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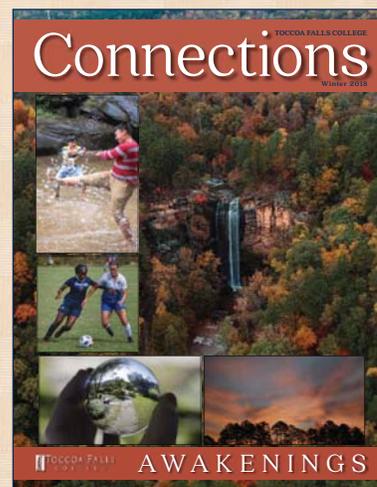
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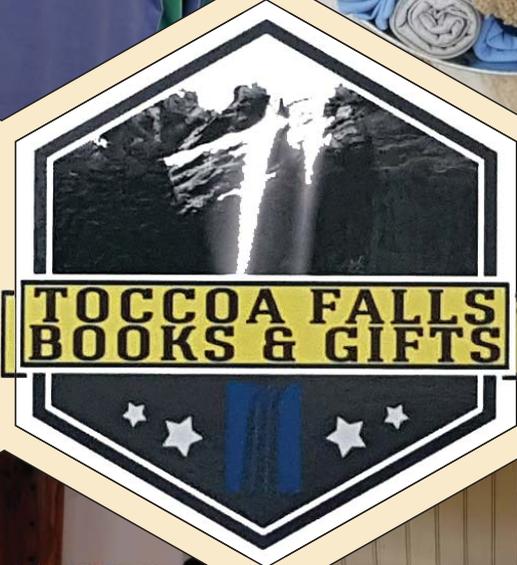


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## President's Message

It is an exciting time to be on campus! The spring semester is just starting and students are happy to be back on campus. Every fall, students tell me they are excited to go home for Christmas break but they are actually looking forward to returning to campus in the spring. That always makes me realize what a special college we have.

We have much to be thankful for as we start 2019. There are many campus improvements such as the new student coffeehouse, renovations to a portion of Forrest Hall, the new press boxes at the athletic field, improvements to the baseball field, a new disc golf course, new road paving and a beautiful new campus entrance sign. Many other campus improvements are not as noticeable but still needed to be completed. These include new roofs, new heating and air conditioning systems, new flooring in various buildings, and the list could go on.

This year we also experienced record enrollment for the third straight year. Our total enrollment is now almost 1,700 students. Our total enrollment figure has doubled in the past six years. This May, our Fetterman School of Nursing will graduate its first class of nurses. It is wonderful to see this college dream of a nursing program finally fulfilled with nurses who will be working throughout the world.

We had a wonderful Homecoming this year. It was so good to talk with alums and catch up on what God is doing in their lives. It was a weekend packed with activities and fun. One evening we had a hymn sing around a beautiful bonfire. How tremendous it was to hear our alums sing the hymns of the church, many picking out their musical parts and singing beautiful harmony to the Lord.

I contrast that night of singing to some singing that took place at our High School alumni luncheon. During the lunch, a group from the high school choir stood and sang together. I was simply transfixed. Watching and listening to this group caused me to reflect on lives that God has touched over the years and folks

who have faithfully served God for so many years, all while getting their spiritual foundation at TFC.

Our theme for the college this year has been *Awaken*. We never want our students to become complacent in their relationship with God. We do not want our students confused and distracted by today's culture. Instead, we want our students thriving and alert to the power of God and what He is doing in their lives. We want no spiritual sleeping at TFC. You will read much more about this *Awaken* theme later in this addition of *Connections*.

God continues to do remarkable things on the campus of Toccoa Falls College. Thank you for all you do to support this wonderful place. Please keep praying that God will continue to change lives at TFC!

Dr. Robert M. Myers, D.B.A.  
Toccoa Falls College President

# Longing for an Awakening

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By J. Christian Stratton  
Director of Spiritual Formation, TFC

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An interesting thing happened as my team prepared for the 2018-19 academic year. In and through our times of dreaming and discerning together, a hope-filled desire began to emerge and take shape from our discussions. We found ourselves longing for an awakening in our lives and a collective awakening in the TFC community.

