



February 2022



Tiffin University's New Center for Science & Technology

Note from TU Alumni Director

Greetings, Dragon Nation!

The month of January flew by! We had an incredible time visiting with alumni on the road as well as hosting our Tiffin University Track and Field and Cross Country Carry the Torch Alumni awards, congratulations again to the [recipients](#). We also enjoyed men's and women's basketball alumni day in conjunction with our annual Hoops for Hope game.

We are looking forward to seeing you this spring! It is not too late to join us for the [FORE Fun in Florida Golf Outing and Social](#) on Saturday, February 19. If you cannot join us in person, we are hosting the FORE Fun online auction, sponsored by Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, that is running now through February 20. Start bidding by visiting [419auctions.com](#). Special thank you to RE/MAX Unlimited Results Realty in Tiffin for hosting this auction for us on their site.

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](#).

There are a number of athletic alumni events this spring including: softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's soccer and baseball. You can find all the details and sign ups below in our "Upcoming Events" section. We will 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.



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.

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News on Campus

Tiffin University Opens New Center for Science and Technology

The Dragon Community is pleased to announce the new Center for Science and Technology is holding classes this semester. The ribbon cutting ceremony, originally set to take place February 3, 2022 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., will be rescheduled for a later date in the spring, due to the impending weather.



“We are very excited for students and community members to utilize our newest building,” said TU’s President, Dr. Lillian Schumacher. “The space’s versatility is one of its greatest strengths. State-of-the-art classrooms and labs provide every tool necessary for the highest quality of academic instruction and research. Moreover, this will all be achieved in a setting designed with comfort in mind, as the Center is also home to several lounges and places to mingle.”

“The Center for Science and Technology will have a significant impact on our University, the students we serve and the surrounding community,” said Mitchell Blonde, Vice President of Institutional Advancement & Public Affairs. “We hope to see increased enrollment with new and expanded academic programming, and this new facility will aid our dedicated faculty and staff in doing what they do best – teaching, mentoring and advising in ways that are truly life-changing. We’re so grateful to all of our alumni and friends who have invested into our capital projects – their philanthropic support is making a real impact.”

For additional information about the dedication, please contact Audrey Heslet, Assistant Director of Advancement Services at hesletad@tiffin.edu or call 419.448.3282.

To learn more about the Center for Science & Technology or any degree concentration housed within, please reach out to Dr. Joyce Hall-Yates, Vice Provost and Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences at hallyatesjc@tiffin.edu.

Call for Nominations - Alumni Awards

Tiffin University is proud of our alumni, and we want to take the opportunity each year to honor their 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. Each award is presented to a TU graduate with these qualifications:



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

The Alumni Awards will be presented Green & Gold - Homecoming & Family Weekend on September 30 - October 1. The nomination period ends on April 30. The nominations will be vetted and selected by the Alumni Association Board Award sub-committee.

For additional award information and criteria and to submit a nomination please visit tiffin.edu/advancement/alumni/awards.

What's Next - Strategic Innovation

Tiffin Innovation Program Launched on January 26

The Tiffin Innovation Program (TIP), a new business startup incubator for TU students began on Wednesday, January 26. Seven teams began the 90-day program and will meet at 6 p.m. each Wednesday through April 27 on TU's campus in the Gillmor Student Center, Osceola Theatre.



The curriculum will take the teams through ideation, product research, building and using talent in a startup, finding market fit, talking with investors and fundraising, understanding PR and making connections important to startups.

Guest speakers will talk to the teams about their story and work with teams to refine their business, positioning, and funding options. Guest speakers include entrepreneurs from Facebook, Logitech, Amazon, Bus.Com and many more.

On April 27, teams will be reviewing their startups and will be exposed to venture capitalists and private equity organizations in hopes of raising funds for their business. Students, faculty, alumni and the public are encouraged to come and observe.

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

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

2022 Tiffin University Hall of Fame Class announced

Earning induction on Oct. 1, 2022 in conjunction with Green & Gold - Homecoming & Family Weekend will be:

- Ashton Campbell (Men's Soccer)
- Kelly Elmlinger (Women's Basketball/Cross Country)
- Carrie Pepper-Gregory (Women's Soccer)
- Devin Rudolph (Baseball)
- Jason Werling (Track and Field)
- Leanne (Lucius) Benson (Women's Basketball).
- Dr. John Millar - Longtime faculty member, faculty athletic representative and athletic director will be recognized as an Honorary Inductee for his contributions to athletics and student-athletes during his career.



Information on the 2022 class can be found [here](#). Watch for more details about 2022 Green & Gold - Homecoming & Family Weekend.

Sports Scene

As our winter teams start to look at conference and national championships, our spring teams are gearing up for their seasons. To keep up to date on Dragons Athletics, visit 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.

Tiffin Arts

TiffinArts programs to produce Rent

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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 soon. Please find more information at tiffinmusic.com/rent.

FestiVox

On Friday, April 1, TU hosts FestiVox, its annual festival for high school a cappella, vocal jazz and contemporary vocal ensembles. Guest artists include Trist Curless of The Manhattan Transfer, recording artist and TU alum PRISCA, and Sing-Off vocalist & beatboxer Selame Scarlett.

Information and registration: tiffinmusic.com/festivox



FusionFest 2022

TU hosts its annual instrumental music festival, FusionFest 2022, on Friday, April 8. This educational festival will host high school bands from around the region, and will feature the Chicago funk-soul band Bassel & the Supernaturals.

Information and registration: tiffinmusic.com/fusionfest



Career Services

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 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.

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.

February 2022

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.



Price, \$100 per golfer, includes 18 holes, lunch, golfer gift and social event. 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).

The FORE Fun Online Auction, sponsored by Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, is taking place virtually now through February 20 at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will benefit TU's Annual Fund, which supports scholarships, financial aid, student life, academic life, technology, campus beautification and more.

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

Click [here](#) to register and to start bidding!

March 2022

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

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.



TU Comes to YOU!

February - April 2022

We are in the planning stages of several alumni TU Comes to YOU events including: 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

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 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.



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.



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](#)



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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