



## January 2022



### Note from TU Alumni Director

Happy 2022, Dragon Nation!

I hope you were able to spend the holidays with those that you love and you are refreshed and recharged for a new year.

We are looking forward to seeing you this spring as we have a full slate of alumni and friends events planned. In January we will be in Austin, Texas, hosting the Tiffin University Track and Field and Cross Country Carry the Torch Alumni awards and welcoming men's and women's basketball alumni back to campus for Basketball Alumni Day. We continue to add events throughout the spring so please check out our [events page](#), social media and your email for the latest information regarding our upcoming events on campus and near you.

Cheers!

Sincerely,

[Vickie Wilkins](#) '09, '11, *Director of Alumni Relations*

### Update your Information

Whether you're in a new career, just got married, or celebrating the birth or adoption of a child, we want to hear about it. [Share your news with your TU family.](#)

### Your Gift Matters

If you wish you could do more to forward our mission, YOU CAN!

Include Tiffin University in your will. Your bequest will create a lasting legacy, assuring that TU will continue to make an impact in the lives of students. Check out other planned giving options here: [plannedgiving.tiffin.edu](https://plannedgiving.tiffin.edu).

If you have specific questions regarding the university's response to COVID-19, please visit [tiffin.edu/coronavirus](https://tiffin.edu/coronavirus).



## Connect. Engage. Volunteer.

### News on Campus

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#### Center for Science and Technology Ribbon Cutting

##### Save the Date

Center for Science and Technology Ribbon Cutting  
 Mercy Health-Tiffin Hospital Atrium  
 Thursday, February 3, 2022  
 4 to 6 p.m.  
 30-minute program with social event to follow



#### Happy Retirement to Ms. Madonna Parks

Congratulations to Ms. Madonna Parks who retired in December after 26 years of service. She is one of the bright smiles students, faculty and staff have been accustomed to seeing in the dining hall since 1995. We are sad to see her retire, but she has impacted lives here at TU for nearly three decades.

On behalf of everyone at TU, we wish you the best! Please know you will be missed. Congratulations on your retirement.



### What's Next - Strategic Innovation

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#### TU Partners with Lean Systems Inc. to Offer Lean Systems Transformation & Leadership Program

Tiffin University is partnering with Lean Systems Inc. to offer a lean manufacturing program comprised of six, in-person, modules. [Lean Systems Inc.](#) is a team of continuous improvement experts that teach leadership, systems and transformation as well as assist in the assessment and implementation of cultural transformation. The Lean Systems program is approved by the State of Ohio and NAFTA. The program begins February 1, 2022.



This program is being offered through [TU Connects](#). TU Connects is an initiative that is focused on all aspects of workforce readiness from a local to global perspective.

For program pricing, registration or information, visit [tuconnects.tiffin.edu/content/Lean-Manufacturing-Institute](https://tuconnects.tiffin.edu/content/Lean-Manufacturing-Institute)

***The Division of What's Next - Strategic Innovation** has been created in order to assist with informing, operationalizing, executing and sustaining a product innovation strategy for the University. It is responsible for managing the innovation process that identifies strategies, business opportunities and new technologies and then develops new capabilities and architectures with partners, new business models and new industry structures to serve those opportunities. Have a question about TU Connects or this division? Contact [tuconnects@tiffin.edu](mailto:tuconnects@tiffin.edu).*

## Athletic Department Highlights

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### Winter Sports

Keep up to date on Dragons Athletics by visiting [gotiffindragons.com](https://gotiffindragons.com).

As a reminder, there are no capacity limitations; however, **to attend any Dragon home competition you must have a ticket.** Spectators are required to wear a mask at all indoor events on TU's campus. Tickets can be purchased online prior to the event or at the door. No cash will be accepted/credit cards only.

To purchase your ticket, please go to [gotiffindragons.com](https://gotiffindragons.com).



### TU's Annual Hoops for Hope Game

On Saturday, January 15, during TU's women's basketball game vs Hillsdale College, the TU family is invited to applaud the milestones of the life of Jacoby Hope Arnold, daughter of TU alumna, former student-athlete and former women's basketball assistant coach, Jillian Arnold. Before she was born, Jacoby was diagnosed with non-immune Hydrops Fetalis, a severe, life-threatening condition with odds of only 5% to be born alive, and then only a 5% chance to survive after birth.



Tiffin University is honored to acknowledge Jacoby, now eight years old, the brave little girl who has defied all odds, by announcing her with the basketball team lineup as well as serve as the ball kid of the women's game. The women tip-off at 1 p.m. and men tip-off at 3 p.m.

