



PROCLAMATION FIRST SCHOLARS APPRECIATION WEEK

Whereas, Tusculum University is proud to be Tennessee's first institution of higher education, chartered in 1794 and now celebrating its 225th anniversary; and

Whereas, Tusculum has a lengthy history of serving first-generation students, which means they do not have a parent or guardian who has earned a bachelor's degree; and

Whereas, more than 50 percent of today's Tusculum students, along with many faculty and staff members are first-generation college students; and

Whereas, Tusculum has two Student Support Services programs that receive more than \$500,000 total in grants and serve 340 traditional as well as adult and online students; and

Whereas, Student Support Services is a U.S. Department of Education TRIO program that has served first-generation and low-income students and those with disabilities at Tusculum since 1997;

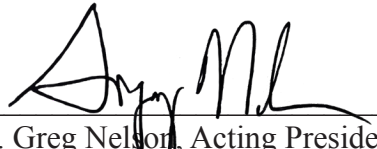
Whereas, Tusculum hosts 5 additional TRIO programs, including three Upward Bound and two Educational Talent Search programs, serving middle and high school students from our local community; and

Whereas, more than 80 percent of SSS students persist from one year to the next; and

Whereas, Tusculum wishes to celebrate the achievements of first-generation students and the many university family members who help put them on the path to graduation;

Be it, therefore, resolved that Tusculum University will hold First Scholars Appreciation Week with celebratory events at the Greeneville, Knoxville and Morristown locations and rejoice in the accomplishments of first-generation students.

Proclaimed on this, the 4th day of November 2019


Dr. Greg Nelson, Acting President