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Photo on the cover: Talon and Macy Kidwell, children of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kidwell walk toward the front of Welty-Craig Residence Hall. Kim Kidwell ’99 is the associate director of development. Photo courtesy of Mohawk Memories Photography.
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The thrill of new beginnings blended with deep-rooted traditions, excitement and new opportunities are all part of the sense of enthusiasm that I experienced for the people, the place, the mission and the heritage of Tusculum College when I was given the opportunity to interview for the presidency.

Tusculum College is steeped in history. As the 27th President of Tusculum College, I am honored to continue the mission of the oldest institution in the State of Tennessee, which emerged as Tusculum College through the efforts of two Princeton educated Presbyterian ministers, Samuel Doak and Hezekiah Balch and followed in the footsteps of three other institutions. Martin’s Academy (now Washington College Academy), founded in the mid-1780s by the Rev. Samuel Doak; Greeneville College, chartered by the territorial assembly in 1794 and founded by Hezekiah Balch; and the Tusculum Academy founded by Samuel W. Doak were initiated with the desire to bring education and religion to the frontier that was admitted to the Union on June 1, 1796, and was named Tennessee.

It is amazing that the present-day Tusculum College reflects the same pioneer spirit that resulted in her founding more than two centuries ago – the desire to provide a strong educational foundation grounded in the Civic Arts; conducted in an atmosphere supportive of and reflective of the principles of Judeo-Christian faith, the Presbyterian faith in particular; with a desire that every person associated with the College demonstrate a commitment to service to improve the human condition. Yes, I am honored to be selected as the first female President of Tusculum College and as the 27th President of the oldest institution of higher education in the State of Tennessee. I am a PIONEER.

Tusculum College is steeped in tradition. Tradition Never Graduates, the 2009 Homecoming Theme, relates to those things (elements of a culture, a mode of thought or behavior) passed down generation after generation (Webster, 1978). Heritage and legacy are also associated with tradition (Roget, 1988). Tusculum College has a tremendous asset in the people who have touched the institution; the PIONEERS who have gone before that others might follow; a group comprised of remarkable individuals who are students, alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and other ambassadors for the College and her programs. YOU are the legacy of Tusculum College. It is through your eyes and experiences, expressed through stories, that I will come to know and more fully appreciate the rich tradition and heritage of this great institution.

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Please join the Tusculum College Family as we celebrate Homecoming 2009, on October 30-31. I look forward to seeing those who I have already met and to meeting others who are part of the legacy of Tusculum College. It is through your contribution of time, talent and resources that this institution will remain strong, mission-driven, student centered, and provide a quality educational experience to those who follow in your footsteps.

Thank you for the legacy you leave for others.

by Dr. Nancy B. Moody
Dr. Sam Miller ’35 H’98 and the late Dr. Don Henard receive Distinguished Service Awards

Two respected individuals, Dr. Sam Miller ’35 H’98 and the late Dr. Don Henard, were honored for their contributions to Tusculum College during the President’s Dinner on May 15. At left are Dr. Ken Bowman ’70, chairman of the Board of Trustees; President Dr. Nancy B. Moody; Dr. Miller, and Marilyn duBrisk, director of Arts Outreach. At right are Dr. Bowman; Jean Henard, the widow of Dr. Henard, and Dr. Deborah Henard MacFawn, the Henards’ daughter.

Two Distinguished Service Award recipients were honored on May 15 at Tusculum College’s annual President’s Dinner, held at Link Hills Country Club. Honored were Dr. Sam E. Miller and the late Dr. Donald C. Henard. Henard’s award was presented to his wife, Jean Henard.

The 2009 awards were presented by Tusculum College President Dr. Nancy B. Moody. Assisting with the presentations were Marilyn duBrisk, director of the College’s Arts Outreach program, who read the citation presented to Dr. Miller; and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. Ken A. Bowman ’70, who read the citation presented to Mrs. Henard.

In his comments after receiving the honor, Miller focused on vision and how the Acts, Arts, Academia series and the restoration of Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Building started with a small meeting of a few people who had a vision and followed it through. He encouraged the more than 150 attendees to keep following their vision for the future of Tusculum College.

Dr. Miller, a member of the Tusculum College Class of 1935, is “an alumnus, physician, poet, educator, patron of the arts, visionary and servant leader,” the citation read. His associations with Tusculum College include the lifelong ties made among the six members of his immediate family who have attended Tusculum College. Dr. Miller has established a pattern of positive involvement in college, community and family that he has carried on since his student days at Tusculum College.

Dr. Miller graduated from the University of Virginia Medical School in 1950 and began a family practice in Abingdon, VA. As his medical practice developed, Dr. Miller became increasingly concerned that medical schools had turned away from preparation of students for family practice in favor of other specializations, and in the late 1960s, Dr. Miller became the first family practitioner in modern times to be appointed to the faculty of the medical school. He cofounded a division which later became the Department of Family Medicine, a postgraduate specialized program at the University of Virginia. Because of Dr. Miller’s work, this program has directly affected the quality of life for thousands of Virginians. He was later awarded the rank of professor emeritus at the University of Virginia.

For many years he has been a leader in his local community of Abingdon and been a lifelong friend to Tusculum College. He has been active on the board of the Highlands Festival and Craft Show and has served in many leadership roles since the early 1950s.

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Dr. Nancy B. Moody officially began her presidency on April 27, 2009. She is the 27th president of the College and the first female to hold the position.

Dr. Moody was formerly President at Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) in Harrogate, TN, where she had served since 2002. She was selected as the new president of Tusculum College by the Board of Trustees in February.

“Dr. Moody is a strong advocate of our civic arts curriculum and is well-known and respected in our region. We feel fortunate to have attracted someone of her caliber, and we are truly optimistic about the future of Tusculum College under her leadership,” said Dr. Ken A. Bowman, chairman of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees and of the selection committee. Dr. Moody has demonstrated a commitment to Tusculum College’s mission of providing a strong civic arts curriculum for all graduates and to continuing to grow the College in that tradition for both residential and Graduate and Professional Studies students.

“I am excited to have the opportunity to serve Tusculum College. I am extremely impressed with the people of Tusculum – the students, faculty, staff, administrative personnel and members of the Board of Trustees,” said Dr. Moody. “Without exception, there is a sense of enthusiasm and pride for the mission of the College, which has a wonderful legacy as the oldest institution of higher education in the State of Tennessee.”

She added, “As a first-generation college graduate, I have always valued all levels of education with a particular interest in the higher education of traditional-aged college students and adults of all ages. Achieving the knowledge and skills necessary to function in society through a college education is one of the best ways to stimulate the local economy and positively impact local communities and the lives of others.”

Under her leadership, LMU’s enrollment increased 90 percent and the school developed the College Osteopathic Medicine, nurse anesthetist and nurse practitioner programs, a proposed physician assistant program, School of Law, doctorate of education degree program, undergraduate programs including criminal justice and music and opened five new extended site learning centers.

Dr. Moody received associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing from Eastern Kentucky University, a master’s of science in nursing from Texas Woman’s University and a doctorate of science in nursing from the University of Alabama’s School of Nursing at Birmingham. Her career in higher education began as an instructor of nursing.

She subsequently served in several roles at LMU, culminating in her appointment as the dean of LMU’s School of Professional Studies before joining the faculty at East Tennessee State University where she was tenured and served as department chair. She would go on to become an associate professor at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, while also serving as the executive director of the Tennessee Center of Nursing.

Dr. Moody currently chairs the executive committee for the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association and serves on the boards of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, the Appalachian Colleges Association and the Division II President’s Council of the NCAA.

She is married to Tom Moody, a self-employed public accountant. She and Tom are proud parents of two adult children, Mykel and Adam.
Three named to Tusculum College Board of Trustees

Three new board members were recently named to the Tusculum College Board of Trustees. Dr. Jerry F. Ward, Mr. Frank J. Horsman '69 and Mr. Alan B. Corley are the newest members to help guide the College through service on the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Ward received his undergraduate degree in business and economics from King College and his master’s degree and doctorate in educational administration from East Tennessee State University. Dr. Ward has served as assistant principal, principal and superintendent of schools in the Greeneville City School System and was named Tennessee Superintendent of the Year in 2002.

Dr. Ward served on the faculty of Tusculum College from 1994 until 2004, serving as distinguished service professor of education, department chair and division chair. He has served on several professional and community boards. He is a current member of the Board of Directors of Sunset Gap Community Center and Holston Presbytery Commission for Chucky Presbyterian Church.

He is a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he is an ordained elder, choir member and a member of the Finance and Facilities Committee. Dr. Ward is married to Carolyn Lansford Ward ’88, who is a former assistant professor of education at Tusculum College. The Wards have three sons: David, a physician in North Carolina; Tim, a detective for the Greeneville Police Department; and Jeff, an attorney for Milligan and Coleman Law Firm. The Wards have four grandchildren.

The Wards have been supporters of the College for many years and in 2008 established an endowed scholarship to provide scholarships for able and deserving students majoring in elementary education and other deserving students majoring in education.

Horsman, who resides in Roswell, GA, is a Tusculum College alumnus and a financial consultant in the investment industry. Most recently he was vice president/advisor consultant with Nuveen Investments, Inc. in Atlanta. He previously served as regional vice president of Schwab Institutional, also in Atlanta. He is a Veteran of Vietnam and is a Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Flying Cross Medal recipient. He was also the 101st Airborne Division’s Soldier of the Month.

Horsman held previous positions as vice president for mutual fund sales at Nueberger Berman, as vice president of managed accounts and mutual fund sales at Citibank Trust Company and as vice president and national sales manager at CSA Financial Corp.

In addition, Horsman is a certified General Securities Representative, a Uniform Investment Advisor, a Uniform Securities Agent, a General Securities Sales Supervisor, General Securities Sales Supervisor and has been awarded certificates from Nuveen Wealth Management Services and Miller-Heiman Strategic and Conceptual Sales Training.

Horsman received his bachelor’s of science degree from Tusculum College in business administration and in addition to his general securities licenses, holds an ABA-NS in real estate finance from Ohio State University. He and his wife, Kay, have three children, Matthew, Rachel and Shaun.

Corley was born in Rogersville, TN. He received his undergraduate degree from Carson-Newman College and his pharmacy degree from the University Of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis. He is owner/manager of Corley’s Pharmacy in Greeneville.