Admission tickets are \$10 for adults and can be purchased online only by visiting [gotiffindragons.com/information/athletic-info/Ticket\\_sales](https://gotiffindragons.com/information/athletic-info/Ticket_sales).

For additional information, contact Miriam Justinger, Head Women's Basketball Coach, [justingermk@tiffin.edu](mailto:justingermk@tiffin.edu).

### TUTF/XC Carry the Torch Alumni Awards

Tiffin University's Track & Field and Cross Country (TUTF/XC) programs will hold its annual Carry the Torch Alumni awards dinner on Saturday, January 22 in the Marion Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the event begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person.





We present the awards to TUTF/XC alumni with high levels of success in college or post-collegiate athletics and/or a distinctive and distinguished career outside of the athletic realm.

This year we will be recognizing the 2020 and the 2021 recipients:

- Michael Barhorst '07
- Chad Johnson '08
- Jeremy Lee '11
- Maria (Shaw) Lee '10
- Nancy (Lamuth) Soehnlén '05/'07
- Carly (Reese) Worrell '13

To purchase a ticket, please go to [tiffin.edu/carry-torch-awards](https://tiffin.edu/carry-torch-awards).

## Tiffin Arts

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### TiffinArts programs to produce Rent

Save the date! TiffinArts students are set to produce the musical Rent on March 17-20, 2022, at The Ritz Theatre in downtown Tiffin. Set in the East Village of New York City in 1990, Rent is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Rent has become a pop cultural phenomenon. with songs that rock and a story that resonates with all audiences.



Tickets will be reserved seating only and will go on sale in January. Please find more information at [tiffinmusic.com/rent](https://tiffinmusic.com/rent).

## Career Services

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### Navigating the Career Jungle - Professional Development Series

Tiffin University's Office of Alumni Relations and Career Services Office is excited to share that our professional development series, Navigating the Career Jungle, with TU alumna Jacqueline V. Twillie MBA '09, is set for the spring semester. This series offers a one-hour virtual session that will provide you with tips and strategies for taking your career to the next level. The program is free to all alumni, friends and students at Tiffin University courtesy of ZeroGap. Registration is required. Once you register, you will receive the zoom link. All sessions will take place at 11 a.m. (EST).



Visit [tiffin.edu/professional-development-series](https://tiffin.edu/professional-development-series) to register.

- February 9 - Resiliency to Overcome Professional Hurdles
- March 9 - 7 Powerful Tips to Boost Emotional Intelligence
- April 13 - Embracing Difficult Situations in the Workplace

Jacqueline V. Twillie holds an MBA in Leadership from Tiffin University and is the Founder and President of ZeroGap.co, a global training and development firm that specializes in women's leadership within male-dominated industries. She's the Amazon Best Selling Author of "Navigating The Career Jungle." Jacqueline has been featured in Forbes, FastCo, Essence

Now, Black Enterprise, Parade, Today.com, NBC BLK and more. Her life's mission is to eliminate the gender wage gap by providing practical strategy for women to advance and thrive in leadership roles within male-dominated industries.

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### Career Services for Our Alumni

The Career Services Office provides resume reviews, interview prep and job search strategies, among other services, to our alumni free of charge. We are also hoping to connect with alumni who may have recruitment needs for careers and internships. Email [careerservices@tiffin.edu](mailto:careerservices@tiffin.edu) to connect or request an appointment.



Don't forget to check out College Central Network for free career development resources! Register for an alumni account at [collegecentral.com/tiffin](https://collegecentral.com/tiffin).

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### Upcoming Alumni Events

*We are excited to offer alumni events on-campus, off-campus and virtually! Please be sure to visit [tiffin.edu/advancement/alumni/events](https://tiffin.edu/advancement/alumni/events) to register for these events and for the most current event information.*

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### January 2022

#### Texas Alumni Reception

*Thursday, January 20*

Join us on Thursday, January 20 at 6 p.m. as we travel to the Austin, Texas area to visit with alumni and friends living and working in the area. The event will take place at the Corner Restaurant, [110 E. 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701](#).

Click [here](#) to register.




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#### TU Track & Field/Cross Country - Carry the Torch Awards

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Click [here](#) to purchase a ticket for the event.