## ATTUNE WORSHIP ATTEND

Little did we know that God was shaping a similar yearning in the hearts and imaginations of those within the broader Alliance family. Interestingly, the U.S. Alliance, as it does each year for its local congregations, had chosen the theme of Awaken (to kingdom reality) for its mission emphasis in the coming two years. A few weeks later, we learned that Envision had identified the same theme for its 2019 Life Conference. For all three of us to settle on an identical theme for the coming year, each one independently of one another, provided an opportunity for us to ask the question: What's God up to in the Alliance world? Could it be that God is preparing us for an awakening?

Raising such a question—let alone, responding to it with concrete action—is becoming more difficult to imagine in the secular age in which we live and make sense of the world. A different kind of social imaginary is being nurtured in our age, as Jamie Smith points out in *How (Not) to Be*

*Secular* (Eerdmans, 2014), and neither church nor campus is immune to the power of its formative images, symbols, and stories. Its name is exclusive humanism, and it is “a way of constructing meaning and significance without any reference to the divine or transcendence” (26).

In other words, we may allow the Psalmist to bear witness that “the heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork” (19:1), but we moderns (note my sense of sarcasm here) believe differently these days—preferring natural explanations that fit more (from the insights of the philosopher, Charles Taylor, that Smith's book seeks to expound) into an *immanent* frame. Indeed, we don't have to embrace any longer the transcendent notion of an “enchanted” creation to find significance or pursue human flourishing in the modern world. We live in a disenchanting space, and it is difficult to know what to do with the longings for our own lives and the yearnings for our community.



## KINDLE EXPERIENCE NUTURE

Yet Christian Scripture tells another story. Although we could draw from numerous passages—even looking at the whole of the Bible as one story—from Scripture, a brief glance at Paul's letter to the Colossians in 1:15-20 will suffice. God, the Father, not only created the world through his Son, Jesus Christ (1:16) but continues to sustain and hold creation together in the Son (1:17). Indeed, our immanent frame is the Father's domain, and he is actively at work within it. In addition to *creating* and currently *sustaining* it, he is also *redeeming/reconciling* creation in and through the work of his Son, whose death gives birth to a people (1:18-20), transformed by the hope (1:23) and power (1:6) of the gospel.

Indeed, true significance and human flourishing are only found in the Son, who perfectly images the Father, and whose image is fashioned in this new people through the work of the Holy Spirit (cf. 1:27-28; 2:9-15; 3:9b-10). When we inhabit this story, the world can become re-enchanted

space, where our longings and yearnings for awakening are truly possible in and through a dynamic relationship with the sustaining, redeeming, and reconciling God of Christian Scripture.

At TFC this year, we are seeking to give our allegiance to the Father, to be drawn deeper into the life of the Son, and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit so that God's life can be shaped in us. Indeed, we long for God to AWAKEN us. In our life together, we are actively seeking to Attune to the Reality of God's Presence, to Worship God in All of Life, to Attend to the Story of Scripture, to Kindle a Heart for Obedience, to Embrace Redemption and Renewal, and to Nurture Life-Giving Relationships. How about you? Are you willing to allow God to awaken you, to turn your immanent frame into enchanted space, and to invite others into this biblical reality? Consider yourself invited!

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

# JASON FRANKLIN



## On June 15<sup>th</sup>

Toccoa Falls College Alum Major Jason E. Franklin was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel during a ceremony held at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The ceremony was attended by TFC President Dr. Bob Myers who gave the invocation during the ceremony and Alumni Director, Deborah Wilkes. The benediction was performed by another TFC alum, Navy Commander Paul N. Rumery.

Major Jason E. Franklin enlisted into the Army National Guard at the ripe age of seventeen. After his Basic and Advanced Individual Training he served as a Subscriber/Switchboard Programmer in the Indiana National Guard and later transitioned to the US Army Reserve.

After college he was accepted into the Army's Officer Candidate School (OCS) and earned a commission into the US Army Signal Corps. His first duty assignment was the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY. There he served as the Information Technology Officer for an Attack Aviation Battalion with follow-on assignments as Platoon



Leader and Company Executive Officer. During this time as a Platoon Leader, he deployed his platoon to Kosovo (2001). Wanting to spend more time with his wife, Amy and son, Cameron, he chose to separate from Active Duty.

