‘A Tapestry of Pioneer Leadership’

Please join me and other members of the Tusculum College Family for Homecoming and for a celebratory inaugural ceremony, marking another important milestone in my life and the life of Tusculum College. The theme for these events is “A Tapestry of Pioneer Leadership” and speaks to the many lives that have been interwoven with Tusculum College serving as the common thread over the past 217 years. Much like a tapestry that reflects the texture, color and design created by the palette of colors and impacted by surrounding threads in simultaneous contrast, Tusculum College is reflective of each person and event that has been part of a very rich legacy.

Reflecting over the past year, Tusculum College has much to celebrate. I am extremely proud of the determination and dedication of the faculty, staff, students and Board of Trustees to achieve three goals during this year. The first goal has been to establish financial stability. This has been a challenging year, and I can tell you that the Pioneers of Tusculum College have stayed true to her mission – to provide a liberal arts education in a Judeo-Christian and civic arts environment.

Goal two, completion of a successful on-site review for reaffirmation of accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC), provides us with further reason for celebration. While a final decision on this 10-year review will not be made until December, Tusculum College is poised for reaffirmation of accreditation at the SACS-COC meeting in December.

The third goal focused on strengthening existing academic programs and considering new programs. New programs have been added, including a theater minor, a master of arts in teaching and a bachelor of science in business administration. The Pioneer Pep Band was launched and is going strong.

The many successes that have been achieved over the past year in virtually every aspect of Tusculum College include academics; athletics; student success in application to graduate schools; faculty scholarship; faculty and staff participation in professional activities; increased enrollment of entering students with higher GPAs; student and faculty retention; relationships and articulation agreements with professional schools and community and other colleges and with the communities in which we live, learn, play and work; a continued and mutually supportive relationship with the Synod of Living Waters, the East Tennessee Presbytery, the Holston Presbytery and the First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville, and the list goes on. With the full and uncompromised support of faculty, staff, students, alumni, administration and members of the Board of Trustees, donors and friends who have shown commitment to the institution that is stronger than ever, those who are part of Tusculum College’s legacy should have confidence in a bright future for the institution for many years to come.

Please join us as we celebrate Homecoming 2010 on October 8-9 and as the 27th President of Tusculum College is inaugurated on Friday, October 8. We have much to celebrate.

Dr. Nancy B. Moody

From the President

Nancy B. Moody
President
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More than 800 high school students attend first ever Junior Conference in March

How are you going to define your future story?
That was the question posed to a group of more than 800 high school juniors who visited campus on March 4 and received expert advice on numerous ways to answer that question.

The high school students, from the four Greene County high schools and Greeneville High School, attended the first ever Junior Conference, an outreach designed to allow Tusculum to expand the ways it serves those living in the surrounding community.

The Junior Conference focused on higher education and career awareness, and the effort was a success, according to Jacquelyn D. Elliott, vice president for enrollment management. “Overall the Junior Conference was able to offer a wide variety of personalized information on education and career choices directly relating to life decisions these students will be making in the next two years,” Elliott said. “We had tremendous community support and could not have provided the comprehensive event we did without all the wonderful volunteers who served as educational and career speakers, moderators and guides.” Among the moderators were two alumni volunteers, Bob Pollock ’65 and Bob Riser ’62. Both serve on the Alumni Executive Board and Pollock is the current president of the Tusculum Alumni Association.

The students began the Junior Conference being challenged by keynote speaker Nathan Honeycutt to define the story of their lives. Honeycutt, a local architect who has worked on projects ranging from the Georgia Aquarium to high profile developments in the Middle East, gave the students advice on thinking about a career path and encouraged them to begin to prepare now for their future. “I was in your seat 14 years ago,” he told the students. “Now it is time for you to define your story.”

Later in the spring, the College learned that it had received grant funding to help continue the new outreach. The College was awarded a $2,325 “2010 Extending the Dream Grant” from the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling. The grant is provided for projects designed to make the dream of college accessible. The next Junior Conference is planned in the spring of 2011.
England, Austria, Israel and Jordan have been among the destinations for Tusculum College students, faculty and administrators this spring as part of the College’s Global Studies program.

Dr. Angela Keaton, assistant professor of history and the commons, and Jacquelyn D. Elliott, vice president for enrollment management, accompanied a group from Bridgewater College to the Holy Land to learn how such a trip can be organized and integrated academically. Above, the group visits the Gordon’s Tomb site in Jerusalem.

Dr. Keaton, left, and Elliott donned head scarves while visiting the Temple Mount and the Wailing Wall.

The famed ancient settlement of Petra was one of the group’s destinations in Jordan.

A visit to the Wailing Wall was one of the most memorable of the trip for both Keaton and Elliott. To learn more about their trip, the England trip and other international travel, visit the Center for Global Studies on the College’s website at www2.tusculum.edu/studyabroad/news.

These students in a 19th Century British Literature class had the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of some literary greats during a trip to the Lake District in England this spring. The class was led by Assistant Professor of English Dr. Shelia Morton. Visiting the Exam Center in Oxford are from left, Danielle Armstrong of Blountville, TN; Sabine Azemar of Ruther Glen, VA; Joshua Kibert of Speedwell, TN; Abby Wolfenbarger of New Market, TN; Kenneth Hill, of White Pine, TN; Briana Cox of Madison, AL, and Lelia Henibach of Greeneville, TN.
To Serve
Tusculum community reaches out to help others

The Bonner Leader student service organization coordinated an Oxfam Hunger Banquet on campus in April in which participants vividly experienced the inequitable distribution of food globally. At left, Amanda Clampitt of Strawberry Plains, TN, and Kali Smith of Nashville, TN, describe the living conditions of low income individuals worldwide to those representing that group sitting in the floor. The students sitting in the chairs represented the middle income group.

More than 50 people attended a Diversity Fair in March, which highlighted the cultural richness of the College campus and East Tennessee region. The event was hosted and coordinated by a service-learning class.

Following the earthquake in Haiti earlier this year, Campus Safety Officer Josh Jordan thought of a way to help the victims - hold a yard sale on campus. He put his idea into action, and staff, faculty and students donated items for the sale that raised $2,300 for the American Red Cross's relief efforts in the island country.

Eight students had the opportunity to work in the continuing efforts to rebuild the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans. The students in a service-learning immersion class were the fifth group of students to be led by Robin Fife '99, assistant professor of social science, in a trip to New Orleans to help in the recovery from the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina. The group worked and stayed near the levee that broke and flooded the Lower Ninth Ward. Pictured at the levee are, from left, Fife and students Katrina Larkin of Kingsport, TN; Kelsey Longwell '10 of Johnson City, TN; Victoria Neal '10 of Ellenwood, GA; Elizabeth McDonnell of Memphis, TN; Kimsie Hall of Cleveland, TN; Jillian Cunha of London, Ontario; David Roncskevitz of Franklin, TN, and Ashley Bradford '10 of London, KY.

To commemorate Earth Day 2010, the Pioneer Green Team hosted an "Earth Day Extravaganza." Activities took place from late morning through the afternoon on the lawn of McCormick Hall. The event featured displays sharing information on a variety of issues. Activities such as making homemade birdfeeders from pine combs and painting "ladybug" rocks proved to be popular, above. The day's activities also included expanding the College's community garden, at right.
New trustees include alumna, respected business leaders

The Tusculum College Board of Trustees have three new members - Dr. David Baker, Dwight Ferguson and Ann Westervelt ’71.

Baker and Ferguson joined the board in October. Westervelt was approved at the May meeting, and her first meeting as a Trustee will be the Board’s October session.

Dr. David Baker is senior vice president of field services for The DirectTV Groups and lives in Colorado. Baker received his undergraduate and master’s degrees from West Virginia University. He earned a doctorate in mineral economics at the Colorado School of Mines.

He is a member of the Financial Executives International Group, the Institute of Industrial Engineers and the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences. He is also a member of the American Production and Inventory Control Society and the Association for Computing Machinery.

Dwight B. Ferguson, Jr. of Jonesborough, TN, is a retired business executive. From March 1992 until January 2009, Ferguson served as president and chief executive officer of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., located in Erwin, TN.

Ferguson has been actively involved in the community, having served on a number of non-profit boards. He was instrumental in establishing the “Goal Card” program, which serves Washington, Carter and Unicoi counties by providing incentives for academic performance. He also pioneered a program to assure that every graduating student from Unicoi County High School will have the financial support to further his or her education at a local community college, a first of its kind in Tennessee.

Ann E. Parker Westervelt ’71 is a resident of Ticonderoga, NY, and has her master’s of education for the deaf from Smith College in Massachusetts. Westervelt and her husband, William Westervelt ’69, are generous supporters of Tusculum’s Arts Outreach program.

Prior to her retirement, Westervelt spent a career in education working with the deaf and hearing impaired. She continues to be civically engaged, serving on various committees at the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga, serving as a Girl Scout leader, and participating in the Carillon Garden Club and the Friends of Black Watch Library organization.

SACS-COC on-site visit outcome pleases Tusculum College officials

Tusculum College officials are pleased with the outcome of a recent report from the On-site Review Team of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC).

The team was on campus April 5-8 as part of the College’s reaffirmation of accreditation efforts. “I am pleased to report that the On-site Review Team, consisting mostly of representatives from peer institutions, conducted a very thorough review of the College and accepted the College’s Quality Enhancement Plan on Problem-solving with Reflective Judgment with no recommendations and had no recommendations in the SACS-COC core requirements,” said Tusculum President Dr. Nancy B. Moody.

In addition, the On-site Review Team identified only four areas where they were unable to confirm compliance. “I would like to commend everyone who contributed to any aspect of the SACS-COC report or the visit,” said Moody. “These efforts have included many members of the Tusculum College family, including students, faculty, alumni, staff and members of the Board of Trustees. As President of Tusculum College, I am proud of these initial outcomes and proud to be a member of the Tusculum College team.”

The verbal report from the SACS-COC visitation team was made to a group of nearly 30 College leaders, including Moody, the Cabinet, Chairman of the Board Kenneth A. Bowman ’70 and the Cabinet’s Advisory Council made up of a broad-based representation of faculty and staff.

Materials will be submitted in response to the on-site report and reviewed by a committee of SACS-COC. Recommendations will be made by the committee to the full SACS-COC membership at the December 2010 Annual Meeting when a decision will be made about the reaffirmation of accreditation of Tusculum College.

Recent retirees recognized by Board

The Tusculum College Board of Trustees invited recent faculty and staff retirees to be their special guests at a lunch on May 21. Presented with framed photos of the arches on campus were, from left, George Collins, director of museum program and studies; Tony Narkawicz, director of institutional research, and Carolyn Gregg ’88, associate professor of education and assessment coordinator and certification officer for the Education Department. Also recognized but unable to attend was recent retiree Dr. Jim Reid, professor of political science.
Winter and spring commencements and Honors Convocation are always special days at Tusculum College. December 19 and May 8 were winter and spring commencement, respectively, when hundreds of students marked a significant milestone and celebrated their accomplishment with fellow graduates, families and friends. In the midst of the hectic, waning days of the spring semester, the campus community paused to honor students from both the Residential College and Graduate and Professional Studies programs, as well as faculty, staff and community members for academic excellence or service to others at April 29's Honors Convocation.