Corley is currently the chairman of the TennCare Pharmacy Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Tennessee Public Health Emergency Advisory Committee, the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy (of which he served as president in 2002) and the Tennessee Pharmacists Association. He has served in state and regional professional leadership positions and is a member of Phi Delta Chi Fraternity.

Corley was named Pharmacist of the Year by both the Tennessee Pharmacists Association and the First District Pharmaceutical Association and was named Outstanding Alumnus by the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, which has also recognized him with their Distinguished Service to Pharmacy Award.

He is currently vice mayor of the City of Tusculum Board of Mayor and Commissioners and a member of the Greene County Board of Health. He has been active in the Sequoyah Council Boy Scouts of America, serving as district commissioner, district chairman and Order of the Arrow advisor.

Corley is also Chief of the Tusculum Volunteer Fire Department and a member of Towering Oaks Baptist Church. He is married to the former Mary Lynn Bullen.
Class of 1959: The newest ‘Golden Pioneers’

In 1959, a group of young people walked across the platform to receive their college degrees from Tusculum College and enter a world of possibilities and opportunities. Fifty years later, a part of that group returned to their Alma Mater to mark this milestone and add a special touch to the commencement ceremonies for the newest Tusculum College alumni.

Ten members of the class donned gold robes and led the procession of graduating students into Pioneer Arena during the afternoon commencement ceremony on May 9.

Participating from the Class of 1959 were Barbara Lauderdale Belcher, the Rev. Don Garrett, Robert Jaeger, Danny Justis, Bob McCormack, Myrna Baxley Olmstead, Jane Shanks Pilloni, Dr. James Richardson, Joe Schwartz, and Bill Self.

Prior to the ceremony, the group gathered for a lunch at the Thomas J. Garland Library and a time of fellowship, catching up with each other’s lives and reminiscing about their time at Tusculum College. Dessert was a “Congratulations Golden Pioneers” cake.

Following the lunch, each of the class members was presented a commemorative medallion by Dr. Russell L. Nichols, who served the College for almost two years as interim president.

It was then time to get robed in gold and walk to the Niswonger Commons to line up for the commencement procession.

During the ceremony, each class member was recognized from the platform by Dr. Nichols, and afterwards, the Golden Pioneers joined the faculty members to form the “gauntlet” and applaud the newest Tusculum College alumni as they exited the arena.

This is the fourth year the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations has hosted the special celebration of the 50th year class reunion at the May Commencement. The event has grown thanks to the participation of class members who have become involved to contact their fellow classmates.

The Office of Alumni Relations offers a special word of thanks to Class of 1959 members Robert Jaeger, Jane Shanks Pilloni and Joe Schwartz who volunteered their time and effort to reach out to their classmates and encouraging them to attend this special celebration of Tusculum’s College newest Golden Pioneers. The staff is looking forward to spring commencement on May 8, 2010, and celebrating with the Class of 1960!
Dr. Kent Keith receives honorary doctorate

Dr. Kent Keith, known internationally for his “Paradoxical Commandments” received an honorary doctorate during Tusculum College’s commencement ceremonies on May 9.

Two hundred and seventy-five students received degrees during the two commencement ceremonies in Pioneer Arena. During the morning ceremony 24 students earned master of art degrees in education and 84 earned bachelor of science degrees in organizational management. In the afternoon service 167 students earned bachelor of arts degrees.

Dr. Keith was presented with an honorary doctorate of humane letters during the afternoon ceremony. He was selected for an honorary doctorate in recognition of all his achievements, “his work in the field of education and his dedicated service to mankind,” said Dr. Melinda Dukes, associate vice president for academic affairs.

A dynamic speaker and writer whose mission is to help people find personal meaning in a crazy world, Dr. Keith has earned international recognition for his “Paradoxical Commandments” which were part of a booklet for student leaders he wrote and published in 1968 as a college sophomore. His book became a national bestseller and has been translated into 17 languages.

The book inspired three subsequent books related to the Paradoxical Commandments, which include: “Do It Anyway,” “Jesus Did It Anyway” and “Have Faith Anyway.” Dr. Keith is also the author of the “Universal Moral Code,” a set of fundamental moral principles that can be found throughout the world, and “The Case for Servant Leadership,” published in 2008.

Tusculum College was honored to have Dr. Keith as a speaker on campus last year when he addressed servant leadership and its role in living a meaningful life as part of the Cicero Lecture Series of the College’s Acts, Arts, Academia 2008-09 performance and lecture series.

In 2007, Dr. Keith became chief executive officer of the Greenleaf Center, an international non-profit organization that promotes the understanding and practice of servant leadership.

Prior to his service at the Greenleaf Center, Dr. Keith served as director of planning and economic development in the cabinet of the Governor of Hawaii; as project manager for the Mililani Technology Park in Hawaii; as president of Chaminade University, and as senior vice president for the YMCA of Honolulu. He was also an attorney in a private law firm.

Dr. Keith earned a bachelor’s degree in government from Harvard University, a master’s degree in philosophy and politics from Oxford University, a law degree from the University of Hawaii and a doctorate in education from University of Southern California. He is a Rhodes Scholar and has a certificate in Japanese from Waseda University.

The graduates’ achievements are the focus of Tusculum’s commencement ceremonies, and four graduates were chosen by the faculty to make comments as representatives of their classmates.

Speaking in the morning ceremony on behalf of the Graduate and Professional Studies (GPS) program was Pamela Snyder of Morristown, who earned a bachelor of science degree in organizational management, and Karen Holweg of Morristown, who earned a master of arts degree in education.

Speakers for the afternoon ceremony were Jeremiah Peterson of Unicoi, representing students from the traditional Residential College program, and Beth Weatherall of Morristown representing those students who earned bachelor of arts degrees in education, including those who earned degrees through the GPS program for working adults.
The Rankin family’s association with Tusculum College began when Thomas Samuel Rankin (1858-1938) walked several miles to and from the Tusculum Academy, and later the College, to obtain first an A.B., then M.A., then L.L.D. degrees. He married his student, Mary Coile, in 1888, the day she graduated from the College. Thomas then served the College as professor of ancient languages for more than 45 years. He also was bursar and treasurer of the College for 25 years, as well as a Trustee. He and Mary built their home right across from the College, the home known as “Seven Gables.” There they raised their seven children, all of whom followed an academic path worthy of their upbringing. They were:

Elma (1889-1979) who graduated in music at Tusculum College in 1909. She taught music for a time at East Tennessee Normal School (now East Tennessee State University). In 1915, she married architect Donald Beeson and soon became known as an outstanding piano teacher and vocalist in Johnson City.

Marguerite (1891-1910) a blond blue-eyed beauty who died soon after graduating from Tusculum College.

Raymond (1894-1973) who graduated from the College in 1914, then from McCormick Seminary in Chicago. He served pastorates in Johnson City and Memphis, then was president of Tusculum College (1951-1965).

Lynn (1896-1977) who graduated from the College in 1917 and trained in medicine at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He was on the staff at Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia as well as Delaware County Memorial Hospital in Upper Darby. He was a fellow in the American College of Surgeons.

Robert (1899-1976) who graduated from Tusculum College in 1920, took his doctorate at Princeton University, taught political science at Tusculum, then was a professor at Duke University until retirement. He was appointed by President Eisenhower to the Civil Rights Commission and was a trustee at Tusculum College for many years.

Julian (1903-1918) who died at age 15.

Evelyn (1908-1995) who graduated summa cum laude from Tusculum College in 1930, did further study in music at Curtis Institute. Her musical career included both performing and teaching as a vocalist, pianist and organist.

In the next generation of Rankins, many of them are also graduates of Tusculum College. They are: Mary Beeson Ellison (1916-2005), oldest of Elma’s four, graduated from Tusculum College in 1937, earned a masters degree at Eastman School of Music, then a doctorate at the University of Miami, all in music. While her husband taught French at the University of Miami, Mary taught piano and organ there, playing organ for years at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Ann Beeson Gouge, second daughter of Elma, graduated from Tusculum College in 1941, married Gerry Gouge and settled with him in Johnson City where she taught string instruments in the public schools, played violin and viola in the local symphony and sang in church choirs. To this day, she continues to play for special events at the College.

Betty Beeson Helms, fourth child of Elma, (Dick, third child, graduated from Duke) left Tusculum College after two years and graduated from Eastman School of Music in 1944 with a degree in music theory, worked on the atomic

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President’s Council members serve College

The Johnson City, Kingsport and Knoxville President’s Advisory Councils were formed in 2005 with membership including alumni and friends of the College. Their mission is to assist the College with identifying opportunities for graduate preparation, professional development, career development/internships, community impact and opening doors.

Tusculum College's Johnson City President’s Advisory Council met on April 15, at Bank of Tennessee in Johnson City, thanks to council member Joe Carr ’05. The keynote speaker for the meeting was Dr. Geir Bergvin, director of the Center for Global Studies, who spoke about the development of the Center for Global Studies at the College. The Center was developed as part of the College’s overall initiative to increase international opportunities for students and faculty.

Attending the meeting were: front row from left, Gary Mabrey, council member; Trish Patterson, council member; Brenda Clarke ’86, council member; Jacquelyn Elliott, vice president for enrollment management; Amber Sharp, Tusculum College student; Susan D. Vance ’91, interim vice president for institutional advancement, and Dr. Geir Bergvin, director of the Center for Global Studies. Back row from left: Lester Lattany ’87 ’91, council member; Carr; Michael Scalf, council member; Larry Rose, council member; Scott Folsom, council member, and Dr. Russell Nichols, former interim president. Membership for the Johnson City President’s Advisory Council also includes David Bautista, Russell Brackins, Brent Dugger, Pat Holtsclaw, Ellen Myatt ’99, Cleo Reed, Kelvin Smalley, Josh Smith, Robert Van de Vuurst, Robert White and Dallas Williams.

Tusculum College’s Kingsport President’s Advisory Council met on April 7, at the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce. The speaker for the meeting was Assistant Football Coach Kevin Weston ’02, who spoke about the “Pioneers Preparing for Life” program, which is a character/etiquette program designed to improve students’ personal presentation skills to make them more marketable in the workplace.

Attending the meeting were: front row from left, Susan D. Vance ’91, interim vice president for institutional advancement; Kristen Wonderly, TC student; Jacquelyn Elliott, Vice President for enrollment management; Sandra Greene ’86, council member; Chaiba Bloom, council member; Charlie Dotson ’89, council member; and Karen Randolph ’92, council member. Back row from left: Dr. Russell Nichols, former interim president; Jantry Shupe ’00, council member; Cindy Necessary ’01 ’04, council member; Jason Seaton, TC student; Steven Vinsant ’90, council member; Finley Green, council member, and Weston. Also attending, but not pictured was Rosalie Sites ’93.

