VISION 20/20
Moving into a Third Century of Integrity, Excellence and Service

Very few institutions of higher education in the United States are privileged enough to face the question, “How do we actualize educational relevance and excellence into a third century?” The future of Tusculum College is fundamentally connected to history through core values embodied by her mission statement. Tusculum College remains true to the mission extolled by the founders to provide a liberal arts education in a Judeo-Christian and civic arts environment. Today, as in 1794, values such as integrity, civic responsibility and critical thinking are relevant and essential. As Tusculum College embarks on a third century of service, the vision for the next decade is shaped by a commitment to:

- **Enhance institutional integrity through aspirational leadership and academic innovation**, including well-managed relationships with domestic and international academic institutions to provide joint academic and co-curricular programs, exchange opportunities and deep immersion experiences; integration of social media and virtual experiences to enhance accessibility and academic achievement; increased placement of graduates in advanced degree programs and professional schools; robust student and faculty scholarship, and full integration of reflective judgment and critical thinking in all aspects of our living and learning environment.

- **Distinguish Tusculum College alumni as leading citizen-scholars**, through redevelopment of the “Freshman Experience” to incorporate cultural enhancement opportunities, providing students with knowledge and skills relevant to their everyday and professional lives; a co-curricular transcript program to document student participation and leadership in on- and off-campus organizations, demonstrating their leadership experiences and dedication to service, and immersive, student-centered learning and leadership environments conducive to collaborative, problem-based learning.

- **Establish transformative living and learning communities**, by creating state-of-the-art, student-centered learning environments; providing contemporary technologies to prepare students who are academically, intellectually and technically equipped to work in, lead and serve their communities; providing places and support that nurture intellectual curiosity, and creating virtual and physical environments conducive to academic achievement and success.

- **Create the capital to support ongoing institutional self-sufficiency, security and innovation**, characterized by diversification of revenue streams, alternative funding mechanisms and opportunities and decreased student and institution dependence on state and federal tuition assistance; competitive salaries and benefits designed to attract and retain exemplary faculty and staff; a doubled endowment and increased unrestricted funds to allow the College flexibility in supporting new initiatives; a substantial increase in graduation rates, and active engagement in local and regional economic development.

The realization of this vision, informed by the boldest aspirations of our students, alumni, faculty, staff, Trustees and trusted friends of the College, requires each person to fully embrace his or her role and responsibility with enthusiasm and determination to propel Tusculum College into her third century.

Please be part of Vision 20/20. Thank you for your support, your community spirit and stewardship over the years. As I look forward to the future direction that Tusculum College will take with our collective input, I hope you will consider, if you have not already done so, making a gift to the Tusculum Fund to help us reach these goals and remain a strong and unique institution of higher education well into the next decade and the next century.

I would also encourage you to join us on September 22-25 for Homecoming 2011. I look forward to seeing you, and again, thank you for all you do for Tusculum College.

Nancy B. Moody
President
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On the cover: A map and artistic rendering from the Tusculum College campus master plan. The glasses are from the collection of the President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library on campus. They were Eliza Johnson's, wife of Andrew Johnson.
MAKING IT SAFE ...

Kelly shares experiences in environmental science career

Inspecting university research labs, cleaning hazardous material spills and even hauling waste to a disposal site are all part of regular job duties for William Kelly ’09.

Current environmental science students had the opportunity to learn about what their career may hold in November as Kelly returned to his Alma Mater to share his varied experiences as a chemist for a leading environmental firm.

Kelly, who earned a bachelor’s degree in environmental science and creative writing from Tusculum, works for Triumvirate Environmental, one of the leading environmental firms in the New England region.

One of the best characteristics of his job is that it varies from day to day, Kelly told a group of students, faculty and staff attending his presentation.

While the title “chemist” may bring images to mind of a person working in a lab, he said, his position is quite different as the majority of his time is spent in the field at customer sites.

His responsibilities vary depending on the assignment, Kelly said. He has inspected the waste handling and disposal procedures at university research labs including those at Ivy League schools, driven a truck of waste to a disposal site, cleaned up hazardous material spills and directed the implementation of better waste disposal procedures by a hospital following an inspection by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Kelly, who came to Tusculum from Sevierville, TN, said his classes at the College provided a good knowledge base for him in his position, although he has received much on-the-job training. In his job interview, Kelly said it was beneficial to him to be able to note that he had taken a course in industrial hygiene.

Another key to his hiring by the firm, he said, was the people skills he was able to learn through his leadership roles in the Upward Bound program and as an editor for the student newspaper at Tusculum, as well as his experience working in a retail store.

Triumvirate Environmental focuses on customer service, Kelly said, so the ability to relate to people and be able to handle a variety of situations, including those in which people may not be receptive to what you have to say or challenge what they are directed to do, is crucial. He noted that sometimes he has to give directions to change waste handling or disposal procedures to people who have been at their positions for a number of years and are very resistant to doing anything different than what they have done for years.

The company also provides opportunities for advancement to a variety of positions in its various divisions, he said, noting that each person at the firm, even the accountants and the president, has served at some point as a chemist, so each person has an understanding of the scope of the work the firm handles.

Kelly advised students to serve in an internship while in college if possible, as employers want applicants who have had some experience in the field. He encouraged the students to stay optimistic and pursue each opportunity, recalling that the opportunity for the position with Triumvirate came months after his graduation.
More Tusculum College students have studied abroad during the 2010-11 academic year than ever before. The world is being brought to Tusculum with a new global classroom that allows students here to discuss issues with students on other continents. Learn more about worldwide Tusculum ....

Global classroom
A new program developed by the Tusculum College Center for Global Studies has resulted in the creation of a global classroom for discussing global business issues with other college students from around the world.

“The new program is based on the technology that Tusculum College has invested in that allows us to link up to classrooms across the globe for one coordinated classroom discussion,” said Dr. Geir Bergvin, director of the Center for Global Studies and associate professor of marketing at Tusculum College.

Tusculum’s technology and a partnership with the Greeneville City Schools has provided this unique opportunity.

In its initial stages, the program has been coordinated with the College’s Business Club, the Study Abroad and Global Awareness organization and interested students.

During two sessions in the fall, Tusculum students were able to speak to students from Norway, Russia and Ghana about various business topics including the role of energy in the global environment.

“Being in the United States, I have seen how much easier it is to have a global viewpoint,” said Luis Zamora, a Tusculum College sophomore from Chile majoring in management and economics.

Salzburg Seminar
Tusculum sophomores Altonie Wilson, Sam Underwood and Mitchell Taylor, from left above, represented the College at the Salzburg Global Seminar in January.

Attending the seminar at the regal Schloss Leopoldskron palace with college students from across the United States, the three explored a variety of issues related to global citizenship from an American and world perspective.

“After this trip, we were truly changed people,” Underwood said. “It changes your mindset.”

Wilson said the three “didn’t really know what to expect. I thought it would be a chance of a lifetime and it was.”

Taylor said that one of the most important opportunities of the trip was getting to make friends with the other seminar participants.

During the trip the three visited the Dachau concentration camp and explored historic Salzburg.

Taylor, from Kodak, TN, and Sam Underwood, from Muncie, IN, are business majors. Wilson, who is from Covington, GA, is a film and broadcasting major.

To read more about the international trips, the global classroom or learn more about the Center for Global Studies, visit http://www2.tusculum.edu/studyabroad/.
New Benefactor named for Tusculum College

The Charles A. Frueauff Foundation has become Tusculum College's newest Benefactor.

The Foundation, based in Little Rock, AR, has supported the College for more than four decades with its most recent contributions benefitting students who work on campus as part of their financial aid package.

The Charles A. Frueauff Endowed Work-Study Fund was established in 1997. The relationship between the College and the Foundation dates back to 1968.

Gifts from the Frueauff Endowment are used to provide work-study opportunities for Tusculum students. The program also provides latitude to assist middle income families who do not qualify for federal financial aid assistance.

The foundation plays a significant role in the education of Tusculum College students by providing them the opportunity to pursue their educational dreams.

Benefactors are defined as those who have given a lifetime total of $1 million or more to the College or have made an irrevocable estate commitment at that level. Benefactors may also have given a combination of gifts and estate commitments totaling $1 million or more. Through the years, Benefactors have had a profound impact on the present and future of Tusculum College, and their support continues to transform the College into a stronger and more effective institution. A full list of Benefactors can be seen online at http://www.tusculum.edu/giving/honorroll/Benefactors2010.pdf.

Celebrating 20 years of successes supported by the Pioneer Club

Through scholarships and program support, gifts to the Tusculum Fund, designated to the Pioneer Club provide opportunities for student-athletes to grow and excel in their chosen sports, such as Bo Cordell in football and Jasmine Gunn in women's basketball.

The 2011-2012 Pioneer Club Campaign begins in July. Watch for more information about how you can get involved and support the Pioneers!
Capt. Samuel L. Doak ’49 and Mrs. Emily Doak receive Distinguished Service Award

Capt. Sam Doak USN (Retired) and his wife, Emily, were presented the Distinguished Service Award during the annual Tusculum College President’s Dinner on Friday, May 20. The Doaks were recognized for their continual service and multi-faceted support of Tusculum College.

Capt. Doak, a 1949 alumnus of the College, is a current member of the Tusculum Board of Trustees and is a direct descendant of the founders of the College. Emily Doak has been a tireless volunteer for the Museums of Tusculum College and the Andrew Johnson Heritage Association. The couple attends most of the arts events and public lectures on campus, as well as a number of athletic events.

Dr. Nancy B. Moody, Tusculum president, and Dr. Kenneth A. Bowman, chair of the Board of Trustees and a 1970 alumnus of the College, presented the award to the surprised, but appreciative couple.

The Distinguished Service Award is given each year to an individual or individuals who have a long history of outstanding and multi-faceted support of Tusculum College. The award is presented at the President’s Dinner, which honors the College’s major donors, Heritage Club members and consecutive givers.

At the presentation, Dr. Moody read the text of the award, which is as follows:

“As committed supporters of Tusculum College, Captain Sam and Mrs. Emily Doak have throughout the years distinguished themselves, Tusculum College and the community. Through service, leadership and lifelong support of the College, the Doaks exemplify the Civic Arts values that Tusculum College has promoted for 217 years.

As a 1949 alumnus of Tusculum College and the United States Naval Academy, Captain Sam Doak also distinguished himself as a member of the United States Navy. As a member of the Tusculum College family, he has served as director of alumni affairs and as a valued and influential member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees. Sam is the great, great, great, great grandson of Samuel Doak, who founded Washington College Academy, and the great, great, great grandson of Samuel Witherspoon Doak, who founded Tusculum Academy.

Mrs. Emily Doak is an Epsilon Sigma Alpha DIANA award winner and an active member and supporter of the Andrew Johnson Heritage Association, where she served as membership chairman. She has also served on the Board of the Greeneville Community Concerts Association and has served as hostess at the President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library and the Doak House Museum. Both she and Captain Doak are active and dedicated members of Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church and maintain a relationship with the First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville.

As friends, supporters and neighbors of the College, their presence on campus is continually felt, as they are frequently seen supporting art programs, athletic events, lecture programs and other outreach programs of the College. Sam and Emily have been generous contributors to Tusculum College throughout their lives, supporting the growth, expansion and mission of the College at the highest levels. These gifts have impacted the lives of thousands of students who lead better lives today because of their time spent at Tusculum College.