## Men's and Women's Basketball Alumni Day

*Saturday, January 29*

Join us for our annual Men's and Women's Basketball Alumni Day on Saturday, January 29 as the Dragons take on the Lake Erie Storm. There will be special seating behind the home bench and food available in Carmella's hospitality suite. We will do alumni introductions during halftime of each game.



Click [here](#) to register.

## February 2022

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### FORE Fun in Florida

*Saturday, February 19*

Join us for the annual FORE Fun in Florida Golf Outing and Social on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Majestic Golf Club, [350 Homestead Road S, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936](#). Check in is from 11:30-12:30 p.m. Tee time is 1 p.m.



Early registration special \$85 before January 14, 2022. Price includes 18 holes, lunch, golfer gift and social event (After the deadline, price is \$100 per golfer.)

Not a golfer? We will be hosting a dinner & social event from 6 to 8 p.m. – \$40 per person (must RSVP by February 5).

Open to all alumni, friends and family of Tiffin University.

Click [here](#) to register.

## SAVE THE DATES!

## March 2022

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### Softball Alumni Day

*Saturday, March 26*

Softball alumni and their families are invited to meet new Head Coach, Paige McMenemy, as the Dragons take on the Hillsdale Chargers Saturday, March 26 in a double header. The first pitch is at 1 p.m. We will do alumni introductions in between games.



Click [here](#) to register.

## April 2022

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### Tennis Alumni Day

*Saturday, April 9*

Men's and women's tennis alumni and their families are invited to the P.M. Gillmor Courts as the Dragons take on the Hillsdale Chargers. Later in the day they are invited to compete in alumni matches followed by appetizers in the Wall Street Pub & Grille.

Click [here](#) to register.



### Soccer Alumni Weekend

*Friday, April 8 - Saturday, April 9*

Men's and women's soccer alumni and their families are invited to join us for soccer alumni weekend. We will kick off the weekend on Friday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at The Renaissance for small bites and socializing.



On Saturday, we will dedicate a TU bench in memory of Margaret E. Gutzwiller and Elizabeth Snyder at 10:30 a.m. outside of the Heminger Center.

The men's alumni game will take place at 11 a.m. immediately following the bench dedication. The women's alumni game will be at 3 p.m. Both games will take place in the turf room.

Click [here](#) to register.

### Baseball Alumni Day

*Saturday, April 23*

Baseball alumni and their families are invited to Heminger Field at Paradiso Athletic Complex as the Dragons take on Trevecca Nazarene University in a double header. The first pitch is at noon. We will do alumni introductions in between games.



Click [here](#) to register.

### Lacrosse Alumni Weekend

*Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 2*

Lacrosse alumni and their families are invited to join the Dragons all weekend long as we celebrate both alumni and the graduating seniors!

Click [here](#) to register.



## January - April 2022

We are in the planning stages of several alumni TU Comes to YOU events including: Texas alumni reception (January), Los Angeles/Orange County alumni reception (March) and a Nashville alumni reception (April).

Be sure to check your email, website, social media and this newsletter for updated information regarding these events!



## Alumni & Friends Announcements and Benefits

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### TU Impact Shirt

Tiffin University's student-led organization, Dragon Philanthropy Council (DPC), has currently sold over 90 Impact Shirts to help support the Student Emergency Fund. The TU Impact Shirt is an exclusive, one-of-a-kind shirt that will change design and sell yearly. **There is still time to get yours!**

[Click here to view the TU Impact Shirt video](#)

[Click here to purchase your shirt](#)

For more information, email Vickie Wilkins at [wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu](mailto:wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu).



### TU Memorabilia for Sale to Benefit the Student Emergency Fund

We have a number of items available to purchase for a man-cave, she-shed, barn, etc. We have minimum requirements for each item; however, we would greatly appreciate donations above and beyond. All items are first come, first serve. Pick up on campus or buyer pays shipping.

Please contact Vickie Wilkins, [wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu](mailto:wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu), to place your order!



### Blazin' BBQ Chips

We will now proudly have Blazin' BBQ potato chips from Ballreich Snack Food Company available to the TU campus, alumni and friends.

If you wish to order Blazin' BBQ chips for an event you are hosting, you may place your order directly with Ballreich's by visiting [ballreich.com](http://ballreich.com) or calling customer service at 800.323.2447. A portion of all sales will go toward student scholarships.



### Together We Can Help



Tiffin University has proudly served students with need throughout our history. It may be, in part, what makes us most proud of all their accomplishments. Because part of their persistence is overcoming financial challenges, the Student Emergency Fund was created. This fund has been used as an emergency fund for students so they can find success on their educational journey.