Membership also includes Elanie Bodenweiser, Miles Burdine, Thomas Keller ’92, Dorothea McMiller ’93, Bob Miller, Jim Brackens ’86 ’90, Terry Diamond ’96, Kelly Ellsworth, Larry Estep ’91, Tony Falin ’96, Andy Hall, Jon Lundberg, Julie Marion, Brandon Redwine ’03 and Bruce Shine’60 H’84.

Tusculum College’s Knoxville President’s Advisory Council met on April 14, at the Tusculum College Knoxville Regional Center. The speaker for the meeting was Assistant Football Coach Kevin Weston ’02, who spoke about the “Pioneers Preparing for Life” program.

Attending the meeting were: left to right from bottom, Jessica McKay, Tusculum College student; Susan D. Vance’91, interim vice president for institutional advancement; Dr. Russell L. Nichols, former interim president; Tony Carasso ’07, council member; Buddy Heins, council member; Joe Sullivan, council member; Jacquelyn Elliott, vice president for enrollment management; Mark Field ’96, council member; Randy Fields, council member; Mark Benson ’02, council member; Ron Jenkins, council member; Vaughn Smith, council member; Jaime Hamer ’96 ’98, marketing and conferencing coordinator; Joe Hultquist, council member; Bill Roehl ’00, council member, and Ryan Otto, director of adult learning, and Coach Weston.

Membership for the Knoxville President Advisory Council also includes Mark DeNicola, Cynthia Finch, Dr. Thien Freeman ’01, David Gensterblum, Frances Hall, Daniel Head, Kirk Huddleston, Richard Isaac, Chet Nichols ’80, Bunny Oakes and Russ Oaks.
Burke Greear ‘09 says he feels he has “about the best job on the face of the earth.”

Greear is currently working as a park ranger at the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site as part of the Student Career Experience Program of the National Park Service, and he graduated in May from Tusculum College with a bachelor’s degree in museum studies.

But, this is not a point that Greear thought he would ever reach. “If you had told me five years ago that I would be standing here, I wouldn’t have believed you,” he told the audience at his senior presentation about his internship at the B. Carroll Reece Museum at East Tennessee State University (ETSU). “I am living a dream every day.”

A native of Wise County, VA, Greear was within a few weeks of graduating high school when he dropped out and went to work for a telephone company. Going to college was not considered an option by people in his community, he explained.

Greear, however, did not find the phone company position fulfilling and he sought other employment, but not having a high school diploma limited his options. He worked a series of jobs, including grave-digger, until he got a position as a maintenance ranger at a state park in Virginia. “I felt proud and absolutely loved what I was doing,” he said.

After excelling in his new position, park administrators asked him to become collections manager for the museum and then his strong people skills led them to assign him duties as the park interpreter. “I developed an interest in the museum field, but I still didn’t think about attending college,” he said. “I thought I would just maintain my position and then retire.”

However, that changed when Greear married. “I was very embarrassed that I did not have my high school diploma, and I took GED classes in secret.”

After earning high scores on his GED, Greear gained confidence and began taking classes at Northeast State Technical Community College. However, going to class during the day and continuing to work at the state park was a difficult challenge, he said, and a neighbor told him about Tusculum College’s Gateway program, a part of Graduate and Professional Studies program tailored to meet the needs of working adults. Greear entered the Gateway program and then he learned about the Museum Studies program that is part of the traditional Residential College academic program. “I was starting from scratch again,” he said. “In 2006, I started classes in the Residential College. When I read the catalog listing for the Museum Studies, I read the course descriptions over and over again. It seemed to good too be true.”

Greear served his required internship at Carroll Reece Museum at ETSU where he had the opportunity to practice skills in a variety of areas. He helped with the design of three exhibits and created two “teaching trunks,” which area teachers can check out from the museum and take to their classrooms for lessons.

The teaching trunks “were a labor of love for me. They are subject matters close to my heart,” he said of the endeavor.

One teaching trunk was about coal mining, the primary industry in Greear’s native Southwest Virginia.

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Tusculum College student leads the way to sustainability

The campus of Roane State Community College is a little “greener” thanks to the efforts of Tusculum College Alumna Denette Flynn ’08 who applied her educational efforts to practical application this past year, making the college campus a more environmentally-friendly place.

According to Associate Professor of Education Cindy Solomon, Flynn created “Going Green,” as her organizational consultant project for her master’s program with Tusculum College and implemented the project at Roane State at the request of the college’s president. Through her role as human resources manager for Roane State, Flynn created a project that now serves as a model for other colleges.

Flynn, a student in the Graduate and Professional Studies concentration in Human Resource Development (HRD), was asked to apply what she had learned in the first three semesters of the Tusculum College program by working through a professional model to plan and lead a needed organizational change. Flynn’s project resulted in the multi-phased sustainability program piloted at Roane State.

When the Roane State internal Leadership Academy addressed their future goals, they concluded they would like to apply their organizational leadership to the area of sustainability at their main and regional campuses. The Academy determined that practicing living in a sustainable environment at the Roane State campus would be a good lesson in civic responsibility for all of the college’s staff, faculty, and students.

Knoxville Regional Center students light up the Ronald McDonald House with efficiency

A group of students from Tusculum College Knoxville Regional Center recently spent the day helping the Ronald McDonald House of Knoxville save money and the environment.

Four students took a class project to the next level when asked to develop a business plan for a class they were taking. “Rather than just make up a business for the class assignment, we decided to develop a real business plan for a real organization that might not otherwise have the resources to do the research, and which could actually be implemented,” said Debbie McCoy, one of the Tusculum College students.

The team contacted the Ronald McDonald House of Knoxville with the idea of going green and in particular, with an energy-savings, cost-savings project of replacing inefficient incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps.

Sue Beverly, director of the Knoxville Ronald McDonald House was delighted with the idea of saving money and opened the house for the team to conduct an inventory. She provided the utility bills from the last year for the calculations to be made for the part of their utility bill attributable to lighting. All of the team members worked on the project and utilized several types of software and tools.
Thank you for joining us at celebrations of the Graduate and Professional Studies Program (GPS) in Knoxville, the Tri-Cities and Morristown. GPS, formerly known as the TALL and TAG programs, is going Silver as Tusculum College celebrates the program's 25th anniversary in 2009! Since 1984, more than 10,000 working adults, have realized their dreams by earning a bachelor's or master's degree at Tusculum College. Whether your life circumstances prevented you from earning a college degree immediately following high school, or if you chose to build upon the education that you have already attained, GPS has a program for you.

Make plans now to join us at the concluding celebration in Greeneville on October 17!

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the GPS program with a tailgate party and tickets courtesy of the Office of Alumni Relations to the Tusculum College - Catawba College football game.

For more information about these events, please contact Cody Greene 08 at 1-800-729-0256 ext. 5648 or email: ccgreene@tusculum.edu.

Register online and check out the registration list to see who's coming! www.tusculum.edu/adult/registration.php
bomb project at Oak Ridge, married John Helms, a violinist. They lived for a time in Elmhurst, IL, then moved to Neenah, WI, where Betty has taught piano and accompanied students in auditions, played cello in the local symphony and has sung in church choirs.

Mary Ellen Rankin Cowles (1926-96) oldest of Raymond’s three children, graduated from Tusculum College in 1947, and married Dr. Bass Cowles of Greeneville. She taught piano and occupied the organ bench at the Presbyterian Church for many years. (See information about endowments at the end of this article. Mrs. Cowles’ son, Dr. Robert Cowles, is a member of the College’s Board of Trustees.)

Virginia Rankin Schaeffer (1928-1985) second child of Raymond, graduated from Tusculum College in 1949.

Tom Rankin, oldest child of Lynn, graduated from Tusculum College in 1951 and now enjoys fishing near his home in Florida.

There may be other Rankin descendants who have attended or graduated from Tusculum College, but have never come to the attention of the writer. If any readers wish to point them out, you are asked to contact Betty Helms or Ann Gouge. They would love to hear from you.

The close association of the Rankin family with Tusculum is exhibited by the gifts given to the College through several endowments. They include:

The Rankin Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund, established in 1982 by members of the Thomas Samuel Rankin family. The Rankin Scholarship is in memory of and a living tribute to Dr. Thomas Samuel Rankin, class of 1885, and his wife, Mary Isabel Coile Rankin, class of 1888, and their children: Elma Lillian Rankin Beeson, class of 1908, Marguerite Elizabeth Rankin, class of 1910, Dr. Raymond Coile Rankin, class of 1914, Dr. Lynn Mcgaughey Rankin, class of 1917, Dr. Robert Stanley Rankin, class of 1920, and Evelyn Rankin Thompson, class of 1930, and their spouses. Scholarship preference is given to an able and deserving student on the basis of academic achievement, leadership ability and financial need.

The Evelyn Rankin Thompson Endowment, established in 1992 by the late Evelyn Rankin Thompson, class of 1930, of Nashua, NH. This fund helped establish the Hobbie Center for faculty development and continues to this day through the efforts of Mrs. Thompson’s son, Kenneth R. Martin of Days Ferry, MN.

The Robert S. Jr. and Mary Ellen Rankin Cowles Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund, established in 1987 in memory of Dr. Robert Sebastian Cowles, Jr., class of 1946, by the Greene County Medical Society. Scholarship preference is given to an able and deserving student with financial need who will be a sophomore, junior or senior.

The Weems Family Endowed Scholarship Fund, established in 1997 by Dr. Jerome John Weems, class of 1934, and supported by family members. The fund honors the Weems, Doyle, Rankin, Malone and Bailey families and recognizes three Weems family members and their distinguished careers in medicine: brothers Jerome John Weems ’34 and Philip Doyle Weems ’29 and cousin Bliss King Weems ’28. Scholarship preference is given to able and deserving pre-medical students and then to other science majors.
Go Pioneers!

Two new coaches named for programs

Harris to lead women’s basketball

Adell Harris was named in May as the new women’s basketball coach at Tusculum College.

Harris, a native of High Point, NC, comes to Tusculum College after serving the last six seasons on the coaching staff at NCAA Division I University of North Carolina at Asheville (UNCA), including the past two years as associate head coach.

She replaces Missy Tiber, who stepped down last month after four years at Tusculum to take a similar position at NCAA I Southern Illinois University.