Representatives from each degree program are selected by faculty to address their classmates during commencement. Speaking during winter commencement ceremonies were, from left, Leslie England '09, Tammy Meadows '09, Brian Hand '09 and Robbie Mitchell '09. Speaking on behalf of the Residential College was Jarrell NeSmith '09, pictured above on this page. Continuing from left, speaking in the spring commencement were Glenn Vicary '10 and William Keene '10.

Jarrell NeSmith '09 left, receives the President's Award from Dr. Kim Estep, provost and academic vice president, during Honors Convocation. The President’s Award is one of the two highest awards presented to students.

Estefania Chavez '10, a native of Honduras, received the Bruce G. Batts Award, one of the two highest student awards.

Recognized during the May commencement were the recipients of the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership awards, which are selected by a vote of the faculty. Recipients were, from left, Dr. Bill Garris, assistant professor psychology; Dr. Rhonda Smith, director of the School of Business and professor of management, and Dr. Melanie Narkawicz, associate professor of research.

To read about all the award recipients, visit www.tusculum.edu and search “Honors.”

Dr. Leslie Hannekin, assistant professor of physical education, was recognized during Honors Convocation with the Outstanding Service to Students Award, which is determined through a vote by the student body.

Greg Shivers '06 was the special guest speaker for Honors Convocation. Shivers is pursuing his master's degree and works for Shuttle America Airlines.
To celebrate their 50th anniversary, members of the Tusculum College Class of 1960 were invited to be special participants in the May commencement ceremonies.

Wearing gold robes as the newest Golden Pioneers (alumni who attended Tusculum College 50 or more years ago), the class members were part of the commencement procession. The class members attending were introduced during the ceremony and recognized by Tusculum College President Dr. Nancy B. Moody.

The class members gathered in the morning at the Thomas J. Garland Library for a continental breakfast and a time of fellowship prior to the ceremony. Dr. Moody presented each participant with a medallion as a memento of the special occasion. Following the ceremony in Pioneer Arena, the class members were guests at a special luncheon with Dr. Moody and other College representatives.

In a group shot, above, on the Library Terrace are Daniel Olmstead, Bobby Price, Bill Pilloni and Bruce Shine, Dr. Moody, Mary Jo Solomon Slagle, Al Booth and Jim Owen.

During a tour of campus, Jim Owen rings the bell in McCormick Hall, something he never did as a student.

Nichols awarded Honorary Degree

Tusculum President Dr. Nancy B. Moody, left, presents an honorary doctorate of humane letters to Dr. Russell L. Nichols during the May commencement ceremony. Nichols, who served as interim president of the College from 2007-2009, earned high praise from staff, faculty, students and community members as he guided the College through a transitional time. During his tenure, he focused on financial stability, initiated the Center for Global Studies and guided the College through a strategic planning process.
The President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library earned statewide recognition earlier this year for the exhibit and program that was featured during Homecoming 2009.

The museum, which is located in the oldest building on the campus proper, received an award from the Tennessee Association of Museum Award of Commendation for “superlative achievement” in the special events category for “Preserving Your Traditions.” This exhibit and public program was held in conjunction with National Archives Month and as part of Tusculum College’s Homecoming 2009 activities. The award was presented during the Tennessee Association of Museums’ annual conference held March 30 and April 1 in Nashville.

Kathy Cuff, museum assistant/archivist, planned and coordinated the event, which included special presentations by Myers Brown, outreach coordinator for the Tennessee State Museum, and Amy Collins, archivist with the Archives of Appalachia at East Tennessee State University. The two guest presenters focused their sessions on providing information and techniques on storing and preserving textiles, metals, paper, photographs and film from personal family archives. Preservation “starter kits” were provided to those who attended one of the nine 30-minute sessions.

Also shown were films of Tusculum College and Greeneville made during 1929 and 1970. The films had been recently restored and transferred to a digital format.

The museum also featured an accompanying exhibit that included rarely seen items from the archives of the College, as well as examples of what happens to family artifacts that are not stored or handled properly. The exhibit, which was visited by more than 1,800 people, was on display through May this year.

The Awards Committee of the Tennessee Association of Museums was impressed not only with the scope and quality of the event but also the partnering between the museum, the College’s Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, ETSU and the Tennessee State Museum.

The President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library and the Doak House Museum are operated by the Department of Museum Program and Studies of Tusculum College. In addition to the museums, the department is responsible for the College Archives and offers one of the few undergraduate Museum Studies degree programs in the country.

Tusculum named to Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service

Tusculum College has once again been recognized for its commitment to service on a national level.

The Corporation for National and Community Service has placed the College on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities.

“Tusculum College is proud to have been recognized for the efforts that our staff, faculty and students put into the Civic Arts and community service projects,” said Tusculum College President Nancy B. Moody.

Joyce Doughty ’04, director for the Center for Civic Advancement at the College, added that service projects and service learning experiences are part of the core of Tusculum’s mission that includes the Civic Arts and service to others.

The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. This is the fourth time that Tusculum has been named to the Honor Roll.

Poverty, homelessness and hunger were among many of the issues addressed by students participating in service projects in the East Tennessee region. In addition, numerous projects have been completed by staff, faculty and other volunteer groups associated with Tusculum College.
What would motivate a successful physician to pursue a lifelong dream to sing Broadway tunes? What possible connection could there be between her work in a maximum-security prison and her passion for R&B and jazz music? The answers are the inspiration to follow the heart and to live a full and unlimited life.

Dr. Candace Bellamy ’91 of Austin, TX, is more than an overachiever, more than a dedicated doctor, more than a passionate musician, more than a dedicated alumna to her Alma Mater (she received the Frontier Award at Homecoming 2005) – she is just, well, more. Bellamy, who recently appeared in a national Nike commercial called “LIVESTRONG,” featuring cyclist Lance Armstrong, fills her days and nights with all the things she loves most about life. A contract physician who works with military installations and a men’s prison among other venues and a dedicated actress/musician, Bellamy moves seamlessly from one role to another.

“I love what I’m doing and when you love it, you’re able to do so many different things,” she said. She also believes the variety has kept her from “burning out” in any of the areas she loves and toils for in her everyday life.

Bellamy’s life has taken numerous fascinating turns. A major in biology, Bellamy was already established in her successful career as a contract physician when she first pursued singing as a hobby. After taking voice lessons, she auditioned for the chorus in a community theatre production of “Hello, Dolly!” That small role led to bigger parts in other shows and then the creation of a local rock-and-blues band.

Having discovered her passion, she moved to Austin, the live-music capital of the world. As her newfound second career continued to mount, she found herself sharing the stage with Broadway actors and then performing in her own musical showcase at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Currently, in addition to playing in a Pink Floyd tribute band, Bellamy is touring as her schedule allows in her own one-woman show called “Follow the Red Lips.” In her show, Bellamy shares her journey through “stories and songs that will lift you up, leaving you with a smile on your face and joy in your heart.”

She debuted her one-woman autobiographical show at a benefit show for Theatre Bristol in October 2008. In January 2009 she performed two musical showcases in New York City to nearly full houses. The show is comprised of three sets of music featuring R&B, jazz and Broadway show tunes.

According to Bellamy, throughout the show, she weaves stories of her life as a physician and musician that will “inspire audiences to lead full and passionate lives, even if it means stepping outside of their comfort zones.”

Dr. Candace Bellamy ’91 makes her mark

Tusculum College alumna heals with medicine and music

Dr. Candace Bellamy ’91 makes her mark
Dr. Luther D. Lawson, professor of economics at the University of North Carolina Wilmington’s Cameron School of Business, remembers vividly his first academic job interview when he arrived in Greeneville in April 1970. On a recent return visit to Tusculum College to share in the graduation celebration of the Class of 2010, Lawson reflected on his beginning days as a young college educator and raising a growing family on Tusculum’s campus.

Lawson, who is retiring after 40 years of teaching at the university level, was anxious to return to where his career began and to where he, his wife Sharon and their four children had so many fond memories.

Interestingly, his interview for a teaching position at Tusculum began somewhat tentatively. After a “difficult” trip to Greeneville, which involved his airplane returning to the airport after developing engine trouble and then several hours delay, he finally sat across from then President Andrew Cothran of Tusculum College for a much postponed interview. Lawson indicated that his real concern was that although he had several years of corporate training, he had no teaching experience and no graduate degree in hand. His master’s degree in economics was not expected until August, five months later.

Married with four children, Lawson and family were rapidly becoming indigent, and he desperately needed full-time employment. But as it turned out, his fears were unwarranted as Dr. Cothran seemed impressed enough to offer him his first teaching assignment. Lawson completed his degree in August and moved his family to Greeneville, where his first task was to set up credit at the local Dobson’s Grocery Store so that his family could eat.

Despite the difficult start, memories of his children growing up on campus are fond ones. The swimming pool and the Pioneer Gym were two places that topped his visit list. It was in these two places that he spent a great deal of time with his young children and wife. Other key spots on the Lawson tour were Tredway Hall, where he taught many of his economics classes, and the Charles Oliver Gray Complex, where he kept his office during his tenure at Tusculum.

Lawson was thrilled with the growth of the campus, and was particularly impressed with the re-designed Thomas J. Garland Library and the Niswonger Commons. As he walked, memories came flooding back, most of them good, all of them tied up with his youth, his young family and his early days as an educator.

While here, Lawson also took a few minutes to peruse a few old yearbooks, reminiscing about faculty members he once taught with, including current faculty member Dr. Bob Davis, professor of biology; Faculty Emeritus Clem Allison and Faculty Emeritus Dr. Don Sexton. He also noted particular students at the College that stood out and who were an inspiration for him during his teaching days at Tusculum. To this day, Lawson said “that every single class that I have ever taught – from principles courses to graduate level classes – I always mention Tusculum, in some manner, at some time, as my roots.”

Lawson said the return visit was a need “to come full circle” as he neared retirement at UNC Wilmington, although in reality, retirement is a relative term. He will continue to teach fall semesters at UNC Wilmington and then spring semesters at the Hochschule Bremen in Bremen, Germany for the next three years.

And as he leaves full-time teaching, he had one message for the more than 14,000 students he has taught in his career, “It has been an honor and a privilege to have been part of your lives, albeit briefly. I have learned as much from you as hopefully you have from me. I wish you all the very best in your careers.”

Lawson left Tusculum in August of 1977 for the University of North Carolina at Asheville where he taught for six years. He began teaching at UNC Wilmington in 1983 (and as an adjunct professor at the Hochschule Bremen, Bremen Germany in 2000).
Summer job leads to exciting opportunities for Tusculum student Amber Sharp

Imagine if you had a summer job that led to opportunities to get an inside look at Disney World’s Thanksgiving Day parade, a major football bowl game and national cheerleading events, as well as the chance to travel to points across the country.

That is just what has happened for Tusculum College student Amber Sharp whose initial summer job working at cheerleading camps for Varsity Spirit Corporation has led to a myriad of valuable professional learning experiences on some big stages. The rising senior has also excelled academically in one of the most challenging majors at Tusculum, athletic training. She has also generously shared of her time, enthusiasm and giving nature as an engaged member of the most prestigious and active student organizations on campus.

“Working for the Varsity Spirit Corporation has been one of the best possible experiences I could ask for,” said Sharp, who is from Tazewell, TN. “I plan to work for this company as long as they will allow.”