In recognition of all they mean to Tusculum College, the 2011 Distinguished Service Award is presented to Captain Sam and Mrs. Emily Doak on behalf of a grateful Tusculum College community on the occasion of the President’s Dinner, May 20, 2011.”
Golden Pioneers lead Commencement procession; 263 receive degrees in May

There was much to celebrate on Saturday, May 7, for 263 individuals who received degrees during Tusculum College’s spring commencement ceremony. Ninety-seven students earned Bachelor of Science degrees in organizational management and 129 earned Bachelor of Arts degrees. In addition, 37 earned Master of Arts degrees.

Leading this spring’s graduates were representatives of the Tusculum College Class of 1961 who are celebrating their 50th anniversary year. Representatives led the graduates in the procession, clothed in golden caps and gowns and were recognized during the ceremony by Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum College. After commencement, the Golden Pioneers enjoyed lunch together. A reception for them on Friday evening was held at the President's House.

The new graduates were addressed by Moody, who recognized the commencement ceremony as “an occasion of celebration and completion.” Adding, “Each of you has made sacrifices, adjustments and also made tough decisions. This is a testament to your own efforts and also to your persistence. Today is your reward. Be proud of yourself and your accomplishments.”

Also speaking was Mark Stokes, director of religious life, church and community relations. Stokes presented a sermon titled, “Simple Words.” He encouraged the graduates to use thank you notes to express their thanks to everyone in their lives that has made an impact.

“Especially on this day,” he said, “You know there have been many who have assisted you. Use simple words to express your thanks.”

In addition to the presentation of the undergraduate and graduate degrees, two faculty awards were presented.

Receiving the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership award for the Residential College was Jane Sandusky, assistant professor of athletic training. Receiving the award for the Graduate and Professional Studies program was Dr. Stella Schramm, professor of management.

From left, Golden Pioneers from the Class of 1961 are Howard Slagle, Ann Taylor Van Buskirk, Ed Oneto, Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody, Gail Long Landry, Julia White Hayes, Frank Gentsch and Dr. Judy Koforth Domer. Dr. Moody presented the Golden Pioneers with their medallions during a breakfast prior to the morning commencement ceremony. This is the sixth year for the Golden Pioneers to lead the May commencement procession.

Graduates pass through the faculty gauntlet following the awarding of their degrees.
Malta’s Ambassador to the United States, Mark Miceli, was the guest of honor at a reception on Sunday, March 27, for the international photography exhibit, “Malta’s Magnificent Megalithic Monuments,” which was displayed in the Thomas J. Garland Library lobby during the month of March. The photographic exhibit featured a photographic study of the Mediterranean island nation’s prehistoric temples and artifacts, the work of artist Daniel Cilia.

Ambassador Miceli also spent time sharing information about Malta’s history and its role in the European Union with students on Monday, March 28.

The College is appreciative of the assistance of Dr. and Mrs. D. Bruce Shine of Kingsport for coordinating the loan of this exhibit to Tusculum. Dr. Shine is a 1960 graduate of Tusculum College, a 15-year member of its Board of Trustees and former Chairman of the Board. He also received an honorary doctorate from Tusculum College in 1984.

Dr. Shine and his wife, Betsy, have developed close ties with the country of Malta through Shine’s years teaching at the International Maritime Law Institute. The Shines coordinated not only the loan of the exhibit, but also the ambassador’s visit.

Relationships are also being explored between the College and the University of Malta.

The exhibit and visit garnered Tusculum some publicity in Malta. An article about the exhibit was posted on Malta’s U.S. Embassy website.
An evening at Tusculum House

More than 70 alumni and friends of Tusculum College had the opportunity in September to visit the house that helped give the name to their Alma Mater.

At the generous hospitality of its current owner, Avril Moore, alumni enjoyed touring the regal “Tusculum House” and relaxing on the back patio with a variety of foods, beverages, including a whiskey tasting event, and a band. Tusculum House was the home of the Rev. John Witherspoon, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the sixth president of the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University.

Among Rev. Witherspoon’s students at the College of New Jersey was the Rev. Samuel Doak, a Presbyterian minister who traveled with his son to the banks of Frank Creek where they established a school, naming it Tusculum Academy in honor of Rev. Witherspoon. The name “Tusculum” itself goes back even further in history as a reference to the ancient Roman philosopher Cicero and the Civic Virtues he espoused. Cicero had a villa in the village of Tusculum outside of Rome.

Among those attending were Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody, Mr. Tom Moody and Susan D. Vance ‘91, associate vice president for Institutional Advancement, who served as host and hostesses along with Moore.

“This was one of our most successful alumni events,” said Dr. Moody. “The combination of the opportunity to visit the historic location and the active alumni we have in the Princeton area came together for a one-of-a-kind event that was truly memorable for all.”

2010, 2011 senior gifts enhance two campus landmarks

Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody expresses appreciation to Glenn Vicary ’10, at right, for the new lamps for the Arch that he and his fellow classmates provided through the 2010 Senior Gift.

Jeanne Stokes, above right, director of the TRIO programs at Tusculum, speaks with Ray Wheeler ’60 and Betty Cheek Wheeler ’60. Below, Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody speaks to the alumni on the patio of the Tusculum House.

The brick campus entrance signs received a face lift as the result of the 2011 Senior Class Gift Campaign. The fading metal part of the signs were replaced with signs featuring the College’s updated logo. At the unveiling May 6 were Senior Class Gift Committee members, from left, Tiffany Colbaugh, Sierra Sims ’11, Marci Moore ’11 and Nikki Taylor along with Dr. Moody, in the back.
Band program adds concert, jazz bands and handbell choir

The new band program at Tusculum has brought excitement to the campus. The Pep Band has helped increase school spirit at football and basketball games. The Concert Band debuted at the Inauguration Ceremony for Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody. The Pioneer Jazz Band had its debut performance in April with "A Night of Swing" concert featuring jazz standards and a special guest, nationally known vocalist Russ Crum. The Concert Band, the Jazz Band and the Handbell Choir all performed during the spring concert. Feature ensemble groups have performed at various events. The program continues to grow with a marching band and color guard coming in the fall.

Members of the Pep Band play during a time-out at a women's basketball game, above. Addie Hancock, left, and Josh Davis have been chosen as the College's first drum majors. Hancock of Mooresburg, TN, was chosen as assistant drum major and Davis of Sharps Chapel, TN was selected to be drum major.

The Pioneer Jazz Band debuted with "A Night of Swing" on April 28, at left. Joining the Jazz Band to perform an evening of jazz standards was vocalist Russ Crum, who also performed with them during the spring concert, center. The concert on May 1 featured the debut performance of the Handbell Choir and selections by the Concert Band. The Handbell Choir and Concert Band joined together to perform "America! God Shed His Grace on Thee," below.

Honor Roll of Donors online!

View this tribute to Tusculum College's many generous alumni, friends, parents, foundations, businesses and organizations who gave gifts during the 2009-2010 fiscal year, which began July 1, 2009, and ended June 30, 2010. http://www.tusculum.edu/giving/honorroll/
Tusculum Fund

Each and every Pioneer counts!

Did you know that alumni giving percentages play a role in Tusculum College receiving financial support from foundations?

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Help us reach our goal of 10 percent alumni giving!

The Value of Giving

Learn more about planned giving and how it can benefit you and Tusculum College. Contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 1.800.729.0156 ext. 5303 or hpachett@tusculum.edu.
Three key departments on campus have new leadership, with the College naming three new vice presidents.

**Vice President of Enrollment Management**

Dr. Thomas H. Stein has been named vice president of enrollment management at Tusculum College.

Stein has held a similar position for the past 18 years at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio.

With 32 years experience in higher education, Stein has experience in marketing, fund raising, strategic planning and working with students through the enrollment and financial aid processes.

“We are very pleased that Dr. Thomas Stein has joined us at Tusculum College,” said President Nancy B. Moody. “His experience and success in enrollment management will support continuing success at the College and will build upon current strategies to grow our adult programs.”

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Northern University, a Master of Science degree from the University of Dayton and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Toledo. At Otterbein University he was responsible for all enrollment oversight for traditional students and served as one of five members of the President’s Cabinet. Under his guidance, the Otterbein enrollment division increased full-time enrollment by 67 percent, from 1,500 students to more than 2,500 students during his tenure.

Prior to joining Otterbein, Stein was dean of admissions at Wilmington College in Ohio, where he also served as a member of the President’s Council.

In Ohio, Stein served as president of the Indian Lake School Board. He is also a member of the Indian Lake Growth and Development Committee.

Stein is married to Kristine Stein and has two adult sons, Kyle and Carl.

**Vice President for Institutional Advancement**

Heather Patchett has been named vice president for institutional advancement. Patchett has more than 20 years experience in all aspects of fund raising, including major gifts, capital campaigns and planned giving programs. She has also managed alumni and public relations departments and has extensive experience working in higher education advancement and development programs.

She has spent the past two years working at Otter Opportunities, providing services to not-for-profit organizations, including fund raising, grant writing and working with research and information systems. She has managed advancement programs at Converse College, where she served as vice president of institutional advancement; at the University of the South, where she served as director of capital gifts; and Gustavus Adolphus College, where she was the director of the gift planning.

“We are very pleased that our search efforts have led us to Heather Patchett. She brings a wealth of experience to the position and is providing strong leadership for an already dedicated and experienced staff,” said Moody.

As vice president for institutional advancement, she oversees the staff and its departments, including the offices of development, college communications, alumni relations, advancement services, church relations and special events.

Patchett has a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of the South and a Master of Arts in teaching from Alaska Pacific University.

She is married to Bill Herrick, and has a son Brendan, a junior at Warren Wilson College, and a daughter, Lauren, who will enter Tusculum this fall as a freshman.

**Vice President of Information Systems and Chief Technology Officer**

Dr. Blair Ferrell Henley has been named vice president of information systems and chief technology officer.

He brings to Tusculum nearly 14 years of computer and systems experience, most recently serving as the director of technology for the Niswonger Foundation’s Northeast Tennessee College and Career Ready Consortium (NETCO) and as career and technical education supervisor at the Bristol Tennessee City School System. Through his work with NETCO, Dr. Henley directed the implementation of the technology infrastructure in 29 high schools across Northeast Tennessee to support the goals of a Investing in Innovation (i3) Grant. In addition, he designed the online course interface and learning management system used to produce the web-based curriculum used in the 29 high schools.

“Tusculum College is ready to move forward with our vision to fully integrate technology into all aspects of the college experience,” said Dr. Moody. “Dr. Henley brings not only technical expertise, but the ability to create a vision and put together the plan to bring it to reality.”

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in education from East Tennessee State University (ETSU) and earned his master’s degree in educational administration and supervision from Lincoln Memorial University. In 2009, he completed his doctoral work in educational leadership and policy analysis at ETSU.

Dr. Henley and his wife, Amy, have three sons, Peyton, Bryson and CJ.
Traci Willis '97 is making her mark in the health care industry as the chief executive officer of Lovelace Rehabilitation Hospital in New Mexico. She is pictured at left with a patient and physical therapist at the hospital.

Tusculum alumnna takes on the challenges of leadership in healthcare

Traci Willis '97 may be a long way from her roots in Kingsport, TN, but the Tusculum College alumna of the Graduate and Professional Studies program is making an impression in her new home in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Willis has taken over as chief executive officer of Lovelace Rehabilitation Hospital, overseeing 260 employees and managing the specialty hospital that provides physical rehabilitative services, both inpatient and outpatient, for many different diagnosis groups, including physical, occupational and speech. Willis’s responsibilities include management of the operations of the 62-bed facility and four outpatient therapy clinics.

