



May 2021



Note from TU Alumni Director

Welcome class of 2021 to the Tiffin University Alumni Association! On Saturday, we welcomed over 700 graduates to the rank of TU alumni. Although it was limited in size, it was still a special day for our graduates and we are thankful we were able to celebrate each and every one of them for their accomplishments. Congratulations!

We have decided we will have very limited in-person events this summer for the safety of our faculty, staff and campus

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

community. Be sure to check the [alumni events page](#) this summer for our virtual events we have planned.

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. Registration is required for the weekend and you can do so by visiting tiffin.edu/green-gold.

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.

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/.



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News on Campus

Beam Setting Ceremony for New Center for Science and Technology

As Tiffin University's new Center for Science and Technology framing nears completion, students, faculty, staff and the community gathered to witness the raising and placement of the last steel beam with brief remarks by TU's President, Dr. Lillian Schumacher.



The Center for Science and Technology will be seamlessly located between the Hertzler Technology Center and the existing science laboratories. This new 18,891 square foot facility will provide space for three labs, two large classrooms, faculty offices and an exercise science lab. These labs will utilize experiential learning, collaborative problem solving and creative thought processes that will equip Tiffin University graduates with the skills needed for professional success in the 21st century workforce.

"The addition of this new facility is a critical step toward TU's mission of linking knowledge to professional practice," Dr. Lillian Schumacher said. "Tiffin University has been presented with the opportunity to help students succeed by creating a new and innovative learning environment. Science and technology are among our fastest-growing areas of study, and it is vital we provide students with adequate space to learn and practice necessary skills in a laboratory setting."

The Center for Science and Technology will open before the fall semester with a formal ribbon cutting. Are you interested in learning more about TU's capital projects? Contact Mitch Blonde, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Public Affairs / Chief Advancement Officer, blondemp@tiffin.edu.

Tiffin University Receives State Grant in Support of Choose Ohio First Scholars Program

TU has been awarded over \$870,000 from the state in support of a program that aims to recruit, nurture and graduate more students in the fields of science, technology, engineering

and mathematics (STEM).

The Choose Ohio First (COF) grant will help enroll undergraduate students majoring in computer science, science and math education, chemistry, health care administration/management, athletic training, substance abuse/addiction counseling, registered nursing and logistics/supply-chain management. As of fall 2020, Tiffin University had 281 students enrolled in the proposed subject fields.



The COF scholarship program will also create a pipeline of talented students to strengthen Ohio's competitiveness in the STEM disciplines, ensuring a well-qualified workforce in those industries. The grant aims to improve, innovate and grow Ohio's economy.

"This program will cultivate a workforce that aligns workers' skills with the jobs of the future," said Dr. Peter Holbrook, TU's Provost and Chief Academic Officer. "The COF grant will significantly benefit Ohio businesses through the training and graduating of a talented, STEM-based, job-ready pool of workers."

To read more, please visit tiffin.edu/news/choose-ohio-first-scholars-program.

Career Services

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 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.



Athletic Department Updates

Virtual Athletic Alumni Social Hour

We had so much fun last summer, let's do it again! Join your program's coach and alumni from your athletic program for an hour long zoom chat about this past year and future prospects for the program.

Visit the [website](#) to see if your program has a day scheduled. More events/teams will continue to be added throughout the summer based on the coach's availability. Continue to check the website and your email.



All events will be at 5 p.m. (est) and will take place via Zoom. **Registration is required** and can be found at tiffin.edu/athletic-alumni-social-hours.

Dragons Athletics

Tiffin University's 2020-2021 athletic season had numerous highlights! Click [here](#) for a brief summary of each team's accomplishments. For more information about athletic teams still competing, visit gotiffindragons.com.



Alumni & Friends Announcements

Estate Planning - Virtual Session

Estate planning is one of the most important steps you can take to provide for and protect yourself as well as your loved ones. If you're not sure where to begin, let's start here.

Please join Tiffin University, TU Trustee Jane Dell, and Paul Burtis of Dell Burtis Law in Tiffin, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 26 from 4 - 5 p.m. (virtual) to discuss estate planning.

This event is free of charge, but registration is required. Please [click here](#) to register.



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.

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. 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.

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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.



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.

Benefits and Volunteer Opportunities

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.

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.

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.

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.

Ready to sign up? Register at collegecentral.com/tiffin and click on the Career Mentoring Network.

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 or contact us to schedule a date to host a recruiting table on campus.

We look forward to working with you!

GIVE AWAY ALERT – Graduation Memories

If you have made it this far in the newsletter and are reading this, simply email Vickie Wilkins, wilkinsvm@tiffin.edu, provide your name, class year and share what your Tiffin University degree means to you (including a graduation picture is an added bonus!) These stories will be shared on the [Alumni & Friends Facebook Page](#) in honor of Commencement!



The first 10 people to respond will win a small gift from the alumni office! All submissions will be shared on social media. Look out for a new competition each month in this newsletter.

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