Sharp’s memorable experiences began following her freshman year at Tusculum, when she spent most of the summer of 2008 in Panama City Beach, FL, working at cheerleading camps operated by Varsity. Sharp served in two capacities in the camps – she put her knowledge from her athletic training courses to practice as a first aid technician and as camp manager she received experience in coordinating and managing each of the events as she was the only staff person from Varsity Spirit working each of the camps.

After returning to campus to begin her sophomore year, she received a call from Varsity offering her the opportunity to return to Florida and work in the upcoming Disney World Thanksgiving Day parade, providing first aid care for cheerleading troupes participating in the event. That trip also gave her two personal firsts – her first commercial airline trip and her first trip to Disney World.

Since then she has worked at two national cheerleading events, serving in the registration process and taping scores of ankles and wrists in the practice area. She has had similar opportunities to work at the college, high school, all-star and world cheerleading competitions held at Disney World, cheerleading camps in California and to work with cheerleaders in a pre-game performance prior to the last Capital One Bowl football game.

For the past two years, Sharp says she has been honored to work as a mentor in summer training sessions, “which allows me to meet the first-year employees and share my love for the job.”

Varsity Spirit has recognized Sharp for her work for the company. In May, she received the “Raving Fans” award for her work during the previous summer. The award is presented by camp administration to an employee that chooses to go “above and beyond” and make customers “rave” about their experience with the company.

Sharp’s experience with Varsity uses and builds upon what she is learning at Tusculum in the classroom and in the clinicals that athletic training majors must do each semester.

The past spring semester proved to be a challenging one for Sharp as she dealt with the disappointment of not getting to study abroad as she had planned due to financial restraints. “I could not understand why my most sought after dream had been taken from me,” she said. “It was after the spring semester at Tusculum that I finally realized just why I did not get to go. I truly believe that ‘everything happens for a reason’ and that God has a handle on that.”

Through her experiences on campus in the spring, Sharp says, she realized that she could fill a role of leadership and service at Tusculum. She will be the president of the Bonner Leaders Program for 2010-2011 and also received the “Student of the Block” honors for Block 8.

With her new perspective, Sharp says her new motto is “Love the life you live and live the life you love.”

One of the staff members who nominated Sharp for the Student of the Block honor described her this way, “Amber is a shining example of what we wish to instill in each of our students. She is responsible, reliable, civic-minded and academically driven, and I can think of no student more deserving of this recognition.”

Why such high praise? Sharp is an excellent example of a student who has embraced the full student experience. She has excelled in the classroom, is regularly named to the College’s Dean’s List and is a member of the College’s chapter of Iota Tau Alpha, the national honor society for athletic training majors.

Her campus involvement reads like a laundry list of the College’s most prestigious and/or active organizations, which all benefit from her enthusiasm and friendly and giving nature. She is a member of the Student Alumni Association, the Bonner Leader student service organization and the President’s Society, an elite group of students that serve as Tusculum College ambassadors. She is a member of the Athletic Training Student Society and has served in the Student Government Association.

In addition to her service in organizations, Sharp has served as a mentor for the Murdock Circle, a student living and learning community, providing academic assistance, as well as guidance to the underclassmen as they seek their place in the campus community.

Sharp says she is looking forward to her senior year when she will be working with the Tusculum football team during the fall semester and will have an internship at the University of South Carolina for one block during the spring semester.

As one might expect, Sharp has clear ambitions for her future. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school and then work for a professional sports organization. Her ultimate ambition is to be an athletic trainer for a professional football team.
Tusculum College student Danielle Armstrong has been named the recipient of a scholarship from Alpha Chi, the national college honor society.

Armstrong is one of only 26 members of the honor society nationwide that have been selected to receive scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year. She is a senior from Blountville, TN, majoring in English with a concentration in creative writing.

One of 10 recipients of the Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship, Armstrong will receive a $1,500 award for her senior year.

Armstrong was inducted into the Tusculum College chapter of Alpha Chi earlier this year. Juniors and seniors who are in the top 10 percent of their class are invited to join the honor society.

Active on campus, Armstrong is an English and science subject tutor, a Student Support Services mentor, a contributing writer to the student newspaper and an editor for the “Tusculum Review,” the College’s literary journal.

A talented writer, Armstrong’s work was chosen as the winner in the non-fiction category of the 2009-10 Professor Curtis ’28 and Billie Owens Literary Competition for her work, “Mature Realism.”

Armstrong was also honored as the first “Student of the Block” for the 2009-2010 academic year, recognition presented by the Office of Student Affairs to students who excel academically and make significant contributions to the campus community.

She is serving for the second year as a resident assistant in the College’s Residence Life program, was a resident assistant for the Upward Bound summer camp and is a freshmen orientation leader.

Armstrong has also participated in a research project involving the English and Psychology departments and was a co-presenter about the project with other students at an Appalachian College Association (ACA) symposium with psychology professors, Dr. Brian Pope and Dr. Tom Harlow.

The Tusculum College chapter of Alpha Chi was the first one to be established at an institution of higher learning in Tennessee. Alpha Chi has active chapters at about 300 institutions in almost every state and in Puerto Rico. The society welcomes about 11,000 new members each year.
Tusculum College outreach provides GED Testing for community

A partnership between Tusculum College and Adult Basic Education was kicked-off with a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 19, as representatives from both sides gathered to announce the opening of an official GED Testing Center, which will provide a much-needed service on a regular basis to Greene County and the surrounding communities.

The ribbon cutting for the new testing center was held on the main floor of Virginia Hall on the Tusculum College campus. The first GED exam for the new site at the College was administered later that afternoon.

“Becoming a General Education Degree testing site is a very visual way that Tusculum College combines our commitment to service and education with the strong relationship we have with the community that supports us so well,” said Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody.

“With this project we are able to share our resources and in doing so, improve the lives of those who live here and in our region. We are very proud of this project, which is based in the value of education – at whatever level that may be – and is at the core of all that Tusculum College is and will be.”

In fact, said Moody, her own mother was a very proud recipient of a GED.

Kim Gass, director of Adult Basic Education for Greeneville and Greene County, was also on hand and thanked Tusculum College for its willingness to work on this project and provide an answer to an ongoing problem for persons seeking to take the GED Exam.

“It’s a hardship for many of our students to get to a testing site. We are so excited about our partnership with Tusculum College and appreciate their kindness and open doors,” said Gass.

Tusculum College is the only testing center providing GED testing on a regular basis in Greene County.

The Tusculum College testing center may also serve individuals from 10 surrounding counties.

The GED testing is not the only testing service that Tusculum provides the community. The College was approved in 2009 as an ACT college preparatory assessment national testing site and received approval in the spring as an ACT residual testing site to administer the test to those who may have missed the national testing dates.

Marking the official opening of the new GED Testing Center on the Tusculum College campus, officials gathered for an official ribbon cutting. From left are Jewell Hamm, adult education supervisor for Johnson County; David Egbert, adult education supervisor for Washington County; Melissa Ripley ’01 ’04 ’06, director of admission operations and marketing for Tusculum College; Kim Gass, director of adult basic education for Greeneville and Greene County, and Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum College.

Tusculum/USS Greeneville partnership featured in documentary

The USS Greeneville, the nuclear-powered submarine named after the Town of Greeneville, was featured in a one-hour show in March on CBS. As part of the feature, Tusculum College President Nancy B. Moody, as well as Board of Trustee members Dr. Scott Niswonger ’87 H’06 and Sam Doak ’49 were interviewed about the College’s relationship with the ship.

Since the submarine’s christening, Tusculum College has partnered with the crew members, offering an annual scholarship to crewmen and/or members of their families. To date, three people benefitting from that relationship have become Tusculum College alumni and one more has applied to attend.
NeSmith ’09 Hauls in National Honors, Recognition

Former Tusculum tight end Jarrell NeSmith ’09 may have run out of wall space for awards after one of the most stellar careers ever recorded by a student-athlete in the history of Tennessee’s oldest college.

NeSmith, who wrapped up his Tusculum academic and athletic career at December’s commencement ceremonies, garnered national recognition for both himself and his Alma Mater. After capping a sensational playing career on the Tusculum football team, earning All-American honors for a second straight year, NeSmith may not have been prepared for the whirlwind of honors and accolades that were about to come his way.

NeSmith was selected as one of only 16 collegiate football players (and the lone NCAA Division II player) to the National Football Foundation Scholar Team and was a national finalist for the prestigious William V. Campbell Trophy, which recognizes college football’s national scholar athlete of the year. Each of the national finalists, including NeSmith, received an $18,000 post-graduate scholarship. Included in this year’s group was Florida quarterback Tim Tebow (who won the award) and Texas signal-caller Colt McCoy.

The Russellville, AL, native later was named the recipient of the South Atlantic Conference Presidents Award, which is the league’s highest honor bestowed to a student-athlete, earning this accolade for a second straight year. He also became the first three-time recipient of the South Atlantic Conference Scholar Athlete Award for Football in the league’s history and was selected as a member of the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Team for a second consecutive year.

NeSmith has begun his first year of medical school at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn.

Tusculum Leads SAC in Scholar Athletes/Players of the Year

The Pioneers exemplified academic and athletic achievement in the South Atlantic Conference (SAC) during the 2009-10 academic year as Tusculum led the league in honorees named SAC Scholar Athletes (3) and SAC Players of the Year (4).

The three Tusculum student-athletes to garner SAC Scholar Athlete accolades were Jarrell NeSmith ’09 of Russellville, AL (football), Simon Holzapfel of Nueremberg, Germany, (men’s cross country) and Henrique Rodrigues ’10 of Salvador, Brazil (men’s tennis). NeSmith was named the recipient of the SAC President’s Award for a second consecutive year, while he and Holzapfel also garnered ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® honors.

Holzapfel made it a clean sweep as he won the SAC Cross Country championship to claim SAC Runner of the Year distinction. Also earning SAC Player of the Year honors for the Pioneers were Kyle Moore ’10 of Gainesville, FL (men’s basketball – second straight year), Jasmine Gunn of Nashville, TN, (women’s basketball) and Jared Richmond of Van Buren, AR (baseball).

Tusculum also swept the SAC Athletes of the Year honors in 2009-10 as Moore was named the Male Athlete of the Year, while Gunn captured Female Athlete of the Year honors. Both also repeated as All-America selections for their respective sports.
ATHLETIC NEWS

Tusculum teams finish strong in 2009-2010

Men’s Soccer Wins Second Straight Tournament Crown
The Tusculum men’s soccer team caught fire at the end of the season to claim its second consecutive South Atlantic Conference (SAC) Tournament championship and fourth tournament crown in school history.
The Pioneers posted a 10-6-2 record for the program’s eighth straight winning season. Leading the charge for Tusculum was All-American and SAC Tournament Most Valuable Player Anteneh Lemma ’10 of Stockholm, Sweden.

Women’s Soccer, Volleyball Earn Bids to NCAA Tournament
Along with women’s basketball, the Tusculum women’s soccer and volleyball teams garnered at-large berths to the NCAA Division II Tournament. The women’s soccer team earned its fifth NCAA postseason appearance overall and fourth in the last five years. The Pioneer volleyball team made its inaugural appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Women’s Soccer Coach Mike Joy led the Pioneers to a 15-5-3 record and the program’s 12th straight winning season. Tusculum advanced to the second round of the NCAA II Southeast Regional before falling to host Carson-Newman College.

Volleyball Coach Michael Robinson guided the Pioneers to their fourth straight winning campaign, posting an 18-15 worksheet with a group that included one senior and several true freshmen.