Upon separation from Active Duty, he joined the Indiana National Guard again where he served as the Deputy Commander for Operation Noble Eagle and commanded C Company / 38th Signal Battalion (INARNG). This re-kindled his love for serving his country leading him to transition to the Title 10 Active Guard / Reserve program (AGR) with the Army National Guard. He spent his entire time as Major in the ARNG AGR program. His duties included Operations Officer (S3) at Fort Irwin, CA; Signal



From the TFAA President:

Greetings! I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas season. As we enter into this New Year, I hope that each of you will find a way to serve our Father. Speaking of serving, I want to thank all of you for allowing me the great opportunity to serve you, TFC, and our Lord. It is truly a humbling and rewarding experience. It is the goal of the Alumni Association to make a better TFC experience for future alum. We are doing that! You will hear me talk about family. I consider all TFC Alum to be family and I cannot wait for you to come back home and connect or re-connect with your TFC family at Homecoming this next October. Thank you, again, for allowing me to serve our great Alma Mater!

Jason

Organizational Integrator (OI), Force Management Division; Operations Officer for US Forces Afghanistan; Battalion Executive Officer, –at Fort Leavenworth (MTC-LVN); Deputy Division Chief, of Strategic Plans and Policy (FORSCOM); Chief, Information Management/Systems branch (NGB J6). It was here that he credits God's hand of Sovereignty for the opportunity to transition to the US Army Reserve (USAR) where he currently serves. LTC Franklin is the Chief for the Strategic Plans and Policy branch of the Army's Protection Division (G-34).

His civilian education includes attendance at Toccoa Falls College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and Theology. He also holds a Master's Degree in Business

Administration from Webster University.

His junior year at TFC, he met Amy Wittgreve. If you haven't heard the story of how they met, you should ask him at the next homecoming! He finally won her affection and they have now been married for over 21 years!, Amy, whom he affectionately refers to as "Mrs. America" homeschools and together, they raise their seven children: Cameron (17), Charise (15), Topher (6), Gracie (4), Caleb (4), Caroline (4), and Mercy (3).

Jason loves TFC and gives credit to his alma mater for the foundation that laid the way for his present day success. One way he gives back is by serving as the TFC Alumni Association President.

# FUNDRAISING UPDATES



## TFC Disc Golf Course

We now have a nine-hole disc golf course on campus! Next time you visit, be sure to test your skills on the professionally designed course or plan to join us for one of our annual disc golf tournaments. The TFC community donated about \$5,000 towards the installation and purchase of materials. Thank you for investing in the TFC student experience!

## Fetterman Nursing School SIM Man

The Fetterman School of Nursing has been blessed with a modern medical miracle! "Buddy," the SIM man, gives our nursing students a realistic training resource. It is not like playing the game Operation, and you get much more than a buzzer if you do not make Mr. Buddy better! This new addition for our students was made possible by a matching donation of \$75,000 and the generous response from our TFC community. Thank you for supporting the Fetterman School of Nursing and helping send more godly practitioners into the medical field!

## Odyssey Coffeehouse

Students, faculty and staff can now enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and fellowship every day of the week. The Odyssey Coffeehouse is also open to the public and was recently honored by the Stephens County Chamber of Commerce through an official ribbon cutting. Odyssey is quickly becoming a popular place for our students to frequent for study time and social events. We want to say thank you to our donors who helped our vision for Odyssey Coffeehouse become a reality!



## Athletic Press Boxes

TFC Baseball and Soccer have new press boxes! The press boxes were installed as part of a larger campaign for the Screaming Eagle athletics program. It is a great addition to the game day experience to be able to have live announcing and web streaming for soccer and baseball. Thank you to all donors who helped give the \$80,000 needed to install our new press boxes.



## General Fund

TFC desires to be a good steward and glorify God with all of our Kingdom resources. We are blessed by the continuous hard work of our maintenance staff that renovate and repair the facilities we know and love. Thank you for giving to our operational fund and for making spiritual growth possible by also investing in our infrastructure growth!

Please visit <https://tfc.edu/alumni/giving-opportunities> to give today!