Previously, Willis was chief executive officer of HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Memphis and has worked at the head position at hospitals in Arkansas and South Carolina. She earned her organizational management degree from Tusculum College and believes her degree has propelled her to excel in healthcare management and to reach the senior executive levels.

“By giving me the management stepping stones to build on, Tusculum really provided me with the beginnings of my career in management,” said Willis. “My instructors were professionals who allowed me to build on my work experiences to expand my knowledge. We didn’t just complete coursework from a textbook; we used current workplace events to learn.

“Because my job is heavily focused on communication with all customers – patients, staff, physicians, community leaders and representatives - effective communication skills are key. My job involves providing key resources to patients and the community, so listening skills to determine their needs are equally as important.”

Learning management skills have been crucial, and Tusculum’s business program was a big part of that. She appreciated how “realistic” the instructors were and the individualized attention she could get with the small class sizes.

“Allowing students to utilize their life experience and work knowledge in each class, I received a more well-rounded education. I feel I was much more prepared to begin my management career than if I had attended a larger university.”

In particular, two classes during her program have made an impact on her management style.

“Psychology helped me understand that you have to listen to people in order to better understand them, and my human resources class taught me how to communicate with people based on their individual needs and personalities. These classes really helped me focus on listening and communication.”

As far as moving into the healthcare field, Willis said the first thing she would advise for those seeking a similar career path would be to gain experience in all aspects of healthcare before moving into management.

“I knew nothing about physical rehabilitation when I started my career 1991. I worked in the therapy gym for two years before I moved into administration. As with any management position, you can manage much more effectively if you understand what the people you manage have to do each day.”

In addition, she would advise preparation for change and a willingness to accept it. But most importantly, “never lose sight of your number one priority in healthcare – the patient.

No matter what area of healthcare someone chooses to work in, their top priority should always be to provide the highest quality of care to their patients.”
When Simon Holzapfel ’11 arrived for the first time at Tusculum College from his native Germany, he had two suitcases. One of those suitcases held his bicycle. “I put my bike together and rode to Walmart to get a blanket,” he recalled at an event last fall. “The next day I rode back to get a pillow.”

This quiet, thoughtful young man then began to make a home at Tusculum, and as a senior was one of the most active, well-known and respected students on campus.

Coming from Nuremberg to Tusculum, Simon was without nearby support of family and friends, but he has made some lifelong friends at Tusculum.

“My mom always told me that if you have one true friend in life, you are rich,” he said. “Friends are those people that you do not have to be ashamed to ask for a favor… they will be there for you when nobody else will, like my friends have proven.”

Faculty and staff members have been influential and instrumental in his success, including professors in his major and staff in Athletics, Student Life and Enrollment Management.

Among the influential faculty is Professor of Education Dr. Kirpal Mahal. “He added direction to my career and pushed me further than anybody else,” Simon said. “He helped me understand the fields of physical education and exercise science… he not only showed me the ways to further my professional development, but he has also provided tremendous opportunities for me. He could relate to my situation as an international student and provide valuable advice that other staff and faculty could not.”

Now retired Campus Chaplain Dr. Stephen Weisz is another. “I will always remember him picking me up and transporting me to the airport, driving to church on Sunday morning trips, talking about things at Tusculum and his unique perspective on things,” Simon said.

He was drawn to Tusculum because of the majors offered in the Physical Education Department. The sport management and sports science major has excelled in the classroom, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average for all four years at Tusculum.

Simon also came to Tusculum to run. A four-year standout on the Pioneer Cross Country Team, he won 16 individual titles during his career, including six in a row last fall. Most impressively, Simon closed his career with a streak of 21 consecutive top-10 finishes, a run that spanned three seasons. He also holds records for the top 11 8,000-meter running times in school history.

With his academic and athletic responsibilities, Simon has also found time to serve others. On campus, he has been involved in the Student Government Association, President’s Society, Track and Field Club, Pioneer Green Team, Alpha Chi Honor Society and the Pioneer Student-Athlete Advisory Council. He has served as a peer tutor and a resident assistant.

With such success at each level of college life, Simon has received a number of accolades for his accomplishments.

In November, he became the first student from the College to be chosen as the state winner of the James E. Ward Outstanding Major Award by the Tennessee Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD).

This spring, Holzapfel was one of the three student delegates nationwide selected to the Alliance Assembly, the governing body of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

Holzapfel has also garnered prestigious awards from the South Atlantic Conference (SAC).

A four-year standout on the Cross Country Team, he was named the 2009 and 2010 SAC Runner of the Year, as well as the 2009 and 2010 SAC Cross Country Scholar Athlete of the Year. He was also presented the 2011 SAC Presidents Award in June, the most prestigious honor the conference awards to its student-athletes.

Simon was named to the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Men’s College Division Cross Country/Track & Field First Team. He is the first Tusculum student-athlete in school history to earn Academic All-America® three times.

After earning his degree in May, Simon will attend graduate school at Eastern Kentucky University to pursue master’s and doctoral degrees in exercise physiology.
Growing group serves veterans at Tusculum

Talking to Jordan Eggleston and Wes Baessler for a few minutes, two things become quickly apparent. The two men formed a strong friendship while serving in the military and both are passionate about helping others who have served the country in the armed forces.

Eggleston and Baessler served together as military policemen in the U.S. Army, first meeting when they both were stationed in Qatar. After ending their tours of duty, the two returned to civilian life working at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, TN. Both men decided to return to school to earn their degrees.

After enrolling at Tusculum, Eggleston saw a need for veteran students to receive assistance with their GI benefits. He enlisted Baessler’s help and the two formed The Military Assistance Group (TMAG) in 2009.

With the support of Tusculum College staff, the group and its activities have grown and evolved. It is the first certified Graduate and Professional Studies student organization at Tusculum.

The two men are pleased with the group’s success thus far. “A lot of veterans are out of their element and have to adjust to a new environment when they come into the college environment,” said Eggleston. “Tusculum is very military-friendly, and we can provide that extra bit of guidance and feeling of acceptance as they work to better themselves through education.”

Eggleston has spoken at student events to provide information on the military to educate the student body as a whole.

One such event was during International Education Week last fall when both men came to the Greeneville campus to share their experiences serving overseas.

Eggleston began his overseas service in South America and Baessler served in South Korea before being assigned to the base in Qatar. After serving in Qatar, the two were then stationed in Guantanamo Bay before ending their five years of military service.

Both shared that living in different cultures required some adapting. Eggleston said he found natives to be friendly to the military when he was stationed in South America, while Baessler said that the South Koreans had varying attitudes. The older people treated the military well, while the younger people, who did not experience the Korean conflict, were not as welcoming.

TMAG has provided care packages to deployed service members and assisted at a recent “Stand Down” event for homeless veterans.

The group is currently focused on implementing its “Blue Star Program.” They are working with Tusculum on this program, which could eventually allow for a tuition discount for veterans’ family members. Veterans who have exhausted their GI benefits would also be eligible for this program.

“Families serve in the military as well, just in a different way,” said Baessler. “A distracted soldier is a dead soldier, and the family members ensure that things are maintained at home so the soldier can focus on his or her duties. The family members are not thanked enough, and this is one small way we can try to do that.”

WSI Oak Ridge Security Police Officer Brad Carter is involved with TMAG and serves as its treasurer. Lauren Venable is also very active with the group and serves as Secretary. Eggleston and Baessler credit Venable with being the driving force of the group. Carter served in Security Forces in the U.S. Air Force and Venable’s husband, Ben, served in the U.S. Army Military Police.

The group has been successful in communicating its efforts to Tusculum students and has a page on the College’s internal website. Sixty students are currently members. TMAG is actively working to expand the group to include the Tusculum campus in Greeneville and sites in Morristown and the Tri-Cities.

Companies, organizations or individuals interested in donating to TMAG can do so by designating a donation to Tusculum College. For more information contact Tom McKay, assistant director/academic coordinator for Tusculum College at 865-693-1177 ext. 5020 or tmckay@tusculum.edu.
PSAAC raises $1,000 in service project

The Pioneer Student Athlete Advisory Council (PSAAC) has met this year’s goal of raising $1,000 dollars for the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, the organization’s chosen philanthropy.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, PSAAC collected $1,146.68 that was donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, which grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

PSAAC, the student-athlete advisory committee for Tusculum’s 14 intercollegiate sports, collected funds at home athletic events and held theme-based fundraisers for this worthy cause.

The purpose of PSAAC is to generate a student-athlete voice within Tusculum College, solicit student-athlete response to proposed NCAA Division II legislation, suggest potential NCAA legislation, organize community service efforts and create a vehicle for student-athletes’ representation on campus-wide and conference-wide committees.

This past academic year, the Tusculum College athletic department has performed 1,301 hours of community service.

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ATHLETIC NEWS

Cordell named state’s College Football Player of the Year

Tusculum quarterback Bo Cordell was named the 2010 Tennessee Sports Writers Association (TSWA)’s State College Football Player of the Year. He will receive the award at the TSWA’s annual award luncheon in July.

Cordell becomes the second Tusculum player to earn this award, joining former All-American cornerback Ricardo Colclough ’04, who garnered this honor in 2003.

Cordell, a Cincinnati, Ohio native, led all NCAA divisions (FBS, FCS, II, III) in total offensive yards per game, passing yards per game and completions per game. He was named the 2010 South Atlantic Conference (SAC) Offensive Player of the Year and finished fourth in the voting for the Harlon Hill Trophy, which recognizes the Division II National Player of the Year.

Cordell was named the NCAA II National Statistical Champion for total offensive yards per game (425.45), passing yards per game (423.36), completions per game (35.82) and points responsible for per game (26.00).

The 2010 Daktronics and Football Gazette All-Super Region 2 First Team honoree passed for a school and SAC record 4,657 yards, which was third in NCAA II and fifth most for all NCAA divisions. Cordell threw for 38 touchdowns, a new school single-season mark and the 25th most in NCAA II history. He also established school and conference records with 394 completions (3rd in NCAA II history), 605 pass attempts (3rd in NCAA II history) and 702 total offensive attempts (3rd in NCAA II history). He was also named to the D2Football.com and Football Gazette All-America teams this season.

Cordell passed for more than 400 yards in nine consecutive games in 2010, which is a new Tusculum College, SAC and NCAA II record.

Softball boasts most wins; Baseball continues tradition

Softball boasts most wins in NCAA Division II era

The Tusculum softball team posted an impressive 32-17 record and placed fourth in the South Atlantic Conference (SAC), its best SAC finish in school history. The 32 victories are a 15-win improvement from a season ago.

Three of those victories came against nationally-ranked teams including No. 2 North Georgia, No. 4 Alabama-Huntsville and No. 13 California (Pa.). The win over North Georgia halted the Saints’ two-year home winning streak, while Alabama-Huntsville finished as the 2011 NCAA II national runner-up.

Tusculum’s Erin Searcy ’11, of Coolidge, GA, tossed two no-hitters, while All-Region standout Elizabeth Johnson, a junior from Greenville, WI, pitched the first recorded “perfect game” in school history.

Head coach Fred Gillum recorded his 100th win at Tusculum, as well as his 200th career collegiate victory.

Cotton smashes record book, Baseball continues winning tradition

Tusculum catcher Sean Cotton ’11, established numerous records this season as the Pioneers accounted for a 33-18 record and finished third in the league race. The Pioneers have amassed 11 consecutive winning seasons including nine straight 30-win campaigns.