Women’s Tennis Repeats as Conference Champions, Fifth Title Overall
Making room in the Tusculum trophy case has become a spring ritual for Head Coach Tommy Arnett and the Pioneer women’s tennis team.
Tusculum claimed its second straight conference title and the program’s fifth SAC championship in the last nine years (2002, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010) this past spring as the Pioneers went 17-4 and 7-1 in league play, ending the season winning 11 of their last 13 matches, while advancing to the SAC Tournament championship match.
During Coach Arnett’s nine seasons at Tusculum, he has guided the women’s program to an impressive 153-41 (.789) record, including 51-9 (.850) in SAC play. Of his nine women’s teams, Tusculum has finished either first or second in eight of those seasons.

Kyle Moore ’10 named SAC Men's Basketball Player of the Year
Tusculum College’s Kyle Moore ’10 was named the 2009-2010 South Atlantic Conference (SAC) Men’s Basketball Player of the Year. Moore earned this honor for a second straight season and became only the third player in conference history to be named SAC Player of the Year multiple times.

Moore, a senior guard from Gainesville, FL, led the league in scoring for a second straight year, averaging 24.8 points per game, third in NCAA Division II and fifth nationally for all NCAA divisions. Moore’s scoring average is the second highest in league history and fifth in school history. This past year, Moore accounted for 693 points, the second most in recorded school history and third in the league record book.

In addition, Moore established a new school and SAC record with his 117 three-point field goals. In just 87 games in a Pioneer uniform, Moore connected on 306 career three-point field goals, which are the most in conference history.

Kyle Moore ’10
Women’s basketball makes run at national championship

There was an epidemic of “March Madness” on the Tusculum campus this past year as the Pioneer women’s basketball team advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight for the first time in school history. Under the guidance of first-year Head Coach Adell Harris, the Pioneers posted a 23-10 record for the program’s third-straight 20-win campaign. Tusculum punched its ticket to the NCAA postseason for a third straight year, by capturing the program’s first South Atlantic Conference Tournament championship.

Leading the charge for the Pioneers was 4’11” sensation Jasmine Gunn. The junior guard from Nashville, TN, led Tusculum in almost every statistical category, including scoring (21.6 points per game – 8th in nation), assists (4.8 apg – 38th in nation) and steals (2.8 spg – 27th in nation). The 2010 consensus All-American put her talents on display in the postseason, averaging 26.7 points, 3.6 assists and 3.4 rebounds per contest in the seven-game span to finish the season with 713 points, which is the third highest single-season total in program history.

Gunn, the 2010 NCAA Southeast Region and South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year, turned in one of the most impressive performances of her career against 20th-ranked Francis Marion University in the NCAA Regional Semifinal. The three-time All-SAC standout poured in a SAC-record 45 points on 11-of-15 shooting, while setting a pair of NCAA Tournament marks with 23 free throws made on 29 attempts. The Pioneers, the No. 7 seed in the Southeast Regional held in Greenwood, SC, knocked off the top three seeds, including a 70-63 win over host and top-seed Lander University. In front of a capacity crowd that included several hundred Tusculum fans, the Pioneers erased a 16-point deficit, led by Gunn’s 30-point performance, earning her Region Tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

As Southeast Region champions, the Pioneers earned a trip to the Elite Eight in St. Joseph, MO, where they were matched up against top-ranked Gannon University. Tusculum battled the Golden Knights down to the wire, falling 70-66 to end its magical NCAA run.

Gunn honored by Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame

Tusculum College’s Jasmine Gunn’s jersey is currently on display at the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame's "Ring of Honor" in Knoxville. The display is in recognition of her outstanding play during the 2009-2010 basketball season.

She becomes the first player in the program’s storied history to achieve this special honor.

“What an incredible accomplishment for Jasmine, Tusculum College and Tusculum College women’s basketball,” said Head Coach Adell Harris.

“She is a special individual who elevates everyone around her and now she has helped put Tusculum women’s basketball on a stage reserved for the ’Elite’ in our game. We are all very proud of her.”
Economic Impact

Economic impact of Tusculum College in Greene County is more than $65.2 million in 2009

The economic impact of Tusculum College in Greene County was more than $65.2 million in 2009, according to a recent study conducted by East Tennessee State University.

In a report released in December, Dr. F. Steb Hipple, professor of economics at ETSU, stated that economic impact analysis measures the level of economic activity in a region related to the production activities of an enterprise, such as a business firm or an institution of higher education.

With these standards, Hipple’s report to the College stated that “During 2009, Tusculum College added $65.2 million to the economy of Greene County, generated $25.4 million in household earnings and created the equivalent of 748 full time jobs. The average pay for each job is nearly $34,000.”

The report was commissioned by the College’s Office of Institutional Advancement.

“In Tusculum College is a significant part of the Greene County economy. We not only employ more than 700 people, but the College’s indirect impact is more than $21 million.”

According to Hipple the study conducted for Tusculum College utilized the RIMS II Economic Impact Model developed by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, a part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

For more information please contact Vance at 423-636-7303.
Tusculum College has been named to G.I. Jobs’ 2011 list of Military Friendly Schools. The list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s veterans as students.

Criteria for making the Military Friendly Schools list included efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students and academic accreditations.

“Tusculum College has a long history of providing programs that allow the adult student to be able to achieve their dream of higher education while balancing the responsibilities of career and family,” said Jacquelyn D. Elliott, vice president for enrollment management at Tusculum College.

“The Military Friendly Schools List is the gold standard in letting veterans know which schools will offer them the greatest opportunity, flexibility and overall experience. It’s especially important now with so many schools competing for military students,” said Derek Blumke, president of Student Veterans of America and a member of the list’s Academic Advisory Board.

Schools on the Military Friendly Schools list also offer additional benefits to veteran students, such as on-campus veterans programs, credit for service, military spouse programs and more.

One of Tusculum College’s strongest military friendly programs, the Yellow Ribbon program, matches dollars put in by the Veterans Administration so veterans can work toward their advanced degree, as well as qualify for money to help with housing. There are already more than 20 students enrolled in Tusculum degree programs who are receiving the Yellow Ribbon benefits.

Tusculum’s involvement in the Yellow Ribbon program has also garnered media attention. This summer, WATE-TV, a Knoxville television station, did a sizable report about Tusculum’s participation in the program, interviewing students and staff members.

“The Yellow Ribbon program allows the College to further fulfill her mission by acknowledging the service and commitment of those who have served our country by providing them with financial support to complete their education.” said Tusculum College President Nancy B. Moody. “With the variety of locations, programs, majors, degrees and scheduling options offered at Tusculum College, we are uniquely suited to serve those whose educational path was interrupted or who are considering beginning or continuing their higher education.”

The Yellow Ribbon program is applicable towards all Tusculum College degree programs, which include traditional undergraduate programs, as well as the Graduate and Professional Studies programs. Tuition benefits under the program are also available to both full and part-time students.

Tusculum College has long offered assistance to veterans returning to higher education. Veterans Affairs Coordinator Pat Simons is available to specifically support veterans with their admission and financial aid questions. For more information on the Yellow Ribbon program or other assistance provided by the College, contact Simons at 423-636-7300.

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**Tusculum and Northeast State sign articulation agreement**

The presidents of Tusculum College and Northeast State Community College signed a new articulation agreement on June 15, opening the door for a seamless transfer for students majoring in selected academic programs at both institutions.

The agreement was effective immediately for students enrolled at Northeast State.

“We are very pleased to announce the new partnership and articulation agreement with our friends at Northeast State,” said Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody. “This articulation agreement offers prospective students of all ages an opportunity to complete everything from the GED through a master’s degree through a seamless process that creates a tremendous opportunity for them to remain at home and pursue their educational dreams.”

The two colleges have maintained a general articulation agreement since 1995.

Both institutions reviewed all existing curriculum offerings, matching equivalency courses at both colleges and eliminating the need for students to retake courses or lose earned credit hours.

“Any Northeast State student who has earned an associate of science or associate of applied science and who meets the requirements for admission at Tusculum will receive transfer credits for all courses taken at Northeast State,” said Lana Hamilton, vice president for Academic Affairs at Northeast State. Hamilton is a 1987 alumna of Tusculum College.

The articulation agreement includes students who have earned associate of science degrees in teaching and associate of science degrees in business at Northeast State. These graduates may transfer all earned credit hours into the bachelor’s degree programs of education and business at Tusculum.

“This partnership demonstrates the value of how earning an associate degree can give students the opportunity to move into a bachelor’s degree program,” said Northeast State President Janice Gilliam. “Tusculum’s reputation as one our region’s finest colleges will make this an attractive option for both traditional and non-traditional students at Northeast State.”
Theatre-at-Tusculum hits the funny bone with “A ... My Name is Alice” revue

Theatre-at-Tusculum’s spring production filled the Behan Arena Theatre with laughter in February. The unusually titled work explored many facets of women’s lives with insight, empathy and self-deprecating humor. The cast of 21 performers included nine Tusculum students - Paige Hudson of Hixson, TN; Allison Harris of Franklin, TN; Sabine Azemar of Ruther Glen, VA; Kayla Jones of Jonesborough, TN; Amanda Huylebroeck and Billie Jennings of Mountain City, TN; Julian Robinson Parks of Nashville, TN; Brianna Cox of Madison, AL, and Brian Ricker ’10 of Greeneville, TN. Also in the cast were alumnae Angela Alt Bride ’95 and Paige Malone Mengel ’88.

“Cicero: Civic Arts, Virtue, Practical Wisdom and the Tusculum Experience” (also an Inauguration week event)
A lecture by Dr. Bill Garris, assistant professor of psychology at Tusculum College
7 p.m. Tuesday, October 5
Behan Arena Theatre

“The Gray Fossil Site: Relics, Remnants and Resources”
with Dr. Jeanne Zavada, director of the East Tennessee State University and General Shale Brick Natural History Museum at the Gray Fossil Site
7 p.m. Tuesday, October 26
Behan Arena Theatre

Theatre-at-Tusculum presents Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “The King and I”
7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 5-6
7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 11-13
2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 7 and 14
Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium

Tusculum College Community Chorus Christmas Concert
7:30 p.m. Monday, December 13
Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium

Central Ballet Theatre presents “Cinderella”
7 p.m. Friday, January 21
2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, January 22
2 p.m. Sunday, January 23
Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium

“An Iditarod Hero: 500 Lives, 600 Miles, 50 Below”
A lecture with Frank Mengel, Arts Outreach stage director
7 p.m. Tuesday, February 1
Behan Arena Theatre

Theatre-at-Tusculum presents “A . . . My Name is Still Alice”
7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, February 18-19 and 25-26
2 p.m. Sundays, February 20 and 27
Behan Arena Theatre

Revelry Repertory Theatre presents “Yours Truly, Jack the Ripper”
7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 14-16
2 p.m. Sunday, April 17
Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium

Trio Ginga – Brazilian Carnivale
7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26
Behan Arena Theatre

Tusculum College Community Chorus Spring Concert
7:30 p.m. Monday, May 2
Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium

For ticket information, please contact Tusculum College Arts Outreach at 1.800.729.0256 ext. 5620 or e-mail jhollowell@tusculum.edu.
Hidden Treasure:
Tusculum Costume Shoppe is where the “MAGIC” happens

Rows of ribbons, shelves of hats, stacks of shoes and a colorful burst of fabrics delight the eye when entering the Arts Outreach Costume Shoppe on the campus of Tusculum College.