COVID will continue to impact our students. While we don't know what the future holds, we do know that, together, we can help those we serve rise above.

Your gift will transform the lives of our students. Any gift, large or small, will make an impact and your contribution is greatly appreciated. Click [here](#) to donate to the Student Emergency Fund.

### Tiffin University's Current Programs and Online Options

Do you know someone who could be a future Dragon? Are you interested in learning more about Tiffin University and the programs that we offer today? By clicking the TU Viewbook link below, you will take a closer look at what it is like to be on campus today. If you have any questions or would like a brochure mailed to you, please contact Dr. Amy Wood at [woodar@tiffin.edu](mailto:woodar@tiffin.edu).

[Tiffin University Viewbook](#)



### AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App

You can now support Tiffin University on your favorite iPhone and Android phones!



How to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app:

- 1. Join AmazonSmile** - If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, [sign up](#) on your web browser. Simply select Tiffin University to start generating donations at no cost to you.
- 2. Get the app** - Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the [App Store](#) for iOS or [Google Play](#) for Android.
- 3. Turn on AmazonSmile** - Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

### TU Specialty License Plate

If you are an Ohio resident, you can show pride in Tiffin University through the Collegiate License Plate Program, sponsored by the State of Ohio. You can get your TU specialty license plate at your local Bureau of Motor Vehicle location.



### Graduate Alumni Discount

Graduate and undergraduate students whose master's and/or bachelor's degrees were obtained from Tiffin University will be eligible to receive a \$150 per credit hour discount toward the doctoral program for Ph.D. in Global Leadership and Change. Students who

receive this discount are not eligible to receive additional types of Tiffin University's discounts.

Questions? Contact Dr. Amy Wood, Vice President for Enrollment Management at [woodar@tiffin.edu](mailto:woodar@tiffin.edu).



## Volunteer Opportunities

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### Alumni Association Board

What We Do - Tiffin University's Alumni Association (TUAA) Board meets three times per year and assists in planning many special events on campus and in communities around the country.



Our Mission - To be ambassadors of excellence, leadership and service for Tiffin University and act as a resource for the Office of Alumni Relations in building programs that support lifelong connections to Tiffin University alumni and friends.

Join Us - Serve at the highest level of alumni volunteerism by joining TU's Alumni Association Board. Alumni interested in joining the board can email Vickie Wilkins, [wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu](mailto:wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu).

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### Admissions Volunteer

Our alumni are our international ambassadors! You create invaluable word-of-mouth marketing and take your knowledge of TU to your hometowns, countries and into your professional and social networks. By communicating with prospective students, you will enable Tiffin University to expand into diverse places. By helping the institution become bigger, stronger and more successful, you are also enhancing the value of your own degree qualification. You illustrate the benefits of a TU education by sharing your collegiate experience and professional success with prospective students. Click [here](#) to read the volunteer duties and responsibilities.

### Goals and Objectives

- To create meaningful points of contact between TU alumni, prospective students and their families.
- To increase the number of competitive and qualified students considering TU and to increase the percentage of admitted students enrolling.
- To provide assistance to the University's admissions efforts.
- To increase alumni engagement with TU.

**You may be the reason a student chooses to become a Tiffin Dragon!** If you are interested in participating as an admissions volunteer, click [here](#) to fill out a short application.

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### Career Mentor Volunteer

Have you ever thought about being a **career mentor**?

Sharing your talent is a great way to give back to TU and assist others at the same time. The *Dragon Connect* program makes the process very easy to manage. Some of the basic expectations of a career mentor in our *Dragon Connect* program include: maintaining your

profile, exercising patience, offering advice, and posting a job or internship in [College Central Network](#).

Still have questions about being a career mentor? Looking for other ways to connect with students and offer career advice? Feel free to reach out to the Career Services Office at [careerservices@tiffin.edu](mailto:careerservices@tiffin.edu).

Ready to sign up? Register at [collegecentral.com/tiffin](https://collegecentral.com/tiffin) and click on the Career Mentoring Network.

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### Hire a Dragon!

Is your company looking for an intern or a connection to fill an open position? Encourage them to recruit from your alma mater! After all, if they're glad they hired you, they'll likely be excited about seeking candidates who share your educational experiences. (And attracting good talent to your team will also reflect well on you.)

Post your open positions on our job board at [collegecentral.com/tiffin](https://collegecentral.com/tiffin) or contact us to schedule a date to host a recruiting table on campus.

We look forward to working with you!

### Give to TU



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