Harris helped guide UNCA to four winning seasons that included a conference title, a NCAA tournament berth and the school’s first victory over an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) opponent.

“I am both excited and anxious to serve Tusculum College, the Greeneville community and our student-athletes,” Harris said. “My goal is to continue to build on what currently exists, one of the top 25 programs in the country.”

Harris played her collegiate career at Wake Forest University. She wrapped up her career 10th on Wake Forest’s all-time list for assists.

Athletic Director Frankie DeBusk, right, announces Adell Harris as the new women’s basketball coach.

Fields returns to coach cross country

A familiar face has returned to campus to lead the cross country program, Dr. Jim Fields.

Fields served as head coach of the Tusculum cross country program for five seasons (2000-04) as his runners garnered All-South Atlantic Conference (SAC) honors 11 times, including two SAC Freshman Runners of the Year and the 2003 SAC Female Runner of the Year.

He taught education courses in the residential college program and then in the Graduate and Professional Studies program until his retirement from teaching a few years ago.

“I’m excited about returning to coach at Tusculum,” said Fields. “Working with college cross country runners is extremely rewarding because of their self discipline and goal setting. I have always enjoyed interacting with the runners and seeing their continued improvement as runners, students and human beings.”

From 1996-98, he served as Director of Athletics at Tusculum. He ushered in an era of growth for the Pioneer athletics program. Under his watch, Tusculum achieved NCAA Division II membership, opened the new Pioneer Arena, while completing Tusculum’s initial steps for admission to the South Atlantic Conference. He also served as the College’s Faculty Athletics Representative during the 1995-96 year.

TUSCULUM, WINGATE FOOTBALL TO BE NATIONALLY TELEVISED

To accommodate a national television audience, the South Atlantic Conference football opener between Tusculum College and Wingate University has been moved to Thursday, September 24, at Pioneer Field on the Tusculum campus. The Tusculum/Wingate contest will be part of a six-game television package for the 2009 season announced NCAA Division II and CBS College Sports. The game, which was originally slated for Saturday, September 26, will now kickoff Thursday night for the prime time audience at 8:05 p.m. (EST) on CBS College Sports and FSN South.

“We are very excited about having the opportunity to represent Tusculum College and the South Atlantic Conference in the televised football game against Wingate University,” said Athletic Director Frankie DeBusk. “The game will be between two great institutions from one of the best Division II conferences in the country.”

CBS College Sports is widely available on cable systems across the country, including Cablevision, Comcast, Cox, Insight, Time Warner and Verizon FIOS. It currently reaches 30 million households and is also available on DIRECTV and DISH Network. FSN South reaches 12.2 million households throughout the southeast in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Kentucky. The game will also be streamed over the Internet at NCAAsports.com/dii.
Tusculum Athletics Has Banner Year

It has been an outstanding year for Tusculum College Athletics. The Pioneer teams have won more than 65 percent of their games and matches, resulting in five South Atlantic Conference (SAC) Championships and six NCAA Division II Tournament appearances. The 2008-09 year has been one of the College’s most successful athletic campaigns in history. The Pioneer football, women’s basketball, men’s soccer, baseball and women’s tennis teams each captured a SAC title and a berth to the NCAA postseason. The men’s basketball team made a strong late-season push to earn the Pioneers an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Tusculum athletes and coaches also garnered individual recognition for their efforts during the year. Honorees included 13 All-Americans, 28 All-Region honorees, 44 All-Conference members and 39 SAC Players of the Week. Three coaches also earned conference coach of the year, including Frankie DeBusk (football), Brett Teach (men’s soccer) and Doug Jones (baseball). DeBusk and Teach also earned NCAA Region Coach of the Year recognition. Tusculum athletes have also garnered individual recognition for their success and hard work in the classroom and the community. Five have earned the South Atlantic Conference Scholar Athlete Award for their respective sports, including Jarrell NeSmith (football), Nicole Ferris ’09 (women’s soccer), Payden Houser (baseball), Hunter Beal ’09 (men’s tennis) and Chase Carroll ’09 (men’s golf).

Women’s Basketball Captures Second Title
The women’s basketball team rolled to its second straight 20-win season as the Pioneers posted a 26-5 campaign, while claiming the SAC Championship for a second year. Tusculum advanced to the championship game of the SAC Tournament for a third time in the last four years, while punching its ticket to the NCAA Tournament for a second straight year, and posting an 87-70 win over Lander University for the program’s first-ever NCAA postseason victory.

Moore Leads Men’s Basketball to 20-Win Season
The men’s basketball program recorded its first 20-win campaign in 16 years and its second NCAA postseason berth. The Pioneers posted a 20-11 record and finished second in the South Atlantic Conference. Tusculum won 12 of its last 17 games, while advancing to the SAC Tournament championship game for the second time in school history. Tusculum guard Kyle Moore had a sensational season as he became the first Pioneer in school history to be named SAC Player of the Year. Moore led the league averaging 21.1 points per game, while establishing a SAC record 102 three-point field goals. He also became the first player in the program’s history to garner NCAA All-America distinction.

Pioneers Win Fourth SAC Baseball Pennant
The “Tradition of Excellence” continues for the Tusculum College baseball program as the Pioneers claimed its fourth South Atlantic Conference Championship in the last five years. Tusculum finished with a 36-18 record, while advancing to the NCAA Tournament for a third straight year and fifth time in the last seven seasons. The five NCAA Tournament appearances are a new SAC record.

Jones’ Records 400th Career Victory
Pioneer baseball head coach Doug Jones recorded his 400th career victory as the Pioneers defeated Lenoir-Rhyne University 7-0 on April 17, 2009. Jones is the winningest baseball coach in school history, posting a remarkable 404-243-1 record in his 12 seasons at Tusculum. His teams have recorded nine consecutive winning seasons, including the last seven with 30 or more victories.

Carroll Caps Remarkable Golf Career
Chase Carroll ’09 established school and league records this season, while leading the Tusculum men’s golf team to a fourth place finish at the SAC Championship. Carroll established a new school and South Atlantic Conference single-season record with his 72.08 stroke average. The three-time All-SAC performer posted a 72.08 stroke average, which is the best in SAC history. Carroll wrapped up the best golf career in school history with a 74.29 average, the second lowest in the league record book. During his stellar career, Carroll won six tournaments, which is tied for the most in school history with former All-American and Tusculum Sports Hall of Famer Todd Ricker ’96 (1992-96).

Sisco Earns Inaugural Bob Dibble Spirit of the Game Award
Tusculum women’s golfer Suzanne Sisco was the inaugural recipient of the “Bob Dibble Spirit of the Game Award.” The award is named in honor of the long-time Tusculum College coach and is selected by the South Atlantic Conference women’s golf coaches. The “Bob Dibble Spirit of the Game Award” recognizes the SAC women’s golf team member that demonstrates a genuine love of the game, outstanding character, leadership and places team before self.

Pioneers Capture Fourth SAC Women’s Tennis Championship
The Tusculum College women’s tennis team finished the season with a 17-6 record, including a perfect 8-0 record in league play to capture the program’s fourth South Atlantic Conference title. It was the Pioneers’ ninth straight winning season, while Tusculum earned its seventh NCAA Tournament postseason appearance.

Men’s Tennis Charge to NCAA Tournament Falls Short
Tusculum’s late-season surge to the NCAA Regional came one win shy as the Pioneer men’s tennis team lost 5-1 in the championship match of the South Atlantic Conference Tournament. After graduation depleted the team following last year’s SAC Championship run, the young Pioneers battled through a tough schedule in posting a 14-10 worksheet, while winning five of its last six matches, including back-to-back 5-4 upsets of fourth-seeded Brevard College and top-seeded Wingate University.
The roar of laughter could be heard coming from the Behan Arena Theatre in February and early May as Theatre-at-Tusculum treated audiences to some hilarious hijinks.

In February, a talented cast brought Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” to the stage, a comedy of mistaken identities, scorned love, bawdy drinking songs, sword fights, intrigue, humiliation and joyful reunions.

Shakespeare was brought back to the stage (in a different sort of way) in late spring when Theatre-at-Tusculum welcomed audiences into the world of “Dogg’s Hamlet,” where language is not what it seems with often hilarious results.

Audiences were thrilled and challenged by the one-act play, which has been called an experiment in theatrical language, an investigation of meaning and a comedy of confusion. In the play, characters speak a “foreign” language, which consists of English words but with meanings different than their dictionary definitions. This inconsistency leads to confusion on part of the play’s characters, giving the play much of its comedic flavor, not to mention 15- and 2-minute versions of “Hamlet.”

“Twelfth Night” was the first production of the spring, at top, and its cast included Angela Alt Bride ’95, above right. The cast of the late spring production of “Dogg’s Hamlet” at left, included Heather Dalton ’09 and Paige Malone Mengel ’88.

Students’ art focus of exhibit

Tylan Adams (center) of Greeneville, TN, points out one of her drawings to stepfather and mother at the Student Art Exhibit in April. The Department of Visual Arts hosted the exhibition in the Allison Gallery at the Rankin House. The department then hosted an exhibit by senior art major Caitlin Castaina, also of Greeneville, who graduated in May.

Literary talents recognized with Curtis Owens Prize

The annual Curtis and Billie Owens Literary Prize competition recognizes students’ creative talents. Students submit original, creative works in the annual writing competition, which were judged this year by award-winning author Kellie Wells. Recognized during the annual Honors Convocation by Assistant Professor of English Wayne Thomas were the winners, from left, creative non-fiction – Amanda Clampitt of Jefferson City, TN; fiction – Amanda Harmon of Greenville, AL; and poetry – David Roncskevitz of Franklin, TN.
McClure featured in successful ‘Theologian-in-Residence’ series

The 2009 Theologian-in-Residence lecture series at Tusculum College brought a distinguished speaker to the region to discuss the differences between Christian ecumenism and evangelism and how the two can be reconciled.

Dr. Marian McClure, associate director and North America representative of “Edinburgh 2010: Witnessing to Christ Today,” was the featured speaker for the annual series, co-sponsored by Holston Presbytery and Tusculum College. “Edinburgh 2010: Witnessing to Christ Today,” is the centenary celebration of a pivotal world mission conference that challenged Christians to greater ecumenical and evangelistic collaboration.

In the series, Dr. McClure focused on the divide between Christians with an evangelical focus (a focus on spreading the gospel primarily through proclamation of the Word) and Christians with an ecumenical focus (a focus on sharing the gospel through living example, which includes addressing people’s material needs and social justice issues) as well as how these groups can be brought together in ministry.

