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From the President



John F. Kennedy once said that “change is the law of life. And, those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” At Tusculum, we are in a state of metamorphosis, evolving as we have been for more than two centuries to meet the educational needs of our students and communities. Throughout Tusculum’s history, she has continually transformed, including name changes when merging with other institutions, creating programs to meet the needs of adult students, adopting a unique focused calendar and even how we teach. Tusculum continues to adapt today to ensure that our graduates impact the world successfully, in new and different ways.

Through the years many have contributed to Tusculum’s ability to not only survive, but thrive. Generous benefactors like Nettie Fowler McCormick, who became Tusculum’s first, and one of our most generous, benefactors helped the College to grow and flourish. Her generosity included five campus buildings: McCormick Hall, Welty-Craig Hall, Virginia Hall, Rankin Hall and Haynes Hall. We recognize and honor her each fall with Nettie Fowler McCormick Service Day, or “Nettie Day,” in which our students give thousands of hours of service work to non-profit agencies, people in need and local schools. Tusculum has also been the recipient of the generosity from Dr. Scott Niswonger '87 H'06. His philanthropy is reflected in activities designed for school children at the Doak House, in state-of-the-art athletic facilities, the support of academics, scholarships, and the new band

program. His influence urges us to strive for quality in everything that we do, to focus on the whole student, one who will leave here not only academically prepared, but prepared to be a servant leader in his/her community, to share what they know with others and to give to those in need. From the beautiful facilities that his generosity has provided to the work of the Niswonger Foundation serving all of East Tennessee with its focus to “Learn, Earn and Return,” it is easy to feel his influence. Our most recent benefactor, the late Mrs. Verna June Meen, has contributed greatly to the construction of the Ronald H. and Verna June Meen Center for Science and Math, as well as an endowed scholarship program for deserving, academically successful accounting students and an endowed distinguished professorship in chemistry. Her generosity will impact students and faculty for generations to come.

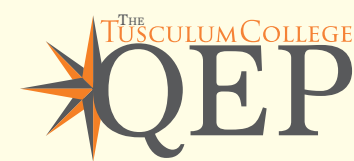
Recent graduates have proven that the Tusculum faculty members excel at providing a top quality education. These include Joseph Elphinstone '15, who has completed his graduate program in stem cell biology and regenerative medicine at the University of Southern California and who is planning to pursue his doctorate there; Bo Cordell '13, regional sales manager at Landair Transport; Vinton Copeland '13, an ordained minister with a master’s degree in divinity from the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University; Dr. Brittany Bible NeSmith '10, a pharmacist; Ryan Barker '15, communications specialist at Presbyterian College, among many others.

We are committed to keeping Tusculum FIRST, and I hope that you will, in the last year of the Tusculum First Campaign, join me in ensuring that our students have affordable access to the best and most relevant education possible. Please consider giving right now in order to help us meet the challenges of today’s educational environment and ensure our graduates continue to be the best of the best. Your gift will change a life. Let us know that we can count on you to ensure Tusculum College is strong and ready for the next 222 years.

Sit Lux,

Dr. Nancy B. Moody, Ph.D.

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Refocusing on three strengths

As part of the re-accreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Tusculum College must find some aspect of the college it can improve in a systematic, measurable way. To meet this challenge, Tusculum developed a Quality Enhancement Plan, which is an ongoing, community-based effort to improve its students' educational experiences and opportunities.

According to Dr. Michael Bodary, assistant professor of English and the current QEP director, the original QEP, "Problem Solving with Reflective Judgment," started in 2010 after nearly two years of focused discussions among faculty, administrators, students and trustees. What emerged was a two-part plan that spanned 10 years.

The first phase of the QEP involved making changes to specific, required general education programs that all students would take. These changes would integrate lectures and workshops that emphasized the importance of reflective judgment and the development of reflective judgment skills in students. This portion of the QEP was completed in the 2014-2015 academic year, and a five-year report documenting the process was sent to SACS.

"The second phase of the QEP originally involved developing internship, service learning and research opportunities," said Dr. Bodary. "We broadened those areas to be more inclusive, and we are now looking to achieve measurable, campus-wide improvements with civic engagement, career preparation and scholarly work."

What is the difference between research and scholarly work? Dr. Bodary explained, "Research implies we were only interested in students' traditional qualitative or quantitative work, which excluded our students who were having their artwork exhibited in galleries or poems and short stories accepted for publication.

"We wanted the QEP to be more inclusive so we could be more supportive of the student body as a whole. The term



Robin Lay, left, director of career services, works to provide opportunities for students to connect with potential employers, including this trip in April to the Home Depot headquarters in Atlanta.

'scholarly work' better encompasses both the traditional research and the artistic endeavors of our students."

As part of the refocus on civic engagement, students are encouraged to become more involved in the voting process and more engaged in volunteerism either on their own or as part of classroom activities. This portion of the QEP emphasizes the importance of the College's Center for Civic Advancement, which has connections to a number of local, regional and national charitable organizations.

The career preparation portion of the QEP is designed to make better use of the College's Office of Career Services, promoting its newly developed Pioneer Certified program that provides students valuable additional experience related to job hunting, portfolio development, interviewing, networking, internships, meal etiquette, job shadowing, career fairs and professionalism.

The refocused QEP also integrates aspects of career preparation and scholarly work into Tusculum College's existing Arts & Lecture Series program.

By Suzanne Richey '14
Director of College Communications



Students provide a day of service as part of enduring campus tradition

Tusculum College students, faculty, staff and alumni demonstrated the College's commitment to both learning and serving in September, as they spent the day helping others and improving the community.

All freshmen and first-year transfer students participated in Nettie Fowler McCormick Service Day as part of the Tusculum Experience course. Many other students, faculty, staff and alumni also volunteered. Nettie Fowler McCormick Service Day, now often referred to informally as "Nettie Day," is one of the longest-held traditions on the Tusculum campus and involves students spending time in service to others.

"Community engagement is a key element of the Tusculum College experience," said Ronda Gentry, director of the Center for Civic Advancement and coordinator of the event. "Nettie Day serves as an introduction to our new students and a reminder to our entire community of the importance and value of community involvement."

Students hosted a "fun field day" for local elementary school students in the morning. The day was complete with water balloons, limbo games, jump ropes and hula hoops. In the afternoon volunteers worked to spruce up the campus, mending fences at the Doak House Museum, painting in the residence halls and house and landscaping across campus.

This year, Nettie Day was held as part of the Orange Rush activities on campus, which included a variety of activities to engage new students and encourage them to get involved on campus and in the community. Service activities were conducted at the Greeneville, Knoxville, Morristown and Kingsport sites. Nearly 600 volunteers participated.

"Civics and community engagement, service to others and preparation of all ages, races and creeds to be civic-minded individuals to make the world a better place have for 222 years been ingrained in the key values of this institution," said Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum College. "It is a hallmark of the Tusculum College experience and the Tusculum College alumni."

Nettie Fowler McCormick Service Day, which is conducted under the auspices of the Center for Civic Advancement, honors the memory and altruistic way of life of Nettie Fowler McCormick, widow of reaper inventor Cyrus McCormick, who was a 19th century supporter and advocate of Tusculum College. The McCormicks, staunch Presbyterians, learned of the College through Tusculum graduates who attended their McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and became some of the most significant donors in the College's history.

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Nettie Day found students participating in projects all across campus: painting a porch at the Honors Program House (top), helping with the "fun field day" (center) and mending a fence at the Doak House Museum (bottom).

Organic Progression

Kristen Lane '14 daily uses what she learned in the classroom and in campus organizations at Tusculum as an Appalachia CARES AmeriCorps member working with the Middle Nolichucky Watershed Alliance.

Finishing college and heading into the world of work is a different experience for each of Tusculum's alumni. For many, such as Kristen Lane '14, the transition was organic in its development and in her continued work with Tusculum College's environmental science program.

Lane currently serves as an Appalachia CARES AmeriCorps member for the Middle Nolichucky Watershed Alliance, a non-profit organization that provides technical assistance and water quality education to citizens of Greene County. She continues to work with Tusculum College science departments, as well as Tusculum students in other programs volunteering in the community.

Additionally, she credits Tusculum faculty with helping her make the connections to put her in the right place at the right time for the AmeriCorps opportunity.

"Dr. Keller was very involved with the Middle Nolichucky Watershed Alliance and helped me to get my foot in the door," said Lane, adding that as a field guide/naturalist major, she had a lot of interaction with the faculty during her time at Tusculum that led to long-term relationships.

Dr. Melissa Keller, assistant professor of biology, and former professor Dan Barnett were instrumental in helping Lane land that first position and in serving as resources for her in her first few months after graduation.

As part of her service, Lane is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating service learning projects with target outcomes to a wide range of participants, maintaining and expanding community partnerships and capacity building for the Middle Nolichucky Watershed Alliance. She also handles volunteer coordination and management, which is another path that keeps her in contact with the Tusculum community.

"Tusculum helped me to develop and improve upon many skills," said Lane. "In addition to the academic base, I developed a lot of skills through my participation in student organizations on campus, things like being self-directed, detail oriented and thinking creatively."

During her years at Tusculum, Lane led the Pioneer Green Team, an environmental student organization, as its president and found herself planning events, recruiting volunteers and setting up strategies for educating the public, all of which is in her job description at the Middle Nolichucky Watershed Alliance.

"Being involved with several on-campus organizations



Kristen Lane gets to return to campus often, working with students from the College and those from local schools at the Paul E. Hayden Educational Wetland or sharing information with Tusculum students about the volunteer opportunities available with the Middle Nolichucky Watershed Alliance.

and being a national service member has given me experience in public speaking, teaching, networking, organizing volunteers, developing community partnerships, maintaining public relations and leading and cooperating in a team environment," she said.

In addition to the Green Team, she was a representative for Voices Against Violence and served as both senator and representative in the Student Government Association.

In her AmeriCorps position, she puts her skills toward grant writing and projects involving restoration work. There is also a strong educational component, working with elementary school students at the Paul E. Hayden Educational Wetland and giving community presentations. She also calls on her relationships built while attending Tusculum.

"We have a strong partnership with Tusculum College, particularly the science areas, including biology and environmental science classes," she said. She also calls on Tusculum often for volunteer work from faculty, staff and students because of the community engagement focus, particularly with service learning courses.

“The Earth Day program that I coordinated as president of the Pioneer Green Team is very similar to projects I do now, like the Greene Energy Fair, where coordination with community partners was important. My experience in planning a project was very helpful. I learned how to do things on my own time, and it was a great experience that is similar to the way I work now.”

While at Tusculum, Lane was the recipient of the Doug Ratledge Environmental Science Scholarship, awarded to an outstanding student majoring in environmental science or the field guide/naturalist program. Lane also received the Senior Honor Key Award for the Field Guide/Naturalist major during her senior year at Tusculum. By serving with the Middle Nolichucky Watershed Alliance, she also gets to share her love of nature with others.

Her advice to current students is to build relationships with faculty. “If you haven’t built these relationships after

four years, you may have missed the boat,” said Lane. “The faculty are great resources for networking in your field.”

She also encourages building leadership skills through clubs and organizations, which she says is a great way to learn how organizations work, as well as a safe way to learn and try new things and see what does or does not work.

“For those who have never heard of the AmeriCorps program, it is very similar to the Peace Corps but on the domestic front,” said Lane. “AmeriCorps offers a living stipend and educational stipend upon successful completion of service, which can be full or part-time. It’s an honor to be a part of this program, and I would recommend it to undergraduates looking for professional experience and meaningful service to the community.”

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Morris E. Katz recognized with Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Morris E. Katz, a 1937 graduate of Tusculum College and long-time friend of the college, was presented in absentia the Distinguished Service Award during the annual Tusculum College President’s Dinner on Friday, May 13.

Dr. Katz was recognized for his service and support of Tusculum College. The award was presented via video link. Dr. Katz accepted the award surrounded by friends and family in Sarasota, Florida. Tusculum President Dr. Nancy B. Moody and Dr. Kenneth A. Bowman, chair of the Board of Trustees and 1970 alumnus of the college, presented the award.

The Distinguished Service Award is given to an individual or individuals who have a history of outstanding support of Tusculum College. The award is presented at the President’s Dinner, which honors the college’s major donors.

“It gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to a son of Tusculum College, an excellent student and athlete; a man very dedicated to his family and also dedicated to improving the human condition and making the world a better place; to a very humble person who has loved, celebrated life for 101 years and is dedicated to providing others the opportunity for an education, the gift of a lifetime,” said Dr. Moody.

While a student at Tusculum, Dr. Katz excelled in the pre-med program and was a member of the Outing Club, as well as a member of the cross county and swimming teams. He also served as president of his senior class.

Following his time at Tusculum, Dr. Katz interned for a year at W.W. Backus Hospital in Norwich, Connecticut. Through the support of Tusculum College President, The Reverend Dr. Charles Anderson, Morris was admitted to and subsequently graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine in 1941.

As a Major in the Medical Corps, Dr. Morris Katz began service as a Battalion Surgeon in the 28th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, seeing action in the European Theater in World War II. Upon his discharge in 1945, Dr. Katz received additional training at Beth-Israel Hospital and the Boston City Hospital. In July 1950, he opened a practice in Norwich, Connecticut, where his specialty was eye-ear-nose and throat.



Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody, left, visited with Dr. Morris E. Katz ’37 during a trip to Florida in January.

Board certified in ophthalmology and otolaryngology, Dr. Katz served the community for approximately 46 years until his retirement in 1987. His professional memberships included the New London County Medical Association, the Connecticut State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Katz retired to Florida where he served as a medical volunteer for the Senior Friendship Center until recently. In memory of his wife, Freda, Dr. Katz established The Morris E. and Freda Hillson Katz Endowed Scholarship Fund in 1996. Freda was born in 1914 in Malden, Massachusetts and passed away in 1994. With gifts and a generous planned gift by Dr. Katz, this scholarship seeks to support able and deserving pre-medical students and other science majors.