More than 20 years of dramatic history unfolds along the walls with costumes from “The Wizard of Oz” snuggling next to the silky fabrics used for the eye-popping costumes of “The Mikado.” A lion head towers over the room and a bejeweled crown sits by waiting on the next King Lear or King Midas.

Now bursting at the seams, the Costume Shoppe got its start in 2002 and is funded in part by a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission. In addition to serving the College and its annual theatre and music productions, the Costume Shoppe also strives to meet the mission of the Arts Outreach program and offers its unique service to local schools and community groups. The costumes are not rented, but are loaned out to schools and groups who use them for school plays, special events and community productions.

But the marvel of visiting the Costume Shoppe is the history of the past and the heart and soul of years of costume-makers who have brought the fabric to life in productions ranging from “Bye Bye Birdie” to “Guys and Dolls,” and according to Costume Shop Director Barbara Holt, many of the pieces have been used, repurposed and used again. “It is not uncommon for some of these pieces to have been a part of two or more productions through the years.”

The Costume Shoppe allows for the storage of past costumes, as well as donations that come in from individuals and businesses that support the program. There are walls of thread and zippers, patterns and zebra prints that have been purchased, donated or reused for other garments.

“This is a labor of love for me,” said Holt. “I love working with fabrics, and I love to sew. I am energized by the actors, and my life is enriched by just being part of the Arts Outreach program.”

Holt has been with the Arts Outreach program for the past 16 years in one capacity or another and took over as costume director in 2008. She has worked tirelessly to catalogue and organize the materials they have amassed through the years.

And while they do reuse many of the costumes in each production, each year the call comes for new costumes to be made. Holt said each production may take 1,000 or more hours in costume production. Much of the work is done by Holt and her army of volunteers (more than 90 on a production such as “The Wizard of Oz”), but in some cases outside help is needed. Holt said it took upwards of 60 hours to make one kilt used in the production of “Brigadoon.”

“Barbara has been with me for more than 16 years,” said Marilyn duBrisk, artist-in-residence and director of arts outreach. “She is an absolute joy to work with, and we are so lucky to have her.”

She added, “There have been so many times when in the middle of production she has 100 or more cast members to costume and she just manages to stay calm and inspire her volunteers.”

The Costume Shoppe and its many wonders are part of the magic of Tusculum College’s Arts Outreach programs and productions. And to make it all come alive, in the words of Peter Pan, all you need is “faith, trust and pixie dust” and maybe a zipper and a snap and a bolt of shiny, gold fabric.
Ruth Thomas Honored By National Association

Ruth Thomas, associate professor emeritus of music at Tusculum College, was recently honored as a Music Teachers National Association Fellow for the State of Tennessee. Thomas’ recognition is an honor bestowed by her peers. “We are excited to honor Ruth for a lifetime of dedication to her students, to her community and for her exemplary service to the Tennessee Music Teachers Association and to the Music Teachers National Association,” said Deane K. Gray of the Smoky Mountain Music Teachers Association and the Tennessee Music Teachers Association Executive Board.

Thomas joined the College’s music department in the mid-1960s with her husband, Arnold, who passed away in 2008. The two decades that the couple served the College were marked by the success of the well-respected choral program that significantly touched the lives of students.

As a team, the husband and wife directed the Tusculum College Singers, creating three choirs from a small group of singers: the mixed chorus, men’s chorus and women’s chorus. She accompanied the men’s and mixed choruses on piano and directed the women’s chorus.

According to former students, Thomas was always calm and cheerful – a trait which was needed during last-minute rehearsals before choir tours. Teaching such classes as music theory and history, she also found time to teach piano in a studio at Tusculum. Her students found she had high expectations and helped them achieve results that they had not thought possible. Her attention to detail in playing music was not just valuable in regard to piano, but also one that benefited her students later in life.

Tusculum College has not been the only benefactor of Thomas’ talent and dedication. She was the founder and former conductor of the Greater Greeneville Chorale. She was also a long-time pianist and organist at Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Thomas received her honor at the 2010 annual conference in Albuquerque, NM, during the closing gala, and she will also be recognized in “American Music Teacher” magazine.

Thomas’s trip to receive her fellowship was funded in part by contributions from the Tusculum College community, alumni, family and friends, and Thomas thanked everyone who helped and supported her along the way.

Tusculum alumni among those named Teachers of the Year

Smith is finalist for Tennessee Principal of the Year

Tusculum College alumni have been among those honored as “Teachers of the Year” for their schools in Hamblen, Hawkins and Johnson counties. In addition, Shelly Smith ’88, principal of Greeneville Middle School, is a finalist for Tennessee Principal of the Year.

Sherry Price ’96 was selected “Teacher of the Year” for the Hawkins County School System in grades 5-8. Price teaches at Church Hill Elementary School. In Hamblen County, three of the eight teachers selected by their schools in the PreK-4 category are Tusculum alumni, having earned their master’s in education from Tusculum’s Graduate and Professional Studies program in Morristown. They are Laura Reece ’05, kindergarten teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School; Heather Stubblefield ’07, kindergarten teacher at Lincoln Heights Elementary School, and Scott Helton ’05, fourth grade teacher at Russellville Elementary School.

In the grades 5-8 category in Hamblen County, Karen Holweg ’09, a sixth grade teacher at East Ridge Middle School was honored as a “Teacher of the Year.” Sherry Begley Bundy ’09 was named a “Teacher of the Year” in her school in the Hawkins County system. Bundy, who earned a master’s degree at Tusculum, teaches at Saint Clair Elementary School.

In Johnson County, Brenda Arnold ’96, who earned her master’s degree at Tusculum, was named a “Teacher of the Year” for grades K-4 at Doe Elementary School.
The sweet sounds of the Tusculum College Pioneer Band filled Pioneer Field as the more than 40-member band debuted at the Saturday, August 28, home opener of the Pioneer football team.

This follows their inaugural public performance at Niswonger Commons on the evening of April 27.

The Pioneer Pep Band began last year as part of an effort by the College to expand its fine arts offerings to students. Student interest in starting a band was gauged and interested students were asked to attend an informal jam/informational session in January in the Pioneer Perk. About a dozen students came to the session, including two high school students who are now freshmen at Tusculum.

A core group of students continued to practice weekly, looking to debut before the spring semester ended.

Three local high school band directors volunteered their time and instruments to work with the Pep Band – David Price, then band director at Greeneville High School; Jamie Walker, band director at Chuckey-Doak High School, and Devon Lowe, assistant band director at Greeneville High.

The debut for the Pioneer Pep Band came that April evening as they performed in the Living Room area of the Niswonger Commons as the prelude entertainment for the Tusculum College Mentors for Kids year-end banquet. (The Mentors for Kids program is a partnership between the College and Hal Henard Elementary School in Greeneville that links third graders from the school to Tusculum students who act as mentors.)

The next major step for the band program came soon after the debut performance as Price was named director of special events and also agreed to serve as music director to lead the band program.

Price, who has spent the last seven years as director of the Greeneville High School band, joined the College on July 1. He has been highly decorated throughout his career as an educator, receiving the Greeneville Middle School Teacher of the Year Award and the Greeneville City Schools Teacher of the Year Award twice. He received the Tennessee School Board Association Award of Excellence for the Greeneville Middle School Program and was named Tennessee Education Association Distinguished Classroom Teacher in 1987.

In his new position, Price is responsible for organizing, directing and supervising all aspects of special events, as well as major internal campus events. He is charged with developing and maintaining relationships with persons, groups and organizations in the region who utilize the types of facilities the College has to offer.

In his role as music director, Price handles all aspects of the band from recruitment, direction, supervision and organization. He oversees practice schedules and organizes performances. With his expertise in working with performing groups, the College is hopeful that interest in developing additional musical groups may also develop on campus and in the community.

Price has established a partnership with the Community Band and has also reached out to high school band students in regional schools to participate in the new band program.

The first rehearsal for the band was held the day before classes began for the fall semester with around 40 interested student-musicians attending, including 17 Tusculum students with the remainder being either high school students or individuals from the community. Several more students joined in the week after the first practice.

Price plans to have the band to play all the home football games and selected home basketball games, as well as for other events. Also in the plans is the formation of a jazz band and concert band to provide additional opportunities for students with musical interest and talents.

Alumni support has already been important to the band program. A number of alumni responded to the College’s request earlier this year for donations of instruments or monetary support, which are still being accepted for the band program.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact David Price at 423-636-7303 or e-mail daprice@tusculum.edu.
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2004. In 2005, he was named to its “Best Lawyers in Tennessee.” The list has been compiled by the Nashville magazine since 2010. The list has been named by Business Tennessee magazine to its 2010 list of the “Best 150 Lawyers in Tennessee.” In 2006, the magazine increased the listing of attorneys to 150, and Shine was named to the list that year and each year since. The magazine describes the list as those layers “whose reputations and high level of activity distinguish them from the rest.” Shine is only one of three lawyers on the list who live north of Knoxville and the only one listed in the field of employment and labor law. Shine was also recently honored by Martindale-Hubbell, the legal directory, for his 25 consecutive years being listed an as an “AV” lawyer in its publications. The “AV” rating is the highest rating for competence and ethical behavior available for a lawyer in the United States.

James M. and Pat (Kiracofe) Thompson ’63 ’64 of Cape May, NJ, have celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary.

James D. and Judith V. Williams ’65 ’66 have been retired for 14 years. They live in northern Georgia about 50 miles away from Atlanta. The couple has four grandchildren, two of whom live close by, ages 11 and 15, and two who live in St. Petersburg, FL, ages seven and three. They write that they love their retirement and “have never looked back. We especially love living in the foothills of the mountains in north Georgia and love the change of seasons after so many years in Florida.”

Anthony Herberton ’66 of Naples, FL, cruised to Canada in August and toured Montreal.

The Rev. Frank Kinney ’66 has retired as a clergyman with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is currently living in Winter Park, FL, and North Sandwich, NH. His first wife, the Rev. Roberta U. Kinney, passed away in 2006. He married his current wife, Sallie, in 2008. He has two daughters, Dr. Sarah J. Kinney and the Rev. Elizabeth Palmer. Elizabeth is married to the Rev. David Palmer and they have a son, Ethan Joseph.

Randy Addington ’67 of Gate City, VA, writes that his oldest son, Chad, is an underwater EMT working in the Gulf of Mexico. Two days before the BP oil well accident, Chad was on the rig that exploded. He is now involved in the oil clean up.

Bob and Bobbie King Brittain ’67 ’67 of Medford Lakes, NJ, have welcomed a new grandson, Brandon Robert Reinhardt, to their family. Their daughter Kelli’s son, Brandon, is their third grandchild. The couple’s oldest son has two children, a 4-year-old Jack and baby Ella. “Maybe this will encourage Bobbie to retire from teaching and join Bob who is retired from 40 years of education. All is well and we invite anyone who would love to visit south Jersey ... to please come,” they write.

Keith and Joyce (Wilksfofsky) Criss ’74 ’75 of Milford, NJ, are the proud grandparents of Adrianna, age 3, and Juliet, age 1. Keith is still teaching adaptive physical education at Midland School, and Joyce is still the media center clerk at Holland Township School.

