jefferson City, TN, passed away Feb. 7, 2014. Dr. Self served as a medic in the U.S. Army during World War II. He graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in 1952 and practiced dentistry in Morristown for 32 years. Basketball was a love of his, having played both at Tusculum and East Tennessee State University.

**Sue Overton Walker '48** of Knoxville, TN, passed away Aug. 6, 2014. In 1960, she was hired to be an administrative secretary at Fort Sanders Presbyterian Hospital in Knoxville. She earned the professional title of "Certified Professional Secretary" and was active in the International Association of Administrative Professionals. Mrs. Walker was recognized several times as the local Secretary of the Year and once progressed to an international competition, where she placed second. After retiring, she returned to the hospital as the part-time receptionist in the surgical lounge for 10 years. She was a member of Graystone Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder, Sunday School superintendent, and several terms as Clerk of Session. Mrs. Walker was a member of the South Knoxville Optimist and Optimists Club. She was also a member of the McGhee-Tyson Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. Mrs. Walker was on the board of the John Sevier Memorial Association and a long-time member of the East Tennessee Historical Society. She was also a member of the Clan Stewart Society in America and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The family asked that any donations in lieu of flowers be sent to Tusculum, Graystone Presbyterian Church or the Fort Sanders Foundation.

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**Dr. Kenneth Chapman '49** of Columbus, OH, passed away on August 3, 2014. Dr. Chapman was a veteran, having served in the medical corps of the U.S. Navy in the Philippines. He was an OB-GYN in the Columbus area for 31 years, serving on the staff of Riverside Methodist Hospital.

**Anna Belle Kyker Hankins '49** of Greeneville, TN, passed away on June 4, 2014. She was the widow of **John Hankins '51**. The couple were married 56 years. She met John as they both studied at Tusculum for what would be long careers in education. She began her career at Washington College Academy and served 36 years in various capacities in the Greene County School System. She was the first librarian at South Greene High School, and served in that role for 25 years. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, canning and freezing. She was a member of the Hoe and Hope Gardening Club and the Greene County Retired Teachers Association. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Her survivors include her son and daughter-in-law **Joseph Hankins '75** and his wife **Wendy (Barber) '76**.

**"Betty" Irene Lintz Yates '49** of Greeneville, TN, passed away March 25, 2014. She met her husband, **Maurice M. Yates, Jr. '49**, as a student at Tusculum in the library. The library was the setting for many "study dates," leading up to their marriage in April 1947. Mrs. Yates started teaching home economics to freshman girls in 1958 and later added chemistry instruction for juniors at Greeneville High School. Mrs. Yates was one of the teachers instrumental in forming the Greeneville-Greene County Teachers Association and served as its first president. After 22 years with the Greeneville School System, she retired and further developed her keen interest in antiques as an antique consultant. She traveled extensively with her husband throughout the country, particularly east of the Mississippi River.

### '50s

**Helen Oakley Sherwood '50** of Mechanicsville, VA, passed away Aug. 17, 2014. She taught school in Maryland and in West Germany, where her late husband, Samuel, was stationed in the U.S. Army. Mrs. Sherwood was a founder of the First Baptist Church Day Care Center, from which she retired.

**Donald Green '54** of the Villages, FL, passed away on April 1, 2014. Mr. Green

was an educator and college basketball coach and retired after 40 years of service to his students and ballplayers. He was known for his passion for family, friends and great laughter. He enjoyed playing golf with his friends.

### '60s

**Carnell Graham Carter '63** of Greeneville, TN, passed away Sept. 5, 2007. An educator, she began her teaching career in a one-room school and taught in the Greene County School System for 27 years including 22 years at DeBusk Elementary School. She received the Greene County Teacher of the Year and the Tennessee District Teacher of the Year awards in 1977. Mrs. Carter was a member of the Ottway United Methodist Church, the Tennessee Retired Teachers Association, Greene County Retired Teachers, Cross Anchor FCE, Ottway United Methodist Women, Ottway Ruritan, and the Grandmother's Club.