“With his commitment to education and health care in the community and at Tusculum College,” said Dr. Bowman, “Dr. Katz has made a significant impact. His legacy will continue to impact the lives of students for many, many years to come.”

By Suzanne Richey ’14
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Part of Kristen’s responsibilities include sharing through educational activities information with young students about the environment and how they can help improve water quality in local streams and preserve habitat.

Taking Advantage of Opportunities

Turner graduates with impressive resumé of internship, hands-on career experiences

When Stephanie Turner walked across the stage to receive her diploma in May, she celebrated the moment with a smile of accomplishment and an expectation of future success.

A journalism and professional writing major from Shelbyville, Turner has taken advantage of her time at Tusculum College to the fullest extent, and according to Robin Lay, director of Career Services, has gone above and beyond to prepare herself for the work world.

“Stephanie participated in several internships, job shadowed, attended our career preparation seminars and put together a resume and portfolio that will make her stand out in any interview situation,” said Lay. “It is one of the advantages Tusculum College can provide our students. We can work with them individually to help them prepare for their specific career paths.”

During her time at the College, Turner honed her skills as an intern and work study student in the Office of College Communications, but she also job shadowed with the Marketing Department and with the vice president for enrollment management. She took internship positions at an industrial site, a hotel and worked with two non-profit businesses, putting her growing skills as a marketer and a copywriter to work.

“The Meco Corp. internship was my first experience with realizing how important it was to be prepared,” said Turner. She was contacted by the Career Services Office regarding the opportunity and within hours had an interview scheduled for the next day. “I was so grateful



During her time at Tusculum, Stephanie Turner built an impressive resume by completing several internships in Greeneville, working in a campus office and editing and writing for student publications.

for the help Ms. Lay and Dr. Michael Bodary, assistant professor of English, had provided in crafting my resume and the beginnings of my portfolio.”

She interviewed and was hired that afternoon by Whitney Winter, who would be her supervisor at Meco. “I was nervous, but confident. Because of my preparation, I felt like I could do the job and do it well.”

At Meco, Turner worked in the sales department conducting market research and revamping owner’s manuals. She also spent time working to update the company’s website.

“I initially worked on customer feedback, tracking reviews and cataloging complaints and suggestions,” said Turner. Through the data tracking, she was able to outline

where the largest issues were and even make suggestions on how these issues could be alleviated.

“I learned so much working at Meco, particularly in marketing working with Whitney and Bob Hunter, who are accomplished professionals. They provided guidance all along the way. It was an amazing learning experience,” she said.

She put her professional writing skills to use while working on the owner’s manuals for several of Meco’s products in their grill line. By writing specialized manuals for each product and clarifying the instructions, Turner helped improve customer experience and eliminate some of the issues that had resulted in negative reviews for the products.

“Meco was able to use Stephanie to investigate areas in our online marketing that needed revisions, updates or facelifts,” said Winter, “She developed a system to analyze our grills that we sell online to determine the customer’s likes and dislikes, so we could address them in our online presence. The additional resource allowed us to investigate our consumers at a deeper level to better service them. Stephanie did a fantastic job, and she brought a fresh perspective to all aspects of our marketing and social media.”

While at Tusculum, Turner edited and wrote for both the Frontier magazine and the Pioneer Frontier student newspaper. “Both with classes and with the student publications, I learned to manage deadlines and how to accomplish a lot in a short amount of time.”

She credits her coursework with helping form professional goals, as well as providing key career skill sets.

“Our curriculum simulated what you would encounter in the real world,” Turner said, adding that assignments were often on short deadlines and the workshoping sessions helped her learn to work as a group to get the best possible final outcome.

She also collaborated frequently with other students for her internship-related projects, opening doors for other students to develop professional work for their portfolios. Recent graduate MaKenna Lewis ’16, a graphic design major



Learning experiences for Turner came in a variety of experiences on campus, including participating in a professional photo shoot, and images such as the one above have been used in Tusculum admission promotional materials.

from Sevierville, worked with Stephanie on a re-working of the website for the General Morgan Inn in Greeneville.

“The relationships I’ve built at Tusculum have been and will continue to be critical,” said Turner. “We have worked together so much as students and directly with our faculty, that I have a ready-made set of professional contacts. I never think twice about asking a professor, my work study boss or other students for input or advice on a project.”

Turner would like to land a job in public relations where she would have the opportunity to write, edit, prepare publications and work with the community to promote a company or organization.

“Stephanie had the internal ‘go get it’ attitude that served her well in college and will serve her well in her career,” said Dr. Bodary. “She not only didn’t miss opportunities, but she also reached out to others and encouraged them to take advantage of what the Tusculum College program could provide them in terms of career preparation.”

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By Suzanne Richey ’14
Director of College Communications

Alumni maximize college experiences to thrive in local accounting firm

Tusculum College will walk with you from the classroom chair straight to the interview chair, and she'll lead you from the interview into success in the workplace. Two recent graduates found themselves in just that position at Rodefer Moss & Co, PLLC accounting firm.

Jordan Ottinger '14, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration and Beth Anne Collins '13 '15, who earned a bachelor's degree and an MBA during her time at Tusculum, are both drawing on their experiences at Tusculum to help them find success in the workplace.

Rodefer Moss is an accounting consulting firm with locations across Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana. The mission at Rodefer Moss is to provide "experienced professionals on whom you can depend, people who know their craft and who are able to help you reach the goals that you've set for your business."

If those characteristics sound familiar, they should; they are the same traits fostered by Tusculum College programs such as the School of Business. In the business program, students are taught the textbook knowledge required by such positions in an environment that demands leadership and teamwork skills through example scenarios in the classroom and real-life experience through partnerships with local businesses. Both Collins and Ottinger have found the opportunities given them by Tusculum have helped them tremendously in their current careers.

Ottinger is a tax associate at Rodefer Moss, and his specific responsibilities for the company include bookkeeping and tax strategy and preparation.

"I need to remain flexible enough to handle any needs that arise in any other area in the firm," said Ottinger.

Ottinger added that he is more than prepared for these tasks because of the support he received from faculty and staff during his time at Tusculum.

"That support led to many unique opportunities in my field through joining in the foundation of a small business development program on campus, 'Help Me Help You.' This support gave me the advantage of being able to apply



Jordan Ottinger '14

Beth Anne Collins '13 '15

knowledge and skills taken in the classroom and applying them to businesses already established and those being developed."

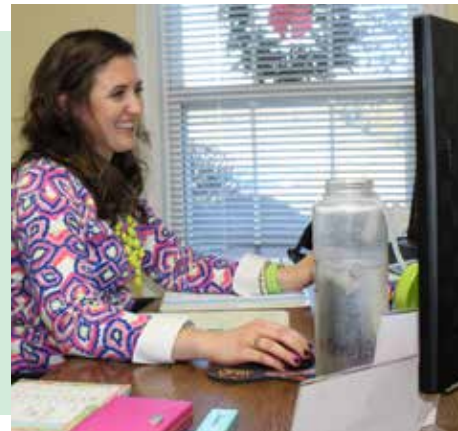
Collins, a staff accountant for the firm, also spoke highly of the 'Help Me Help You' program in her post-graduation experiences. She was also involved with the Tusculum Business Club and works with her family business, Greeneville Iron and Metals, Inc., by preparing monthly financial statements and costing special projects.

"The biggest thing, I feel, that I received was the ability to network with professionals young and old, as well as be able to speak and interact with professionals on a level that pre-undergrad I was uncomfortable with," said Collins. "These programs truly allowed me to develop my own personal principles and style of negotiations, problem-solving and communication that has helped me immensely post grad school."

The 'Help Me Help You' program is a relatively new extracurricular program at Tusculum College, having been founded by students in the fall semester of 2011.

Dr. Antonio Bos, professor of economics and faculty advisor to the 'Help Me Help You' program, said, "The 'Help Me Help You' program provides assistance to small businesses to help them develop their business plans. For businesses that are just getting started, that helps them have an idea of decisions they need to make in various business

Collins earned both her undergraduate and MBA degrees at Tusculum and, along with Ottinger, is pursuing a CPA license.



areas. For businesses that have already been running for a while, it gives them a chance to take a new look at what they are doing in various areas, such as pricing, costs, advertising and finance decisions, et cetera."

Ottinger was involved in the founding of the program and remained involved during his entire Tusculum career, even leading the program as a senior. Collins served as a student monitor during her junior and senior years.

"Students are applying what they learn in the classroom to real businesses in a very practical and relevant way," said Dr. Bos. "The businesses are depending on the students to make good decisions. This is not a textbook example; this is a real business where people are relying on our students to help."

This extracurricular program allows students to graduate with practical experience, but both Ottinger and Collins felt Tusculum helped them in other ways as well.

"The graduate program allowed me to share experiences and allowed me to learn from an experienced knowledge base of my classmates, most of whom were established in their career field," said Collins of her experiences. The graduate program format helped her network and develop relationships with other business people and helped widen her perspective. "[Discussion with classmates] helped me develop a unique perspective and formulate ideas that would have been impossible without the diverse makeup of the classes," she said.

Both graduates spoke of how the focused schedule taught them time management skills required in the modern work environment and stressed how the community environment outside the classroom has impacted their post-graduation experience.

"The organizations outside of the class made the most impact for 'life after Tusculum,'" Ottinger said. "Involvement in organizations such as the Center for Economic Development and Center for Civic Advancement allowed me to branch outside of my work as a student. I have stayed involved with organizations and events outside of my work position. The organizations on campus and in the community helped me acclimate to a professional life of community involvement."

Collins added that Tusculum's block system helped her be flexible enough to cope with tight deadlines and

large workloads in a short time. "This is a skill that many employers in today's ever-changing and fast-paced business environment find desirable," she said. "Tusculum gave me a mindset and mental toughness that allowed me to succeed. Being a small school, Tusculum allowed me to become engrossed in my community and really promoted the community spirit. After graduation, I wanted to stay involved with my community. A great example of this is that I am currently serving as a board member of the Child Advocacy Center, an honor that I truly believe has opened my eyes to the needs of the community."

Tusculum College clearly holds a special place in the hearts of these graduates.

"The personal atmosphere of Tusculum allowed me to meet wonderful people and become engaged with wonderful programs," said Ottinger.

Both alumni are also pursuing their Certified Public Accountant license, the highest certification in the accounting profession. This will set them apart as the best of the best and will ultimately grant further success in their field.

"A piece of professional advice: set getting your CPA as a goal," said Ottinger, when asked to give advice for current



Ottinger was involved in organizations as a student such as the Center for Economic Development that helped him acclimate to professional life.

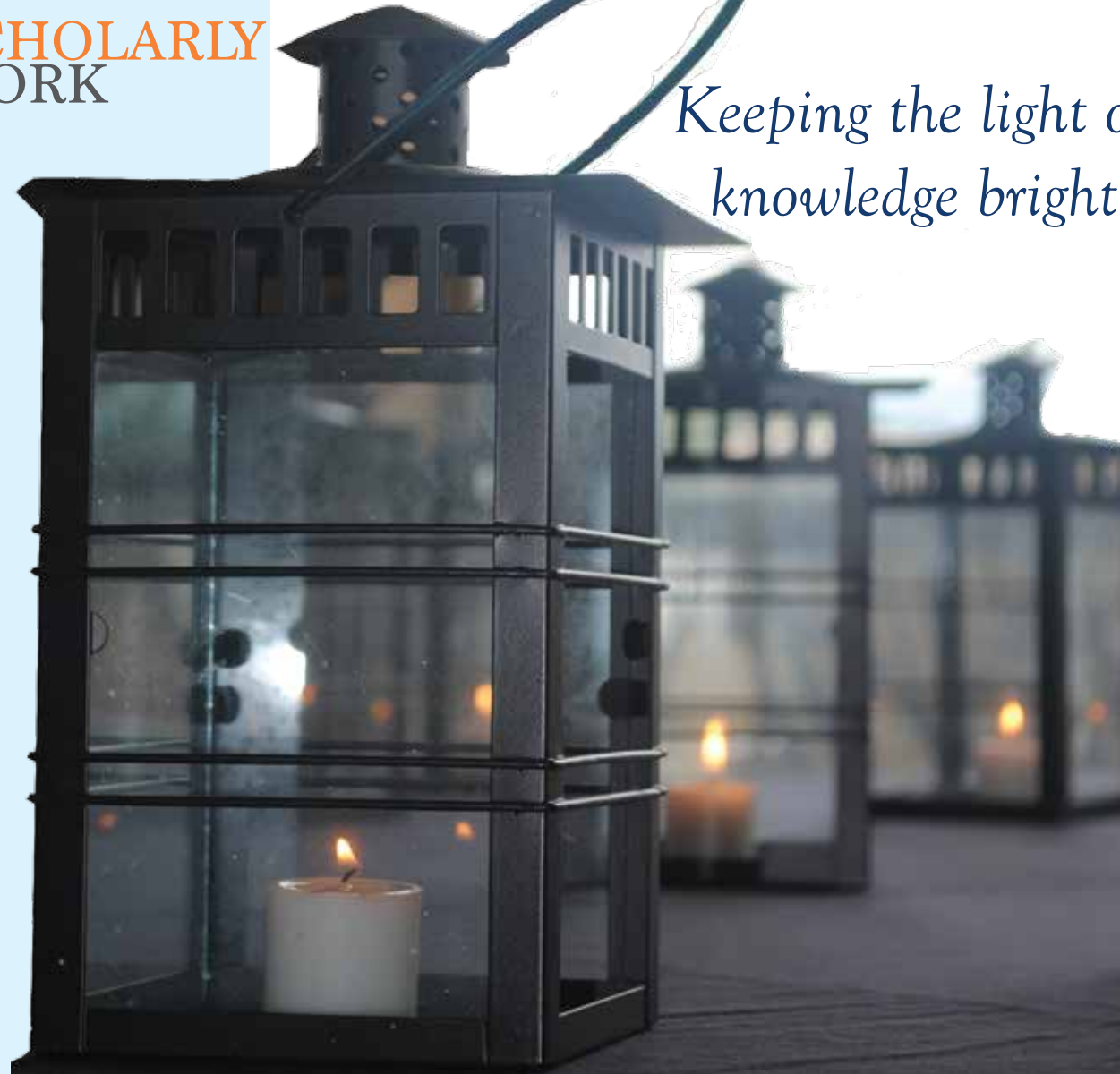
Tusculum College accounting students. "I can assure you, since I am in the process of passing the tests, the challenge and the reward make the goal worth it, whether serving in the public or private sectors."

