



**July 2021**



## Note from TU Alumni Director

Dragon Greetings from Tiffin University!

Tiffin University is proud of our alumni, and we want to take the opportunity each year to honor you and your achievements. The Alumni Achievement Award, the Young Alumni Achievement Award and the Alumni Service Award are presented each year to showcase the contributions made by our alumni. We are incredibly proud to announce our Alumni Achievement Awards recipients below.

As you can see from the picture above, we are excited to announce another community partnership, Blazin' BBQ chips from Ballreich's. More details below, including how to get your own bag today!

TU day at Cedar Point Day is set for Friday, July 16. Click [here](#) to get your discounted tickets. Username: TIFFINALUM, Password: tiffin.

## 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

We are looking forward to the fall, and we can't wait to have you back on campus for Green & Gold - Homecoming & Family Weekend, October 1-3. The full agenda is available online. Registration is required for the weekend, and you can do so by visiting [tiffin.edu/green-gold](https://tiffin.edu/green-gold).

options  
here: [plannedgiving.tiffin.edu/](https://plannedgiving.tiffin.edu/).



GO GONS!

Sincerely,

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

*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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#### Blazin' BBQ Chips

We are excited to announce another community partnership! Much like our collaborations with Bailiwicks Coffee Company (Blend 1888 Coffee), Ralph's Joy of Living (TU Wine), and Simply Susan's (Dragon Head Chocolate), we have worked with another local business to offer a TU branded specialty item. We will now proudly have Blazin' BBQ potato chips from Ballreich Snack Food Company available to the TU campus, alumni and friends.



A special thank you to TU Trustee, Ford and Kate Mennel, for making the initial investment to get this program up and running.

The undergraduate admissions team will be utilizing the chips for all deposited students and open house events. The Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations Office will be using them on alumni and donor visits, part of the new Dragon Legacy Program as well as larger-scale events such as Green & Gold – Homecoming & Family Weekend. The Athletic Department presented them to golfers at the TU Annual Golf Outing and will sell them in concession stands at Dragon home games.

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](https://ballreich.com) or calling customer service at 800-323-2447. A portion of all sales will go toward student scholarships.

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#### TU Announces Alumni Award recipients

Each award is presented to a TU graduate with these qualifications:

- Display strong personal integrity and character
- Able to receive the award on campus, barring any extenuating circumstances
- Current TU Employees or Board of Trustees are not eligible for nomination
- Volunteer service to their community and society



The awards will be presented at the 6th Annual Dragon Alumni Symposium during Green & Gold – Homecoming and Family Weekend on Friday, October 1, 2021 at noon immediately

following our alumni speaker panel.

For more information on our award recipients, past recipients and nomination criteria and information, please visit [tiffin.edu/advancement/alumni/awards](http://tiffin.edu/advancement/alumni/awards).

**Alumni Achievement Award - Gary E. Robinette '72**

Gary E. Robinette has served as a director of the Skyline Champion Corporation since June 1, 2010 and is currently the Chairman of the Board of Associated Materials Corporation headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio.

Before retiring, Gary was Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Ply Gem Industries, Inc. since 2006, a leading manufacturer of exterior building products servicing the new residential and home repair and remodel markets with premier brands including Ply Gem Windows, Simonton Windows, Atrium Windows, Great Lakes Windows, Mastic Home Exteriors, Variform, NAPCO and Georgia Pacific Siding as well as Canyon Stone and Environmental Stone Works.

Mr. Robinette received his degree from Tiffin University in 1972.



**Young Alumni Achievement Award - Devin Ambrose '16**

Devin began his professional career as a technology consultant for a Cincinnati based ERP consulting firm. After just four years with the firm, Devin became one of the youngest senior consultants in the firm's history. In January 2021, Devin realized one of his longtime career goals was joining PricewaterhouseCoopers as a management consultant within PwC's deals practice. Devin now helps companies navigate complex mergers and acquisitions.

Mr. Ambrose received his degree from Tiffin University in 2016.