Jane Woodruff Campbell ’75 of Dunellen, NJ, has two grandchildren, Ethan born in 2006 and Emma born in 2008. Her oldest son, Keith, is a teacher and her other three sons are serving in the military. Joe is a pilot with the rank of Lieutenant, Junior Grade, in the U.S. Navy. Mike is a captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ryan is an ensign aboard the Navy’s USS McFaul.

Robert W. Greene ’78 of Cleveland, TN, has retired and is enjoying more volunteer time with his church and the Boys and Girls Club. He and his wife, Pam, have been married “37+ years.” The couple has two grandsons, six-year-old Braylee and six-week-old Silas. Robert is in the process of getting ready for his second mission trip to Honduras in July.

Regina “Reggie” Bernard ’86 of Avon, OH, received a master’s of business administration in public administration in June 2009 from the University of Phoenix. She is an eligibility specialist with the Cuyahoga County Department of Employment and Family Services and will celebrate her 19th year with the department in June. Her mother, Naomi, passed away last March after a 10-year battle with Parkinson’s Disease.

Deborah A. Webb ’86 of Jonesborough, TN, has completed a master’s in history and supervision administration. She has completed 120 hours toward a doctorate in K-12 leadership.
Allana Hardin Hamilton ’87 of Hiltons, VA, has been named the vice president of academic affairs for Northeast State Community College in Blountville, TN. She is nearing completion of a doctorate in education at East Tennessee State University, where she earned her master’s degree. Allana joined the faculty of Northeast State in 1992 as a biology instructor and later served as dean of the sciences division.

’90s
Lisa J. Stabler ’90 of Winterville, GA, has been promoted to research professional II in the University of Georgia’s Department of Population Health. She will continue to work with poultry but will be able to expand her horizons scientifically.

Susan D. Crum Vance ’91 of Greeneville, TN, has been named president of the Tennessee Advancement Resource Council (TARC). Vance is interim vice president for institutional advancement at Tusculum College and has served in the Office of Institutional Advancement at her Alma Mater since 2003. The Tennessee Advancement Resources Council was established in 1973 to promote both professional and educational excellence in the schools, colleges and universities of Tennessee. The council strives to serve as a forum for exchanging thoughts on how to build and enhance alumni and development programs and services.

Mark Field ’96 of Corryton, TN, has been named to the Leadership Knoxville Class of 2011. Leadership Knoxville is a 10-month program that strives to serve as a catalyst for positive change in the greater Knoxville, TN, area. Field is vice president of membership at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. Active in the community, Field serves on the board of directors of several organizations, as well as on the Tennessee Small Business Development Center’s state advisory board. He is a member of the Tusculum College Knoxville President’s Advisory Council.

Jamie Hamer ’98 ’06 of Morristown, TN, has been elected president of the East Tennessee College Alliance. Hamer serves as assistant director of enrollment and advising and coordinator of marketing for the Graduate and Professional Studies program at Tusculum.

’00s
Jamie Reed ’00 has been named the football coach at South Oldham High School in Crestwood, KY. Reed had spent the previous five years coaching high school football in Georgia. Reed and his family are looking forward to the move closer to Cincinnati, where his wife, Emily (Skeen ’01), grew up.

Lauren Abramson ’02 of Antioch, TN, is now a clinical assistant/athletic trainer for an orthopedic doctor at Elite Sports Medicine in Nashville, TN. She previously worked at several high schools in Nashville. In May, she completed her sixth marathon, the Flying Pig Marathon in Cincinnati. In October, Lauren will be marrying Kevin Baes of Brentwood, TN, with her parents Roger and Sanda (Montgomery) Abramson ’64 ’65 by her side. Lauren was also recently elected to the Tusculum College Alumni Executive Board.

Tim Strange ’04 of Morristown, TN, has been named the dean of the Division of Public Safety at Walters State Community College.

Adam Winegardan ’04 has been named head football coach at Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, AL. Adam had been serving as head coach of the Dalton (GA) High School Catamounts since 2007. Adam and his wife, Ashley, have four children, Haley, Drew, Brodie and Andie Katherine. The couple is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Rebecca Muncey ’05 of Greeneville, TN, has been named the head girl’s basketball coach at David Crockett High School in Jonesborough, TN. She is teaching government at the high school and is also the assistant girls soccer coach. Rebecca served as a varsity assistant of the girls’ basketball team at Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport, TN, last season, and was head coach of the freshman team.

Kathryn Whartenby ’05 of Denver, CO, began her duties as assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Denver (CO) in mid-June. Prior to the University of Denver, Whartenby served as assistant for the Yale University strength and conditioning staff. She served as an assistant at the University of Florida from 2005 until 2007 while she was earning her master’s degree in applied physiology and kinesiology. She also taught classes for the Sports and Fitness Program and developed a fitness program for the Florida Department of Corrections.

Dr. Sam Broyles ’06 has been named the new boys’ basketball coach at Chuckey-Doak High School. Dr. Broyles has been teaching at South Greene High School and has spent the past four years helping coach the Baileyton Elementary School basketball team. He has also taught and coached at McDonald Elementary School.

Brian Lovett ’06 has been named as the head baseball coach at Central High School in Knoxville, TN. Lovett is also now currently enrolled as a student in the Graduate and Professional Studies program.

Erica Barenbaum ’08 of Chuckey, TN, has been accepted into veterinary school at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and will begin the program in the fall.

Josh Edens ’08 of Telford, TN, has been named the head football coach at North Greene High School. He has served as an assistant coach at David Crockett High School in Jonesborough, his high school alma mater, for the past three years. Josh’s wife Ashley works in the Office of Financial Aid at Tusculum and his mother, Kelly, works in the Graduate and Professional Studies program office.

Mark Persaud ’08 of Greeneville, TN, is currently the intramural director at his Alma Mater and assistant cheerleading coach. Mark is also student life coordinator in the Office of Student Affairs and assistant to campus activities.

Jennifer Cutshaw Slover ’09 of Greeneville, TN, has been named the new volleyball coach at Greeneville High School. Jennifer is the wife of Caleb Slover ’03, an assistant football coach at Tusculum.

Brittany Bible ’10 of Talbott, TN, is currently enrolled in the pre-pharmacy program at Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University.

Ashley Bradford ’10 of London, KY, began the graduate program at University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy this past fall.
Jessica Smith ’10 of Afton, TN, has begun the physician’s assistant’s graduate program at Lincoln Memorial University.

Glenn Vicary ’10 of Oak Ridge, TN, has begun his graduate work in the pharmacy program at the University of Louisville. A standout golfer while at Tusculum, Vicary also represented the Residential College as a speaker at the May 2010 Commencement Ceremony.

Four Tusculum College alumni were reunited for the wedding of David Latty ’91, who was married in Kansas City on April 17. Latty and Ben Kalny ’90, Mike Sledzinski ’90 and Nobuyuki Makabe ’93 enjoyed reminiscing at David’s bachelor party and wedding. The friends met at Tusculum in the late 1980s. At the wedding (photo above) were, from left, Kalny, Sledzinski, Makabe and Latty.

Kelley Lynette Myers ’02 of Knoxville, TN, and Wesley Todd Owens were married January 1, 2010. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica. Kelley is a third grade teacher at Luttrell Elementary School. She is also enrolled at Tennessee Technological University, pursuing a master’s degree in exercise science.

Emily Hawk ’06 and Luke Moughon were married on May 28. Following a honeymoon trip to Belize, the couple is living in Indianapolis.

Rustin Jones ’06 and Bridget Brannan were married on June 26, 2010, at the Doak House Museum on the Tusculum College campus. Rustin is the son of Susie (who is a long-time employee of the College) and Charles Jones ’95 and the brother of Eben Jones ’95 ’05 and Frank Jones ’99. Rustin is employed as a social studies teacher and coach at West Greene High School, and Bridget will graduate in December 2010 from Carson-Newman College. They are living in Greeneville.

Carrie R. Miller ’06 and Joshua J. Ealy ’07 were married May 22, 2010, at Central Baptist Church in Johnson City. Following a honeymoon trip to St. Maarten of the Netherlands Antilles, the couple is living in Newport, TN. Carrie is a veterinarian at Appalachian Veterinary Hospital in Newport. Josh is an assistant basketball coach at Carson-Newman College.

Eliza Eleanor Land ’07 and Matthew Lynn Fink were married March 7, 2010, on the beach on St. Simons Island. They honeymooned in the Bahamas. Both Eliza and Matthew are third-year students at the University of Tennessee College of Law.

Shanna Malone ’07 and Scott Howard ’07 were married May 29, 2010, on Isle of Palms, SC. The couple honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise. The couple is living in Aiken, SC. Shanna, who is the daughter of Paige Malone Mengel ’88, is an eighth-grade English teacher and Scott is an environmental scientist, employed by SAIC.

Alexis Rowles ’08 was married to Spencer Linn on July 10, 2010, at Simpsonville (SC) United Methodist Church. After their honeymoon trip to Italy, the couple is making their home in Hendersonville, NC, where Alexis is a fifth grade teacher at Hillandale Elementary School.

Sara Knoblauch Lee ’00 of Section, AL, and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth. She was born on February 10, 2010. Caroline weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.

Dave and Sarah (McGar) Prichard ’01 ’02 of Crossville, TN, announce the birth of a son, Brody Walker, on February 9, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Justin and Carrie Frisbee Aldridge ’02 ’04 announce the birth of a son, Zane Steven, on January 14, 2010. Born premature, Zane was only 2 lbs. at birth, but after a few long months he is now home and healthy.

Natasha Carroll Moore ’03 of Morristown, TN, and her husband, Kris, announce the birth of a son, Brysen Thomas Moore, on November 10, 2009. He is a little brother to Parker.

Ryan Munson ’04 and his wife, Courtney, of Ogden, UT, celebrated the birth of their first child, Reese Aubrey, on April 30, 2010. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 19.5 inches long.

Timothy and Kari (Karns) Perin ’06 ’05 of Port Clinton, OH, announce the birth of a baby girl, Charlet Elizabeth Perin (Lizzie) on Sunday, November 8, 2009. She was 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 20 inches long, perfectly healthy with blond hair and blue eyes.

Lysbeth “Libby” Waddell Saville ’38 of Greeneville, TN, passed away March 31, 2010. A lifelong resident of Greeneville, she married Christopher McCullough Saville, a graduate of Tusculum, in 1939. The Savilles lived for many years at “Russell Hill” a house on Old Tusculum Road near the campus. Mrs. Saville taught for 17 years in the Greene County School System at Chuckey Elementary School, where she taught reading and coached the spelling bee. She was an active member of the Retired Teachers’ Association. Mrs. Saville was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Andrew Johnson Women’s Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a founding member of Youth Builders, serving as president of that organization. Mrs. Saville was also a former president of the Tuesday Book Club and an avid reader. After her husband died in April of 1992, she left Russell Hill and took an apartment on North Main Street in a neighborhood where many of her childhood friends lived. In 2006 she moved into the Russell Hill home of her daughter and son-in-law, Beth (Saville ’72) and Jim Fairly.
’40s

Peter J. Rossi ’42 of Richmond, IN, passed away on June 18, 2009. Mr. Rossi was a retired assistant vice president from Star Bank. His survivors include wife and Tusculum alumna, Jean Thomas Rossi ’44.

Eileen Kidney Tooker ’42 of Lancaster, PA, passed away on April 9, 2010. Mrs. Tooker was a retired middle school librarian. She had a life-long interest in her Alma Mater and helped coordinate and host a well-attended reunion weekend of 1940-44 alumni in Lancaster in 1999.