These two graduates are maximizing their Tusculum experiences and finding success in the workplace. Tusculum prepared them to rise above the average worker in their field of accounting and set them apart both as professionals and as individuals.

"Tusculum allowed me to develop lifelong friendships and relationships with a diverse group of individuals," said Collins. "It also pushed me to become more than just a traditional graduate. Through Tusculum's traditions and values, I feel that throughout my experience I learned what it truly meant to become a Pioneer."

By Madilyn Elliott '16
journalism and professional writing major
from Hampton, Tenn.

Keeping the light of knowledge bright



Faculty continue research outside classroom

Those in the teaching profession know that the work does not end when class is dismissed, but at Tusculum College, many professors are taking the extra initiative to do more after-hours work than grading midterm papers.

Dr. Travis Williams, assistant professor of religion and Dr. Joel Van Amberg, professor of history, are working to contribute to their respective fields with their research.

Dr. Williams already boasts a rich publication history with two books and numerous articles. He was recently named the Theologian-in-Residence at Tusculum College.

Currently, he is working on four main projects: a journal article examining the interpretation of the Greek word “Χάρις”(pronounced “CAR-us” or “CARE-us,” which means “grace”) in 1 Peter; a peer-reviewed article examining the reaction to Jesus in selected New Testament letters; a commentary on 1 Peter co-authored

with his doctoral supervisor, David G. Horrell; and a book on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

His journal article “Reciprocity and Suffering in 1 Peter 2, 19-20: Reading “Χάρις” in Its Ancient Social Context,” will be published in the Catholic journal “Biblica,” a top journal for Biblical studies, at the end of the year.

“Normally this word, ‘Χάρις,’ is interpreted one of two ways by most everybody: that grace is a benefit, so you are in some way receiving something from God,” Dr. Williams said. “But I noticed something from looking at a lot of Greek inscriptions ... I noticed oftentimes this word is used in a different way. Instead of receiving God’s grace or special help in some way, I am claiming that if you are enduring suffering, if you are just taking it – if you do that without retaliating – you are in some way reciprocating God’s favor.”

He explained what the social contract during that time consisted primarily of quid pro quo. So if God provides



Taking advantage of a beautiful day, Dr. Joel Van Amberg lectures to his students under a tree near the Thomas J. Garland Library.

something, like grace, then something is expected in return; what God asks, Dr. Williams asserts, is to “grin and bear it.”

He added, “That’s a grim message, but at this time, Christians are a minority group, they have no power. If they do fight back, it’s going to cause more problems. So it’s terrible, but it makes sense.”

His peer-reviewed article, “The Reception of Jesus in the Petrine Epistles and Jude,” will be published in the three-volume reference series “The Reception of Jesus in the First Three Centuries,” due for publication in 2017.

Dr. Williams and Dr. Horrell’s current commentary draft sits at approximately 800 pages. “Hopefully it will be a pretty substantial contribution to the field of scholarship once we get it out there,” said Dr. Williams.

Recently, Dr. Williams he has spent time expanding his studies of the Dead Sea Scrolls and started a new book. Titled “Remembering the Teacher of Righteousness: History and Memory in the Dead Sea Scrolls,” the book applies social memory theory to the character in the scrolls named the “Teacher of Righteousness.”

By applying the social memory concept to the interpretation of the “Remembering the Teacher of Righteousness” character, Dr. Williams is claiming that a lot more can be said about the character than is currently being concluded.

Dr. Van Amberg wrote a book in 2012 about the city of Augsburg, Germany, in the 1520s and 1530s, and this topic has blossomed into his newest research project: analyzing the origin and impact of morals courts in Augsburg.

Augsburg today is a much different place than it was in the 1500s. “Nothing much goes on there anymore, but in the 16th century, Augsburg was the economic and cultural center of Germany,” he said.

In 1537, a new court was set up in Augsburg to enforce morality upon its citizens. Dr. Van Amberg explained that there was very little administrative apparatus in place before

the mid-1500s to enforce some of the moral norms that were expected of people in Christian Europe. By the mid-1500s, government power had developed such that they could begin to get a grip on people’s lives.

In what he called “social disciplining,” these petty moral courts sought to force the people to conform to a set of personal moral standards. People began to be sent to court over minor infractions such as drunkenness, brawling, disorderly conduct and visiting prostitutes.

These courts began in Augsburg in 1537. Dr. Van Amberg has attained the court records from the first decade of the court’s operation for analysis in his research.

“There are a number of questions that I’m trying to answer,” said Dr. Van Amberg. “One is how do they gather their information. There is good evidence that they’re relying on networks of spies and informants that are paid to tip off the government. I’m trying to figure out who those people are and what their motives are: Is it moral? Is it financial? Are they trying to get revenge on somebody else? What does this do the community life of Augsburg, now that the government has begun to pay people to rat out their neighbors?”

As part of his research he is hoping to discover the role of religion in these courts. While many courts involved the clergy and sentenced people for such things as believing the wrong thing and not going to church, Augsburg’s moral courts were much more secular and did not involve the clergy at all.

But perhaps his most definite goal is to “quantify the discipline” of the morals court.

“In history for Europe in the 16th

century, there’s a lot of vague talk about how people are disciplined much more thoroughly than they were in the early 1500s. By the late 1500s, their lives are much more disciplined by the government,” said Dr. Van Amberg. “But there hasn’t been much quantification of that.”

He is working on quantifying all the records and putting them in a database. By doing that, he can compare and contrast how many people were brought to court for different moral infractions before and after the initiation of the morals court in Augsburg. Once he completes the database this year, he looks to draw conclusions about what exactly was happening during Augsburg during that time.



Dr. Travis Williams

By Madilyn Elliott

journalism and professional writing major from Hampton, Tenn.

Capstone projects top off end of studies for graduates

Spring means the budding of flowers and the sounds of birds returning north to roost, but for graduates, it often means putting the finishing touches on their culminating research project or putting together a presentation to showcase what they have learned in their time at Tusculum.

Most majors in both residential and Graduate and Professional Studies programs have an end of program milestone for students to complete that gives them a sense of their readiness to move on in the work world or the next level of their education.

Capstones, senior theses and presentation of creative works are all ways to help students begin thinking about putting what they have learned to use and provides students with material for their portfolios and experience they can use in those all important job and graduate school interviews.

Creative writing students spend their senior year in a seminar class fine tuning their original works for presentation and publication, according to Heather Patterson, associate professor of English. Each student is required to present in a public forum, where they will read from their own creative works developed during their



Scott Kilgore describes his capstone project that involved developing a user's manual for training data point entry users of the Global Positioning System.

time in the program. Education majors must develop their philosophy of education to guide them as they begin developing curriculum on their own, and visual arts and design majors plan, prepare and host what is for most of them their first public exhibition.

And, while the students know from the beginning of their program that the capstone is coming, most students say the largest part of the work is done the last year.

"It really comes together senior year," said MaKenna Lewis, a recent graduate in the graphic arts program from Sevierville. "It isn't until you have finished most of your courses that you really know who you are as an artist."

Lewis said her capstone featured some work she had done for class, but much of it she created just for her capstone

show. Art and design students select, mount, hang and publicize for their event. "You learn so much. If I get another opportunity to exhibit, I'll be ready to go."

For master's candidate Hilary Moser from Kingsport, the capstone project was a chance to put her education to use on a real world project. Moser developed a web-based training program for KiDsGyM USA and learned much about working with a client.

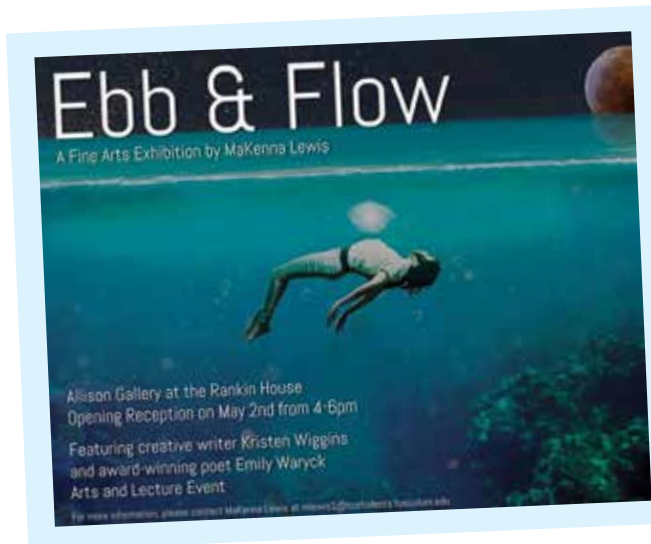
"Working with a client factors in to every part of it," she said. "Developing that relationship was the key part."

In fact, Moser's client was so pleased with the work she did, her training program is being used not only to train gymnastic coaches in the U.S., but also internationally in places such as Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Master's candidate Scott Kilgore of Kingsport was also happy to see his work be put into use. Kilgore developed a user's manual for training data point entry users of the Global Positioning System.

"Getting everything done in the time frame was a challenge," said Kilgore, "but that's a large part of what's it's like on the job."

By Suzanne Richey
Director of College Communications



Tusculum benefactor Verna June Meen remembered for 'pioneering' life

Last fall, the Tusculum College community mourned the loss of one of Tusculum College's most recent benefactors, Verna June Meen, who passed away Oct. 24, 2015, after a sudden illness.

Just prior to her death, Ms. Meen had attended a "topping out" ceremony for the new Ronald H. and Verna June Meen Center for Science and Math, which is named for her and her husband, and signed a steel beam that is now part of the framework for the highest point of the four-story building under construction.

Although coming late in her life, her relationship with Tusculum College was a natural as Meen was a true "pioneer." Born in Wolcottsville, Ind., she had a strong sense as a youngster of how education could change a person's life. At a time when few women attended college, Meen set her sights on an accounting degree at Indiana University. With \$80 and a merit scholarship, she set out to finance her education and worked her way through school, earning top marks. With much hard work, Meen graduated in two and two-thirds years.

Following graduation, Meen was highly recruited. Of her job offers, she was most interested in one from Eastman Chemical Company. She looked up Kingsport on a map, accepted the position and found herself transplanted to East Tennessee as the very first female accountant at Eastman. She also purchased land, designed the house she would live in until her death and paid for its construction. Meen was independent and a woman of her own means.



Verna June Meen signs a steel beam as part of the "topping out" ceremony last October.



In 2013, Verna June Meen was presented with the Distinguished Service Award during the President's Dinner. Presenting the award were Dr. Kenneth Bowman '70, chair of the College's Board of Trustees, and Dr. Nancy B. Moody, Tusculum's president.

She met Dr. Ronald Meen, a graduate of Toronto University, early in their years at Eastman. Dr. Meen was an organic dye chemist who courted her for years. She turned down his proposals of marriage, as she did not want to burden him with the responsibility of caring for her mother. However, shortly after her mother's passing, Dr. Meen presented her a ring and asked again. She agreed and they were married. The couple's life together included summer trips to his native Canada, reading on the back deck and taking boat rides on Muskoka Lake. She also took care of his mother in her later years, initially staying with her in Canada before bringing her to Tennessee. Their marriage lasted until his death in 2008.

In her later years, Meen was a significant philanthropist, providing generous support to many non-profits in East Tennessee as well as Tusculum. Meen wanted to contribute to the College as a way to honor her husband and provide educational opportunities for others. She also established the Verna June Meen Endowed Scholarship Fund to be used primarily for female accounting majors and the Ronald H. Meen Endowed Distinguished Professorship in Chemistry. With her generosity, she became a Tusculum benefactor, a term used to describe those who have given a total of \$1 million or more to the College.

Pioneering Alumni

Tusculum helps Liggett find new life pathway

In stories of success after Tusculum, “graduate” and “alumni” are often used interchangeably; however, the two terms are not always synonymous. Sometimes a degree is just a piece of paper through which success is not defined, and students do not need graduation to find the traits of success. Such was the case with Jason Liggett.

In 1996, freshman Jason Liggett stood tall on the pitching mound at Tusculum College. However, he soon realized playing baseball was what he did, but it wasn't who he was.

“I didn't know what I wanted to study,” said Liggett. “I had played baseball since I was seven years old, and I didn't know what I wanted to do.”

Enrolling in a creative writing class was enough to nudge Liggett in the right direction. Taking the class opened up a whole new world of storytelling that both excited and frustrated him. “I hated reading, and we were required to read several stories that really touched me. They weren't what I was used to but it expanded my thinking,” said Liggett.

With encouragement from his roommate, Matthew Bartholomew '99, Liggett unearthed an interest in film and cinematic storytelling. “My roommate is the one who opened my eyes to film,” he said. After leaving Tusculum, Liggett enrolled briefly at Pellissippi State Technical Community College and took acting classes. He dropped out after completing his freshman year there to begin his journey as an actor. Later he would learn the art of feature writing and screenwriting, and then he wrote content for several online webisodes and A-list music video directors.

It was a long and strenuous process that eventually led Liggett to the director's chair. “You've got to love the process as much as the result,” said Liggett. “I've been in this process for seventeen years and I've loved every part of it.”

Liggett has worked with big names like Matthew Libatique, Michael Bay, Jeffery Kimbel, James Earl Jones, and Jacob Dylan. “When you're a beginner, you've got to surround yourself with pros,” he said. “I didn't have the heart to play pro baseball; I had the heart to be a pro in the film industry. My heart lies in directing and film writing.”

