

Dragon's Newsflash



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TIFFIN UNIVERSITY'S Alumni & Friends Newsletter



May 2022



Note from TU Alumni Director

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

This past Saturday we welcomed over 750 graduates into the Tiffin University Alumni Association. What an exciting day for us to welcome these graduates into this large and loyal Dragon Alumni Family.

We also celebrated a number our 'Golden Grads', alumni celebrating 50+ years since graduation, and it was an honor

Alumni Blog

Did you know we have a blog that features our alumni's accomplishments and stories? Find out more, from those who have found their lane at TU – and excelled.

Check it out here: tiffin.edu/news/

to have them here. Thank you **Gary Kraft '70, Curt Peterson '71 and Billy Zimmerman '72** for participating in this years 'Golden Celebration'. To the class members of 1973, we look forward to hosting you as our 'Golden Grads' at next years Commencement.

Brenda Collins '08, Chair of the Alumni Association Board provided the Alumni Association Welcome and shared these remarks, "Your connection with Tiffin University does not stop today. It is the beginning of the next chapter of your relationship with TU. As a graduate, you represent all that is good about Tiffin University – your accomplishments, your future achievements and the Dragon fire you bring to your life will reflect the guiding principles and values of TU. In achieving your degree, **YOU become the ambassadors for our Alma Mater.** From this day forward, you will be called upon to take a new role – the role of alumni." She also shared several ways that they can stay involved and engaged with the university such as, "displaying your diploma with pride, connecting with alumni around the country, coming back to campus, volunteering their time with the alumni office and never forgetting your experience at TU; to pay your good fortune forward to other Dragons who need a helping hand."

I hope that each of you take just a moment to reflect on her message. Are there ways you wish you could be more engaged or connected with TU? If so, please reach out. We would love to hear from you.

We are excited to be hosting a number of kid and family friendly events this summer as well as a 'Tour of Texas' later this month. We will continue to add events throughout the summer and have already began our fall planning 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 to the class of 2022 and cheers to all of you!

Go Gons!

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

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.

Connect. Engage. Volunteer.

News on Campus

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

University Archives

Visit the library's collection of [Flashback Friday blog posts](#) showcasing memorabilia from the university archive. If you recognize someone in a photograph, email the library at library@tiffin.edu.

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.](#)



Tiffin University has been awarded over \$749,000 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, logistics/supply chain management, neuroscience and graduate studies in forensic psychology.

Click [here](#) to read the full release.



TU Family Fun for All

These events have been certified kid and family friendly and are available to you as an alumni or friend of Tiffin University. Be sure to wear your TU gear to show your Dragon Pride while attending these events. Send us a photo or tag us on social media [@tiffinualumni](#).



These discounted tickets/rates are available exclusively for alumni, friends, students and family. For more information and to purchase tickets for these events please visit tiffin.edu/advancement/alumni/events/tu-family-fun-for-all/.

Friday, June 24 - Columbus Zoo

Friday, July 15 - Cedar Point

Friday, August 12 - Great Lakes Science Center

Saturday, September 24 - Kalahari Resort

Fun all year long – Newport Aquarium

Tiffin University to Host Summer Camps for High School Students

Tiffin University is proud to offer a number of both academic and athletic camps this summer geared toward your future Dragons. This is the perfect opportunity for your high school aged student to get a feel for what it's like on TU's campus and maybe someday become a Dragon themselves.



The camps being offered include - Volleyball camps, [Sports Technology Camp](#), [Forensic Science & Criminalistics Academy Camp](#) and [Songwriting & Music Production Camp](#). More camps will be added at a later date so be sure to check the page often for the most up-to-date offerings.

To learn more and to register your child visit, tiffin.edu/admissions/camps/.

DragonNext Program - Coming Full Circle

According to Ryan, the route of the traditional student was unrealistic for him to pursue, given his already-packed professional and educational schedule. Despite this, Ryan was able to finish both an undergraduate and a graduate degree with the reasonable adjustments provided to him through the DragonNext program.

“I was working a full-time job of 45-50 hours a week and wasn’t able to take classes during the day,” says Ryan. “I was also finishing my associate degree at the Ohio Business College, so adding only one additional class on top of my other coursework was more manageable for me.”



Click [here](#) to read Ryan's DragonNext story.

What's Next - Strategic Innovation

Tiffin Innovation Program - Winner Announced

On the night of April 27, six groups of TU student entrepreneurs gathered in the Chisholm Auditorium for a *Shark Tank*-style business model pitching competition, where they competed for the attention of very real potential investors, business partners and advisors. The occasion was especially noteworthy, as it marked the conclusion of TU’s successful new initiative, the Tiffin Innovation Program (TIP).

The ceremony was immediately followed by an investor open house – a symposium where both potential customers and investors could chat with each business in a more personal setting, ask questions and (hopefully) make offers. As of the following morning, several groups had received offers of capital totaling \$14,000 (and counting).

For more information about the event and the student-led groups, visit tiffin.edu/news/tipping-the-scales-tus-students-participate-in-the-tiffin-innovation-programs-demo-day/.



Athletic Department Highlights

Sports Scene

There are a number of Dragon athletic teams still competing this May.

To keep up to date on Dragons Athletics, visit gotiffindragons.com.



Croy will resign as Head Coach, move to Athletic Development

Effective June 1, Jeremy Croy will resign as Head Track and Field/Cross Country Coach at Tiffin University and will become the Assistant Vice President for Athletic Development.



Croy is one of the most respected coaches in TU history, leading the indoor track and field team to NCAA Division II National Championships in 2016 and 2017. Under his direction, TU has posted 16 individual national champions in track and field since 2008. The Dragons also have had over 279 All-Americans (Academic and Athletic) and shattered every school record on the books. To read the full release please visit, gotiffindrags.com.

We are honored to announce that Tiffin University cross country and track & field alumni and friends have banded together to establish "The Jeremy Croy Carry the Torch Fund" in honor of Coach Croy. The fund will be restricted to the cross-country and track & field programs and will help student-athletes achieve success both on and off the field.

A small group of alumni donors is willing to match dollar-for-dollar for every donation made up to \$25,000. Please consider making a gift in honor of Coach Croy for his many years of service to the Tiffin University cross-country and track & field program.

[Make a Gift](#)

Career Services

Career Services for Our Alumni

The Career Services Office provides resume review and interview prep, as well as job search coaching and much more, 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.



**CAREER
SERVICES**

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.

May 2022

Tour of Texas

Monday May 23 - Thursday May 26

Tiffin University is doing a tour of Texas and we would love to see you! Small bites and good company will be available starting at 6 p.m. in each location.

Visit the [alumni events page](#) for more details.



June 2022

Columbus Zoo

Friday June 24

As part of our TU Family Fun for All initiative, discounted tickets are available to alumni and friends. Click [here](#) for more information.



July 2022

Cedar Point

Friday July 15

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August 2022

Great Lakes Science Center

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September 2022

Kalahari Resort

Saturday September 24

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Alumni & Friends Announcements and Benefits

AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App

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

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 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 the 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 is part of what makes us most proud of their accomplishments. Because part of a common problem is overcoming financial challenges, the Student Emergency Fund was created. This fund has been used 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 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.



Graduate Alumni Discount

Undergraduate and Graduate students whose master's and/or bachelor's degrees were obtained from Tiffin University are eligible to receive a \$150 per credit hour discount toward the Ph.D. Program 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 and Student Success at woodar@tiffin.edu.



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 Vehicles location.



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 provide 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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