



November 2021



Note from TU Alumni Director

Dragon Nation,

As we begin the holiday season, it is important to take some time to reflect on things we are thankful for. We are thankful for our students. Our students have had to endure some of the most unprecedented times in our history. They are thriving in the classroom, athletics, activities, and beyond. We are thankful for our faculty and staff, who have stepped up to the challenges of these past 18 months. They have continued to make TU the special place we all know and love. And, we are thankful for our alumni and friends, Dragon Nation, for your continued support for Tiffin University. Whether it has been through time, treasure or talent, you have shown up for TU and we cannot thank you enough.

We are excited to welcome back a beloved TU tradition, Christmas at the Ritz, on Saturday, December 4. Tickets can be bought at the Ritz Theatre box office or through their website, ritztheatre.org.

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.

We continue to plan alumni and friend events both in person and virtually. Please check out our [events page](#), social media and your email.



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.

Connect. Engage. Volunteer.

News on Campus

Tiffin University Receives U.S. Department of Education Grant

TU has been awarded over \$2.24 million over five years from the U.S. Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Education Title III Grant – Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) is designed to help higher education institutions expand their capacity to serve at-risk students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the institution's academic quality, institutional management and fiscal stability.



TU's Title III project will implement strategies that will create engagement opportunities that enhance connection between students, faculty and campus life; improve overall student support services, communication and interventions; enhance career services, internships and experiential learning to increase job readiness and tie studies to a future career; conduct professional development for staff and faculty to improve wraparound and continuous student support; and develop a master plan to look at space utilization to improve student engagement and support activities.

Some of the projects that will be executed include the development of a university master plan, creation of new study spaces, purchasing computers, technology and furnishings, an AI chatbot, a Student Early Alert System, as well as additional student support personnel.

Tiffin Innovation Program (TIP)

Inspiring young entrepreneurs with start-up money for their own business.

For entrepreneurially minded students who want to start their own company, the TIP program is a three-month program designed to inspire and educate. Starting in January, 2022, selected on-campus and online students will meet once a week to learn how to develop and launch an innovative start-up company. Speakers will include established high-profile entrepreneurs like TU Board Member, Danial Jameel, Founder & President at Ready Education, a leading student engagement platform for higher education.



Students are encouraged to create teams, that may include non-students. Classes will be every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m., starting January 26, 2022 and run through April 27, 2022. After completing the program, one winning team will be selected to receive funding in start-up costs for their company. Students must apply for the program and pitch an idea to get accepted.

TIP allows students to gain real-world experience, learn from failure, take calculated risks, develop grit and collaborate in diverse teams – essential skill sets that cannot be learned inside the classroom.

TIP will also help to improve the Tiffin economy, as well as promote an entrepreneur ecosystem in the community. There will be a demonstration day to present projects to the wider Tiffin community and potential investors.

For more information, please email tuconnects@tiffin.edu.

National First-Gen Day

First-Generation Dragons, the campus student organization, will be hosting a panel of faculty, staff, and alumni who identified as first-generation college students when they were undergraduates.

We invite alumni, family, friends, and students to join us on Monday, November 8th, 2021, at 12:30 pm in Osceola Theatre in the Gillmor Student Center to learn more about their stories and where they are in their careers.

First-Generation Dragons will also be hosting an all day fundraiser to raise money for a scholarship to an incoming first-generation college student for the fall 2022 semester. Donations are being accepted now. You can donate by clicking [here](#).

For more information about this event or the subject matter, email Professor Kylie Stocker at stockerk@tiffin.edu



What's Next - Strategic Innovation

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 6, 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

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.

Athletic Department Highlights

Fall Sports Winding Down and Winter Sports Gearing Up

Keep up to date on Dragons Athletics by visiting gotiffindragons.com.

As a reminder, there are no capacity limitations; however, **to attend any Dragon home competition you must have a ticket.**

To get/purchase your ticket, please go to gotiffindragons.com.



Tiffin Arts

Christmas at the Ritz

The annual Christmas at the Ritz will be taking place on Saturday, December 4, at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre in downtown Tiffin. Tickets go on sale soon and can be purchased by going to The Ritz Theatre or visiting The Ritz Theatre website, ritztheatre.org/box-office.



We will also be hosting a special music/arts alumni reception prior to the event at 5:30 p.m. in the The Ritz Theatre lobby. Food and drinks provided. Must be an alumni of the music/arts program. Registration is required due to limited seating. To register please [click here](#).

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.

TiffinKidz Choir Recording Project

TiffinKidz gives students the opportunity to get experience working in popular music styles and to experience working Tiffin University's state-of-the-art professional recording studio. It is also a chance for kids to explore a variety of musical styles that encourage a positive self-image, a strong work ethic, and an appreciation of diversity. TiffinKidz is open to all third through eighth graders.



For more information and to register, please visit tiffinmusic.com/tiffinkidz

Career Services

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 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.

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 to register for these events and for the most current event information.

Phoenix Area Alumni Reception

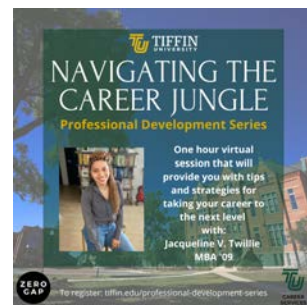
Join us on Tuesday, November 2 at 6 p.m. as we travel to the Scottsdale/Phoenix, AZ area to visit with alumni and friends. The event will take place at Roaring Fork, [4800 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4800+N+Scottsdale+Rd,+Scottsdale,+AZ+85251).

To register visit tiffin.edu/arizona-alumni-friends-reception.



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 fall. 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. Below are the remaining sessions.



- December 1, 11 a.m. - Achieving Entrepreneurial Success - [register here](#)

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

We are proud of our Tiffin University Track & Field and Cross Country alumni, and we want to take the opportunity each year to honor their achievements. The "Carry The Torch" Award will

be presented each year to showcase the contributions made by our alumni. Nominations are taken year round. Selections will take place in November.

The awards will be presented on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Marion Center on Tiffin University's campus. The award ceremony is open to all alumni and friends of the university.

Click [here](#) to nominate an alumni for this award.

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



Alumni & Friends Announcements and Benefits

Half Price Wildlights - Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

Alumni and friends of Tiffin University are able to purchase half price Wildlights tickets. Tickets are valid for a one time use November 19, 2021 - January 2, 2022. Tickets **will not be offered** at the Zoo for purchase and are subject to availability. No Refunds or Exchanges.



General Admission (ages 10-59) - \$8.50

Child (ages 3-9)/Senior (ages 60+) - \$6

To purchase your tickets online [click here](#) to view the informational flier with instructions and password.

Giving Tuesday is November 30

On this day of national giving, people all around the world are encouraged to think about the organizations they value and support them with a donation. Please consider making a gift to Tiffin University.

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 make a gift. #GivingTuesday

TU Impact Shirt

Tiffin University's student-led organization, Dragon Philanthropy Council (DPC), has currently sold 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.



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, 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 or calling customer service at 800-323-2447. A portion of all sales will go toward student scholarships.



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. If you have any questions or would like a brochure mailed to you, please contact Dr. Amy Wood at WoodAR@tiffin.edu.

[Tiffin University Viewbook](#)



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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.



Volunteer Opportunities

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 the Career Services Office at careerservices@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!

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