The things Liggett learned at Tusculum go beyond just what he learned in the classroom, “A lesson I learned from Coach (Doug) Jones was what he liked to call ‘Intestinal Fortitude.’ He believed that we were all great, but to get



Jason Liggett discovered his love of storytelling at Tusculum that led him to a career in film.

to that greatness he had to break us down to the point we thought we couldn't go any further, then he would push us beyond that point.”

Liggett's experience as a director has improved greatly since he first started the craft, and he still sees where the sport he loved can come into play with his directing. “This is where my experience as a baseball pitcher became relevant to the choice I was making to be a director.” Liggett said, “As a pitcher I had to lead my team, I had to be aware of what went on around me, I had to practice over and over to master the skill, and I had to realize that I couldn't do anything without my team.” The same goes with directing:

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Liggett is the leader of the film, he has to be aware of every single detail, he has to practice and help his cast and crew to get everything right according to his image, and he has to know that without the team surrounding him, he would be without a job.

Despite leaving Appalachia to pursue his dreams in the bright lights of Hollywood, Liggett is still inspired by his home region and its literary heritage. In fact, he has several films in the works featuring Appalachian people and themes.

His most recent film “The Mastiff Revolver,” tells the story of two brothers who become wanted outlaws trying to prove their father was framed for murder.

“I'm very proud and attached to this film. It's a strong bond between two brothers, and I was an only child who never got to experience that chemistry between two people,” Liggett said. “On the news and in our lives, we see a lot of families torn apart. My film is about a family struggling to stay together. These characters are strong and good, but they believe in tough love. This feature is me showing the real side of the Appalachian people, and the deep storytelling element found in the region I grew up in.”

There is something to be said about Liggett's own toughness in his ambition to dive headlong into film. Although college was not the right choice for him, Liggett recognizes the importance of higher education for students.



Jason Liggett

“Tusculum is a great place; it was like my home in Bristol. I liked Tusculum a lot, and it pointed me in a new direction,” he said.

Even though it was not his path, he would like to ease the difficulty of breaching the modern film industry for students by encouraging them to stay in higher education. He wants to be able to give every college in the region a film production program if they want it. “My dream for my company is to come back to that region and give back in the area of film,” he said. “If any school wanted a film production program, we would want to do that.”

When it comes to reading and writing, Liggett has changed a lot since his days in college: he reads multiple books to help him with his craft, is always trying to learn new things and truly enjoys writing every day in order to get more ideas to put on the big screen. “The stories I create flush out the pains and insecurities I have ever had in myself and are being expressed and released from me,” he said. “It's like everything that's been locked inside of you is able to be released. The stories I have written have shaped me into the loving, compassionate, aware, spiritually-connected man I am today. They become a part of you as a writer.”

Liggett spent a couple of chapters of the bigger narrative of his life at Tusculum. There, he was able to find his identity. An identity he already had was replaced because of his time spent on Tusculum's campus. In the end, it doesn't matter what path you take to get you on the course of a successful career; you work hard, have the courage to dream, and do what you know you need to do, and you will find the success you seek.

By Jonathon Dennis
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Pioneer Reflections

Paul Lawless recalls life at Tusculum in the late '60s

When Paul "Rooster" Lawless '70 returned to campus to celebrate Homecoming 2015, it had been 46 years since he walked away from Tusculum's campus degree in hand. A lot had changed in his absence and he has graciously provided a "look back" of how Tusculum College looked and felt when he was a student, peppering his physical descriptions of campus with personal experiences.

Lawless categorizes his Tusculum experience into two sections: his first few weeks as a freshman, which were filled with then-popular freshman hazing, and the rest of his four years.

The freshmen were called "Rats," while the upperclassmen held the title of "Sir." Following his junior year, hazing had lost popularity due to a fatal hazing incident at another college.

"Survival at Tusculum was in the form of a tiny, square wooden building (the post office), the kind college students might try to cram into just to see if 50 people would fit inside, jammed cheek to jowl," said Lawless. He goes on to describe Tusculum's post office as a building that only held mail boxes for upper classman while the rest of the student body waited in lines extending out of the building to receive mail.

The Quad during this time was an oval loop of asphalt that circled the middle ground between Haynes Hall, Craig, Rankin and the gym. Thinking of the Quad, Lawless remembers it as Rankin Hall's front yard. The stairs in front of Rankin Hall were a hangout for the mischievous. The metal furniture was not so popular during this time. "If you were foolish enough to sit on the metal furniture on the front porch of Rankin Hall, someone would notice you, fill a waste paper basket with water and remind you of how foolish you were," explained Lawless.

Lawless admitted that, early in his academic career, he would sometimes spend more time on his athletic pursuits than on homework; however, with the help of his professors, he managed to pull up his scores as his time at Tusculum progressed. He still found time to serve as manager for both the basketball and baseball teams.

Despite having some success with the school's basketball team, Lawless said that during his time at Tusculum, intramural sports were the rage rather than inter-collegiate. These sports brought out the entire student body, said Lawless, and even day students or commuters would come to campus to join in on the fun. Flag Football was the campus favorite. At the time, freshman women

At left are some reflections from Paul Lawless' days at Tusculum: in a studious mood (at top), posing with fellow members of his residence hall council (center) and checking out the happenings on campus with Glen Bowman (bottom).



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stayed in Virginia Hall and competed against female upperclassmen that stayed in Katherine Hall. However, after 1968, Lawless's sophomore year, the abundantly-loved women's version of this intramural sport was discontinued due to continuous accidents and injuries.



Paul and his wife, Martha, attend a workshop during Homecoming 2015.

Breaks at Tusculum, explained by Lawless, were very limited, with most students coming to campus in August and not returning home until classes let out in spring. Freshman year, he spent his first holiday, Thanksgiving,

away from his family. Although, according to Lawless, Thanksgiving at Tusculum was not so bad. The school provided a feast for the students who remained on campus. Faculty and staff would even join the festivities, which brought comfort to many students and made them feel they had a family at Tusculum, too.

Shenanigans were common among the student body and the traditional heists of the McCormick bell were frequent. "I saw pictures of that bell in all kinds of places," recalled Lawless. "I once saw a photo of the bell on a New Jersey beach." He added he's fairly certain the bell was well-traveled and at least once made its way to the sunny shores of Florida.

"Not all of the memories are happy ones," he said, but added that his time at Tusculum is overall a fond memory, especially of the people that he came to know.

By Kayla Freeman
Freshman business major from Charleston, S.C.



Alumni donations help tell the story of Tusculum College

The President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library is the home of the College Archives, historical records and a collection of objects related to the school's history. The Museum is a popular spot for former students interested in nostalgia, and these alumni often make the decision to donate their personal items to the College Archives. As a result, the archives have become a treasury of interesting things.

Among the most recent items to find a home in the College Archives were several beanies that freshmen at one time were required to wear, a cheerleading outfit and a copy of Nettie Fowler McCormick's account of donations to build buildings, including pay for professor salaries and other campus necessities.

Alex Bell '66 from Bel Air, Maryland, returned to campus for Homecoming and presented his freshman beanie to Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of the College. Frank Horsman '69 of Roswell, Georgia, a member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees, presented his beanie to the College during a Board meeting last year.

The cheerleading outfit belonged to Mary Ann Turner Maxwell '69, who currently lives in Florida.

"Two years ago, my husband, Jim, and I hosted an alumni event in our Atlanta home," said Maxwell. "We were getting ready to down size our house and I found my handmade cheerleading outfit from 1965. It had such wonderful memories of friendships and camaraderie, and being a physical education major I felt it was important to return it to its original home."

Many items come from families of former students. Recently after their mother passed, Nancy Mann and her siblings made the decision to donate some of their parents', Robert Letcher Kane Jr. and Eugenie (Genie) Margret Sheldon Kane '51 '48, special items to the College, and in particular to the arts division. Among those items were Commencement programs, textbooks, diplomas and her mother's wedding dress.

Mann said the College was an incredibly special place to her parents, who met while attending, and as a result, it was always a part of her life growing up. "We stood around the piano and sang songs about Samuel Doak and we never had any idea who he was," said Mann. Among the special items

donated was a student-produced songbook with songs written over the years by numerous Tusculum students.

The Tusculum College artifacts section of the museum is a popular attraction, particularly during Homecoming and other alumni functions. The collection includes vintage jerseys, photographs and memories that preserve the rich history that is Tusculum College.

"I think the things that are most interesting are the things that show how student life has changed – things like beanies, scrapbooks and yearbooks. The things that demonstrate the change in student life," said Dr. Peter Noll, assistant professor of public history and museum studies.

The Museum staff, including the student workers, takes great care of donated items and utilizes them to promote history, not just of the College, but also of the entire area. Tusculum College also offers one of only a few undergraduate degree programs in museum studies in the country, where students get hands-on experience working in the two operating museums on campus. The staff also welcome visitors at any time and are happy to arrange a personal tour. To arrange a tour call 423.636.7348 or email pnoll@tusculum.edu.

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Nancy Mann and her sister, Genie Atkins, donated their mother's wedding dress to Theatre-at-Tusculum as a tribute to the program where their parents met.

New academic programs beginning in the fall

Meen Center continues to take shape



Many in the Tusculum community have been watching excitedly as the Ronald H. and Verna June Meen Center for Science and Math reaches final completion. The building will meet strategic needs as the College continues to grow in enrollment and programming offerings.

The Meen Center for Science and Math will be a four-story structure of approximately 100,000 square feet. Interiors include wings for biology, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, environmental science, and nursing. There will also be lab space and research areas for both faculty and students. The building is anticipated to be ready for use by January 2017.

As of early summer, the College had raised \$21.7 million of the \$25 million goal for the Tusculum First Capital Campaign, with funds earmarked for the new center, as well as the growth of academic programs, endowed scholarships, student life improvements, advancements in technology and an environmental resources and facilities center. Knowing the importance of scholarship funding for students, the College has made a concerted effort to raise funds for scholarships and surpassed the \$4 million goal by more than \$3 million.

Academic programs beginning this fall include the Master of Science in nursing degree with a concentration in family nurse practitioner. The family nurse practitioner program is a graduate level program designed to address the need for more mid-level healthcare providers in the region.

Tusculum will also offer an associate degree program for the first time in fall of 2016. By adding an associate degree program, the College is recognizing that many of its students are first-generation college students and the

idea of a four-year degree may be intimidating. This new program gives students a milestone for measuring their success. It also will allow students to take advantage of the Tennessee Promise college funding program while attending Tusculum. Through the program students may earn an Associate of Arts in general studies degree.

The Board of Trustees gave full approval to a Bachelor of Science in health care administration degree program at its May meeting. A Bachelor of Science in computer science, a Bachelor of Science in information technology and a Master of Accountancy were preliminarily approved pending development of the curricula. Also approved was the development of a minor in web design. The new programs will be initiated between now and 2019.



Dr. Nancy B. Moody, left, accepts the initial payment on a \$50,000 grant to Tusculum from Jennifer Keller, vice president of community banking, at First Tennessee in Greeneville. This grant from First Tennessee Foundation will name the foyer area of the new Center for Science and Math "First Tennessee Foundation Foyer."

Arboretum created on Tusculum campus

Visitors to the Greeneville campus may now enjoy a walking tour of an arboretum, as Tusculum College received certification from the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council last year to make it official.

According to Kim Carter, science laboratory assistant and instructor at Tusculum, an arboretum is a garden devoted to trees. They are classified into four levels by the number of different species featured in the arboretum.

A Level 1 arboretum, Tusculum College features more than 30 species of trees, most of which are indigenous to the area. Featured will be the historic Tusculum Old Oak tree, which measures 102 feet in height and has a 124-foot average spread. Among the other trees featured are dogwood, gum, maple, beech, sycamore, mulberry and Japanese Zelcova.

The arboretum is being coordinated by the College's science department and will be used primarily by students of the natural and environmental sciences, but will be open to the public through a self-guided walking tour.