**Arlene Arnht Roper '63** of Scottsdale, AZ, wife of **Michael Roper, '61**, passed away on May 4, 2014.

**Robert Arthur Lapsley '66** of Savannah, GA, passed away Sep. 4, 2014. He played both baseball and basketball at Tusculum. Mr. Lapsley was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. In 1968, Lapsley joined Goodwill Industries of Detroit, later transferring to Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc. in Savannah in 1972. In 1979, he was appointed president and CEO, providing inspired leadership until his retirement in 1997. During his tenure, the Second Chance Program was established, which provides community re-entry training for individuals with traumatic brain injuries and is the only program of its kind in Georgia outside of Atlanta. He was also instrumental in establishing a Teleride service in Savannah to greatly increase the mobility and opportunities for people with disabilities. He was a 30-year member of the Lions Club of Savannah and served as its president in 1996. He was honored by his fellow members as a Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest honor in the Lions Club. He is survived by his sister, **Karen (Kim) Lapsley Muir '68**.

**Geraldine E. Peeler '67** of Cleveland, OH, passed away July 17, 2014. She was retired from the U.S. Marine Corps.

### '70s

**Earl W. Fletcher Jr. '76** of Mosheim, TN, passed away suddenly on Aug. 22, 2014. He was serving as executive director of the Nathanael Greene Museum in Greeneville at the time of his passing and had been recently elected to serve as a member of the Greene County Commission. Mr. Fletcher was a retired teacher and coach, having taught for 30 years in the Greene County School System. He also served as president of Washington College Academy, from which he was a graduate, for three years. He served from 1985 to 2003 as an alderman for the Town of Mosheim. Among his achievements as an alderman was his conception of the idea to hold an annual re-enactment of the Civil War Battle of Blue Springs. He served as director of the annual re-enactment for its first 10 years. Known for his interest in history, Mr. Fletcher was serving as the official Greene County Historian at the time of his passing. Under his leadership, the Nathanael Greene Museum had experienced major growth in attendance, number of galleries and new exhibits. He had been deeply involved in the last several years in the development of the museum's Mary Gertrude K. Fox Park. Mr. Fletcher was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville. He was also a member of the Mosheim Masonic Lodge, the Greene County Scottish Rite Club and a member of American Legion Post No. 64.



### '80s

**Pamela York Buchanan '83** of Morristown, TN, passed away on April 9, 2014, after a 15-year battle with cancer. She was a member of Arrowhead Church.

**Barbara Deming Burke '88** of Kingsport, TN, passed away Feb. 28, 2014, after a year-long courageous battle against several illnesses. Mrs. Burke worked at Holston Defense for many years before retiring. After her retirement, she continued her education, earning both a bachelor's and master's degree. She then began teaching at Northeast State Community College.

**Dr. Bruce Horne '88** of Knoxville, TN, passed away May 22, 2014. Dr. Horne was

an educator, teaching at several colleges. For the past 11 years, he had taught online. Dr. Horne had started a new congregation, Church of God Knoxville, in January. He was a presenter on "The World Tomorrow" broadcast. Dr. Horne was a gifted musician who played the trumpet, piano and auto-harp. He enjoyed riding his Triumph Cafe Racer bike and restoring his 1964 Ford Galaxy 500 automobile.

**Eric Alfred Roline '89** of Morristown, TN, passed away Sept. 18, 2014, following a courageous 14-month-long battle with brain cancer. He was an engineer and had worked at TRW in Rogersville, TN. Mr. Roline was a member of Arrowhead Church, where he volunteered with the lighting/sound system. He was an avid sailor. Mr. Roline was a member of the Cherokee Lake Sailing Club for the past 18 years and had been awarded many trophies for his sailing abilities.

### '90s

**Sheila Tilley Brooks '90** of Oak Ridge, TN, passed away, Nov. 4, 2009. She began working at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory at the age of 19 as a clerk and advanced to the highest levels of the secretarial field. At the latter part of her career, she was appointed to a leadership position in the Human Resource Management Department. Shortly thereafter, she was forced to take long-term disability due to the onset of Parkinson's disease. She was a member of Highland View Church of Christ.

**Vivian Lee Calloway McClendon '94** of Spring City, TN, passed away March 5, 2014. Mrs. McClendon was retired from the TVA Watts Bar Nuclear Plant after 27 years of service. She was a member of the Reed Chapel United Methodist Church and the TVA Retirees Association.