Cotten, who is from Mooresville, NC, owns numerous school records, including home runs (35), runs batted in (186), total bases (385), walks (106) and sacrifice flies (19).

Cotten and junior outfielder Alexi Colon, from Millville, NJ, were named to the Division II All-Region team.
Allen Vital ’92 returns home to lead Men’s Soccer program

Allen Vital ’92 has been named the new men’s soccer coach at Tusculum College.

Vital returns to his Alma Mater after 14 seasons as the head coach at Carson-Newman College. Vital has amassed one of finest coaching careers in South Atlantic Conference (SAC) and NCAA Division II history. In his 14 seasons, he led the Eagles to a 165-85-19 worksheet, the best coaching record at Carson-Newman. His 165 victories are 28th amongst NCAA II active coaches, while his .649 winning percentage is 27th in the nation.

“There are not many times as an athletic director that you have a chance to hire one of the best coaches in the South Atlantic Conference and maybe one of the best in the country,” said Frankie DeBusk, director of athletics. “For him to be an alumnus, a great recruiter and a good person... Allen Vital fits that mold to perfection, and we are fortunate to have him as our men’s soccer coach.”

“This is an exciting and unique opportunity for me to do what so many in my profession dream of; coaching the team that you once played for,” said Vital. “It’s my hope that my tenure here at Tusculum will be used to advance the legacy of excellence that this men’s soccer program has long been associated with.”

In 2010, Vital guided Carson-Newman to a 12-5-1 record, including 8-1 in the league to capture the program’s third straight SAC championship and seventh in the last eight seasons.

“Our men’s soccer program has a tremendous history of success, with excellence on and off the field and with a great reputation of being successful,” DeBusk added. “Coach Vital has not only been part of that history, but will continue it with great pride.”

As a player, Vital garnered All-Conference honors as a freshman and sophomore at Lees-McRae as he led the Bobcats to a pair of NCAA Region 10 Championships. He played the 1990 and 1991 campaigns at Tusculum, where he was selected to the NAIA All-District 24 both seasons.

Vital not only has an outstanding soccer resume, he is also a scholar. Along with a business administration degree from Tusculum, he minored in French and art.

“It’s great to come back home,” Vital said. “Tina and I are so fortunate that at this time in our lives we get to return to Tusculum College where our story together started some years ago.”

Vital and his wife, Christina (who earned her master’s degree from Tusculum in 1994), are the proud parents of three boys, Devin Alain, Jean-Pierre and Remi.

Youth movement sends Volleyball to NCAA Tournament again

The Tusculum volleyball team made another strong showing and earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament for a second consecutive year. Under the direction of SAC Coach of the Year Michael Robinson, Tusculum posted a 25-7 record and finished runner-up in both the SAC regular-season and the SAC Tournament titles.

It was a strong youth movement as the Pioneers accomplished so much with a roster consisting of one senior, no juniors and freshmen and sophomores. Rookie Caitlyn Dean became the program’s first-ever first team NCAA II All-American as she led the nation in digs. Freshman setter Ashley Sarmiento was named the Freshman of the Year in both the league and the Southeast Region.

Tusculum also established a team milestone by recording the 700th victory in the program’s history. The Pioneers accomplished the feat on Oct. 2, 2010, with a 3-2 win at Anderson University. Since 1982, Tusculum has tallied an impressive 714-445 record.
Women’s Basketball sweeps SAC title, Sees fourth trip to NCAA Tournament

The Tusculum women’s basketball team enjoyed another successful campaign as the Pioneers won both the South Atlantic Conference (SAC) regular season championship and the SAC Tournament title. It was Tusculum’s third conference trophy in the last four years and the second consecutive tournament crown as the Pioneers went 21-9 (14-4 in league play).

Leading the charge was three-time All-American Jasmine Gunn, as she was named the SAC and Southeast Region Player of the Year for a second consecutive season. Gunn was also tabbed Tusculum’s Female Athlete of the Year and is a nominee for the Conference’s Female Athlete of the Year Award, an honor she captured last season.

Tusculum senior Catherine Hintz of Hastings, MN, was also named the SAC Tournament’s Most Valuable Player, while Gunn became the SAC Tournament’s all-time leading scorer with 202 points, while leading Tusculum to a 10-2 record in the tournament during her storied career.

Gunn’s talent is being recognized at the professional ranks as she earned a tryout this past spring with the WNBA’s Los Angeles Sparks.

Pioneer Football to face Georgia Southern on Sept. 10

Tusculum College has added an 11th game to its 2011 schedule as the Pioneers will face perennial NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) national contender Georgia Southern on Sept. 10. It will be the inaugural meeting between Tusculum and the Eagles and will be played at Paulson Stadium in Statesboro, GA.

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Fan of musicals? Dance? Drama? Comedy?

IT WAS ALL ON STAGE
AT TUSCULUM COLLEGE

A cast of more than 100 brought Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “The King and I” to the stage in November. Theatre-at-Tusculum’s fall production featured some new faces among the cast, as well as some old favorites. One of the new faces was Angela Willis, who portrayed Anna Leonowens, at left in a scene with the King (Will Maddux). A favorite sequence was the dancing in the production-within-a-production of “Cabin of Uncle Thomas,” at right.

The Behan Arena Theatre filled with laughter during “A ... My Name Is Still Alice” in February as Theatre-at-Tusculum brought the hilarious musical revue to stage. The production, a sequel to the popular production last spring, “A ... My Name Is Alice,” featured various skits exploring the many roles of women in society, often with hilarious results and others with sentimental and somber pieces. The cast and backstage crew included a number of Tusculum students and alumni. Next year’s productions for Theatre-at-Tusculum include “Carnival!” in the fall and “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” and “The Diary of Anne Frank” in the spring.

The stage season ended with performances of the original “Yours Truly, Jack the Ripper,” presented by Revelry Repertory Theatre. The cast featured a number of Tusculum students in the telling of the story of the victims of the famous White Chapel serial killer.
With its focus on clinical hours and practical experience, the Tusculum College teacher education programs have been in the limelight as national publications have called for more programs at institutions of higher education like the ones offered at Tusculum College.

Articles in the Wall Street Journal and the Chronicle of Higher Education have addressed the need for teacher training that is more focused on clinical instruction and hands-on experiences in the classroom.

“Students in the Tusculum College education programs have the opportunity for field experience from the very first course they take,” said Dr. Lisa Johnson, director of the College’s School of Education and assistant professor of education.

In the November 15 edition, the Chronicle of Higher Education ran an article by writer Kevin Kiley calling for teacher-training programs to be “revamped to focus more on hands-on, clinical instruction, similar to how doctors are trained.” A related article in the November 16 issue of the Wall Street Journal announced a panel of education experts’ assessments that teacher education programs should “operate more like medical schools, which rely heavily on clinical experience.”

At Tusculum College, the new model is already in place, with a program that provides almost 200 clinical hours of hands-on experience in a classroom before a student even reaches the point of doing their student teaching, according to Johnson.

“One of the criticisms of most teacher education programs is that in most programs, students spend only about 10-12 weeks observing teachers or student-teaching themselves, according to Johnson. “Because of the way our classes are taught, we are able to get our students inside a classroom sooner, more often and with excellent success rates.”

Johnson added that there is a clinical aspect to every education course taught in the Tusculum education program and that because of this, advisors and supervisors are much more easily able to determine if a student is actually ready for their student teaching program.

The road to developing the program has not been easy; partnerships with local and regional schools systems have been essential, and those partnerships must be maintained constantly, said Johnson.

“With the large number of students we have in both our Residential and adult education programs, maintaining relationships with the local school systems that provide learning opportunities for our students is vital,” she added. “We have been continually blessed to have worked out relationships that benefit our students, as well as the schools in which they serve.”

According to Dr. Pauletta Johnson, director of field experience and assistant professor of education, presently Tusculum College’s School of Education has partnerships with more than 20 area school systems, totaling 93 schools. The relationships with the schools are fostered by the school administrator’s willingness to allow Tusculum students to participate in the learning process within the school setting.

“This is a reciprocal partnership, as it allows additional support to the learning environment, while allowing Tusculum students to gain valuable experience and knowledge,” said the field experience director. In addition, she said, field experience supervisors complete regular visits to ensure the school is pleased with the progress of each practicum student and student teacher.

Sandy Williams, principal of Keplar Elementary in Hawkins County, has worked with students through the Tusculum program for several years and has great appreciation for the effort the program makes to provide clinical, hands-on classroom hours for its students prior to their going into their own classroom as a student teacher.

“Those extra clinical hours are hands-on and students learn how to teach,” said Williams. “It’s so important, not only that students find out where their heart is, but that they get to work with a variety of age groups, in various school districts, various subject areas and it can refine their skills.”

In addition, Williams said that when it came to interviewing for teaching positions, she will always pull out resumes of those students who went to Tusculum College and review them first, because she knows the amount of actual classroom experience these candidates have already had.

“It’s a real advantage over those candidates whose only classroom time has been a student teaching position.”

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At Tusculum, students are required to complete a minimum of 198 hours of practicum in the classroom before the student teaching semester. In addition, student teachers are required to complete full school days for a minimum of 15 weeks. This results in more than 800 hours of teacher preparation time before obtaining a license.
Tusculum College students, faculty and staff recognized for written work

Tusculum students, faculty and staff expressed themselves in writing and were recognized for those efforts in the 2010-11 academic year.

Creativity was encouraged and recognized by the 2011 Curtis and Billie Owens '28 Literary Awards. David Roncskevitz ’11 had a play published in an international literary magazine, and three other students had work published in a national literary magazine.

An article by Dr. Angela Keaton was selected for a prestigious award earlier this year. Dr. Antonio Bos, Dr. Michelle Freeman, Dr. Cynthia Solomon and Jack Smith had articles published in national publications.

Students recognized, published

The Owens Literary Awards were announced March 22. The award is named for the late Curtis Owens, a 1928 Tusculum graduate, who established it with his wife to encourage and reward excellence in writing among Tusculum students.

The student winners were David Roncskevitz ’11, from Franklin, in the fiction category for his story, “Should Dogs Have Dreams.” The non-fiction winner was Elizabeth McDonnell ‘11 from Memphis, TN, with “Little Ballerina.” In the poetry category, Ben Sneyd, a junior from Unicoi, TN, won with his poem, “Subterranean Home-sick Blues.” Brittany Connolly, a junior from Greeneville, TN, won the scriptwriting category with an excerpt from “Chateaux en Es-pange.” All the winners are English majors.

Roncskevitz's "The House of Autumn Fire" won the scriptwriting category last year. A revised version of the play was published in the October 2010 issue of Connotation Press, an international literary magazine.

Published in a national undergraduate online magazine were works by Kenneth Hill, Michelle Hoover, and Abby Wolfenbarger. Hill is a junior from White Pine, TN, Hoover is a junior from Murfreesboro, TN, and Wolfenbarger is a junior from New Market, TN.

Keaton article honored

Dr. Angela Keaton, assistant professor of history at Tusculum College, was presented the 2011 Carl Bode Award for the Outstanding Article published in the Journal of American Culture in 2010 during the Popular Culture/ American Culture Association Conference on April 22.

Dr. Keaton’s article, “Backyard Desperados: American Attitudes Concerning Toy Guns in the Early Cold War Era,” was printed in the fall 2010 volume of the journal. The article describes how child’s play with toy guns was not only accepted but also encouraged by parents, psychologists and other experts and society at large in the early period of the Cold War.