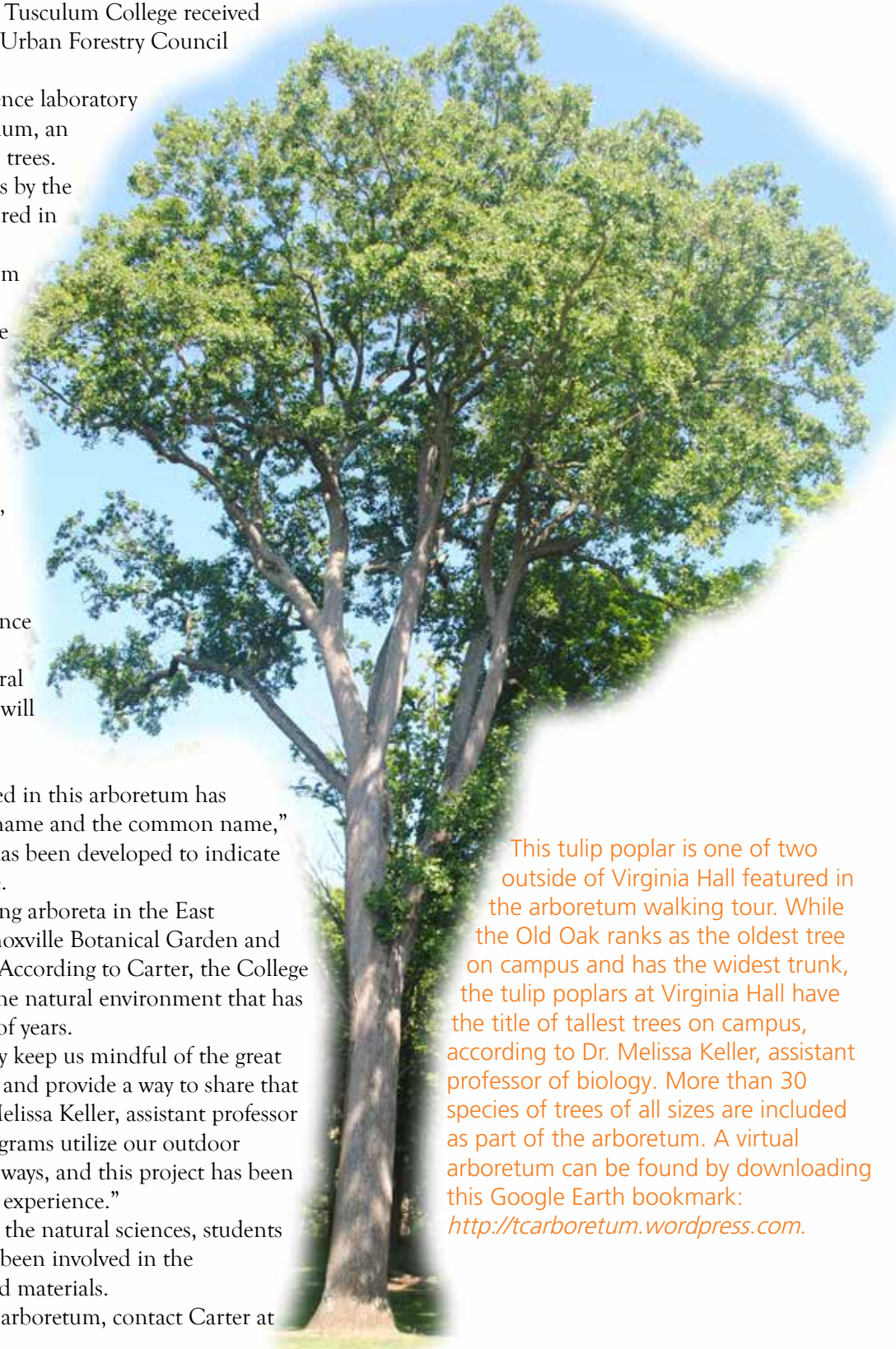
"Each tree chosen to be housed in this arboretum has signage indicating the scientific name and the common name," said Carter, and a campus map has been developed to indicate the location of each featured tree.

There are more than 35 existing arboreta in the East Tennessee area, including the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Cherokee Trail in Chattanooga. According to Carter, the College hopes to promote and preserve the natural environment that has existed in the area for hundreds of years.

"The arboretum will hopefully keep us mindful of the great resource we have on this campus and provide a way to share that with the community," said Dr. Melissa Keller, assistant professor of biology. "Our educational programs utilize our outdoor environment in numerous other ways, and this project has been a meaningful community service experience."

In addition to the students in the natural sciences, students in the fine arts department have been involved in the development of arboretum-related materials.

For more information on the arboretum, contact Carter at kcarter@tusculum.edu.



This tulip poplar is one of two outside of Virginia Hall featured in the arboretum walking tour. While the Old Oak ranks as the oldest tree on campus and has the widest trunk, the tulip poplars at Virginia Hall have the title of tallest trees on campus, according to Dr. Melissa Keller, assistant professor of biology. More than 30 species of trees of all sizes are included as part of the arboretum. A virtual arboretum can be found by downloading this Google Earth bookmark: <http://tcarboretum.wordpress.com>.

Kramer, Morse named to Tusculum Board of Trustees

Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer and Dr. Jane Lowvorn Morse are the two newest members of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees.

"We are very excited to welcome these new board members and anticipate their experience and expertise, as well as their affinity for Tusculum will benefit the entire Tusculum community through their service," said Dr. Kenneth A. Bowman, chair of the Board of Trustees and 1970 graduate of the college.

Kramer, who was elected during the May meeting of the Board, graduated with an aerospace engineering graduate degree from the University of Virginia in 1967, making her the first woman in UVA history to earn a degree in engineering. She holds an undergraduate degree in physics from Sweet Briar College, where she also served on the Sweet Briar College Board of Directors and as a leading fundraiser for the school in the midst of its recent restructuring.

Beginning her career as an aerospace engineer with Martin Marietta Corp. in Orlando, Florida, Kramer later served in the same capacity with Lockheed Martin Corp. in Burlington, Vermont. She retired in 2011 from her position as director of air and naval defense system programs for General Dynamics Corp. in Burlington.

She is affiliated with Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, the National Defense Industrial Association and Women in Defense. She has worked on the Board of Directors of the North Country Federal Credit Union and on the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association Board.

In addition, Kramer spoke at the spring 2015 commencement ceremony at Tusculum College, during which she advised graduates to be unafraid to step up and impact the fate of their organization through decisive action. She also encouraged students to promote environments that are open to opposing opinions. Kramer will bring these experiences and mindsets to her service on the Tusculum College Board of Trustees.

Kramer's mother, Mabel F. Soderquist, is a 1937 graduate of Tusculum College. Kramer herself also took several courses at Tusculum College.

Dr. Morse, who was approved by the Board in February, graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in natural science/biology from Tusculum in 1977. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in physical therapy from the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences, which she earned in 1979 with honors, and a doctoral degree in physical therapy from A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, awarded in 2006 with a perfect grade point average.

She joins the Board of Trustees after serving

Tusculum in multiple positions. She has served as president, vice-president and secretary of the Tusculum College Alumni Executive Board during her membership since 1987, with a small break in service from 1995 to 1997. During those two years, she was a member of the Tusculum College Bicentennial Planning Board.



Jo Ann Kramer

Dr. Morse is also a committee member for the South College Physical Therapy Assistant Advisory Board, a position she has held since 2006, and served as a member/treasurer for the Scholarship and Loan Committee of the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association from 2011-2013. She



Jane Morse '77

served as a committee member for four other professional organizations throughout her career, including the Hamilton County Continuing Education Committee from 1983-1985.

She edited a chapter in the book "Pathology for the Physical Therapist Assistant" by Catherine Goodman, Kendra S. Fuller and Robbie O'Shea, which was published in 2010; in addition, she is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (member since 1978) and the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association (member since 1984).

Currently, Dr. Morse is an adjunct faculty member at South College in Asheville, North Carolina, a position she has held for nearly 10 years. She has been a physical therapist for 36 years, with the last 27 in Asheville. She volunteers at the Manna Food Bank and serves Groce United Methodist Church as a children's Sunday school teacher in her spare time.

Alumni Association recognizes four during Homecoming 2015

Recognition of four deserving individuals highlighted the annual Alumni Association meeting. Santo Cicirello '63 was recognized with the Pioneer Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association. In presenting the award, Dr. Larry Brotherton '70 described Cicirello as a "champion" of his Alma Mater.

Cicirello serves on the Alumni Executive Board and is chairman of the Council on Church Relations for the College. He is passionate in his desire to see a chapel built on campus that would give students of all faiths a quiet place for meditation and reflection and encourages other alumni to give their loose change for the chapel.

The Frontier Award, which recognizes a successful alumni who has graduated within the past 15 years, was presented to Marcus Holland '05. Holland is a district manager for Walgreen's and is now serving in western North Carolina. Holland has shared his inspiring story with Tusculum students, encouraging them to persevere to achieve their dreams.

The National Alumni Recognition Award was presented to Suzanne Richey '14, director of college communications at Tusculum, not only for her excellence in promoting the College to the community at large but also her encouragement and mentoring of students who intern or have work study in her office.

Dr. Melinda Dukes, professor of psychology, was presented the National Living Faculty Award. Dr. Dukes has been a part of the Tusculum College community since 1989. She was involved in the creation of the Civic Arts curriculum and has served in a variety of academic leadership positions, including as the vice president of academic affairs, before her return to the classroom this year.

The Alumni Association meeting also marked the conclusion of Lynn Battle '62's successful term as president. At the end of the meeting, Battle passed the gavel to Angelo Botta '75, the incoming president.



Santo Cicirello '63, left, is presented the Pioneer Award by Dr. Larry Brotherton '70.



Marcus Holland '05



Suzanne Richey '14

The award winners were among the participants in the Homecoming Parade. The Golden Pioneer Class of 1965 served as marshals for the parade, which featured the student Homecoming Court and the Tusculum Marching Band.

Tusculum ranked as top college by *The Economist*

Tusculum College ranked among the top colleges in the State of Tennessee in the first-ever rankings of American colleges and universities by *The Economist*. Tusculum ranked an impressive seventh among the 36 Tennessee-based schools included. Overall, Tusculum College was ranked in the 57th percentile—meaning it was ranked ahead of 57 percent of the 1,267 American colleges and universities included in the rankings.

The Economist rankings are based on the premise that the economic value of a college or university is equal to the gap between how much money its students

subsequently earn, and how much they might have made had they studied elsewhere. Using a comprehensive statistical formula, schools are ranked according to how much each school adds to (or subtracts from) its graduates earning potential, relative to other schools.

"Tusculum College offers a solid education and foundation for a career that will pay dividends for years to come. Our students are both prepared for graduate programs and the workforce and that is reflected in *The Economist's* rankings," said Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum College.

TUSCULUM COLLEGE Athletics

Doug Jones named director of athletics

Long-time Pioneer head baseball coach Doug Jones was appointed director of athletics in February. He had been serving as Tusculum's athletic director on an interim basis since Nov. 1, 2015.

Jones will continue in a dual role as Tusculum's head baseball coach, a position he has held since 1998. He is the winningest coach in school history and has guided Tusculum to 16 consecutive winning seasons, while posting 650 victories including a 38-18 showing this past spring when he led the Pioneers to a share of the South Atlantic Conference Tournament title and a berth to the NCAA Division II postseason.

In his new role as athletic director, Jones oversees the day-to-day operations of the Tusculum athletic department and the 16 sports that the College sponsors, including men's and women's lacrosse, which were added in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

"Doug Jones has proven over the years to recruit student-athletes who perform well both in the classroom and on the field," said Dr. Moody. "Doug has high expectations for himself and for those around him including other members of the athletic staff, students and other people who he works with. He is a principled leader, a value that Tusculum hopes to instill in students, which will positively impact Pioneer Athletics and Tusculum College."

In his four months leading the athletic department, Jones has directed the search team which landed former Jacksonville University associate head coach Jerry Odom as Tusculum's new football coach. Jones also named Devan Carter as women's basketball coach following the team's a seven-win improvement for the program.

Since late October several Tusculum sports programs have seen a marked increase in success as Pioneer teams have posted a combined 66-43-2 overall record (.604 winning percentage).

"I would like to thank Dr. Moody and our

administration for the opportunity in leading our athletic department. We have a lot of quality coaches and support staff and I consider it an honor to work alongside them," said Jones. "Our goal will be to provide our student-athletes with an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives. Tusculum College has become home for me and my family and we are very appreciative for this opportunity."

Over the last four years, Jones has served on the NCAA Division II Baseball Championship Committee and is completing his third and final year as national chairman.

Jones has directed the baseball program into one of its most successful and exciting periods. His last 13 teams have

posted 30-win campaigns, including five of the last 11 that have eclipsed the 40-win plateau. The best year during that run was a 50-14 campaign in 2007.

In its last 10 seasons, the Tusculum baseball team is an amazing 419-174-1 (.706), including five South Atlantic Conference (SAC) Championships, four conference Tournament titles and seven trips to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

In 2012, Jones achieved a personal milestone as he recorded his 500th career win at Tusculum. The

Pioneers that year advanced

to the final day of the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional as Tusculum finished third in the event and ended the season ranked ninth in the country, its best end of the season ranking in school history.

Tusculum's 50 wins in 2007 are still a school and conference record, including an amazing 23-game winning streak, both Tusculum and conference bests. Tusculum finished the year ranked No. 10 in the NCAA II and was one of only seven programs in the country with 50 victories. For his efforts, he was named SAC Coach of the Year.

Jones is married to the former Dawn Roshto of Norfolk, Virginia, and they are the proud parents of two daughters; Katlyn and Allison.



One of the first official duties of Doug Jones, left, as new athletic director was directing the search that brought new football coach Jerry Odom, right, to Tusculum.

Torres consensus National Pitcher of the Year

Pioneers advance to NCAA tournament

Tusculum baseball pitcher Placido Torres accounted for a season for the ages as the Pioneers claimed a share of its fourth South Atlantic Conference Tournament title and advanced to the NCAA Division II Tournament for a seventh time.

Torres was a consensus national pitcher of the year as he swept four major pitching awards. He was the recipient of pitcher of the year awards from the American Baseball Writers Association, National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and the NCAA Division II Conference Commissioners Association. He was also named the recipient of the Brett Tomko Award by D2 Baseball News.

Torres is the first in program history to earn national pitcher of the year laurels and is the 21st baseball All-American in Tusculum history and the sixth Pioneer pitcher to garner All-America recognition.

Torres, a senior left-hander from North Brunswick, New Jersey, was named the SAC Pitcher of the Year and was also tabbed the conference and Tusculum Male Athlete of the Year. He was drafted by the New York Mets in the eighth round of the 2016 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft

Torres accounted for the best season ever by a Pioneer hurler with an 11-0 record, pitching seven complete games including a Tusculum-single-season record four shutouts.

His 11 wins tied for second-most in a season and are the most by a Tusculum hurler during the NCAA Division II era (1999-present).

His 0.70 earned run average was the best in NCAA II (fourth for all NCAA divisions) and is a new program and conference



Placido Torres

record. He led all three NCAA divisions with a school single-season record 162 strikeouts. His seasonal strikeout total is the second most in SAC history and the 10th most in NCAA II history.

During his two-year Tusculum career, he amassed a 20-3 record with a 1.43 ERA which is the lowest ever by a Pioneer pitcher. His 272 career strikeouts are a new Tusculum record and sixth-most in the SAC record book.

Tusculum finished the year with a 38-18 overall record, including wins in five of its last seven games. The Pioneers posted a 2-2 record at the NCAA II Southeast Regional Tournament to claim third place honors.

Seven Pioneers named Academic All-American®

Three earn SAC Scholar Athlete laurels

Several Tusculum student-athletes distinguished themselves both for athletic excellence and for shining in the classroom and in the community.