People have a tendency to form different groups and camps with like-minded individuals and then start comparing their group to others and criticizing other groups, which is what has happened in the western Christian church she said. “What do we aspire to – for the differences to go away or to glorify God by cooperating with each other? I would respond the latter. It is not wrong to have differences. It is not that we have differences, what is wrong is the harm that comes from the inability to cooperate with each other.”

The 2010 Theologian-in-Residence series will be led by Dr. Al Staggs, who has a doctor of ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a master of theology from Harvard Divinity School. His topics during the four Tuesdays in February will be “A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer,” “Clarence Jordan and the God Movement,” “Laughter for Life” and a fourth program to be determined.
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Tusculum College recognized nationally for community service

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

“We are pleased to have been recognized for the efforts our staff, faculty and students put into the Civic Arts and community service projects here at Tusculum College,” said Joyce Doughty ’04, director for the Center for Civic Advancement at the College.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

Poverty, homelessness and hunger were among the projects addressed by the most recent group of students participating in service projects in the East Tennessee region. Tusculum College students have worked with the Adventist Community Service Center, the Boys and Girls Club of Greeneville and Greene County, Greeneville-Greene County Community Ministries, Greene County Habitat for Humanity, the Manna House and the Mission Soup Kitchen at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church.

Students and faculty earn recognition nationally, professionally

Tusculum College students, faculty and departments have earned national, state, and regional recognitions in recent months. Some of the notables include:

• Boazin Katina an international student from the Democratic Republic of Congo, who presented a workshop at a national student conference on service, advocacy and social action earlier this year. He was also named a grant winner of the Hobbie Center Civic Arts Project Award to travel to Belize this summer to study its educational system.
• Amber Sharp, a sophomore from Tazewell, TN, received a grant from the national Bonner Foundation for the creation of videos about Tusculum Bonner Leader student service efforts on campus and in the community.
• Bryan Thiry ’09, of Winchester, KY, has been accepted and will enroll in the fall in Carnegie Mellon University’s master’s degree program in computer science. Carnegie Mellon is consistently ranked as one of the top three colleges and universities in the area of computer science.
• Sarah Brooks, assistant athletic trainer, was selected to be a volunteer service provider for two weeks at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO, in late spring.
• Dr. Lisa Johnson, director of the School of Education and director of Graduate and Professional Studies - NE Region, has been named to the Tennessee Board of Examiners.
• Dr. Kirpal Mahal, professor of physical education, has been named to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Program Reviewers.
• Counselor Connie Kretchmar-Sitz was awarded her Licensed Professional Counselor-Mental Health Service Provider certification, which takes two years of study beyond the master’s degree level.
• Leslie England, a student in the Graduate and Professional Studies program, was named 2009 Volunteer of the Year by the United Way of Anderson County.
• The Museums of Tusculum College received excellence awards from state and regional organizations for its Andrew Johnson Bicentennial exhibits and educational program.
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Third graders from Hal Henard Elementary School and their College mentors pose for a photo.

Student Alumni Association develops ‘Mentors for Kids’ program with Hal Henard Elementary School

A five-week pilot program, “Tusculum College’s Mentors for Kids” wrapped up at the College on April 28 with a dinner celebrating the participants’ completion of the program.

“The goal of the program is to motivate youth to achieve their potential by fostering inspiration to transform lives, education to change attitudes and connections to increase opportunities by pairing elementary students with Tusculum College students for weekly activities that expose the youth to the opportunities of higher education,” said Cody Greene ‘08, coordinator of development and alumni relations for the College.

As for Hal Henard Elementary School, Tusculum College’s Mentors for Kids Program is part of an overall effort on the part of the school to get their students interested in college and to have them start thinking about it now.

Asked what they liked best about the program, the Hal Henard students’ answers varied from “learning about history” to “getting to spend time with my ‘big buddy.’”

The Tusculum College students said they learned much from the youngsters from Hal Henard and enjoyed their time in the program. Alicja Dembna ’09, an international student from Poland, said she appreciated the enthusiasm and joy of life that she found in the Hal Henard students. “If you’ve had a bad day and then get to spend time with the kids, you will be smiling,” she said.

As part of the program, the Hal Henard students spent five Tuesday afternoons on the campus learning about the College, its students and what a college education can help them achieve in their lives as well as spending time with the College students.

“Each day we provided some time for our “big buddies” and “little buddies” to bond, to just interact with one another,” said Greene. “But, in addition, we had a structured program that focused on one aspect of the College each week.”

Programs included visits to the campus museums for history day, learning about careers through the campus television and radio stations and meeting with some of the College’s international students to learn about the variety of cultures and diversity you find on a college campus. Each day also concluded with a reading session in the Thomas J. Garland Library where the students were gifted with a book to take home each week from their college mentors.

“Tusculum College’s Mentors for Kids program has been a great success,” said Greene. “We are already beginning to consider plans for next year and hope the program will grow from what we’ve started this year.”

The Tusculum College Student Alumni Association is coordinated by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations in the Office of Institutional Advancement. Students are selected to participate in the program based on their academic work, involvement in campus activities and desire to give back to the College and the community.
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“He is a lover of jazz and a published poet. He was the inspiration for the Acts, Arts, Academia series at Tusculum College and has supported the program since its inception in the Fall of 2000,” said duBrisk.

In recognition of his distinguished career and his service to his Alma Mater, he received the Pioneer Award in 1994 and an honorary doctorate in 1998.

Jean Henard thanked the group for the award presented in honor of her husband who was a member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees at the time of his death last spring.

Dr. Henard was a member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees from May 2005 until May 2008, and “distinguished himself as a physician, community leader, leader, College Trustee, donor, visionary, spokesman and lifelong supporter of education,” the citation read. His associations with Tusculum College and the Greeneville/Greene County community continued a family tradition of support of education, community and family that included continued, unwavering support of Tusculum College.

Dr. Henard attended Marion Military Institute in Marion, AL, Clemson University in South Carolina and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He served his country as a member of the United States Army. At the conclusion of his military service, Dr. Henard completed his undergraduate studies at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City and pursued his medical training at the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis.

Following medical school, Dr. Henard entered an orthopedic residency program at the renowned Campbell Clinic in Memphis. He then completed an additional specialty program in orthopedic hand surgery at the University of Iowa before returning to Memphis, where he entered private medical practice as an orthopedic surgeon. Upon retirement, he and his wife of 49 years, the former Jean Deaton, returned to Greene County.

A member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Dr. Henard also participated in a number of Greeneville civic groups and other local organizations in the fields of government, economic development, education and health. He was a supporter of the community through his membership and chairmanship of the Board of Directors of the Greene County Partnership and through the Greeneville-Greene County Airport Authority, of which he was chairman. He also served on the boards of directors of Laughlin Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Greeneville City Schools Foundation and the Niswonger Foundation.

He and Jean have a son, Dr. David Hal Henard, and a daughter, Dr. Deborah Henard MacFawn, and seven grandchildren.

The President’s Dinner is the College’s annual signature event and is hosted each spring by the Office of Institutional Advancement as a thank-you to the College’s major donors.
students. Flynn, who was looking for her graduate consultant project at the time, was asked to plan and manage this college-wide initiative.

The initial phase of her project was to benchmark studies and experiences of similar projects. Then Flynn conducted a thorough assessment of the problem in order to present a list of viable interventions. Her assessment included a review of current recycling practices at Roane State and other institutions, an analysis of an energy use study for the Roane State campus and a survey of students, staff and faculty to determine their present knowledge of sustainability practices and their willingness to support such a program.

Flynn’s conclusion was that the campus was ready and willing to engage in some recycling as Phase I of the overall sustainability project. As a result of this finding, she contacted a local recycling company to work with the college and provide dumpsters for the recycling of mixed paper and cardboard. In addition, Flynn planned an educational event at a campus fair in which she distributed sustainability information and reusable shopping bags to those who attended.

With the first pick up, more than 800 pounds of recycled paper and cardboard was recycled, and Flynn implemented her plan to continue recycling and track measures of their efforts. Flynn said she was encouraged by the acceptance of the recycling program at the college by faculty, staff and students.

“I learned that many of these people were already participating in recycling programs in their daily lives and welcomed the opportunity to continue this at school and work,” she said. “The program is experiencing great success at the Harriman campus, and in the near future some of our other campuses will be developing recycling programs.”

As the successes were announced, word spread of the project, and Flynn has been contacted by other campuses interested in implementing a similar program.

“I have had a very positive educational experience at Tusculum College. I chose the College because of the fast track program and the learning team environment,” said Flynn. “I had a great learning team that worked well together. The concepts I learned in class were valuable, and it allowed me to immediately use the new material in my position as a human resource manager.”

Solomon said, “Our HRD organizational consultant projects challenge students to demonstrate that they can apply their graduate-level study in a professional and practical way.

“Tusculum College has every reason to be proud of our graduates who, like Denette, apply what they learn at Tusculum to make the world a better place.”
Revised 2007-2008 Honor Roll Recognitions

On behalf of the Office of Institutional Advancement, we extend our sincere apologies to the donors listed on this page. In the most recent Honor Roll edition of the magazine, these particular donors were inadvertently listed under inaccurate giving levels. Once the reporting error was recognized, attempts were made to personally contact all of these donors in order to convey our regrets, as the Honor Roll edition had already been published. We are grateful for their understanding. It is our pleasure to take this opportunity to properly acknowledge them at their appropriate giving levels for their support during the July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 fiscal year.

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Faith Witham Robertson ’39 of Flushing, NY, writes that she is in relatively good health and enjoys receiving news of campus and alumni, particularly the classes of 1940-46.

J. Edwin Birdwell, Jr. ’41 of Clinton, TN, writes that he and his wife, Marilyn, are staying busy with their eight grandchildren.

Philip “Red” Wright ’42 of Wallingford, CT, writes that he “recently had a glorious visit to Ireland with daughter Kathleen Kirshmann ’73 and granddaughter Mary Mathes. Not a drop of rain the entire time. My cousins were most gracious. We visited the farm where my mother was born and raised. St. Patrick’s Day in Dublin was unforgettable.”