Articles Published

A research paper authored by Dr. Antonio Bos, professor of business administration, was published in the January 2011 issue of the “Journal of the American Dietetic Association.”

The paper, “Cost-effectiveness Analysis of a Low-fat Diet in the Prevention of Breast and Ovarian Cancer” details research that indicates a low-fat diet could be more cost effective in preventing breast cancer and ovarian cancer compared to what health insurance companies would otherwise pay to treat the diseases. Bos was the lead author of the research paper.

Dr. Michelle Freeman, associate professor of business administration, had an article published in the February edition of “The Teaching Professor.”

“Teaching Circles: A Low-Cost, High-Benefit Way to Engage Faculty,” details Freeman’s work over the past three years directing The Teaching and Learning Initiative at Tusculum. Freeman works with four to six faculty members at the beginning of each academic year to select topics and reading materials for groups that will be available to all faculty to become a part of for the year.

Dr. Cynthia Solomon, associate professor of education and chair of the Master’s of Arts in Education, human resource development program, had two of her works included in publications of the American Society for Training and Development in collaboration with Pfeiffer and Sons, Publishers, important resources for organizational development professionals.

Solomon's work, “An Assessment Instrument for Organizational Performance Management” was selected for the “2012 Pfeiffer Annual in Organizational Development.” Her submittal, “Speed Dating,” is included in the “Book of Road Tested Activities for Group Development.”

Tusculum College Library Director Jack Smith had an article published in the March 2011 issue of “North & South,” the magazine of the Civil War Society.

"Interdicting the Mississippi” tells the story of how Union vessels, passing through a series of river bends near Greenville, MS, in May-June 1864, were interdicted by Confederate horse-drawn artillery in a series of rapid attacks.
Two new initiatives have earned the Museums of Tusculum College recognition from the Tennessee Association of Museums.

The Museums of Tusculum received an Award of Excellence at the association's annual conference in March for its monthly email newsletter, which was accepted by Dollie Boyd, interim director of the museums. The monthly newsletter is an attractive, full-color informational electronic publication that features the latest news and upcoming events of the two museums on the Tusculum College campus, the Doak House Museum and the President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library.

Featured in the newsletter are historic tidbits about Tusculum College. For example, the March newsletter contained a feature about the College's history of women's education in celebration of Women’s History Month and an article about Julia Doak, who in 1879 became the first female graduate of Tusculum College. A monthly feature in the newsletter, “Receipts from Mrs. Doak’s Kitchen” provides recipes and other cooking and housekeeping tips from the 19th century.

The museums are also active in other electronic media in sharing the latest news and upcoming events. The museums have an active Facebook page and Twitter feed. Also recognized was “Pickin’ at the Doaks,” the museums’ monthly free traditional music jam session, which earned the Museums’ an Award of Commendation.

The two museums on campus are operated by the Department of Museum Program and Studies. The Doak House Museum is the 19th century home of the Rev. Samuel Witherspoon Doak, co-founder of Tusculum College, and hosts thousands of school children from the region for a variety of educational programs related to the 19th century, as well as other community programs.

The President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library houses a special collection of items relating to the 17th president, the college’s archives, special themed exhibits and volumes from the institution’s original library.

The 2010-11 academic year has brought a wide range of successes for English majors at Tusculum College.

Elizabeth McDonnell ’11, an English creative writing major from Memphis, TN, won the Ken Smith Meacham Writing Award for creative non-fiction at the Meacham Writers’ Workshop in October. McDonnell’s primary competition were graduate students. She has also received early acceptance into Chatham College’s prestigious non-fiction Master of Fine Arts program.

Also attending the Meacham Workshop at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga were 10 other English majors – Andrew Baker, a sophomore from Athens, TN; Brittany Connolly, a junior from Greeneville, TN; Kenneth Hill, a junior from White Pine, TN; Billie Jennings, a sophomore from Mountain City, TN; Britany Menken, a sophomore from Maryville, TN; Rob Pollock, a junior from Farragut, TN; Noelle Rankin, a sophomore from Hixson, TN; David Ronkevitz ’11, from Franklin, TN; Ben Sneyd, a junior from Unicoi, TN, and Abby Wolfenbarger, a junior from New Market, TN.

Thirteen English majors attended the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference in Washington, D.C., learning from professionals in creative writing panel sessions and enjoying readings from a variety of writers. The annual conference features 350 presentations that include readings, lectures, panel discussions and forums, plus hundreds of book signings, receptions, dances and informal gatherings. The conference is one of the biggest and liveliest literary gatherings in the country, attracting more than 8,000 attendees and more than 500 publishers.

The students represented Tusculum College’s literary journal, The Tusculum Review, at the conference’s book fair, which the largest of its kind in the nation.
Theologian-in-Residence program looks at future of worldwide church

More than 300 people attended February’s Theologian-in-Residence programs at Tusculum College to hear from two leaders of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, visiting professor for ecumenical studies and global ministries at Louisville Seminary, was the featured speaker for the first two sessions of the annual lecture series, co-sponsored by the Holston Presbytery and the College.

Dr. Kirkpatrick, who is a former Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), focused on the changing demographics of the Christian community from Europe and North America to Africa and other parts of the global south and the challenges faced by the mainline church in the United States.

Two-thirds of Presbyterians now live in Africa, Asia and South America, he also noted. “It is a tribute to the strength of Presbyterians that we are not so concerned with life at home that we realize that God loves the world, and we are called to do the same.”

While the church faces challenges as it adapts to a changing national culture, Dr. Kirkpatrick said he believes that God has a future for the Presbyterian Church and there are good reasons for hope. Those reasons include the foundational beliefs of the church, its missionary focus, vitality in churches and openness to being a part of the church universal.

The Rev. Gradye Parsons, current Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), returned to East Tennessee to lead the third session on Feb. 15. Parsons, who served as Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the Holston Presbytery in the 1990s, addressed trends in the church beyond mainline Protestants.

“God is doing something in the church, and we have to be open to it,” Parsons said. “We are not being asked to change the core of who we are, but maybe how we look at it.”

While “church” for most Presbyterians and other mainline Protestants involves a traditional church building and a shared knowledge of its history, that is not what it means for a growing number of Christians in America.

More and more people are attending services at multiple places, he said, and people are not exclusively loyal to a particular denomination as in the past, choosing a church based on what is of value to them.

Four students from Tusculum College’s English Department and one student from the Mathematics and Computer Science Department were presenters at the Blue Ridge Undergraduate Research Conference, held at Maryville College on March 25.

English students presenting were Elizabeth McDonnell ’11, from Memphis, TN; Abigail Wolfenbarger, a junior from New Market, TN; Kenneth Hill, a junior from White Pine, TN, and David Roncakitv ’11, from Franklin, TN. Elizabeth Wright, a sophomore from Powell, TN, represented the Mathematics and Computer Science Department.

All of the English papers presented were the product of a literary theory class the students took with Dr. Sheila Morton, assistant professor of English. They were focused on an interpretation of Agatha Christie’s “The Murder of Roger Ackroyd.” Each paper employed different theoretical lenses in their study.

“The variety of their arguments illustrate just how much literary theory can enrich our reading of a single text, offering various and compelling readings that yet ring true,” said Morton.

Wright, who is majoring in mathematics with a concentration in computer science, made a presentation about “Secure Programming in Python.”

Python is a commonly used program language, and in her presentation, Wright focused on ways to make programs written in the language more secure. She explored the use of pre-conditions and post-conditions on each function to make the determination if it is functioning properly. She also investigated the use of loop invariants, which are logical properties relating to the data that should be true at each repetition of the statements within the program as it loops.

The Blue Ridge Undergraduate Research Conference is designed to encourage undergraduates in colleges in the Appalachian region to conduct research projects by providing a high-quality, low pressure forum for presentations. More than 80 undergraduate students from eight colleges in East Tennessee and Kentucky attended the 2011 conference.
Crowned Homecoming King and Queen were JerWayne Gunn, a senior from Antioch, TN, majoring in physical education, and Amber Sharp ’11, an athletic training major from Tazewell, TN. The two were selected by student vote.

About 60 alumni were part of the processional for the ceremony inaugurating Dr. Nancy B. Moody as the 27th president. Leading the procession were Ann Beeson Gouge, left, and Margaret Simpson Gaut, both members of the class of 1940.

Waiting for the processional to start are Micah Haney ’10, Erin Moore ’09, John Cage ’08 and Angel Connell ’07.

Alumni start to march out as the Inauguration ceremony ends. The alumni group was the largest one to participate in the ceremony.

Inducted into the Tusculum College Sports Hall of Fame were, from left, Amanda Musick Hale ’05, cross country; Caleb Slover ’03, football, and Deb Varney Zevetchin ’98, volleyball. Larry Coughlin, at right, was presented the Sports Benefactor Award.

The Class of 1960 presented a Class Gift of $2,000 to Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody during the Annual Alumni Association meeting. The gift was used to purchase a defibrillator for campus safety to use. From left are class of ’60 members were Ted Zeller, Bill Pilloni, Mary Lou Edens and Betty Popson Pickens; Dr. Moody; and class of ’60 members Howard Doscher, Ian Baird, Bob Manners, Mary Jo Solomon Slagle and Kenneth Stiritz.

Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody presents Howard Doscher ’60 with the Pioneer Award.

Dr. David Bow, professor of physical education, was presented the National Living Faculty Award by Paige Malone Mengel ’88.

Paige Mengel also presented Jeanne Stokes, director of the TRIO Programs at Tusculum, with the National Alumni Recognition Award.
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family. She has two sons, Tom and David Po-
milla, and three grandsons, Chase, Cole and
Caleb.

Dr. Alexander R. Doberenz '58 of Hockes-
sin, DE, has been named professor emeritus
at the University of Delaware. He retired
from the university as dean of the College of
Education and Public Policy.

Rev. Donald F. Garrett '59 of Akron, NY,
and his wife, Sharon, celebrated their golden
wedding anniversary in August 2009.

Gene King '60 of Greeneville, TN, has re-
tired from a long career in education in the
Greeneville School System. He was serving
as principal of Greeneville High School at the
time of his retirement.

Charles Eames '66 of Waycross, GA, who
retired from the public library field in 2003,
volunteers at the local hospital and nursing
home, reads stories to pre-K children and
shelves books at his local library. He serves as
treasurer for his local Friends of the Library
organization. Charles has traveled extensiv-
ely and particularly enjoys trips to Israel and
Jordan. He has participated in an archaeo-
logical dig in Bethsaida, north of the Sea of
Galilee. His hobbies include reading, music,
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Pines, MD, has been named to the Harford
County Public Schools Hall of Fame. During
her career with the Harford school system,
Janet taught Spanish at Havre de Grace High
School from 1970 to 1973, at Bel Air High
School from 1976 to 1977 and at Fallston
High School from 1978 to 2005. In addition,
she furthered her education, earning more
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Moe Malala '71 of Pago Pago, Samoa, is
searching for his 1968 classmates. You can e-
mail Moe at gimalala@hotmail.com.

Bill Edmonds '71 of Greeneville, TN, has
retired after 40 years of service with the State
of Tennessee. Bill worked the last 26 years at
Walters State Community College in Morris-
town. His position at retirement was associ-
date director of services for individuals with
disabilities. Bill is a former member of the
Tusculum Board of Trustees.