Seven Pioneers were named Academic All-Americans® for their respective sports during the 2015-16 season, including Jonathan Spicher (men's soccer), Carlie Thornber (women's soccer), Brad Hawkins (men's golf), Calley Lawson (women's golf), Nick Forsberg '16 (men's golf), Franziska Funke (women's tennis) and Jonas Winkelmann '16 (men's tennis).

Winkelman and Forsberg were also named South Atlantic Conference Scholar Athletes of the Year for their sports, while Erin Mills '16 was tabbed the SAC Scholar Athlete of the Year for women's tennis.

The SAC Scholar Athlete of the Year Award is presented to one male and one female student-athlete in each of the conference's sports and recognizes academic achievement, athletic accomplishment, community service and leadership.

Since joining the SAC in 1998, 57 Pioneers have been selected as SAC Scholar Athlete of the Year, the most of any league member during that span.

New coaches named in football, tennis and women's basketball

The Pioneer football team, tennis teams and women's basketball team have new coaches.

Jerry Odom was named the new Pioneer football coach in December. Also last fall, Adam Jackson was named as head of the men's and women's tennis team. Devan Carter was named the head women's basketball coach after serving as interim coach for the 2015 season.

Jerry Odom, a 25-year football coaching veteran, is preparing for his first season at the helm of the Pioneer football program. Odom was chosen as head football coach and introduced to the Tusculum community in December.

Odom boasts a strong lineage of experience at the collegiate and professional ranks where he has mentored 15 NFL players and coached in five postseason bowl games including the Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl and Outback Bowl.

"Jerry Odom is a perfect fit for Tusculum College. He is a man of character who is committed to the overall development of our student-athletes," said Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach Doug Jones. "Jerry has been successful at the highest levels of college football. His reputation as one of the best defensive minds in the game was very attractive to us. I truly believe that Jerry has a plan that will position our football program into the upper echelon of the South Atlantic Conference."

The Merritt Island, Florida, native served the last six seasons as the associate head coach at NCAA-FCS (Division I-AA) Jacksonville University where he was the chief architect of some of the best defensive units in the program's history. Odom helped guide the Dolphins to 47-19 overall record, including a pair of 9-2 campaigns in his last two years at the school.

Last October, Adam Jackson was named the men's and women's tennis coach. He came to Tusculum after serving on the coaching staff at NAIA national power Georgia Gwinnett College. He took the reins of the program after the retirement of Tommy Arnett, who orchestrated the most successful period in the history of men's and women's tennis at Tennessee's most historic college.

Jackson led the men's team to its sixth SAC championship. The Pioneers finished with a 19-4 record and established a program record with a 14-match winning streak. He was named the SAC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year. Jackson also guided the women's program to a runner-up finish in the league with a 19-5 record.

He came to Tusculum from Georgia Gwinnett, where the men's program captured two NAIA national championships in 2014 and 2015, while posting an impressive 37-2 record over the last two years. The women's team won the 2014 NAIA national title, while the 2015 club finished as national runner-up.

After doubling the victory total from a year ago, Devan Carter was named the head women's basketball coach at Tusculum College.

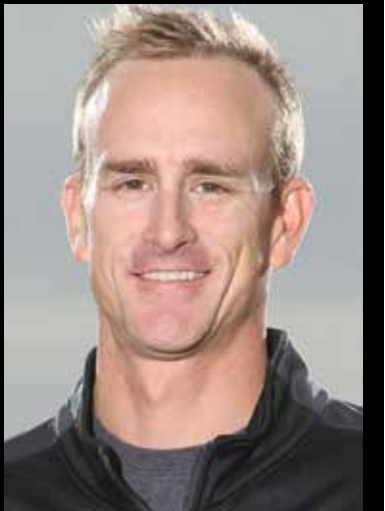
"I am very proud of the performance Coach Carter achieved with our women's program this year. He and our student-athletes worked tirelessly in improving the program. Tusculum women's basketball has a rich and storied history, which I have every confidence Coach Carter will build upon in the years to come," said Athletic Director Doug Jones. "Devan is an outstanding person and his work ethic, attitude and passion for success are the qualities we want for our women's program."

"I'm very appreciative to our President, Dr. Nancy Moody and Coach Doug Jones, for their continued trust and support in allowing me to lead our women's basketball program," said Carter. "We have a very special group of young ladies and I am honored to be their coach. We are committed to making our Tusculum family and the Greeneville community proud of our program."

Carter arrived on the Tusculum campus three years ago and has served as the associate head coach for the Pioneer men's basketball program.



Jerry Odom



Adam Jackson



Devan Carter

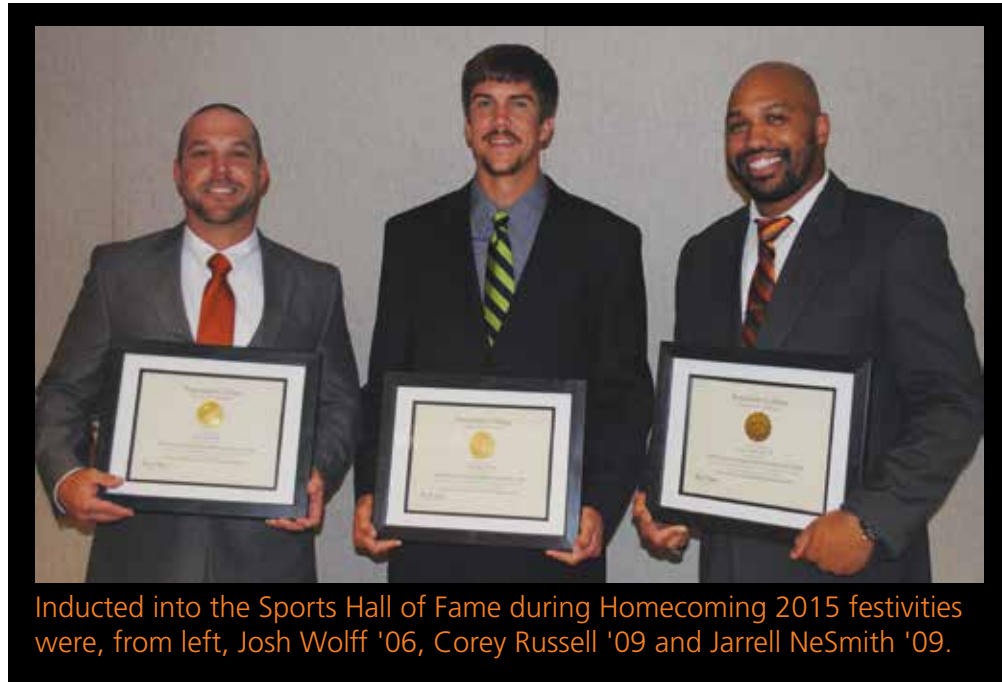
Three inducted into Sports Hall of Fame last fall

Three new members were inducted last fall into the Tusculum College Sports Hall of Fame. The 2015 inductee class included two-time All-American and Academic All-American® tight end Dr. Jarrell NeSmith '09; 2008 All-American quarterback Corey Russell '09; and Tusculum baseball's all-time hits leader Josh Wolff '06.

NeSmith becomes the first football tight end to be inducted into the Tusculum Sports Hall of Fame and is one of the most decorated student-athletes in the College's history for his accomplishments on the field and in the classroom. On the field, NeSmith was a two-time All-South Atlantic Conference (SAC) first team selection. He is a two-time Academic All-America® selection. In 2009, he was named to the National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Team and was one of 16 national finalists for the William V. Campbell Trophy, recognizing an individual as the absolute best in the country for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary community leadership. Following Tusculum, he graduated from Lincoln Memorial University's DeBusk College of Medicine in 2014. Dr. NeSmith is serving as a resident physician at the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He is married to Dr. Brittany Bible NeSmith, a 2010 Tusculum graduate. During the induction ceremony, he announced Brittany was expecting, a surprise to their families. The couple welcomed Fowler Grey Smith on March 21 of this year.

From 2005-2008, Russell accounted for one of the best playing careers ever by a Tusculum quarterback. He led Tusculum to three straight winning seasons as a starter, including the 2008 campaign as the Pioneers captured the South Atlantic Conference Championship, while making their first-ever trip to the NCAA Division II Playoffs. During his career, he guided Tusculum to 22 victories as the starting signal-caller.

After graduation, Russell earned his post-baccalaureate teacher certification from Lincoln Memorial University. He currently teaches world history at Cumberland Gap



Inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2015 festivities were, from left, Josh Wolff '06, Corey Russell '09 and Jarrell NeSmith '09.

High School where he is also the head football coach. He and his wife Paige Johnson, who is a medical laboratory scientist – microbiology at Parkwest Medical Center, reside in Speedwell.

Wolff amassed one of the finest hitting careers ever by a Tusculum baseball player. The Louisville, Kentucky product still owns 11 school records and is ranked in the top 10 in 19 statistical categories. During his career, he led the Pioneers to two South Atlantic Conference championships in 2005 and 2006, two trips to the NCAA Division II Tournament and the 2005 SAC Tournament crown.

Wolff currently holds school career records for hits (262), at-bats (782), runs scored (180), games played (211), games started (205) and stolen bases (51). For his career, he boasted a .335 batting average with 114 RBI and a .399 on-base percentage. He recorded 20 doubles each in back-to-back campaigns in 2005 and 2006.

Wolff is on faculty and serves as the head baseball coach at Butler Traditional High School in Louisville. He is married to the former Meghan Williams and they are the parents of one son, Easton. During the induction ceremony, his friends and teammates announced the formation of a scholarship in his honor at Tusculum.

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Class Notes

'40s

Robert H. Bailey '48 H'84 of Greeneville, TN, received the Robert C. Austin Award for Distinguished Service to the Community during the Greene County Farm-City Banquet in December for his extensive community service. He serves his Alma Mater as a Life Trustee.



'50s

Rev. Don Wright '53 recently served as temporary pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, MI, during a pastor search. Don is Pastor Emeritus of the church. He met his wife **Dorothy (Jaynes) '54** at Tusculum, and they married on his graduation day.

'60s

Allen Rothe '63 and Carolyn Dyer Rothe '66 of Mohawk, TN, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2015.

Cliff Ott '64 recently had his foot amputated and is recuperating at the Shawneespring Health Care Center in Harrison, OH. He would love to hear from Tusculum friends. Contact Cliff at Shawneespring of Harrison, 10111 Simonson Rd., Harrison, OH 45030 or call (513) 367-1752.

'70s

Dr. Ken A. Bowman '70 of Apollo, PA, has retired from Alcoa after 39 years of dedicated service to the company. Bowman serves his Alma Mater as chair of the College's Board of Trustees. At the time of his retirement he was serving as manager of coating technology at Alcoa. Dr. Bowman holds 17 U.S. patents, and his work has been recognized through several publications, Alcoa Laboratory's Merit Award for "Job Performance," and three Arthur Vining Davis Awards for "Team Technical Achievement."



Dr. John Roberts '71 of Upper Marlboro, MD, has joined the national executive search firm, Isaacson Miller as vice president.

John C. Pavlik '74 recently retired from New Jersey state and local government where he served in administrative and financial positions. He and his wife, Martha, are now living in Virginia and enjoying the Chesapeake Bay.

'80s

Dory Wetzel Creech '82 of Kingsport, TN, has accepted a position with District to District, a new nonprofit working with school systems in Florida and Tennessee.

Connie Lamb '82 of Afton, TN, retired from service in the Federal Court Clerk's Office in Greeneville, TN, at the end of April.



While vacationing in East Tennessee, **Tommy Turner '76**, left, of Georgia, decided to visit campus for the first time since leaving college. He contacted classmate **Larry Bible '75**, and the two met on campus, recalling memories from their time at Tusculum.

Tony Feathers '83 of Afton, TN, was named 2016 Teacher of the Year at the high school level for the Greeneville City School System. He teaches art and photography.

Fessor McCoy '83 of Goldsboro, NC, and his wife Angela received a commendation from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for outstanding state government service. The McCoy's work at O'Berry Neuro-Medical Treatment Center in Goldsboro as home life program managers.

Dr. Gerald Miller '85 of Greeneville, TN, is principal of Glade Creek Elementary School in Alleghany County in North Carolina.

Stuart Hirsten '87 of Jackson, TN, was one of 20 individuals from around the world selected for the Columbia University's Klingenstein Foundation 2016 Head of School Fellowship. Hirsten is Head of the School at the University School of Jackson.

Mike Fulkerson '88 of Kingsport, TN, has been named principal of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in the Kingsport School System.

Lee Anne Guinn Hall '88 of Knoxville, TN, has had her work, "Meadow of Grace" published in Silver Birch Press.

Shelly Smith '88 of Greeneville, TN, has been named principal of Chuckey-Doak High School.

Bruce Lay '89 of Lenoir City, TN, has been named executive director of school leadership for the Oak Ridge School System.

Marianne W. Lewis '89 is dean of the Cass Business School at the City University London.

Dana Matlock '89 of Oak Ridge, TN, was selected as one of the "Teachers of the Year" in the Morgan County School System. Matlock has taught at Sunbright School for 21 years.

'90s

Todd Brooks '90 has been named athletic director at Berry College in Rome, GA.

Beverly Roberts '90 of Clearwater Beach, FL, served as one of the referees at this year's NCAA Women's Basketball Championship, held in Indianapolis.

Karen Richter May '91 of McDonald, TN, has been inducted into the Old Timers Hall of Fame by the Cleveland Parks and Recreation Department for her contributions to local basketball.

Randy Richards '92 '98 of Afton, TN, is principal at Baileyton Elementary School in the Greene County School System.

Ron Scalf '92 is the member services director for the Savannah, GA, Tourism Leadership Council. He also just released his latest book, "Bristol Motor Speedway, Racin' The Way It Was."

DeAnna Martin '93 '98 of Greeneville, TN, has served as principal at Tusculum View Elementary School since January. Her husband, **David '93**, is director of facilities at Tusculum.