Billy Rudder ’43 of Greeneville, TN, passed away February 24, 2010. Mr. Rudder had retired in 1982 as manager of the Pet Milk Company plant in Greeneville after more than 35 years of service. A veteran, he was a lieutenant in the Eighth Air Force during World War II and served as a B-24 Liberator bomber pilot. Mr. Rudder was a member of First Christian Church and the Christian Workers Sunday School class. He was also a member of the Lodge No. 463, F&AM, of Mosheim. His survivors include niece and Tusculum alumna Donna R. Waddle ’88.

’50s

Carl Edward Starnes ’50 of Bulls Gap, TN, passed away on May 8, 2010. Mr. Starnes had served as the principal at Bulls Gap High School for 39 years. He was a veteran of World War II. His survivors include his wife of 57 years and Tusculum alumna Joan Becker Starnes ’52.

Barbara Jean Dobson ’56 of Greeneville, TN, passed away May 5, 2010, after a brief illness. Miss Dobson was a registered nurse, who served her profession for more than 50 years. She was remembered as having met the challenges and changes that occurred in the nursing profession with her ever present calm and quiet grace. She worked on the Medical/Surgery/OB unit at Greenville Hospital until it was purchased by Takoma Hospital, where she continued to work until her retirement in 2009. The hospital recognized her many contributions and years of service by renaming the unit, “The Barbara Dobson Medical/Surgical Unit.” Nominated by her peers and patients, Miss Dobson was recognized by The Business Journal of Tri-Cities TN/VA in August 2008 as a “Health Care Hero.”

Tusculum College community mourns loss of alumnus Dr. Samuel E. Miller ’35 H’98

The Tusculum College family mourned the loss of one of the College’s dearest friends, Dr. Samuel E. Miller ’35 H’98, in early June.

Dr. Miller, a long-time supporter of his Alma Mater, particularly the Arts Outreach program, passed away June 3, 2010. For his dedication and support of the College, he was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the College in 2009.

A native of Greene County, he grew up on a farm not far from the Tusculum College campus. After graduating from Tusculum, he joined the military and rose to the rank of major in the horse cavalry. He was later assigned to investigate and test equipment for the motorized cavalry.

Dr. Miller was discharged from the military after suffering an injury and during his rehabilitation, graduated with a master’s degree in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati. He then worked as a chemist with the Food and Drug Administration until 1941 when he wed the late Mary Agnes Ault. He met his wife when he returned to Tusculum for a brief time to teach after earning his chemistry degree. She was serving as assistant dean of women and was dorm hostess of Virginia Hall.

Continuing his education, Dr. Miller taught at New York University, Columbia University and the Virginia Military Institute while completing pre-med courses at Washington and Lee University.

He continued his studies at the University of Virginia (UVA) Medical School, earning his medical degree in 1950. Dr. Miller practiced medicine in Abingdon from 1952 until 1971.

Dr. Miller then returned to UVA after becoming concerned about the decreasing number of general physicians entering the family practice field. He was co-founder of the Medical Family Practice Unit and was the only doctor at UVA to have dual appointments in family practice and internal medicine.

After teaching at the medical school, he returned to Abingdon in 1994 and began an intense study of writing. He later published a book of poetry, which includes poems about his days at Tusculum and growing up in Greene County.

His support of the arts included his initiation of Arts Outreach’s Acts, Arts, Academia annual performance and lecture series, and he would attend Theatre-at-Tusculum performances as his health allowed. His support of his Alma Mater also included a project to replace the lighting system in the Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium earlier this decade. He was also a contributor to the restoration of Virginia Hall in the early 1990s, and one of the rooms on the main floor of the hall is named in his late wife’s honor.

He was also a patron of the arts in Abingdon, lending his support to the Virginia Highlands Festival, the Barter Theatre, the William King Regional Arts Center and the Arts Depot.

He was a member of Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church. His survivors include two sons, Tusculum alumnus Raymond A. Miller ’62, and Donald M. Ault.
She received the Health Care Heroes Support Service Award for her efforts to alter and improve the quality of life for residents of this region. Learning of her death, Takoma Hospital issued a news release in which her co-workers remember her fondly. “Barbara’s legacy is that she was what every nurse should be – from her dress to her demeanor,” said one of her co-workers. “She was kind, loving and respectful, and she ministered to the whole body of her patients. She was also a teacher. She trained me when I came here 20 years ago. She was my mentor. She forgot more about nursing than most of us will ever know.” In addition to her career, Miss Dobson enjoyed making and selling crafts. Her survivors include sister and Tusculum alumna Joyce M. Dobson Freeman ’58.

**’60s**

Evelyn Louise Bryson Warren ’60 of Rickman, TN, passed away April 15, 2010. She came to Tusculum College after her husband was hired as a minister of a Church of Christ in Greeneville. She continued her education, earning a master’s degree in social work from Richmond Polytechnic Institute and a master’s degree in library science from George Peabody College. Mrs. Warren spent most of her professional career as a librarian, working in several different middle schools in towns where her husband was preaching. Later, she served as librarian at the Medical College of Virginia and at the Emory University School of Medicine. She worked at Emory University in Atlanta until her retirement in 1994. She was a member of Netherland Church of Christ. Mrs. Warren was active in a number of professional, community and civic organizations. Her hobbies and interests were varied including reading, traveling, attending book signings and NASCAR racing. She was an avid racing fan and, for a time, when she worked for a small weekly newspaper, she wrote a column titled, “The NASCAR Granny.”

Robert B. Anderson ’62 of Jonesborough, TN, passed away February, 19, 2010, following a long battle with colon cancer. A native of Poughkeepsie, NY, Mr. Anderson had been a resident of Jonesborough for more than 50 years. He was an independent insurance agent and was a longtime basketball coach at Tri-Cities Christian School and Steed College. Mr. Anderson served in the U.S. Army Reserves in Poughkeepsie and Abingdon, VA. He was a member of Marvin’s Chapel United Methodist Church.

Louise Robinson Orr ’62 of Chuckey, TN, passed away July 20, 2010, after several months of declining health. Mrs. Orr was one of Greene County’s most widely known citizens for decades and a leading figure in a variety of projects relating to the history of Greeneville. Among the projects and activities in which she took a major role over the years, she served as the executive producer and director of “His Faith … Never Wavered,” the nationally known, locally produced docudrama on the life and career of President Andrew Johnson. Mrs. Orr was a supporter of her alma Mater. She attended the “Theologian-in-Residence” lecture series each year since its inception in 1991 except for the past few years when her health did not permit her to attend.

Alice Britton Carducci ’65 of Highland Lakes, NJ, passed away March 23, 2010, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mrs. Carducci was retired from the New Jersey Bureau of Child Services. Her survivors include her sister and Tusculum alumna Jo Ann Britton Von Essen ’62 and a special friend Jane Weems Stroud ’78.

**’70s**

George P. Walsh ’78 of Lehigh Acres, FL, passed away July 17, 2010. Mr. Walsh was manager of Courtaulds Coatings, Inc.

**’00s**

Renee Williams Linebarger ’06 of Greeneville, TN, passed away March 23, 2010. Mrs. Linebarger was a member of the Sweetwater Church of God.

**Friends**

Former Tusculum College head football coach Tom Bryant passed away suddenly June 3, 2010. Bryant, a special education teacher and assistant football coach at Armuchee High School in Rome, GA, collapsed at the school during a spring football practice. Bryant served as Tusculum’s head football coach from 1991-94, orchestrating the reinstatement of the sport at the College after a 41-year absence. After his first team went winless in the 1991 season, Bryant’s Pioneers rebounded by going 15-14 in his final three seasons combined, including a 6-3 record in 1994. He had a 15-24 record during his four seasons at Tusculum. While at Tusculum, Bryant mentored 16 NAIA All-District 24 squad players, while 56 of his players earned All Mid-South Conference honors. He also coached two All-Americans.

Mary Jane Coleman of Greeneville, TN, who initiated the Sinking Creek Independent Film Festival which was initially held on the Tusculum College campus, passed away June 19, 2010. Coleman founded the Sinking Creek Film Celebration in 1969. In the first four years of the competition, it was held on the Tusculum campus. The College and the Greeneville Arts Guild were the original co-sponsors of the event.

Peggy Sexton, wife of Tusculum Professor Emeritus Dr. Donal Sexton, passed away July 8, 2010. Mrs. Sexton taught at Greystone Elementary School and worked at Holmes Shoes for a number of years. Mrs. Sexton is remembered for her hospitality in welcoming students for whom Dr. Sexton was academic advisor into their home and providing a flavor of home with her delicious meals.

Brenda Winfree of Greeneville, TN, passed away on July 16, 2010. She was the wife of James Winfree, who provides musical accompaniment for the Tusculum College Community Chorus and has for many years provided musical accompaniment at the College’s convocations and commencement ceremonies. Mrs. Winfree had served as a music teacher and librarian in the Greeneville City School System and served as director of music at Asbury United Methodist Church. She also worked at National Business Forms and in recent years served as administrative assistant at St. James Episcopal Church, where she was a member.

For more class notes, nuptials, births and memorials, please visit www.tusculum.edu/alumni.
Three former Tusculum College student-athletes were inducted into the College’s Sports Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2009 in ceremonies held at the General Morgan Inn.

Ricardo Colclough ’03, Kenny Hughes ’94 and Lesley Murray ’04 are the newest Sports Hall of Fame inductees, while Don Donnelly, Tusculum’s athletic media relations director, was the 2009 recipient of the College’s Sports Benefactor Award.

Ricardo Colclough starred on the Tusculum gridiron from 2002-2003 where he was named a consensus All-American by six organizations during his senior campaign. He was named the Football Gazette’s Division II National Defensive Back of the Year. In 2003-04, Colclough was also named the South Atlantic Conference Male Athlete of the Year and Tusculum College Male Athlete of the Year.

Colclough was the only Division II player invited to play in the Senior Bowl, where he earned the North Squad’s Most Valuable Defensive Player Award. He helped lead Tusculum to a 9-2 record in 2003, a South Atlantic Conference (SAC) championship and a No. 19 national ranking.

Colclough, a native of Sumter, SC, was a finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy, which recognizes the most outstanding football player in Division II. In April 2004, he became the highest-drafted SAC football player ever when he was chosen in the second round and was the 38th overall pick of the 2004 National Football League Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

His six-year NFL career includes stints with Pittsburgh, Carolina Panthers, Cleveland Browns and Kansas City Chiefs. He also saw action in six career NFL Playoff contests, including Pittsburgh’s victory in Super Bowl XL.

Ken Hughes recorded one of the best pitching careers in the history of Tusculum baseball from 1991-1994. During that span, Hughes accounted for a sterling 33-9 record for the most pitching wins in school history. During his junior and senior seasons, he posted 12 wins each year.

The Morristown, NJ, native enjoyed a banner senior season in 1994 and was named the Tennessee Virginia Athletic Conference (TVAC) Player of the Year and NAIA District 24 Player of the Year. Hughes established school records in wins, innings pitched (98.1) and complete games (9).

During his storied career, Hughes was a three-time All-TVAC honoree and twice selected to the NAIA All-District 24 team. His name is peppered throughout the Tusculum record book. During his senior campaign, he was also named Tusculum’s Male Athlete of the Year.

Hughes is currently a vice president with Patriot Bank Mortgage in Houston, Texas.