Sidney and Claudia (Strohmaier) Court-
ney '72 '73 of Dover, DE, celebrated their
40th anniversary on August 22, 2010. The
Courtneys were among the few married
couples attending Tusculum during the early
1970s. They recall that they lived just be-
hind campus in one of the five Russell trail-
er loops overgrown, but they still have fond
memories of their time at Tusculum. Prior to
marrying, they lived on campus. Sidney lived
in Haynes Hall and Charles Oliver Gray East.
Claudia lived in Katherine Hall. “The chang-
es on campus and beyond have been exten-
sive since 1973, but many things remain the
same,” they write.

Angelo Botta '75 of Greeneville, TN, is the
proud grandfather of a new baby boy. Madden
Wakefield Botta was born on April 30, 2011.

Vivian Shanks Franklin '76 of Chuckey,
TN, has joined the Niswonger Foundation
as director of college and career counsel-
ing. She is retired from Greeneville City
Schools where she served for 25 years as a
school counselor and assistant principal of
curriculum and instruction. Before joining
the Greeneville system, Vivian taught math-
ematics in the Greene County School System
for nine years. She is married to Bob Franklin
and they have four children and six grand-
children. Vivian also serves as pastor of Mil-
burton United Methodist Church.

Ronald Dwight McCarter '78 of Sevier-
ville, TN, has been named director of sales at
The Inn at Christmas Place in Pigeon Forge.

Mary Ann Lockard '83 of Pinellas Park,
FL, will be traveling to China with the Peace
Corps in July. She will be teaching English to
university students.

Brenda Clarke '86 of Johnson City, TN, has
been named president and principal broker of
The Clarke Commercial Real Estate Group.
She has been in commercial real estate for
14 years and previously served as broker for
the TCI Group in Johnson City for 11 years.
Brenda is a member of the Johnson City Re-
geon Planning Commission and sits on a
number of advisory boards and councils in the
region.

Col. Donald L. Johnson '86 of Maryville,
TN, has been named assistant adjutant gen-
eral-air and commander of the Tennessee
Air National Guard. Donald was serving as
the deputy director of manpower, personnel
and services for the Air National Guard in
Washington, D.C. He entered military service
in 1976 with the U.S. Air Force and enlisted
in the Tennessee Air National Guard in 1978
with the 134th Air Refueling Wing. Donald
was commissioned in 1986 through the Acad-
emy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson
Air National Guard Base in Alcoa, TN. With
the 134th Air Refueling Wing, he served as
the human resources manager and director of
personnel, the logistics management officer,
the supply management officer and logistics
plans officer. Donald also served as the ad-
visor to the commander of the Air Reserve
Personnel Center in Denver, CO, before his
current assignment. He has been deployed in
support of such military operations as Opera-
tions Desert Shield/Storm and twice during
Operation Iraqi Freedom. Donald is also a
2001 graduate of Air War College at Maxwell
Air Force Base in Alabama.

Stephanie L. Lebitt '88 of Woodhaven, NY,
is celebrating the birth of her first nephew,
Robert Franklin. He was born on March 19,
2011. She is looking forward to spoiling her
new nephew.
Joan Clark ‘96 of Lake Forest, CA, has been named the 2010 HR Executive of the Year by the National Human Resources Association – Orange County (NHRA-OC). Joan, who is the Parker Hannifin area vice president of human resources, received this distinction based on her leadership abilities, integrity, innovation, creativity and contributions to the Parker organization. Human Resource Executive of the Year contenders were nominated by their corporate CEOs and evaluated by a selection committee consisting of human resource professionals and business peers. She received an individual award for Excellence in Outstanding Strategic Leadership. A native of Kentucky, Joan held leadership positions in several companies before joining Parker Hannifin. Her volunteer interests include the Council on Aging of Orange County, which assists older and independent adults and their families. She has helped establish a partnership between Parker and the Council and is helping to raise funds to create a DVD series on senior issues.

Dr. Adam Sayers ’00 has been named the new women’s soccer coach at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN. For the past two seasons, Adam has served as the top assistant coach at the University of South Florida. He spent five seasons with the Middle Tennessee State University soccer program. While at MTSU, Adam earned his doctorate in human performance. He has presented at national and regional conferences and is a published author, contributing several soccer-related articles to peer-reviewed scientific journals, as well as several coaching journals and websites. Adam is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist. Sayers and his wife, Brandi, have two children.

Nancy Goral Luciani ’01 of Goose Creek, SC, continues to recuperate from her kidney transplant operation. Her husband, Anthony, who donated his kidney to Nancy, has returned to work for the U.S. Coast Guard and is feeling great. While she is healing well, Nancy has to remain cautious around people because of the depression of her immune system by her anti-rejection medications. Her recovery will take the better part of a year. At Tusculum, Nancy was a member of the soccer, softball and cross country teams. To help the family with expenses a fund has been set up to accept donations, the Luciani Kidney Fundraiser, 136 Wilton St., Goose Creek, SC 29445. To learn more about Nancy’s recovery, visit https://sites.google.com/site/goral-family/news/.

Jennifer Lynn ’01 of Cora Peake, NC, has been named “Teacher of the Year” for the 2010-11 school year at Nansemond River High School in Suffolk, VA.

Danny Thomas ’02 ’06 of Morristown, TN, was elected new Morristown mayor. Danny is a retired Maytag executive.

Dennis Lingerfelt ’03 of Clemson, SC, has been awarded an Outstanding Business Machines Corporation (IBM) Ph.D. Fellowship Award. Dennis, who is pursuing a doctorate in computer science at Clemson University, was one of less than 100 recipients chosen from several hundred applicants for awards, which includes a $20,000 stipend and a $10,000 education allowance. The fellowship will provide Dennis with the opportunity for an internship with IBM, and he will be able to apply for renewal of the fellowship for two more years. Dennis had returned to his Alma Mater as an assistant professor of computer science prior to beginning his doctoral program last year.

Steven Tunnell ’03 of Tusculum, TN, has been appointed assistant principal at West Greene High School. Steven has taught seventh grade social studies at Mosheim Elementary School for the past 13 years. He and his wife, Heather ’04, Talent Search Assistant Director at Tusculum, have a son, Grant.

Lesley Murray ’04 of Greeneville, TN, has been named the Head Girls’ Basketball Coach at Greeneville High School. She is a physical education teacher at Greeneville High and will continue to serve as the school’s tennis coach. Lesley had served as the basketball team’s assistant coach for the past seven years. She was inducted into the Tusculum College Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

Tammi Campbell ’05 of Knoxville, TN, has been selected to participate in the 2011-2012 Leadership Academy, a school principal training program. Tammi is serving as a school counselor at Austin-East Magnet High School in Knoxville. She has been the Project GRAD facilitator for the Knox County Schools. Tammi has also been a training specialist for Knoxville’s Community Development Corporation.

Eric Clemens ’07 of Knoxville, TN, has been selected as one of the Knoxville Business Journal’s “40 under 40” listing of young business leaders in the area. Eric manages U.S. Cellular retail stores in Alcoa and Sevierville and serves as co-leader of the company’s regional Diversity and Inclusion Council. He has taught call center management and strategies courses at ITT Technical Institute. Eric has also helped the Knoxville Area Urban League to launch an after-school program designed to introduce at-risk middle school students to high-tech careers and improve their technology skills.

Paul C. Chamberlain ’06 of Knoxville, TN, earned a master’s degree in business administration from Lincoln Memorial University last year. Paul is a senior network engineer at Clayton Homes.

Emory Cain ’08 of Seymour, TN, has enjoyed an exceptionally successful season for a first-year basketball coach. Emory led the Seymour Middle School girls’ basketball team to win its regular season title, the Sevier County Tournament and the Area 3 Tournament. Previously, he coached for two years as an assistant coach for girls’ basketball at Seymour High School.

Jeremy Jones ’08 of Greeneville, TN, was recognized in early March as Outstanding Part-Time Youth Development Professional for Tennessee during the 2011 All-Staff Training Awards. A staff member of the Boys and Girls Club of Greeneville and Greene County, Jeremy has worked with the organization for two years.

Valerie Mullins ’08 of Limestone, TN, graduated in December from South College with a Master of Health Science in the physician assistant program.

Megan Hart ’09 of Loudon, TN, has completed the didactic phase of South College’s Master of Health Science Physician Assistant Program. She received her white coat during graduation ceremonies held in December.

Robbie Mitchell ’09 of Greeneville, TN, has joined the Niswonger Foundation as director of professional development. She currently holds the position of professional development coordinator for the Greeneville City Schools. Robbie has served the Greeneville system as professional development center director and communications coordinator.

Phillip Lewis ’10 of Dandridge, TN, was named “WIVK and Shoney’s Teacher of the Month” for February 2011 by the Knoxville radio station. Phillip is a second grade teacher at Belle Morris Elementary School in Knoxville. The first-year teacher was chosen by a submission made to the WIVK-FM webpage.
Births

Wayne Hughes ’90 and his wife, Pamela, of Afton, TN, celebrated the birth of their third child, Ava Marie, on December 19, 2009.

Ryan and Brooke (Boyod) Priest ’00 and ’01 of Cypress, TX, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Allison Boyd, on January 3, 2011. Allison was 5 lbs. and 7 oz. and 18 inches long. Jackson (5) and Mason (3) are proud big brothers.

Tim and Kristen (New) Dalton ’02 ’02 of Stone Mountain, GA, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Katelyn “Kate” Blair on November 24, 2010. Kate was 7 lbs. and 7 oz. and 18 inches long. Their son, Tyler, is now a proud big brother.

Brad Hawks ’05 and his wife, Mallory, of Galax, VA, celebrated the birth of a daughter, Rylee Kathryn, on November 10, 2010.

Memorials

’30s

Mabel Smith Soderquist ’37 of Stafford, VA, formerly of Greeneville, TN, passed away May 3, 2011, following a short illness. Mrs. Soderquist was an elementary school teacher for several years at the Holston United Methodist Home for Children. She later worked for 15 years in advertising for the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mrs. Soderquist was a member of the Greeneville Garden Club and was an avid rose gardener. She attended painting classes at the Roby Fitzgerald Adult Center for more than 30 years. Her survivors include Tusculum alumnus and daughter Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer ’78.

W. A. Maloney ’38 of Johnson City, TN, formerly of Telford, passed away February 20, 2011. Mr. Maloney was the retired owner and operator of Eureka Roller Mill. A veteran, Mr. Maloney served in the U.S. Army Air Corp in Panama during World War II. He was a member of Telford United Methodist Church, where he served in numerous positions. He was a charter member of the Telford Ruritan Club and served on the Administration Board of Washington College Academy.

’40s

Virginia Martin Jones ’41 of Lake Lotawana, MO, passed away on March 27, 2011. She was a model and a school teacher. After marrying, her life revolved around her family and raising her children. She enjoyed playing bridge and was active in the Missouri Yacht Club and the Lake Lotawana Community Club. The family requests memorial contributions to Tusculum in lieu of flowers.

Elbert T. Creamer ’42 of Greeneview, TN, passed away February 12, 2011. Mr. Creamer was retired as purchasing agent from the Greeneville Light and Power System. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, where he served as treasurer for 25 years. Survivors include Tusculum alumnus and brother-in-law Glenn Renner ’48.