Friends of Lamar Cowan Dempster ’48 of Knoxville, TN, will be sad to learn that her husband, Thomas, passed away on August 11, 2008. Mrs. Dempster serves her Alma Mater as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Ruth Massey Frederick ’48 of Morristown, TN, was inducted into the Morristown High School Hurricane Alumni Association’s Hall of Honor in December 2008. Frederick taught at Morristown High School from 1953 to 1967 and then taught at what is now the Tennessee Technology Center. She also served as executive director of American Red Cross. She is a member of All Saints’ Episcopal Church. She has been a member of Somo Sala Circle since 1967 and served as president during 1997-98. Mrs. Frederick has been a member of the Morristown-Hamblen Humane Society since its inception.

Jane (Anderson) and George Gunza ’48 ’48 have returned to California after three years spent in Colorado. They now live in Torrance.

Claude Swafford ’48 of Jasper, TN, writes that “going to Tusculum was the highlight of my life – without Tusculum I would have never gone on to law school and a good life.”

Madgel McCollum Robbins ’50 writes she is “happily living in beautiful Medford, OR. My memories of Tusculum College in 1946-47 school year are precious.” She is still singing and playing the piano.

Joan Mackey McKnight ’52 has retired and moved back to Easley, SC.

H. Karl Juelch ’53 of Bluffton, SC, is enjoying retirement in the Hilton Head area. He is a volunteer computer instructor and follows Tusculum College athletics via the Internet.

The Rev. Donald Wright ’53 of Canton, MI, has served as an active ordained minister for more than 50 years in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Donald and his wife, Dorothy (Jaynes ’54) were married in 1953 at First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville.

Helen Wulf ’53 of Beachwood, NJ, continues to keep in contact with friends she made at Tusculum College including Marjorie Waddle Kruckeberg ’53, Eleanor Tom Jaynes ’51, John Leitner ’52, Noah Wagner ’52 and Chuck and Ginny (McCalla) Darrah ’54 ’56. Although she has difficulty walking, Wulf has still managed to travel to Europe, Mexico, Canada and across the United Sates. She enjoys visiting the west coast of Florida for a few months in the winter and writes she will always have fond memories of Tusculum College.

Jean L. Holsten ’57 of Taylorsville, NC, celebrated the birth of twin grandsons born on Christmas Day 2007 who joined an older sister and cousin. Holsten writes, “God continues to bless our family and others always.”

The Rev. Donald F. Garrett ’59 of Akron, NY, has been retired for 10 years as a minister of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) after 36 years of service. He and his wife, Sharon, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2009. They have three children, Hilary, Mark and Lynne.

Gail L. Elton ’61 of Cedar Key, FL, volunteers as an “Advocate Wing” for Mission Aviation Fellowship. Elton also recalls when she and some other female students stole the McCormick Hall bell, which had already been “borrowed” by a male student. They took it from the trunk of his car and hid it in the barn owned by the family of a day student and then brought it back to the original “borrower.”

Lillian Virginia Martin Manuel ’62 of Greeneville, TN, has two sons and two grandchildren, a boy and girl. She worked at TRW for 25 years and Magnavox for 15 and a half years.

Thomas R. and Judith Adams Hamilton ’63 ’65 of Hartford, ME, have retired from Phillips Academy in Andover. In 2003, Tom hiked the Appalachian Trail, and in 2004 he hiked the Vermont Long Trail. In 2004, Judy and Tom walked the Coast-to-Coast Path from the Irish Sea to the North in Northern England. In 2005, they walked Offa’s Dyke, which is the border between England and Wales and about a third of the Southwest Coast Path in Cornwall. In 2006, they walked the pilgrimage route known as Camino de Santiago from France to Santiago, Spain – about 500 miles. Their next adventure was in Ecuador.

Jan K. Guben ’64 of Baltimore, MD, is a partner in a large law firm, Venable, LLP, and he maintains offices in both Baltimore and Washington, D.C. He and his wife of 43 years, the former Sue Walzer, have two daughters, Alison G. Waldman and Kathie G. Wachs, both of whom are married, each with two children. The Gubens’ interests range from golf to reading to traveling and spending time with their grandchildren. The couple also spends time in Naples, FL, between late December and early April with Jan commuting back and forth with his law practice. Their travels have included a wonderful two-week trip to Israel and Jordan in June 2008. Jan would like to hear from his classmates at Tusculum College. He can be reached at jkguben@venable.com.

Lois Raymond Siemer ’64 of Chambersburg, PA, writes that her daughter, Margaret, has served as a Navy chaplain in Iraq and Japan. Her friends will be sad to learn that Siemer has lost three members of her family in the past few years. Her father, Dr. Lewis Raymond ’60, passed away in November 2006. Her sister Peggie Raymond passed away in January 2008, and her mother Faith Raymond passed away in May 2007.

Dr. Glenn I. Miller ’65 of Bluffton, SC, was appointed in November 2008 as the national chaplain for the Military Officers Association of America and made a member of its national board of directors for a six-year term. He recently moved to South Carolina to be near his children and grandchildren. He is officially retired but is staying busy by teaching adult education courses.

James Eames ’66 of Waycross, GA, retired in 2003 from the Georgia Public Library System, having worked in public libraries in Georgia. He spends his time giving back to the community by reading to children, volunteering at the hospital, leading singing at nursing homes and being active in the Disciples of Christ Church in Waycross. He has fond memories of Tusculum College and would enjoy hearing from any classmates who remember him. James can be reached at cbejrr@yahoo.com.

The Rev. John B. Edson ’66 of Dillsburg, PA, writes that he is a “retired” Episcopal priest who is serving as an interim pastor in a Lutheran congregation, part-time. His friends will be saddened to learn his wife of 41 years, Linton,
passed away on September 5, 2008. She was a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University.

Linda E. Moore Gutzunas ’66 of Vorbach Linda, CA, has retired from teaching and is enjoying her retirement. She now has four grandchildren.

James Richmond ’66 of Swan Point, MD, was reappointed in February to serve his fourth fouryear term as superintendent of Charles County (MD) Public Schools. Richmond was inducted into the Charles County NAACP Hall of Fame in 2005 for his dedication to excellence and achievement in education for all students. Additionally, he has been honored with the Maryland State Department of Education Excellence for Minority Achievement Chair Award and by the National NAACP Education Department as the recipient of the Daisy Bates Educational Advocacy Award. In 2007, Cisco Systems honored Richmond with its 21st Century Award and its Outstanding Vision and Leadership Award.

Madge Blake Walker ’67 of Greeneville, TN, retired at the end of 2008 after serving 20 years as executive director of the Greeneville-Greene County Library. After graduating from Tusculum College, Walker went to work for the local library, working for three years until she started a family. She later worked at her family’s bookstore and wanted to improve her ability to recommend books to customers. This desire resulted in her earning a master’s degree in library media from East Tennessee State University. She later earned a second master’s degree in the early 1990s. In her retirement, she plans to write a book about some of the interesting people she met during her library career. She also plans to travel and spend more time with her grandchildren.

Greg Pielic ’69 of Johnson City, TN, recently retired from Nuclear Fuel Services after 33 years of service. He and his wife, Pat, are enjoying their retirement. Two grandsons live in Greeneville, TN, and a granddaughter in Brentwood, TN.

F. Thomas Pomille ’69 of Selbyville, DE, is enjoying retirement and playing golf.

Henry Schaffer ’69 of Elkton, MD, will serve as the superintendent of the Cecil County (MD) Public Schools for the 2009-2010 school year. Schaffer taught social studies at Elkton High School until 1974, when he was appointed the schools assistant principal. He served as assistant principal at Elkton High School for 12 years and one year at Cherry Hill Middle School until he was promoted to a Central Office position. He spent many years as the assistant superintendent.

Dr. Ken Bowman ’70 of Apollo, PA, and his wife, Jo Ellen, welcomed new grandson Benjamin James Bowman on March 16, 2009. Ben was 8 pounds and 9 ounces, and is the Bowmans’ eighth grandchild.

Friends of Martha Harrison Snelson ’73 will be saddened to learn of her husband, Glenn’s, passing on January 27, 2009. The couple had been married 51 years.

Kenneth Winterbauer ’73 of Chattanooga, TN, is working on finishing a custom log cabin on the side of Greene Mountain.

Susan Galler ’75 of Knoxville, TN, a psychologist/inclusion specialist, has three children – Jamie, Josh and Jacob.

Jane O’Dell Bell ’78 of Greeneville, TN, is principal of Camp Creek Elementary School in the Greene County School System.

Gardner Phillips Jr. ’79 of Richmond, VA, has retired and now volunteers with a hospice as a caregiver, and at a science museum. His future plans include moving to the coast of North Carolina by 2010.

Kyle Cavanaugh ’80 became vice president for human resources at Duke University in February. Cavanaugh, a nationally recognized human resources expert, has served in human resources at the University of Florida, the University of Texas at Austin, Rice University and Vanderbilt University. He also developed and taught courses at Belmont University and worked for AT&T. He and his wife, Christie (Carrick) ’80, have two daughters.

Wayne Chandler ’88 of Antioch, TN, was elected to the Board of the National Tour Association. His friends will be saddened to learn his mother Lorene Chandler passed away on September 27, 2008.

Dr. Candace Bellamy ’91 of Austin, TX, debuted her one-woman autobiographical show, “Follow the Red Lips,” at a benefit show for Theatre Bristol (TN) in October 2008. In January 2009, she performed two musical showcases in New York City to nearly full houses. In the fall, Bellamy will be releasing an extended play album on iTunes. For more about Candace’s new venture, visit her Web site, www.FollowTheRedLips.com.

Ken Cutlip ’91 of Johnson City, TN, has been named AllNortheast Tennessee Coach of the Year. Cutlip is head basketball coach at Science Hill High School.

Susan D. Crum Vance ’91 of Greeneville, TN, has been selected to participate on the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) III 2010 Conference Committee. Vance serves as interim vice president of institutional advancement at Tusculum College. CASE’s national membership includes nearly 3,400 colleges, universities, independent elementary and secondary schools and educational associates in 60 countries around the world. Vance, has been involved with CASE conferences and professional development programs in the past.

Kimberly F. Shelton ’92 of Greeneville, TN, will be finishing her master’s degree in education this summer. She will be teaching a distance learning class with Hawkins County.

Joe Carr ’95 of Jonesborough, TN, was named City Executive for the Bank of Tennessee in Washington and Unicoi counties in Tennessee. Joe has been with the bank for 18 years. He is also a director of the Appalachian Fair. Carr is a member of the Johnson City President’s Advisory Council.