Lesley Murray orchestrated the greatest tennis playing career in Tusculum history from 2000-2004. Murray was named the South Atlantic Conference Women’s Tennis Player of the Year four times, becoming the first student-athlete in league history to be named Player of the Year for four consecutive seasons.

In 2004, she also became the first student-athlete in Tusculum history to be named SAC Female Athlete of the Year.

She posted a remarkable 64-2 singles record at Tusculum, including 20 consecutive victories to close out her storied career. The Monroe, GA, native earned All-Conference First Team honors four times and never lost a conference singles match.

In her four seasons, she helped lead Tusculum to a 63-19 overall record, while capturing three South Atlantic Conference titles, a 2004 SAC Tournament Championship, while making four trips to the NCAA Division II Tournament. Her final three teams also finished the year nationally ranked.

Murray was the recipient of the SAC Scholar Athlete Award for Women’s Tennis in her final two seasons (2002-03, 2003-04) and was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District IV College Division Women’s At-Large Second Team. She was the SAC Tournament most valuable player in 2004. She was named the Tusculum Female Student Athlete of the Year twice and was a member of the SAC Commissioner’s Honor Roll and the Tusculum Athletic Director’s Honor Roll. She alsolettered three years on the Tusculum women’s basketball team.

She is currently serving on the faculty at Greeneville High School, where she is also head coach of the tennis team and an assistant coach for the Lady Devils’ girls basketball team.

Don Donnelly, who has served as the College’s athletic media relations director for the last 11 years, was the recipient of the Sports Benefactor Award, which recognizes individuals who make outstanding contributions to Tusculum Athletics.

Donnelly, a native of Louisville, KY, is responsible for all media relations needs of Tusculum’s 14 intercollegiate sports.

He joined the Tusculum athletic staff in June 1999 after serving one year as assistant sports information director at Elon University. He also has served as sports information director at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and Lenoir-Rhyne University. He began his career at Georgia College & State University, where he served as assistant sports information director and men’s golf coach.
A look back at Homecoming 2009

Crowned Homecoming King and Queen were Victoria Neal ’10 of Ellenwood, GA, and Ryan Tallent ’10 of Knoxville, TN.

The afternoon tea at the President’s House provided an opportunity for alumni to meet new Tusculum President Dr. Nancy B. Moody, at left, and her husband, Tom, at right. Visiting with them are Henry Schoebel ’47 (center from left), his daughter, Jeanne Schoebel Holihan ’78 and her husband, Leo Holihan ’78.

Dr. Jack Hennessen ’45 was honored with the Pioneer Award during the Alumni Association meeting. Unable to attend Homecoming, Dr. Hennessen’s award was later presented to him by Dr. Moody, above, as his wife, Yolanda, watches. Above right, Jackie Paxton Rose ’75 presents the National Alumni Recognition Award to Frankie DeBusk, Tusculum’s athletic director and head football coach.

Winners of the campuswide Chili Cook-off were the Graduate and Professional Studies Greeneville office staff who were the top vote-getters in both taste and showmanship with their “Virginia Hall House of Corrections” theme. From left are Chance Gillespie ’93, Pat Simons, Teresa Smith, Vickie Long ’08, Heather Easterly ’00, Jane Allen ’97 ’04, Kathy Munson ’09, Kathy Joy ’00, Betsy Long and Kelly Edens.

Winners, above left, of the Gross Division in the Homecoming Golf Tournament were, from left, Joe D’Auria ’59, Jack Kilday ’57, Bobby Bowers ’59 and Bill Smith. Winners in the Net Division, above right, were Howard Slagle ’61, Santo Cicirello ’63, Steve Richey and Bob Riser ’62.
The Tusculum College Board of Trustees requests the honor of your presence for the Inauguration of Dr. Nancy B. Moody as the twenty-seventh President of the College Friday, the eighth day of October Two thousand and ten 2 o'clock in the afternoon Tusculum College’s Pioneer Arena Greeneville, Tennessee.

The favor of a reply is requested by Monday the twenty-seventh day of September via phone (423.636.7303), email (bsell@tusculum.edu) or www.tusculum.edu/inauguration/

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Inauguration Events

**Monday, October 4**
Inaugural Art Exhibit Opening Reception
3:30 - 5:00 p.m., Allison Gallery

**Tuesday, October 5**
Faculty and Staff Inaugural Breakfast
7:30 – 9:00 a.m., Thomas J. Garland Library

Presidential Portrait Unveiling Ceremony
8 a.m., Garland Library

A lecture by Dr. Bill Garris:
“Cicero: Civic Arts, Virtue, Practical Wisdom and the Tusculum Experience”
7 p.m., Behan Theatre
Cost: $6 per person

**Wednesday, October 6**
Mother Church Inaugural Dinner
5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church
110 N. Main St., Greeneville
Cost: $6 per person

Inaugural Church Service
6:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

**Friday, October 8**
Inaugural Luncheon
11 a.m., Garland Library Lawn

Inauguration Ceremony
2 p.m., Pioneer Arena, Niswonger Commons

President’s Inaugural Dinner and Ball
6 p.m., General Morgan Inn
111 N. Main St., Greeneville
(Black Tie Optional)
Cost: $50 per person
HOMECOMING 2010: OCTOBER 8 - 9
"A TAPESTRY OF PIONEER LEADERSHIP"

Homecoming 2010 will feature special events celebrating the inauguration of Dr. Nancy B. Moody, Tusculum's College's 27th President. The College cordially invites all alumni to what will be a Homecoming to remember.

With staff involvement in the special celebrations, registration hours will be limited. Please note below when Registration and the Hospitality Suite will be open.

1 - 5 p.m., Thursday, October 7
8 - 11 a.m., Friday, October 8
8 - 11 a.m., Saturday, October 9
The Registration table and Hospitality Suite will be in the Living Room at the main entrance of the Niswonger Commons.

Register online at www.tusculum.edu or complete this registration form and enclose a check made payable to Tusculum College or indicate credit card below.

Please indicate number participating or amount enclosed (cost is per person):

Inauguration Events:
Dr. Garris lecture ($6) ___________ Mother Church Dinner ($6) ___________

Inaugural Luncheon ___________ Inaugural Festival Choir ___________ (Voice Type ___________)

President's Inaugural Ball and Dinner ($50) ___________

Entrée selection: seafood ______ vegetarian ______ pork ______

Homecoming events:
Homecoming Golf Tournament ($50) ___________ Tailgate Party ($15) ___________

Class Photos ($8 each) ___________ All Alumni Dinner and Dance/Sports Hall of Fame ($25) ___________
(to be taken at the Tailgate Party) Entrée selection: beef ______ vegetarian ______ chicken ______

Name (If alumna, please include maiden name) ___________________________ Class Year ___________

Spouse or Guest (If alumna, please include maiden name) ___________________________ Class Year ___________

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Event Schedule

Monday, October 4

Homecoming Chili Cook-off
Come enjoy the work of some of the best faculty and staff cooks on campus. Taste the chili recipes prepared by various departments and offices on campus and vote for the best tasting and the best showmanship. The Chili Cook-off will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Chalmers Conference Center in Niswonger Commons.

Inaugural Art Exhibit
Visit the Allison Gallery inside the Rankin House (adjacent to the parking lot beside Three Blind Mice on Erwin High-
AND THE INAUGURATION OF DR. NANCY B. MOODY

way) for this special art exhibit of student work in celebration of the Inauguration. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The opening reception will be Monday, October 4, from 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Presidential Portraits Exhibit
Find out about Tusculum's presidents in this special inaugural exhibit. Portraits of all of Tusculum's presidents are featured in this display along the running track on the upper level of the Thomas J. Garland Library. Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The unveiling ceremony for the portrait of Dr. Nancy B. Moody will Tuesday, October 5, at 8 a.m.

Thursday, October 7
Homecoming 2010 Golf Tournament
Enjoy an afternoon of friendly competition at Link Hills Country Club. Alumni, spouses, faculty, staff and friends are invited to participate. A scramble format will be used with the handicap system applied for a net division and a gross division. First place will be awarded for each division. A luncheon prior to the tournament will begin at 11 a.m. at the country club with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Beverages and goody bags will be provided.

Friday, October 8
Inaugural Festival Choir
Be part of the ceremony to inaugurate Dr. Moody by singing in the Inaugural Festival Choir. If you want to participate, please note it on the registration form, call David Hendricksen at 423.638.0409 or email dhendricksen@tusculum.edu.

Inaugural Luncheon
All those attending the Inauguration ceremony are invited to this luncheon at 11 a.m. on the lawn outside the Garland Library.

Inauguration Ceremony
You are cordially invited to the ceremony to inaugurate Tusculum's 27th president, Dr. Nancy B. Moody. The ceremony, to begin at 2 p.m. in the Pioneer Arena inside the Niswonger Commons, will feature alumni representatives from graduating classes, beginning in the 1930s, as part of the procession.

President’s Inaugural Dinner and Ball
Celebrate the inauguration of Dr. Moody at the General Morgan Inn. The special speaker at the dinner will be Deborah Kapp from the McCormick Theological Seminary. Tusculum’s first benefactor, Nettie Fowler McCormick, and her husband, Cyrus McCormick, were also generous supporters of the seminary. The McCormicks learned of Tusculum through alumni who were attending the seminary. Music will be provided by the Dr. Bob Orr Trio. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 9
Homecoming Memorial Service
Join family and friends for a Memorial Service to remember alumni who have passed away since Homecoming 2009. The service will be at 8:30 a.m. in the Chalmers Conference Center inside the Niswonger Commons.

Alumni Association Meeting
Learn the latest about the alumni association, hear an update about the College and meet the new alumni officers during this annual meeting at 10 a.m. in the Chalmers Conference Center.

Homecoming Parade
Watch the 7th annual Homecoming Parade along the route between the Charles Oliver Gray Complex and Pioneer Park. The Golden Pioneer Class of 1960 will serve as the grand marshals. Want to participate? Call 423-636-7303. The parade begins at 11:30 a.m.

Tailgate Party
Enjoy a Tusculum College Pioneer Tailgate Party at Pioneer Park (the baseball stadium) at noon. Class photos will be taken at the Tailgate Party.

Football Game
Cheer on the Pioneers in a match-up against the Newberry College Wolves at 2 p.m. at Pioneer Field. At halftime, enjoy the presentation of the Homecoming Court. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children, with children five and under free. They can be purchased at the ticket booth at the football stadium preceding the game.

All Alumni Dinner and Dance/Sports Hall of Fame Induction
Join us at the Comfort Inn (1790 East Andrew Johnson Highway) for a time of fellowship and dancing with your fellow alumni. Help the College honor the accomplishments of former Tusculum student-athletes with inductions into the Sports Hall of Fame. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the McGuire Brothers Band, who have entertained at Homecoming events for several years.

Sunday, October 10
Worship Service
Join the congregation at First Presbyterian Church (the mother church of the College) for one of their morning worship services at either 8:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. Sunday School takes place at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 110 North Main Street.

Visit www.tusculum.edu to register online!
Refer a prospective student to Tusculum College!

Use this form, call 1-800-763-7359 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
I am a member of: (check all that apply)

- Board of Trustees
- Faculty/Staff
- President’s Advisory Council
- Current/Former Parent
- 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
- Adult Degree Programs
- Master of Arts in Education
- Master of Arts in Organizational Management

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