Willie Anderson '94 of Greeneville, TN, received the 2015 Volunteer of the Year award from the Volunteer Center of Greeneville and Greene County. Willie volunteers at least 16 hours a week or more with local youth at Free Will Baptist Ministries.

Rick Scarborough '96 of Clinton, TN, has been appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He is chief of police in Clinton.

Daniel Gene Thompson '96 of Greeneville, TN, has been named assistant principal at Chuckey-Doak High School.

Samantha Burston '97 of Philadelphia, PA, was named vice president of operations for The CMA Group in February.

Marlyss Corriher '97 is a first-grade teacher at Crestline Elementary School in Mountain Brook, AL.

Ginger Morelock Frembling '97 of Archdale, TN, is the 4-H agent at Davidson County Cooperative Extension.

Anthony P. Jones '97 of Seven Devils, NC, began serving as director of student financial aid at Appalachian State University in April.

Charles Robin Smith '97 of Oak Ridge, TN, has been promoted to deputy chief of the Oak Ridge Police Department.

Alan Cobble '98 '05 of Greeneville, TN, is principal at West Pines Elementary School in the Greene County School System.

Stacey Linkous Jones '98 of Wytheville, VA, began her duties as executive director of the Brock Hughes Free Clinic in January.

Rodney Reed '98 of Knoxville, TN, has been promoted to senior director for SSA & Company.

Bert Seay '98 of Mosheim, TN, was promoted earlier this year by the Town of Greeneville to the position of chief building official.

Brian Click '99 of Greeneville, TN, realized a dream earlier this year when he opened Cornerstone Wealth Management Group with partner Chris O'Dell.

Rev. Jonas Mark Hayes '99 has been named new head pastor of Grace First Presbyterian Church in Long Beach, CA.



Jean Schoenthaler '63, Louise Adams Bain '86 and Bob Kleinertz '76 (center) enjoyed an alumni lunch in January at Pinchers in Fort Myers, FL. The alumni were able to get to know each other better and also visit with Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody (right) and Heather Patchett, vice president of institutional advancement (left).

'00s

Calvin Decker '00 of Morristown, TN, is assistant principal and athletic director of Morristown-Hamblen High School West.

John House '00 of Limestone, TN, is the girls' basketball coach at West Greene High School.

Regina Jennings '00 of Maryville, TN, has joined the Pinnacle Financial Partners Blount County office as a senior vice president and financial advisor.

Jeremy Parrott '00 is the head coach of the Beardon Bulldogs boy's basketball program in Knoxville, TN.

Bill Dunham '01 of Church Hill, TN, has been named principal of Colonial Heights Middle School in the Sullivan County School System.

Dr. Jonathan Feathers '01 of Johnson City, TN, has published his first book, "New Wine into Old Wineskins."

Tammy Swinney '02 '08 of Limestone, TN, is assistant principal at Chuckey-Doak Middle School.

Joy Frazier Herman '03 of Morristown, TN, purchased Interstate Graphics of Morristown, Inc., in May 2015.

Susanne (Chesney) and Craig Pritchett '03 '03 are both in new positions at Brevard High School in Brevard, NC. Susanne teaches physical education and health while Craig teaches weight training and serves as head football coach.

Jonathan Sitzlar '03 of Maryville, TN, has been named director of the Facilities, Information, and Reservation Management Division in the Office of Assistant Manager for Administration in the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office.

Brent Dyson '04 of Glade Spring, VA, is serving as vice president and loan officer for First Bank and Trust Company in Abingdon, VA.

Lauralie Rubel '04 has been named state president of WellCare Health Plans, Inc.

Jessica Smith '04 has been appointed as principal of Halls Middle School in the Knoxville, TN.

Leah Walker '04 of Bulls Gap, TN, is director of the Rogersville Heritage Association.

Sarah Gray '05 of Mosheim, TN, has been named assistant principal at Mosheim Elementary School.

Jennifer Headrick '05 of Maryville, TN, has been named special assistant to the program director for PEAK Technical Institute's Professional Household Management and Social Decorum.

Libby Housewright '05 has joined Jefferson Middle School in Jefferson City, TN, as a sixth grade teacher.

Carla Renner '05 of Greeneville, TN, was named one of the 2016 Teachers of the Year for the Greeneville City School System. She teaches fifth grade at Tusculum View Elementary School.

Nick Darnell '06 of Morristown, TN, is one of 18 teachers across the State of Tennessee to serve on the first Governor's Teacher Cabinet.

Matt DeMartini '06 has been named head soccer coach for the Hackettstown High School boys soccer team in Hackettstown, NJ.

Jennifer Hall '06 of New Tazewell, TN, is serving as the first chief executive officer of the newly-formed Claiborne Economic Partnership.

Cody Baugh '07 of Greeneville, TN, will be at the helm of the Cherokee High School football team when it takes the field for the 2016 season.

Tonia Hale '07 is chief nursing officer at Danville Regional Medical Center in Danville, VA.

Anup Kaphle '07 has been named senior world editor at BuzzFeed.

Jennie Scott '07 of Knoxville, TN, was part of the 2015-16 Leadership Academy that trained individuals for principal positions.

Emory Cain '08 of Knoxville, TN, is the girls basketball coach at Pigeon Forge High School.

Noelle Smith '08 of Greeneville, TN, is serving as assistant principal of Greeneville High School. Smith's

husband, Dr. David Smith is director of student support services at Tusculum.

Brooke Compton Davis '09 of Greeneville, TN, has been promoted to the position of assistant finance director for the Town of Greeneville.

Beki Fragomeni Elliott '09 of Knoxville, TN, is serving as a numeracy coach.

Robbie Mitchell '09 of Greeneville, TN, is executive director of academic strategies and operations for the Tennessee Department of Education.

'10s

Kimberly McCuiston '10 has joined the faculty of Francis Marion University as an assistant professor of education.

Ron Overton '11 '13 of New Market, TN, is principal at Talbot Elementary School.

Sean Cotten '11 of Mooresville, NC, is a jackman in the pit crew for NASCAR driver Kurt Busch.

Danielle Armstrong '12 of Orlando, FL, was a featured writer in Boarder Crossing, an annual literary and arts journal. Armstrong completed a Master of Fine Arts degree in Fiction at the University of Central Florida in May 2015.

Rashaad Carter '12 is playing for the Portland Thunder of the Arena Football League.

Justin Harvey '12 '15 will lead the revitalized men's golf team at Emory & Henry College when competition begins in the fall of 2016.

Andrew Baker '13 is serving as guest editor for "Wuxi Life" magazine. He is also enrolled in Matador University's Travel Writing program.

Aly Carrino '13 of Greeneville, TN, is resource development and athletics director for the Boys and Girls Club of Greeneville and Greene County.

Josh Davis '13 of Morristown, TN, has earned a Masters in Business Entertainment at Full Sail University.

Justin Phillip Reed '13 of St. Louis, MO, had an essay, "Killing Like They Do in the Movies," selected for Best American Essays 2016.

Ben Spillner '13 of Greeneville, TN, has been named director of stadium operations for the Greeneville Astros.

Robert Arrowood '14 has been accepted into Texas Christian University's doctoral program.

Melissa Batson '14 of Greeneville, TN, has accepted the position of chief human resources officer for the Greeneville City School System.

Joe Borden '14 is special projects coordinator at American Blackguard, Inc., in Nashville, TN. He is also editor of "Killer Nashville Magazine."

Ashley Sarmiento '14 has accepted a teaching position in mathematics in Nashville.

Bridget Conte '15 is a correctional officer at the Greene County (TN) Sheriff's Office.

Joseph Elphingstone '15 has completed his graduate program in stem cell biology and regenerative medicine at the University of Southern California.

Kate Kolodi '15 has completed an artist residency at Jewell Gardens in Skagway, AK.

Corrine Elizabeth Moore '15 is working at the Birthplace of Country Music Museum in Bristol, VA.

Briana Rose '15 is working at the Milligan & Coleman law firm in Greeneville, TN.

Matthew Moyer '15 is an interpreter at the Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge, TN.

David Nunez '15 of Greeneville, TN, is the new Spanish teacher at West Greene High School.

Mark Patterson '15 has been named head of soccer program for Hardin Valley Academy in Knoxville, TN.

Melanie Sigman '15 has begun graduate studies in public history at Western Georgia University.

Jo Anne Smith '15 of Greeneville, TN, has begun the doctoral program in educational leadership at East Tennessee State University.

Chris Raasch '16 is pitching with the Forest City (NC) Owls in the summer collegiate Coastal Plain League.

Weddings



John Cage '08 and Meghann Burton '09 were married at Tusculum College on May 23, 2015. The couple are living in Englewood, TN.

Jalen-Ryan Shuffler '15 and Jenna Ruth Shaw were married on July 18 in Limestone, TN. Groomsmen included **Taylor Foster '14** and **Nick Rodriguez '15**. The couple is living in Nashville, where he works for True Green of Nashville.

Births

Melina Villarreal Adkins '07 of Bradenton, FL, welcomed the birth of a baby boy, Bronson James Adkins, on June 26, 2015.

Jarrell and Brittany (Bible) NeSmith '09 '10 welcomed Fowler Grey NeSmith on March 21, 2016.

Sarah (Chait) and John Clarke '12 '12 welcomed a baby girl, Anne Haines Clarke, on December 19, 2014.

Memorials

'30s

Elizabeth MacLeod Scattergood '38 of Germantown, PA, passed away Jan. 17, 2016. Mrs. Scattergood was a social worker.

'40s

Elizabeth Taylor Duggins '41 of Greeneville, TN, passed away April 17, 2016. She was a retired educator. Her survivors include sister and Tusculum alumna **Marjorie Bright '59**.

Katejean "Kay" Allerton Borneman '42 of Bend, OR, passed away March 12, 2015. Mrs. Borneman served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corp during World War II.

Estelle Burrows Thornley '42 of Selbyville, DE, and formerly of Fair Lawn, NJ, passed away March 31, 2016. Mrs. Thornley was a retired computer programmer.

Lt. Col. Charles L. Goode, USMC (Ret.) '44 of Sarasota, FL, passed away November 12, 2014.

Col. Silas Purvis '44 of San Antonio, TX, passed away March 1, 2016. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after a highly-decorated career including service in three wars. His survivors include sister and Tusculum alumna **Mary Belle Purvis '53**.

Mary Mitchell Yowell '44 of Bealeton, VA, passed away October 13, 2015. Mrs. Yowell worked in Oak Ridge, TN, on the Manhattan Project during World War II as a librarian. She later taught in Virginia.

Peggy Carson Cheezem '47 of Florence, SC, passed away August 30, 2015.

Emma Eilene Kyker Grubbs '48 of Auburn Hills, MI, passed away on January 5, 2015. Mrs. Grubbs was an elementary teacher.

Mary Mae Kyker '48 of Telford, TN, passed away September 12, 2015. She was an educator.

Claude Galbreath Swafford '48 of Jasper, TN, passed

away March 25, 2016. Mrs. Swafford was one of the first 100 female lawyers in Tennessee.

Frances McClanahan Brockman '49 of Kingsport, TN, passed away on February 4, 2016.

Samuel "Sam" P. Roller '49 of Portland, OR, passed away March 1, 2016. Mr. Roller served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. At Tusculum he met his wife, **Nan Jean Thomas '49**. Mr. Roller had a 40-year career with McKesson Co. as a sales representative. After retiring from McKesson, he sold walking canes nationally and was known as "The Caneman."

'50s

Harold J. Waddle '50 of Tusculum, TN, passed away October 22, 2015. Mr. Waddle served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from Magnavox. His survivors include Tusculum alumni and siblings, **the Rev. Richard Waddle '57** and **Marjorie Waddle Kruckeberg '53**.

Richard Sherwood "Dick" King '51 of Russellville, TN, passed away Thursday, July 2, 2015. He started the Golden Gloves Boxing program in Morristown, TN, and coached it for almost 30 years. His survivors include his wife and Tusculum alumna **Betty McAmis King '50**.



Ralph E. Maines '51 of Santa Clara, CA, passed away on June 12, 2015. Mr. Maines served as an FBI special agent and retired as director of security at NASA Ames. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mr. Maines, above, was a Porsche 356 enthusiast.

Zelma Zeller Platz Schroker '51 of Onancock, VA, passed away on March 23, 2016. She was an x-ray technician at St. Peters Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. Her survivors include brothers and Tusculum alumni **Kenneth Zeller '60** and **Ted Zeller '60** and sister-in-law and Tusculum alumna **Sandra Zeller '61**.

Rev. Kenneth Verran '52 of Greeneville, TN, passed away August 10, 2015. Rev. Verran was a retired U.S. Air Force chaplain and paratrooper. He was also a retired United Methodist minister and educator, including serving as an adjunct professor for his Alma Mater. He had served as minister of New Ebenezer Presbyterian Church for the past 14 years. Survivors include his wife and Tusculum alumna **Louise Mays Verran '87**.

Rev. Howard Wallis "Wally" Dobson '53 passed away on September 3, 2015. Rev. Dobson was retired from the U.S. Air Force as a chaplain. Rev. Dobson was active in the community, having been a substitute teacher, a therapist and case manager, a real estate sales agent and pastor of Mount Pleasant Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Homer H. Clevenger '54 of Kingston, TN, passed away May 17, 2015. Mr. Clevenger served as director of industrial relations for Kingsport Press in

Kingsport, TN, vice president of industrial relations for Arcata National in New York City and vice president and general council for Ricoh Corporation in San Jose, CA. He was a veteran of the Air Force.

Mrs. Beverly Hague McLaren '55 of Edinboro, PA, passed away on August 14, 2015. She had been a longtime resident of Knoxville and Kingsport, TN, and later of Cocoa Beach, FL. Mrs. McLaren was employed for 20 years by the Department of Employment Security of the State of Tennessee at its Bristol office. Her survivors include her husband of 61 years, **Kenneth McLaren '54**.