Martha Moore Beamer ’95 of Greeneville, TN, is enjoying time with a new grandson, Aden Michael Moore, who was born August 28, 2007, to her son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Lori Moore. He has a big sister, Gracie Lee.

Jennifer Puckett Douthat ’95 of Mohawk, TN, has served the past school year as principal of Ottway Elementary School in the Greene County School System.

Tabitha Mashburn ’95 of Cumming, GA, is a federal food inspector with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Will Mcentyre ’96 of Adairsville, GA, currently works for the largest utility company in the environmental compliance arena. He has two sons, Drew and Greyson, ages 6 and 11.

Danny Blevins ’96 of Roan Mountain, TN, has been selected as the Carter County (TN) School System’s Teacher of the Year for 2009 for grades 9-12. Blevins teaches English and American history for grades 11-12 and Appalachian heritage for grades 9-12. A 20-year teaching veteran, he describes teaching as a calling from God. Blevins is the pastor of Green Mountain Free Will Baptist Church.

Dr. Timothy R. Carter ’97 ’98 of Limestone, TN, has joined the business program at King College as an assistant professor of management and marketing. Dr. Carter taught in the School of Business at Tusculum. He earned his doctorate of business administration in marketing from Argosy University.

Rachel Beaty Crickmar ’98 of Nashville, TN, has been named senior project manager for the Tennessee Valley Agency (TVA) Economic Development Business Resources. She is leading existing-business retention and growth initiatives.
in TVA's seven-state service territory in collaboration with TVA strategic partners. She was previously a regional development specialist.

**’00s**

**Sarah Derrick ’01** of Sparta, TN, is serving as president of the Cumberland County Homebuilders Association. Derrick is presently the associate director of Creative Compassion, Inc., a local non-profit organization that provides housing needs for low-to-moderate income families. Derrick has previously worked with the community as an employee of the Avalon Center and the Crossville Housing Authority.

**Dr. Thien Freeman ’01** of Knoxville, TN, recently published an e-book, “The Role of Leadership and the Organization Profitability: A Study of 10 Fortune 100 Companies CEOs.” The book was published through ProQuest and can be downloaded through the University of Phoenix library. Proceeds from the sale of the book will support a fund to assist minorities in higher education. Dr. Freeman, who teaches in Graduate and Professional Studies program, is an assistant professor of business administration at Tusculum College. She has earned her doctorate in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

**Amy Huff Lamb ’01** of Greeneville, TN, banking officer and electronic banking supervisor at GreenBank, has earned the designation of Accredited ACH Professional (AAP), which refers to the “automated clearing house” activities of banks. To qualify for accreditation, applicants must earn a passing score on the AAP exam. Created in 1993, the AAP designation recognizes industry professionals for their understanding and knowledge of the ACH Network and the payments industry. Lamb has been with GreenBank since 1995.

**Travis Spiva ’01** of Knoxville, TN, has joined Davis Advertising as account executive, providing account service and project management, working on Charter Communications campaigns in Louisiana and Tennessee. He previously worked as an area-marketing director for Chick-Fil-A.

**Sherrie L. Shuler ’02** of Knoxville, TN, has been named the director of marketing for the East Tennessee office of CareMinders Home Care. Shuler previously worked in the College’s Knoxville Regional Center.

**Bill Powers ’03** of Farragut, TN, is serving as manager of First Tennessee Bank’s North Knoxville financial center. Powers also serves on the governing board of Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service Inc.

**Julie Roe ’03** of Nashville, TN, has been promoted to the newly created position of director of development at CBM-US, a humanitarian organization devoted to helping children and adults with disabilities living in the poorest regions of the world. Prior to coming to CBM-US, she worked as the vice president of advancement at Knox Area Rescue Ministries and as the charitable gift planning director for Carson-Newman College and for Cerebral Palsy Inc. Roe is a Stephens minister in her church, Springville First United Methodist Church in Nashville.

**Greg Miller ’04 ’06** of Talbott, TN, is now serving as chief of the Gatlinburg (TN) fire department. He had been a part-time firefighter/paramedic with the department since 2006. As director of the paramedic program and lead instructor at Walters State Community College in Morristown, he also trained much of the personnel in the department, which serves as an ambulance service for Gatlinburg.

**B. J. Roberts ’04** has returned to his Alma Mater as an instructional technology specialist. He graduated from the University of Tennessee last year with a Master’s of Arts degree in communications and information with a concentration in journalism and electronic media. Last June, he married Mary Katherine Shull. Many Tusculum College faces were in attendance including groomsmen Noah Grunzwieg ’04, Ben Slocum ’04, and Brett Wilson ’03. Tom and Barbie (Ricker) Ishii ’03 ’04. Ishii’s son, Taiyou was the ring bearer. Also participating in the ceremony was Campus Minister Rev. Dr. Stephen Weisz. B.J. and Mary Katherine are living in Farragut, TN. Mary Katherine is a school counselor with Gibbs High School in Knox County.

**Jennifer D. Wilcox ’04** of Fredericksburg, VA, is residential coordinator for a group home of five adults with developmental disabilities. She works for the non-profit organization, Volunteers of America.

**Kari Karns Perin ’05** graduated from the University of Toledo - Health Science Campus on May 10, 2009, with a doctor of physical therapy degree. She accepted a physical therapist position with Lake Erie Sports Medicine at Magruder Hospital in Port Clinton, OH.

**Jesse MacDonald-Puckerin ’06** graduated from the the University of Toledo with a master’s degree in international business and a master’s degree in marketing on May 10, 2009. Jesse also celebrated the birth of his first child, Sebastian, on March 25, 2009, with his wife, Maria (Nevarez) MacDonald ’06.

**Memorials**

**’30s**

**Virgie Hill Bacon ’32** of Knoxville, TN, passed away December 1, 2008. Mrs. Bacon taught school in Jefferson County for 18 years. After marrying James Bacon, she taught school and was an assistant principal in California for 25 years. A respected teacher, she won several awards. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Buena Park, CA, for 50 years. After her husband passed away, she...
moved back to Knoxville, where she was a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. She was a life member of the Buena Park Historical Society, member of the Orange County Retired Teachers Association, and a member of The Friends of the Fullerton, California Arbo- 

Jean Prescott ‘38 of Fayetteville, NC, passed away on December 5, 2007. She was retired from Verizon Foundation. Ms. Prescott often talked of her times at Tusculum College and kept track of her classmates, according to family members.

Mabel Ray Rymer ‘38 of Mt. Pleasant, SC, passed away on January 23, 2009. Mrs. Rymer was a retired teacher. She lived in the Tusculum community as a girl and attended the College as a day student. Her father Hiram Clark Ray was a well known building contractor in Greene County, building some of the notable structures on Main Street and many of the buildings associated with Takoma Regional Hospital. Two of her sisters and Tusculum alumnae Katherine Ray Broyles Lake ‘43 and Geneva Ray Weissinger ‘39 passed away in recent months. (Please see their memorials). She is also preceded in death by a nephew and Tusculum alumnus Dixon Andrew Cathrall ’77. Survivors include Tusculum alumnus sister Bertha Ray Cathrall ‘42, and brothers-in-law Jack Cathrall ’41 (a former Tusculum College trustee) and Bob Lake ’48.

Geneva Ray Weissinger ‘39 passed away on December 25, 2008, in Rock Hill, SC. An interior decorator, Mrs. Weissinger enjoyed homemaking and fashion design. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Kingsport and the Junior League. Mrs. Weissinger lived in the Tusculum community as a girl and attended the College as a day student. Her father Hiram Clark Ray was a well known building contractor in Greene County, building some of the notable structures on Main Street and many of the buildings associated with Takoma Regional Hospital. Two of her sisters and Tusculum alumnae Katherine Ray Broyles Lake ‘43 and Mabel Ray Rymer ‘38 passed away in January. (Please see their memorials). She is also preceded in death by a nephew and Tusculum alumnus Dixon Andrew Cathrall ’77. Survivors include Tusculum alumnus sister Bertha Ray Cathrall ‘42, and brothers-in-law Jack Cathrall ’41 (a former Tusculum College trustee) and Bob Lake ’48.

Eunice Carter Sanders ‘39 of Greenville, TN, passed away on January 10, 2009. After graduating from Tusculum College, Ms. Sanders taught in Alcoa, TN, for one year before moving to New York City and working in an insurance office on Wall Street. She then returned to Tennessee where she taught in the Greeneville and Kingsport school systems. She was an active member of First Broad Street United Methodist Church in Kingsport while her health permitted. Ms. Sanders was a former regent of the Nolatchuckey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, served as an officer several times in the Sullivan County Democratic Women’s Club and was a member of the Sullivan County Retired Teachers Association. Her survivors include Tusculum alumna Suzanne Sanders Tuggle ’63, her niece and adopted daughter.

**’40s**


Mary Nelle Blevins Lane ‘40 of Greeneville, TN, passed away December 2, 2008. Mrs. Lane was a retired legal secretary and was the first secretary of the Greeneville Civil Service Board. She was a member of Mount Hebron United Methodist Church and a very active member of Greeneville Chapter No. 223, Order of the Eastern Star. Her survivors include Tusculum alumna and daughter Jean Lane Susong ’55.

Elizabeth Rader McNew ’41 of Gadsden, AL, passed away October 19, 2008. Mrs. McNew was a homemaker.

Betty Schaefer Kirchner ’42 of West Dover, VT, has passed away, the College has learned from a family member. Mrs. Kirchner volunteered in church work at West Dover Presbyterian Church.

Katherine Ray Broyles Lake ‘43 of Hampton, NC, passed away January 21, 2009. Mrs. Lake was retired from Quaker Boarding School in Westport, PA, where she taught home economics. Mrs. Lake lived in the Tusculum community as a girl and attended the College as a day student. Her father Hiram Clark Ray was a well known building contractor in Greene County, building some of the notable structures on Main Street and many of the buildings associated with Takoma Regional Hospital. Two of her sisters and Tusculum alumnae Mabel Ray Rymer ‘38 and Geneva Ray Weissinger ‘39 passed away in recent months. (Please see their memorials). She is also preceded in death by a nephew and Tusculum alumnus Dixon Andrew Cathrall ’77, Survivors include Tusculum alumnus sister Bertha Ray Cathrall ‘42, and brothers-in-law Jack Cathrall ’41 (a former Tusculum College trustee) and Bob Lake ’48.