Dr. George Moore ’43 of White Stone, VA, passed away on September 11, 2010. Dr. Moore was a retired physician. He received his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine, a degree in public health from the University of Michigan and was certified in 1956 by the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Moore served in the U.S. Army from 1943 through 1946 and was commissioned in the U.S. Public Health Service in November 1950. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 1967 and retired in 1972 with the rank of captain. After retiring from the Public Health Service, Dr. Moore became director of the Thomas Jefferson District Health Department in Charlottesville and taught at the University of Virginia. In 1977, he accepted an appointment as associate professor of the Department of Preventive Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. In 1980, he was appointed as director of the Northern Neck Health District and retired from state employment in 1984. During his professional career, Dr. Moore published numerous articles on preventive medicine in scientific journals. He was a member of the Association of Military Surgeons, the Commissioned Officers Association of the Public Health Service, the Northern Neck Medical Society and the Retired Officers Association. He served both as register and past president of the Richard Henry Lee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. In March 2009, Dr. Moore was presented with the Surgeon General’s Lifetime Exemplary Service Award. He was a member of Campbell Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Walter Dunkel ’47 of Atlanta, GA, passed away January 5, 2011. Dr. Dunkel served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and retired as a captain. After graduating from Tusculum, he completed his master’s and doctoral degrees in physics and chemical engineering at the University of Missouri. Dr. Dunkel spent his entire career with Standard Oil (Exxon/Mobil) working in both chemical research and marketing.

John S. Maine ’48 of Lancaster, PA, passed away January 3, 2011. Mr. Maine was a retired library director for Millersville University. He served as a radio operator on the USS Nevada during World War II. Mr. Maine earned a master’s degree in library science from the Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in 1951. He served as library director and a faculty member of Tusculum from 1954-1957 and then served in the same roles at Shepherd University in West Virginia from 1957-1961. He joined Millersville University in 1961 and served as the library director until his retirement in 1985. Mr. Maine was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Millersville and a lifelong member of the American Library Association and the Millersville Lion’s Club. His survivors include son and Tusculum alumnus Douglas L. Maine ’70.

James Edwin Birdwell, Jr. ’49 of Clinton, TN, passed away December 16, 2010. Mr. Birdwell served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he pursued his education at Tusculum and later earned a master’s degree in economics from Peabody College at Vanderbilt University. Mr. Birdwell was recalled to the Navy during the Korean Conflict and served in the Middle East and London. He retired as a commander from the Naval Reserve after a long and distinguished career in the military. In civilian life, Birdwell started a career in banking in Nashville, later working in Norfolk, VA, before moving to Clinton, where he served as chief executive officer and president of Union Peoples Bank and retired as vice chairman of First American Bank. He served on the Industrial Development and Coal Creek Companies boards. He was chairman of the finance committee of the Methodist Holston Conference and served on the administrative board of the Methodist Church. He served on the Oak Ridge Hospital Foundation Board and was president of the Civitan.

Robert E. Keasling ’49 of Greeneview, TN, passed away December 15, 2010. He was a retired educator, having served as a teacher and principal. Mr. Keasling taught mathematics and was chairman of the math department at Greeneview High School for 20 years. He was then named principal of Eastview Elementary School, a position he held until his...
retirement in 1988. That year, he was named “Teacher of the Year” by the Greeneville-Greene County Area Chamber of Commerce. He served as an adjunct faculty member of Tusculum, Greeneville’s Vocational School, East Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Mr. Keasling also served as a trustee on the board of the Greeneville City Schools Education Foundation. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as technical sergeant in the Headquarters Detachment 492D Port Battalion. He was awarded the World War II Victory Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theatre Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, one Bronze Service Star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Army Occupation Medal. Active in church, he served as the last Sunday School superintendent at Reaves Memorial Evangelical United Brethren Church and the first superintendent in the new Trinity United Methodist Church after the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged with the Methodist Church in 1968 to form the United Methodist Church.

Dr. David Edward Reiber ’41 of Mount Desert, ME, passed away March 23, 2011. After graduating from Tusculum, he was briefly employed by New Jersey Esso printing credit cards. He then enrolled at Temple University Medical School. At the end of his first year at Temple, he became a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Administration Corps. Following an internship at the Germantown Hospital in Philadelphia, he opened his own practice in internal medicine in Germantown, continuing in it until he retired. During this time, he was active in the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown. Dr. Reiber continued his Army service in the National Guard, serving 39 years and rising through the ranks to full colonel. He received the Governor’s Commendation for his leadership as Surgeon General during the riots of the 1960s and 1970s in Pennsylvania. Upon retirement from the National Guard, he was awarded the rank of brigadier general in Pennsylvania. In 1983, he moved to his beloved vacation spot in West Tremont, serving in the Southwest Harbor Medical Clinic. His first wife, Shirley, passed away in 1978, and in 1985, he married Gail Meier and moved to Somesville. For the next 26 years, he devoted himself to statewide volunteer work, working with medical outreach teams to migrant workers in Maine, the Ellsworth Free Clinic and with his church, Somesville Union Meeting House. He traveled to the Dominican Republic on several medical mission trips and served on the board of Colegio Moriah. Dr. Reiber sang with the Acadia Choral Society and the Acadia Summer Chorale.

’50s

Dr. George Edward Scott ’50 of Greeneville, TN, passed away May 9, 2011. Dr. Scott was a retired dentist, having practiced in Greeneville for 40 years. Dr. Scott was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Waterman and USS Luiseno in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific medal with one star, and the Philippine Liberation, the American Area and the Victory WWII medals. Dr. Scott served on the Greeneville Board of Education from 1984 until 1996 and served on the Kinser Park Commission for 38 years in several capacities including chairman and secretary. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, the Masons, the Lions Club, the Greene County Dental Society, the American Dental Association and the Tennessee Dental Association. Dr. Scott was a charter member of V.F.W. Andrew Johnson Post No. 1990. Survivors include his wife of 63 years and Tusculum alumni Mary Crews Scott ’46, son and daughter-in-law Tusculum alumni Dr. Haden and Debra (Cox) Scott ’75 ’74, and sons and Tusculum alumni Dr. Joseph Scott ’79 and Paul E. Scott ’83. His survivors also include son Frank Scott and daughter and son-in-law Mary Louise Scott Fisher and John Fisher.

Murrell Davis Weesner ’50 of Morristown, TN, passed away January 7, 2011. Mr. Weesner was a member of the Tusculum College Morristown President’s Advisory Council. Mr. Weesner and his wife, Joan Faulkner Weesner ’51, have been regular attendees of alumni and College events. He was honored for his dedication and support of the College with the Pioneer Award, the highest honor presented by the Tusculum Alumni Association, and the Sport’s Benefactor Award. A retired educator, Mr. Weesner served 37 years in the Morristown-Hamblen School System as a teacher, assistant principal and in the central office assisting with the school newspaper, student organizations and athletics. He also worked for the U.S. Bureau of the Census, as city editor for the Morristown Sun, a newscaster for WCRK radio and a reporter for the Knoxville Journal. He was a lifetime member of the Centenary United Methodist Church, where he served on the administrative board, as a Sunday school teacher and on the church history committee. Active in his community, he and his wife were recognized in 2009 as “Mr. and Mrs. Morristown.” He served a number of local organizations including Hamblen County Foundation for Education, the Morristown Cemetery Restoration and Preservation Committee (treasurer), Hamblen Adults Working for Kids, Hurricane Alumni Association, Morristown Housing Authority Appeals Hearing Board, Morristown Employees Credit Union (treasurer for 20 years), Literacy Council, Tennessee Bicentennial Committee exhibit at Rose Center, Hamblen County Retired Teachers Association, the Boy Scouts (leader) and the Civil Air Patrol. Among his many honors were the 1950 “Morristown Young Man of the Year,” the Jaycees Service Award, Hurricane Alumni Hall of Honor, Wall Street Journalism Medal and Who’s Who in the South and Southwest. He is also honored on a plaque in the Burke-Toney Stadium press box at Morristown East. His standing in the community was recognized through a memorial service held in the auditorium of Morristown East High School. In addition to his wife, his survivors include daughters and Tusculum alumni Becky Jo Moles ’79, Mary Ellen Horner ’82 and Winn Ann Seals ’90 and son-in-law Kirk Horner ’80.

Jack Emon Shaw ’53 of Baltimore, MD, passed away March 12, 2011. Mr. Shaw was a retired manager of the State Farm Foundation.

Ellen Shelton McNiff ’55 of Texas, formerly of Aberdeen, MD, passed away on May 16, 2010. Mrs. McNiff was a retired tax preparer, who was known for her sense of humor.

’60s

Bruce Robert Miniat ’60 of Dandridge, TN, formerly of Greeneville, passed away February 20, 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer. Mr. Miniat served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1990 in Greeneville and Post 2372 in Newport. Mr. Miniat was retired from Magnavox/Phillips as director of parts and service. He was a volunteer coach for the Greeneville Recreation Department for more than 20 years. He coached the winning Greeneville Junior Pro basketball team that won a state championship and was runner-up in the national championship. Mr. Miniat also coached junior league bowling teams for more than 40 years. Mr. Miniat was the president and secretary of the Newport Bowling Association. He was a member of the Hills Union United Methodist Church in Dandridge, where he worked as volunteer and participated faithfully in the weekly afternoon Disciple Bible Study class and served as treasurer of the Methodist Men’s Club. His survivors include granddaughter and Tusculum alumna Barbie (Ricker) Ishii ’04 and her husband, Thomas Ishii ’03, and stepson Travis Crabtree and his wife, Robin ’07. Travis serves as webmaster at Tusculum and Robin is records,
resources and communications manager in the Office of Admission.

David Carroll Kiker '62 of Greeneville, TN, passed away December 24, 2010. Mr. Kiker was retired from Delfasco of Tennessee and was a member of Love’s Memorial United Methodist Church. Mr. Kiker was past president of the Greene County Coon Club.


Edward E. Waggoner '62 of Greeneville, TN, passed away suddenly on January 28, 2011. Mr. Waggoner served his country for 35 years, first as a U.S. Marine Corps reservist, later with NASA and then with the CIA, from which he retired in 1998. During his career, Mr. Waggoner served in the Washington, D.C. area and all over the globe as an intelligence professional. After retiring, he raised cattle on a small farm in Greene County. His survivors include son and daughter-in-law and Tusculum alumni Eric and Janet (Greenlee) Waggoner '88 '89.

Robert H. Skilton '63 of Mickleton, NJ, passed away on April 22, 2011. Mr. Skilton was a loyal employee of General Accident Insurance Company. He enjoyed his family, the Pine Barrens, hunting, fishing and traveling.

William Stockbine '64 of Portsmouth, RI, passed away December 20, 2010, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Mr. Stockbine was register and director of records for 30 years at State University of New York at Stony Brook. His survivors included former wife and Tusculum alumna Penelope (German) Stockbine '64.

Tim Reaves '66 of Greeneville, TN, passed away March 12, 2011. Mr. Reaves was a member of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. He enjoyed church, his family and friends, music and fying catfish. His hobbies included bluegrass, farming, golf and Case tractors. His survivors include brother-in-law and Tusculum alumnus Dick Dufty '65.

George S. Scott III '68 of St. Augustine, FL, passed away April 3, 2011. Mr. Scott was a graduate of the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School and served in Vietnam. He received several accolades for bravery and valor while serving in Vietnam, including the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster and two Air Commendation Medals. Mr. Scott was an insurance agent for 30 years. During retirement, he was active and volunteered in his community.

Jeffrey E. (Jeff) Waggoner '70 of Nashville, TN, passed away February 6, 2011. Ms. Parker-O’Toole had moved to Louisville after living in Tennessee for 48 years.