'60s

Delia Swain Acuff '60 of Greeneville, TN, passed away March 31, 2016. Mrs. Acuff was an educator at Greeneville Middle School.

Elaine Russell Clark '60 of Greeneville, TN, passed away January 8, 2016. She was the widow of **Nayland D. Clark '58**. Mrs. Clark served more than 40 years at the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site and National Cemetery.

Frank Wolpert '61 of Social Circle, GA, passed away October 25, 2015 after a long battle with cancer. He had served as CEO of Premier Packaging Consultants, Inc. of Holmdel, NJ.

Dorothy "Dottie" Blair '62 of Rock Hill, SC, formerly of Greeneville, TN, passed away May 22, 2015. Mrs. Blair was a career educator.

Charles S. Brooks '63 of Greeneville, TN, passed away on July 11, 2015. Mr. Brooks was chairman of the board of McInturff, Milligan and Brooks, Inc. of Greeneville, and Bennett & Edwards in Kingsport. Mr. Brooks served in the U.S. Navy. His survivors include sisters and Tusculum alumnae **Sara Brooks Cullison '53** and **Phyllis Brooks Stansfield '62**.

Donald Lee Carter '63 of Greeneville, TN, passed away October 18, 2015. Mr. Carter served in the U.S. Marine Corps and then began a career in business. Survivors include granddaughter and Tusculum alumna **Jessica Wilhoit '04**.

Robert Harwin Cooper '63 of Wilmington, DE, passed away November 23, 2015, after a long battle with cancer. Mr. Cooper spent three years as a captain in the Army's Medical Services Corps including a tour in Vietnam. He served as the Director of Social Services for the Children's Home in Claymont, DE, and counseled Vietnam veterans and their families.

The Reverend John Edson '66 of Dillsburg, PA, passed away March 14, 2016. The Rev. Edson was a retired Episcopal priest.

Tony M. Seay Jr. '66 of Mosheim, TN, passed away on April 24, 2016. Mr. Seay was a career educator.

What's new with you?

Submit your Class Note at
[www.tusculum.edu/alumni/
alumni_classnotes.php](http://www.tusculum.edu/alumni/alumni_classnotes.php).

Herbert William "Herbie" Eigenrauch Jr. '67 of Aberdeen, NJ, passed away on August 4, 2016. Mr. Eigenrauch had a successful career as a sales manager and drove a school bus in his retirement.

Barbara Ann Fillers Morelock '69 of Greeneville, TN, passed away January 21, 2016. Mrs. Morelock taught in the Greene County School System. Her survivors include her husband and Tusculum alumnus **Lloyd Morelock '66**.

'70s

Mr. Ronald C. DiPietro '71 of North East, MD, passed away December 28, 2014. Mr. DiPietro taught in the Cecil County Board of Education and served in the U.S. Air Force.

Betty L. Calhoun Phaler '72 of Blackwood, NJ, passed away on June 13, 2015. Mrs. Phaler was retired substitute teacher and school bus driver.

Nancy Brooks Wood '72 of McKenzie, TN, passed away October 27, 2015. Mrs. Wood was a medical biller for Shannondale Health Care Center.

Craig B. Allen '74 of Naperville, IL, passed away October 8, 2010. Mr. Allen operated his own business, The Dog Patch, for 38 years, pioneering many practices in pet care.

Barry Auerbacher '75 of Neptune Township and Manchester, NJ, passed away July 2, 2015.

John A. Keasling '75 of Morristown, TN, passed away September 16, 2015. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Mr. Keasling worked in the radiology department of Takoma Medical Associates and was later a part-time teacher at the Adventist School in Morristown.

George Patrick Ryan '75 of Woodbridge Township, NJ, passed away on September 7, 2015, after a long illness. Mr. Ryan had served in the U.S. Navy. He owned and operated the George P. Ryan, CPA Accounting Firm in Woodbridge. Mr. Ryan volunteered at college fairs to promote his Alma Mater to high school students in his area. His daughter Ciara is currently a Tusculum student.

Ben Kevin Britton '76 of Morristown, TN, passed away November 30, 2015, from ALS. Mr. Britton worked as an educator at Holston United Methodist Home for Children.

Jonathan Arnold Fitts '79 of Cleveland, TN, passed away on December 25, 2015. Mr. Fitts was a career educator.

'80s

Tim McCoy '80 of Blountville, TN, passed away on June 28, 2015, after a valiant battle against cancer. Mr. McCoy was serving as a member of the Tusculum College Alumni Executive Board at the time of his passing.

Edith Greta Cockrum '82 of Afton, TN, passed away October 10, 2015. She had returned to school later in life and served as voluntary missionary in Africa.

The Rev. Dr. Roy E. Blakeburn '84 of Greeneville, TN, passed away April 14, 2016. Dr. Blakeburn served 54 years as an ordained Cumberland Presbyterian minister.

Ronald Thomas Grant '86 of Knoxville, TN, passed away February 15, 2013. Mr. Grant was retired director of personnel at the Tennessee School of the Deaf.

Fay Duncan Lane '86 of Knoxville, TN, passed away at her home on March 18, 2016. Mrs. Lane worked at the Y-12 and K-25 facilities and retired after 40 years of service to Martin Marietta.

Janie Ruth McCamey Larkin '86 of Midway, TN, passed on September 21, 2015. Mrs. Larkin was retired from Phillips Consumer Electronics as an accountant. Her survivors include husband and Tusculum alumnus **Billy Larkin '67**.

Aud Murray Ray '86 of Spring City, TN, passed away January 1, 2016. A veteran, Mr. Ray served in the U. S. Army. During his career he worked for Memphis Stone and Gravel, E.I. DuPont Company and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Linda J. Babb '88 of Johnson City, TN, passed away July 16, 2015. Mrs. Babb taught school for more than 40 years. She and her husband, Phil, also co-owned and operated Johnson Hardware in Chuckey, TN, for several years.

Dennis E. Crow '89 of Elizabethton, TN, passed away on April 8, 2015. Mr. Crow was retired from Sprint after 25 years of service as an equipment supervisor. He was a veteran, having served in the Air Force in Germany.

'90s

Robert Williams '92 of Nickelsville, VA, passed away on March 26, 2016. Mr. Williams was an electrical engineer technician at Eastman Chemical, retiring in 2003.

Charles W. "Chuck" Irwin '93 of Clinton, TN, passed away October 21, 2015. Mr. Irwin was a self-employed title abstractor, worked for Tennessee Bonding Company and served as high school football official for the Clinch Valley Association.

Darren Keith Ellenburg '96 of Chuckey, TN, passed away unexpectedly on October 28, 2015. He was a paramedic/EMT instructor and coordinator, professor and paramedic program director at Northeast State Community College.

Susan Febuary '96 of Elizabethton, TN, passed away July 14, 2015. Mrs. Febuary was a retired teacher from the Carter County School System.

Steve Hatmaker '98 of Clinton, TN, passed away on July 17, 2015. Mr. Hatmaker was retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and served with the Anderson County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Sherri Lee Taylor '99 of Greeneville, TN, passed away April 4, 2016. Ms. Taylor worked for the U.S. Postal Service.

'00s

Joshua Mabe '04 of Sneedville, TN, passed away June 6, 2015, in a farming accident. Mr. Mabe was a sergeant in the Tennessee Highway Patrol. His survivors include his wife and Tusculum alumna **Danielle '06**.

Joseph Stanley "Stan" Grimm '06 of Cleveland, TN,

passed away October 4, 2014. Mr. Grimm had served in the U.S. Navy. He was retired from the Whirlpool Corporation, where he served in the engineering department.

'10s

Jerry Ray Hux Jr. '12 of Parrottsville, TN, passed away on November 9, 2015. Mr. Hux was a veteran.

Faculty and Staff

The Tusculum College community suffered the loss of one of its most respected and beloved members with the unexpected passing of Chaplain **Mark Stokes** on the evening of October 13, 2015.

In his 26 years at Tusculum, Mark provided leadership in a variety of areas. Stokes came to Tusculum in 1989 as vice president of enrollment management, heading Tusculum's admission efforts. Through the years, he also headed student affairs, institutional advancement, facilities management and served as vice president of administration, overseeing such diverse areas as the museums, information systems and building projects.

In addition, Stokes served as the College's primary liaison with the Presbyterian Church USA for many years, as well as coordinating the annual Theologian-in-Residence lecture series.

Stokes was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Greeneville, serving in important leadership roles there. He was also well known in the community for his significant roles in the Kiwanis Club of Greeneville, as a member of the Green Coat Committee of the Greene County Partnership and other community organizations. Stokes served twice as president of the Greeneville Kiwanis Club and was a former Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis division of which the local club is part.

The College lost another beloved community member with the passing July 19, 2015, of **Ruth G. Thomas**, an integral part of the choral department for two decades with her husband, Dr. Arnold Thomas, and decades marked by the success of the well-respected choral program the couple established, which touched the lives of many. She was a mentor, role model and friend to a multitude of Tusculum students.

In 2003, she and her husband were honored by the Tusculum Alumni Association with the National Faculty Award for their contributions to the College. In 2012, Mrs. Thomas was presented with the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor presented by the Tusculum College Board of Trustees.

The Tusculum community also mourned the loss of **Bill Brimer**, assistant professor of mathematics, who passed away of pancreatic cancer on April 8, 2016. Brimer was recognized posthumously in May for his contributions to Tusculum with the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership award for the Residential College.

In addition, these former faculty members have also passed away: **Dr. Josephine Boyd Bradley, Leonard Bradley, Dr. James T. "Jim" Davis, Thomas J. Harville, Dr. Carol Hartman and Adrian Craig Sherman.**



Mark Stokes



Ruth Thomas

Remembering a classmate ...

Classes of 1967, 1970 establish memorial scholarship endowments

Members of the Class of 1967 are establishing a memorial scholarship in honor of their classmates who have passed away.

The family of Herbie Eigenrauch '67 has requested memorial donations be made to this fund after his recent passing. The class is working toward a goal of \$25,000.

Remembering Eigenrauch from their freshmen year, members of the Class of 1970 have started working on establishing a similar scholarship endowment for their class. Some classmates have been surprised to learn of those in their class who have passed away.

"This is a wonderful way to honor the memory of friends," said Ken A. Bowman '70. "In a sense, we will all live on through this memorial scholarship endowment as a way to remember those who have died, and I hope that folks will make their gifts in their memory so that future students at Tusculum will have the financial resources they need to pursue an education."

Eigenrauch had reconnected with many of his Tusculum friends in recent years, and classmate Bruce Keller '69 shared these musings at the passing of his friend:

"To the 'Gentlemen of Craig'

Guilt: self-reproach, from believing one has done a wrong.

Reward: something given in return for something done right.

Friend: a person whom one knows well and is fond of.

Lose: to have taken from one, by accident or death.

Loss: to fail to see, hear, or understand.

Not necessarily a wrong, but the guilt in not pursuing opportunities to reach out to those in our past lives. People who absolutely had some significant impact on your becoming, and being, the person you are. Little things. Yet, in totality, they were larger than you suspected. Whether he was your roomy, or dorm mate, each and every young man in that building left some mark, some memory, something that you 'still' can recall about them...and how it affected you. Ya, some good. Some not. Nevertheless, each one added a dimension to your cerebrum's development.

The enjoyment, the gold ring, the 'reward', is what we received in the '60s and have held onto since. The cementing of good, strong, healthy, friendships. Despite years, distances,

Friends

The Tusculum community also lost three beloved friends during the past year.

Former Trustee **Ellen Worthy Campbell** passed away on December 9, 2015.

Long-time volunteer assistant football coach **Louis DeBusk** passed away August 6, 2015. His survivors include son and Tusculum alumnus Doug

ups, downs, agreements, disagreements, likes, dislikes, party affiliations (threw in for giggles), management or labor (one more silly), there are those of you who remain in contact, and frequently with some. You have been and are reaping the rewards of lasting friendship.

No greater privilege than to share this life with another life, than on this level.

Like the word 'love', I find no true, clear, acceptable definition for the word 'friend'. Like 'love', 'friend' is just 'known.'

We misplace our car keys. But have not lost them. We take a wrong turn. But we are not lost. A dear one passes. We are 'lost.' We lose something we can no longer reclaim.

Failure to see, hear, or understand....that is the loss.

BUT, there is no 'loss' of memory. There are thousands of pictures within our recall to enjoy and share. Stories to be told. No need to embellish....they really did happen that way. Toasts to be had. Time to recollect all the silliness and stupidity that came with the time allotted. "Young and Foolish" we all were...and now, hopefully, "Old and Foolish."

Like the lyrics: "Young and foolish. How wrong it is to be young and foolish.

Soon enough the care free days the sunlit days go by. Soon enough the bluebird has to fly."

Herbie may have exited, but he hasn't left. Friends never do. They are always with us. He'll be at each luncheon you guys gather for. He'd be making you laugh, and then cry on the drive home. He will be around as long as you would like him to be. Enjoy him.

Hope this lands well with you guys. Thinking you too might have different feelings of expressions and how you vent them. I find writing mine a therapy that works well.

Craig Hall was a last resort for someone like myself. To have been rewarded not just with an education, but the chance of a lifetime to meet and make good friends for a lifetime....like Chickee Poo...was the icing on the cake.

Peanuts in orange soda, and then off to ride some cows....."

Estate gifts can also benefit the memorial scholarship program. For more information about planning a gift or establishing a class scholarship, please contact Heather Patchett in the Office of Institutional Advancement at 423-636-7303 or hpatchett@tusculum.edu.

DeBusk '95 and Frankie DeBusk, former athletic director and head football coach.

Loyce "Sue" C. Raber of Colonial Heights, TN, passed away on April 5, 2016. She was the wife of Trustee **Dr. Donald R. Raber H'13**. The Rabers established the Royce and August Ritzler Scholarship Fund that was named in honor of Mrs. Raber's parents.

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