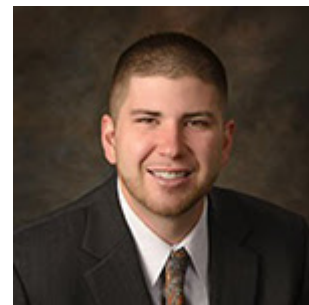


**Alumni Service Award - Ryan Pessell '07**

Ryan Pessell is the owner and managing partner at Hitchings Insurance Agency, Inc. Hitchings Insurance is a third-generation, family-owned, full-service, independent insurance agency based in Findlay, Ohio. They provide clients with expertise across a broad range of insurance products and options, from Health Insurance, Medicare plans, Auto, Home, to a comprehensive range of specialty business coverages, protection of family farms, and Employee Benefit programs. They can provide various insurance products in 48 states.

Ryan was a founding member of the Tiffin University Alumni Association Board in 2013 and is now an emeritus member. He helped to build the foundation for many of the alumni engagement and outreach programs we have today. He has served as a speaker on campus multiple times in the classroom as well as a panel member during the annual Dragon Alumni Symposium. As a former men's basketball student-athlete (2003-2007), he is still heavily involved with the men's basketball program.

Mr. Pessell received his degree from Tiffin University in 2007.





## Athletic Department Highlights

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Be sure to visit [gotiffindragons.com](http://gotiffindragons.com) to keep up with all your favorite Dragon athletic teams!

### Dragons Finish Third in President's Cup

Tiffin had another very successful year as a member of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference during the 2020-21 season, finishing third out of 12 teams in the annual President's Cup rankings.

Throughout the 2020-21 season, 12 full member institutions and six associate member institutions competed through conference championship competition to earn points through their performances in the Great Midwest postseason for the Presidents' Cup standings. Due to COVID-19, all seasons competed during the second semester of the academic year with the exception of men's and women's cross country, which was held during its regular fall season. The Great Midwest Presidents' Cup is annually awarded to the college with the highest percentage score for sports sponsored within the conference.

For the full article, click [here](#).



### Burrows, Croy Lead GMAC Outdoor Honorees

Cameron Burrows and Head Coach Jeremy Croy landed major awards as the GMAC announced its Outdoor Track and Field All Conference citations as voted by the conference coaches.



Burrows was named Field Athlete of the Year, while Croy was Men's Outdoor Coach of the Year after leading the Dragons to the outdoor championship with 267 total points.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

## Career Services

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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 us at [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](http://collegecentral.com/tiffin).



## Alumni & Friends Announcements

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### Giving Day - SAVE THE DATE

Help TU set another record-breaking Giving Day on September 15, 2021. Giving Day is when we come together to show how the TU family can unite for Tiffin University. We have set aside 24 hours for our great alumni, friends and family to give back to the programs and departments that make



Tiffin University distinctive. Giving Day is a wonderful way to show gratitude to a place that means so much to so many. This is the opportunity to impact current and future Dragons. Please advocate for our Giving Day!

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### **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!



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### **Italy & Greece**

**With ancient architectural ruins and vibrant cultural traditions, Italy and Greece have long been top destinations for history buffs, art enthusiasts and pizza lovers alike.** Trace the footsteps of gladiators in the Colosseum and Greek philosophers in the Acropolis. Take in a variety of art, whether it's Michelangelo's masterpiece in the Sistine Chapel or a street vendor's colorful rows of creamy gelato. Any way you slice it, these two countries have centuries of stories to share.



To view the full itinerary and pricing, click [here](#). Once a traveler enrolls, they lock in their program price.

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### **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.

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### **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. The second link gives you more information regarding our online programs. 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).



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### 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.

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### 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.



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## Upcoming Alumni Events

It is our top priority to maintain the health and safety of the entire Tiffin University Community. To reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 on our campus, we will not be hosting any in-person alumni events in summer 2021.

We have planned and will continue to plan virtual events that will allow us to get together online. Please check the [website](#) and social media for upcoming events for fall 2021.

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## Benefits and Volunteer Opportunities

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### 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).



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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 Vickie Wilkins, Director of Alumni

Relations at [wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu](mailto:wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu).

Ready to sign up? Register at [collegecentral.com/tiffin](http://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](http://collegecentral.com/tiffin) or contact us to schedule a date to host a recruiting table on campus.

We look forward to working with you!

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### GIVE AWAY ALERT – Summer Fun

If you have made it this far in the newsletter and are reading this, simply email Vickie Wilkins, [wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu](mailto:wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu), provide your name, class year and share a photo of you in Dragon gear during your travels this summer. These will be shared on the [Alumni & Friends Facebook Page](#) with #throughdragoneyes.

The first 10 people to respond will win a small gift from the alumni office! All submissions will be shared on social media.



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