**Mr. Kenneth Robson '94** passed away on March 7, 2014.

**Mrs. Janet Evelyn Breeden Harvey '96** of Jonesborough, TN, passed away July 29, 2014, at her home. An educator, she taught at David Crockett High School and Greeneville High School for 35 years and was a member of Jonesborough Presbyterian Church.

**Michael James Butts '98** of Warner Robins, GA, passed away Sept. 2, 2014.

**Dr. Melissa Renee Overbey '99** of Bristol, TN, passed away June 9, 2014, from a brain aneurysm. She was an educator at Boones Creek Elementary School.

### '00s

**Matthew James Chakales '03** of Knoxville, TN, passed away July 31, 2014. Mr. Chakales had a career in finance. He served as assistant wrestling coach for Powell High School. Mr. Chakales was a member of Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church and founded the church's prison ministry. He also volunteered with Cornerstone Recovery and the Blount County Detention Center.

**Tiffany L. Mullins Midyett '03** of Knoxville, TN, passed away on July 15, 2014. Ms. Midyett served as vice president of business development for Vanquish Worldwide of Maryville. In that position, she traveled throughout the United States, the Middle East and Africa. Midyett had several extended stays in Afghanistan, participating in Vanquish's global expansion. She was known for her sense of style and her love of animals, baking and ballroom dancing.

**Joshua D. Olmstead '03** of Kingston, TN, passed away Sept. 26, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

### Faculty

**Dr. Nancy Naff Boardman** of Athens, TN, passed away July 28, 2014. A dedicated and accomplished educator, she served as a classroom teacher, a curriculum supervisor, a principal, a superintendent and a college professor. She taught at both Tusculum and Tennessee Wesleyan College. She was named Business and Professional Woman of the Year by the Athens Chamber of Commerce in 1988.

**Dr. Douglas H. Manley** of Athens, TN, formerly of Cleveland, TN, passed away on July 12, 2014. At the time of his passing, he was an associate professor of music and director of keyboard studies at Tennessee Wesleyan College. He also taught at Tusculum and Cleveland State Community College. He had also served in the music ministries of several area churches.

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Those of us who are fortunate enough to have the consciousness of mind and ability to 'pay it forward' or to give back so that others might follow in our footsteps or forge their own path might be called Pioneers, or in the words of Dr. Deborah Kapp, McCormick Seminary, might be called landscape architects. When Dr. Kapp visited Tusculum in 2009, she talked about the idea of 'Becomingness.' Dr. Kapp said that the truly gifted landscape architect "designs gardens and landscapes with an eye toward their 'becomingness.' The landscape architect knows that when a hydrangea or a rhododendron or a bed of grass is planted, those plantings will change over time. They will fill out, grow tall and become something different from what they had first been. Eventually they will come to complement each other in new and fuller ways."

That's an extraordinary gift, isn't it? To be able to see the becomingness of something—to envision or recognize potential, and then to be able to design for it—is a wonderful capacity, and it is one not limited to landscape architects. Each of us has an opportunity to plant a seed or to nurture the human spirit with an eye toward the potential of what it may become.

I hope you will consider the transformational opportunities that we have before us. The realization of these dreams will continue to

transform the lives of students from this region and beyond and will serve to provide an educated workforce to support economic development in the communities that our graduates seek to serve.

Each year, the College relies heavily on the ongoing and generous support of dedicated alumni, friends, parents and organizations of all types to support important current operations. The current campaign on which we are embarking will focus on increasing funding to our Tusculum Fund for key programs and projects. Considered the lifeblood of the College, the Tusculum Fund provides important support for student scholarships, athletics, library resources, technology, departmental budgets and academic programs. A growing Tusculum Fund provides opportunities for day-to-day excellence for all our students and professors.

Please make this vision a reality. As you have read in this issue, Tusculum is "becoming." Join us on this journey to provide an education with a strong liberal arts foundation to people of all ages, in an environment that is grounded in the Judeo-Christian faith and the civic arts, with pathways for career preparation, personal development and civic engagement.

Tusculum College is in a state of becoming, one that I hope continues for centuries to come. Thank you for the role that you play in this never-ending metamorphosis.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nancy B. Moody  
President

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