John F. Wade '76 of Biddeford, ME, passed away January 8, 2011, following a long battle with bladder cancer. Wade was instrumental for many years in the local politics of the Upper East Side in New York City. Serving as campaign manager and chief of staff, he strategized an underdog campaign for Democrat Carolyn Maloney in 1992 to defeat a 15-year Republican incumbent to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. He also played a critical role in the successful campaigns of several Manhattan figures from assemblymen to civil court judges. His first experience in politics was working on the staff of Congressman John B. Anderson in Illinois in 1979 and then as a senior staffer on Anderson’s unsuccessful presidential campaign as an independent candidate in 1980. He also worked as director of education for the Bronx Borough President and as a consultant for major political candidates in New York and Maine. Mr. Wade was also a LGBT activist throughout his career.

Mary I. “Missie” Wright Parker-O’Toole ’75 of Louisville, KY, passed away February 6, 2011. Ms. Parker-O’Toole had moved to Louisville after living in Tennessee for 48 years.

Larry Williams '87 of Newport, TN, passed away March 8, 2011, following a lengthy battle with cancer. A career educator, he is remembered as touching the lives of many children and going above and beyond the call of duty with his hard work to make his school better. His teaching career began at Parrottsville High School in 1972. Mr. Williams then transferred to Cocke County High School after the two schools were consolidated in the 1970s. In 2009, he was named the school’s principal and served in that capacity until his death. Over the years, Mr. Williams became widely known throughout Tennessee as a stellar coach in football and softball. In 1985, he became Cocke County High School’s athletic director. Mr. Williams received Coach of the Year awards in football and softball, and in 2009, he was named Athletic Director of the Year for the State of Tennessee. In December 2010, he was awarded the first-ever Inter Mountain Athletic Conference Lifetime Legend Award. He was a member of Memorial Baptist Church.

Jean Van Wyck '84 of Oviedo, FL, passed away December 28, 2010. She was an intensive reading teacher at Lawton Chiles Middle School in Oviedo. Earlier in her career, Ms. Van Wyck had worked in several elementary schools in Ocala, Orlando and Oviedo, providing training to enhance social, emotional and academic learning for autistic and severely emotionally challenged students. She was chosen as the 1991 “Teacher of the Year” at Ocala Springs Elementary School. Extremely active in her children’s academic careers and extra-curricular activities, she was an active supporter of the Oviedo High School Booster Club and the ROTC. An avid sports fan, she had recently coached the Lawton Chiles Middle School Girls’ Volleyball Team to a county championship.

Rachel Trentham '09 of Houston, TX, passed away December 23, 2010. She had achieved her dream and left her home in Knoxville, TN, to move to Texas to be a first grade teacher at Herrera Elementary School.
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Hospitality Suite – Living Room of Niswonger Commons
2 - 5 p.m. Thursday, September 22
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday, September 23
8 - 10 a.m. Saturday, September 24

Tusculum College Bookstore – Niswonger Commons
8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday, September 22
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, September 23
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, September 24

Campus Tours – Living Room of Niswonger Commons
3 - 5 p.m. Thursday, September 22
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, September 23

President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday, September 22
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Friday, September 23

Bright Zoo with lunch: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Located in Limestone, TN, it is home to many rare species. Limited transportation will be provided. A very unique opportunity to visit this private zoo, learn more by visiting www.brightszoo.com.

Lunch with Students: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Enjoy a picnic lunch on the terrace of the Thomas J. Garland Library with the opportunity to meet some of our students.

Homecoming 2011 Golf Tournament:
Registration 12 p.m., Shotgun start 1:30 p.m.
Enjoy some friendly competition on the Link Hills Golf Course. Scramble format will be used with handicap system applied for a net division and a gross division. First place will be awarded for each division. Outing will include a fried chicken lunch, beverages and goody bags. Alumni, spouses, faculty, staff and friends are invited to participate.

Myers Pumpkin Patch: 2 - 4 p.m.
Experience the beauty of fall with Vera Ann Myers ’87 at her Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze in Bulls Gap, TN. Limited transportation will be provided. To learn more, visit www.myerspumpkinpatch.com.

President Andrew Johnson Museum Lantern Tour: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Enjoy a lantern tour around campus where historical re-enactors will read letters and journals and tell true stories from Tusculum during the Civil War years. This tour usually lasts about an hour. Reservations required, space is limited. Must be able to walk short distances and stand for the duration of the program.

All-Alumni Dinner, Dance and Sports Hall of Fame: 6:30 - 10 p.m.
Enjoy dinner and dancing at the General Morgan Inn, as well as honor the newest inductees into the Sports Hall of Fame. Reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Special recognition will be given to our alumni who are celebrating a reunion year.

Thursday, September 22

Chili Cook-Off: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Enjoy and taste the chili recipes prepared by various departments and offices on campus. Guests may vote for the best tasting and the best showmanship. The Chili Cook-off will be held in the Chalmers Conference Center, located in Niswonger Commons.

Alumni Dinner: 6 - 8 p.m.
The Whistle Stop of Afton Restaurant (Dutch treat)
Join fellow alumni at The Whistle Stop restaurant for a Dutch treat dinner. Brown bag your favorite drink. The Whistle Stop is located at 435 Afton Road, Afton, TN 37616, only minutes from the College.
Register online at www.tusculum.edu or complete this registration form, enclose a check made payable to Tusculum College or indicate credit card below and mail in the envelope provided inside this magazine.

Please indicate number participating or amount enclosed (cost is per person): *Contact the Office of Institutional Advancement about any special accommodations that may be needed at 423.636.730.*

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<td>Football Game: 2 p.m.</td>
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<td>Cheer on the Pioneers as they take on the Catawba College Indians at Pioneer Field. At halftime, enjoy the presentation of the Homecoming Court. Game tickets can be purchased the day of the game.</td>
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<td>Join us for a casual night of fellowship and dancing on the terrace at the General Morgan Inn. The menu includes grilled food with all the favorites. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Casual dress.</td>
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<td>Alumni Farewell Breakfast: 9 a.m.</td>
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<td>Come say goodbye to fellow alumni and enjoy breakfast on the terrace of the Thomas J. Garland Library.</td>
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<td>Homecoming Chapel Service: 9:45 a.m.</td>
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<td>Join Tusculum College for an on-campus worship service in the lobby of the Garland Library.</td>
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Also include a gift of the Tusculum Fund in the amount of $ .................................................. to be charged to my credit card above. You may choose to mail a check made payable to Tusculum College with your registration form in the envelope provided.
Tusculum College has entered affiliation and articulation agreements with area universities and colleges to increase the opportunities for students to continue their education.

In December, the College entered an affiliation agreement with the East Tennessee State University Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy, and in April, with Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The College and Pellissippi State Community College signed an articulation agreement in June. An existing articulation agreement is already in effect with Northeast State Community College.

**Gatton College of Pharmacy agreement**

The affiliation agreement between the College and East Tennessee State University (ETSU) gives qualifying Tusculum graduates priority candidate status for entry into the Doctor of Pharmacy program at ETSU's Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy.

Under the agreement, Tusculum students who meet coursework and grade point average requirements, as well as meet required scoring on the Pharmacy College Admission Test will be guaranteed an admissions interview for the next entering class of the pharmacy program.

“This is an opportunity to further support Tusculum College students with their goal of continuing their education in graduate school, as well as an opportunity for East Tennessee State University to keep our best and brightest students right here in East Tennessee,” said Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum College.

The agreement went into effect immediately after the signing.

“I am confident our institution will benefit through an increase in the number of Tusculum students who aspire to become pharmacy students at ETSU, and, in turn, we will provide qualified Tusculum students with a competitive boost by ensuring they will receive an interview for admissions consideration,” said Dr. Larry D. Calhoun, dean of the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy.

Tusculum currently has two alumni enrolled in the Gatton College of Pharmacy program, Brittany Bible ’10 and Stacy Parks ’09, both of whom attended the signing.

**LMU agreement**

The agreement between Tusculum and Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM) opens the door for a seamless transfer for students majoring in selected academic programs.

The agreement was effective immediately for students enrolled at Tusculum.

The two colleges worked out the details of the affiliation agreement for several months and developed a program that allows for Tusculum undergraduate students who meet the guidelines to be given provisional acceptance into the LMU-DCOM.

“Through this program the two institutions are helping to address the critical health care needs of the region,” said Dr. Ray Stowers, vice president and dean of the LMU DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Once recommended by Tusculum, representatives of the program will interview the student during his or her junior year at Tusculum. Those who have a successful interview will be offered provisional acceptance.

**Pellissippi agreement**

The agreement between Tusculum and Pellissippi State provides for ease in admittance into Tusculum by students from the two-year community college. The agreement went into effect upon its signing.

According to the agreement, any Pellissippi State student who has earned an associate of arts or associate of science degree and meets the minimum Tusculum requirements for admission will receive transfer credit for all courses taken at the community college that correspond to or are considered equivalent to courses offered at Tusculum.

Students who have earned a degree at Pellissippi will be deemed to have met Tusculum's lower level division general education core.

The agreement also specifies that students who have earned the associate of science in teaching degree (which includes the successful completion of Praxis I series and satisfactory ratings on suitability for the teaching profession) from Pellissippi State are guaranteed admission to Tusculum, but must meet the established requirements to be admitted to the College's Education Program.

The College is continuing to explore opportunities for future articulation and affiliation agreements with other institutions.

At the Tusculum and ETSU affiliation agreement signing were, seated from left, Dr. Wilsie S. Bishop, ETSU vice president for health affairs and chief operating officer; Dr. Larry D. Calhoun, dean of the Gatton College of Pharmacy; and Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum College; and back row, from left, Alan Corley, a member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees and the Gatton College of Pharmacy Advisory Council and Admissions Committee; Dr. Kim K. Estep, Tusculum provost and academic vice president; Steve Ellis, assistant dean for student affairs and director of enrollment and student services for the Gatton College of Pharmacy; Stacy Parks ’09 and Brittany Bible ’10, Tusculum alumni and current Gatton College of Pharmacy students; Dr. Debra McGinn, Tusculum assistant professor of biology, and David Hawk ’89, state representative (R-5).
Introducing two new degree programs:

**Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, Behavioral Health Concentration:**

- Specifically developed for students interested in obtaining skills needed for positions in the area of family and child services, healthcare, mental health care, counseling and outreach programs.
- One course at a time, one class a week
- Offered in 2011-2012 at Knoxville (September and April), Morristown (November), Greeneville (February) and Tri-Cities (April)

**Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Growth & Learning, Special Education Licensure:**

- Students can dual major with elementary education (K-6)
- Offered in January 2012 at Knoxville and Morristown
- One course at a time, accelerated weekend calendar

Learn more by contacting Graduate and Professional Studies at 1-888-488-7285 or visiting www.tusculum.edu/adult.
Refer a prospective student to Tusculum College!

Use this form, call 1-800-729-0256 to make your referral or fill out the form online at www.tusculum.edu/mytusculum/referastudent.php. Application fee will be waived for students who apply as a result of your referral.

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May we use your name?  Yes  No
Board of Trustees  
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Alumnus/a  
Alumni Executive Board  
Student Body:  F / SO / JR / SR (circle one)

Please send the student information on:
Residential College  
President’s Society (student leadership organization)  
Bonner Leader Program (service program)  
The Honors Program  
Learning/Living Communities  
Band Program  
Athletics  
Graduate and Professional Studies (degree programs for working adults)

Please return this form to Tusculum College Office of Admission P.O. Box 5051 Greeneville, TN 37743