Harry ‘Speed’ Starnes ‘44 of Annandale, VA, passed away December 17, 2008. Mr. Starnes grew up on a farm in Baileyton. He was the first member of his family to earn a college degree, earning his degree at Tusculum College through a partial sports scholarship and bussing tables in the school cafeteria. Mr. Starnes then joined his four brothers fighting in World War II when he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1944. A lieutenant, he flew B-17 bombers in the European theater. After the war, Starnes remained in the military and during his career he held assignments throughout the U.S. with the Strategic Air Command and abroad in Korea, Spain and Turkey. At one time in the late 1940s, he was part of a team that set the time record for flight around the globe – all without modern instrumentation. He retired as a colonel after 30 years in the military. Mr. Starnes then moved to Annandale where he enjoyed success in the real estate market as a real estate broker until retiring in the late 1980s to dedicate himself to his golf game. Survivors include his brother and Tusculum alumnus Carl Starnes ’50.

Frances Carter Shanks ’45 of Decatur, AL, passed away November 26, 2008. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Decatur.

Betty Sue Bruton Crawshaw ’46 of Lakeland, FL, passed away September 29, 2008, following a massive stroke. Mrs. Crawshaw served as president of the student body during her senior year at Tusculum. As a senior, she also met an incoming freshman, Harry Crawshaw ’48, who had just returned from service in World War II. After she and Harry married in 1947, Mrs. Crawshaw worked in administrative offices while her husband finished his degree in his third year at Tusculum. She and her husband cherished their memories and friendships of those years throughout their 61 years of marriage. Her survivors include her husband, who has suffered from Alzheimer’s for the past several years.

Carolyn Louise Collette Jaynes ’46 of Greeneville, TN, passed away April 29, 2009, after an extended illness. Mrs. Jaynes and her late husband, Jim, owned and operated Jaynes Drug Store and then J and R Drug Store for a number of years. She was also known as a talented seamstress and was active in the Greeneville community. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, where she was active in her Sunday school class and other activities.

Janet Field Lee ’46 of Syracuse, NY, passed away March 12, 2009. Mrs. Lee was a tireless humanitarian, who volunteered at the Rockefeller United Methodist Church as altar guild chair for 39 years, organized the women’s fund raising group “Heavenly Angels” and for decades was the chair of a popular garage sale and craft fair to benefit the church. She also worked for the Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital as the manager and buyer for the gift shop and was a long-time member of the Sherman Park Garden Club. For a number of years she was the chair of the Arts and Crafts Fair in the Historic District.
on Jekyll Island, GA. She also enjoyed playing golf and spending summers at DeRuyter Lake, NY.

Imogene Walters Love '47 of Greeneville, TN, passed away December 15, 2008. Mrs. Love was a retired teacher, having taught at St. James High School in the Greene County School System. She was a member of First Christian Church, where she served as president of the Ruth Circle for 37 years. Her survivors include Tusculum alumnae and sister-in-laws Thera Anderson Love '58 and Jane Johnson Walters '52.

'50s
Frank Wood Greene '50 of Greeneville, TN, passed away April 8, 2009. Mr. Greene served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the American Legion Post No. 64. He was retired after 36 years of service at North American Philips Inc. (Magnavox). He had been a member of First Baptist Church since 1943.

J.D. Reynolds '50 of Greeneville, TN, passed away November 1, 2008. Mr. Reynolds was a retired teacher, basketball coach and baseball coach at Baileyton and Greeneville high schools. He was also the bookkeeper for Reynolds Auto Parts. Mr. Reynolds was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Andrew Johnson Post No. 1990, and the American Legion Post No. 64. He served in the Greene County Honor Guard for 65 years. Mr. Reynolds participated in the Senior Games with his brother, Bill Reynolds, for 20 years. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Carol Wicht '50 of Kingston, WA, passed away in December 2008.

Scottie Dobson Wagner '52 of Greeneville, TN, passed away May 16, 2009. Mrs. Wagner was a retired teacher, having taught at the U.S. Department of Defense after 30 years of service. She was a member of the McLean Presbyterian Church in McLean, VA. Mrs. Wagner and her husband of 55 years, Noah Wagner '51, have been active alumni and long-time supporters of their alma mater. They have been among the most faithful attendees of Homecoming and had attended the College’s President’s Dinner on May 15. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Wagner’s survivors include her brother and Tusculum alumnus H. Wallis Dobson ’53.

Mary Nichols “Nickie” Miracle Plante '54 of Oak Ridge, TN, passed away on December 10, 2008. She married Joseph J. Plante, a career U.S. Air Force serviceman in 1954. The couple lived in Ohio, New Mexico, New Jersey and France. She returned to Oak Ridge each summer to continue her education and graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1966. She taught in Anderson County while her husband served in Vietnam. After he returned from Vietnam, he was assigned to bases in North Carolina and Guam. After his military service, the family settled in Oak Ridge. She was a volunteer for several organizations including schools, the Methodist Medical Center, Community Action Commission and Oak Ridge Public Library. She taught English to immigrants and reading to adults. She was longtime member of the Oak Ridge Woman’s Club and enjoyed activities at the Oak Ridge Senior Center. She belonged to St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church.


Dr. Carl W. Nebel '58 of Allentown, NJ, passed away on December 30, 2006. He had retired in 1996 as vice president of PCI Technologies. His survivors include his son and Tusculum alumnus Glen Nebel '84.

'60s
Thomas Raymond Jaros '62 of Cherokee, NC, passed away October 20, 2008, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident. A native of Long Island, NY, Mr. Jaros had lived in North Carolina for more than 40 years. He had been the general manager of the Newfound Lodge Ltd. in Cherokee for 46 years. He was known by local friends and visitors to Cherokee as “Thom of Peter’s Pancake House,” who loved art, books and good food. He was a lifelong friend of the late Francis B. Overall, the longtime professor of English at Tusculum College. Mr. Jaros did student teaching at Greeneville High School.

Kenneth East '64 of Seaford, DE, passed away October 14, 2008.

Eddie B. Jeffers '64 of Greeneville, TN, passed away January 29, 2009. Mr. Jeffers was retired from Philips Consumer Electronics Company. At Tusculum, he had played on the baseball and basketball teams. Mr. Jeffers was a member of First Baptist Church, where he was a long-standing deacon and Sunday school teacher. His survivors include aunts and Tusculum alumnae Helen Gillespie Jeffers '41 and Mary Ruth Armstrong Jeffers '49.

Peter William Dobi III '68 of Garfield, NJ, passed away on June 20, 2008.

'70s
Richard “Dick” Miniat '72 of Mableton, GA, passed away April 30, 2009, from unexpected complications of pneumonia. Mr. Miniat was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Tet Offensive. He received numerous honors and medals of honor during his tour of duty. Mr. Miniat was a retired operations manager with a large carpet installation company in Atlanta. For a number of years, he also owned and operated his own business in Marietta, GA. He was a member of St. Benedict’s Episcopal Church in Smyrna, GA, where he volunteered.

'90s
Cathy Edwards Hickman '98 of Kingsport, TN, passed away December 2, 2008, after an extended illness. Mrs. Hickman worked for the Kingsport City Schools until her retirement. She had earned her bachelor’s degree at Tusculum College after earning an associate’s degree as an adult student at Northeast State Technical Community College, where she received numerous honors and accolades.

Jeffery Lyle Smith '99 of Greeneville, TN, passed away November 2, 2008, after a courageous battle with cancer. Mr. Smith was engineering manager at TI Group Automotive Systems. He has served in the U.S. Army for four years and was a board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Greeneville and Greene County. His survivors include sister and Tusculum alumnna Natasha Smith Gridley '04.
Interim President Dr. Russell L. Nichols ends term at Tusculum College

Dr. Russell L. Nichols, interim president of Tusculum College since August 2007, has ridden off into the sunset -- literally. Dr. Nichols completed his nearly two years of service to the College this spring and headed back to Indiana to spend his retirement riding horses with his wife, Pat. And while he has grown to love Tusculum College and those he worked with during his term, he is “ready to spend some time at home” and plans to stay close to Central Indiana, ride horses, fish and volunteer and serve in his home region and community.

Nichols’ leadership of the College has gained high praise from staff, faculty, students and community members for his guiding hand in keeping the College on course as the search for a new sitting president was conducted.

He has focused his efforts on ensuring financial stability for the College, developing an international program and study-abroad opportunities for students and creating the College’s Center for Global Studies.

Dr. Nichols has been a leader who has guided the College’s efforts in strategic planning and College-wide efforts to ensure a viable, dynamic institution for many generations to come, said Dr. Ken A. Bowman ’70, chairman of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees.

“His efforts and leadership have gone a long way in unifying the College. His calming, supporting and contributing nature has provided a contagious sense of optimism about the future of Tusculum College, at a time when it needed it most. He has been continually engaged with students, staff, faculty and the community and has accomplished much working with and through the Cabinet.”

During his term, Dr. Nichols said he was proud that professional respect, civility and a general positive attitude has returned to campus and that despite economic issues, the College is on strong, solid ground. Despite the growth, he added, there is still work left to be done.

“What’s special here is that the people, the faculty, staff and community are friendly, hard-working and loyal,” Dr. Nichols said. “It is unusual to have the sense of dedication that is here.”

Dr. Nichols noted that many of the friends he has made while at Tusculum College were some of the best of his life, and he would treasure the time he spent at Tusculum College.

Thank yous

Dr. Nichols was pleasantly surprised as he was honored on Friday, May 15, at Tusculum College’s annual President’s Dinner, with the announcement that an endowed scholarship will be established on his behalf.

The scholarship will be designated for international travel and studies, a program Dr. Nichols has been and continues to be very passionate about.

A gift from the Tusculum College community as a whole, the scholarship was announced in the amount of $18,590. Gifts are still being accepted.

“The affection and respect for Dr. Nichols has been evident,” said Dr. Ken A. Bowman ’70, chairman of the Board of Trustees, in making the announcement. Dr. Nichols has been presented by the College faculty with a handmade rocking chair, as well as honored with a portrait from staff and faculty, which will hang in the Thomas J. Garland Library near the Center for Global Studies.

A reception was held on campus and more than 150 people turned out with their well wishes for his future. And, he has been honored by the Class of 2009, who dedicated their Senior Class Gift in his honor – a new concrete walkway from Katherine Hall to Shiloh Road.

The College is truly grateful to Dr. Nichols for his generous time and empathetic service and support, as well as his exceptional leadership to Tusculum College during his tenure as interim president.

To inquire about establishing an endowed scholarship, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 1-800-729-0256 ext. 5303.
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