Our God is the God of increase! In 2018 we have continued to see His seeds of promise produce at Toccoa Falls College. Many of you already know that we have recorded a record enrollment for the third year in a row at almost 1,700 students, up 220 over last year! That is incredible growth, but we also want to share with you the many other ways our generous donors have helped us advance at TFC.

Thank you for supporting Toccoa Falls College!

Joseph Murrey  
Development Officer

### 2 Corinthians 9:10

*"He who supplies the seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."*



### Scholarship

Toccoa Falls College is thankful to have donors who continue to give towards the annual scholarship fund. We are grateful for every opportunity to contribute directly to the costs associated with tuition. Thank you for helping our Screaming Eagles find their wings!

Please visit <https://tfc.edu/alumni/giving-opportunities> to donate today.



### Furnish Forrest

We launched the Furnish Forrest project during Homecoming 2018 and were able to fully fund the project by January 2019. The project is part of our goal to completely renovate the first floor of Forrest Hall C-Wing by the start of the 2019 Fall semester. The previous built-in furniture was removed as part of the renovation and new modular furniture will be provided for our students. We have 12 rooms and 24 sets of furniture that will be replaced. The furniture will be able to be customized into over 50 configurations and will last for many years to come. Thank you for helping to fund this project and make a lasting impact on the lives of the men who live in Forrest Hall!



### Athletic Concessions Building

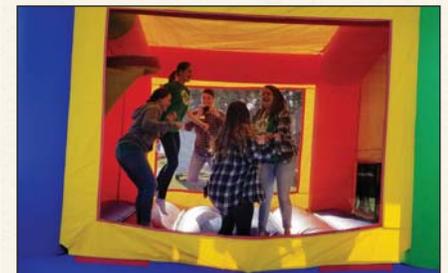
"Soar Together!" You will hear this phrase more and more as the TFC athletic program continues to grow. The Screaming Eagles hold fast to the philosophy that they can only soar over their challenges if they are together. Together on the field, together on the court, and together in the world! We are asking that our alumni, not just our athletic alumni but all TFC alumni, come together and support the building of a much-needed

athletic facility near our soccer and baseball fields. This building will offer public access to bathrooms, concessions, patio dining, and equipment storage. We need your help in raising an additional \$262,000 to install our new concessions building.

Please visit [www.tfc.edu/alumni/giving-opportunities](http://www.tfc.edu/alumni/giving-opportunities) to donate today.

# Homecoming

2018





by Tracy Wiegman, Director of Marketing and Communications

## Curt Wanner

If you have spent any time in the Communication Department, Dr. Curt Wanner is a person with whom you are very familiar. A TFC figure since 2006, Dr. Wanner most recently served as Chair of the Communication Department and now serves as Chair of the Humanities Department. He is an Associate Professor of Communication and teaches virtually everything related to the subject from Introduction to Communication, to Theology and Popular Culture.

An accomplished professor, Dr. Wanner has been the recipient of the 2010 Wade Distinguished Scholar of the Year Award, the 2014 (SGA) Faculty of Impact Award, and the 2014 Vulcan Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award. I recently sat down with Dr. Wanner to learn more about him and his interests.



Like most young people, Dr. Wanner wasn't particularly fond of school in his early years. His earliest professional aspirations were to become a lawyer. However, he entered Wheaton College (IL) as a history major on the pre-med track. At Wheaton, he began to consider teaching for the first time. After graduating from Wheaton, he attended Regent University where he studied Film Studies and was first introduced to Communication as a discipline. He received his MA in Communication and after leaving Regent had his first fore into teaching at Phoenix Christian High School where he taught history, social science, and Bible. Although this time was extremely rewarding for Wanner, he did not enjoy every aspect of secondary education. "When I considered the discipline aspect required of high school teaching it became very clear, very quickly that teaching high school was not for me."

Coming from a strong Christian background and having taught senior level Bible classes, Wanner soon realized he had a desire to "teach" within the church. He entered Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts, where he earned his Masters of Divinity (M.Div.) and later his Masters of Theology (Th.M.). After graduation, he continued to work in the Distance Education program at Gordon-Conwell and began to pastor a church north of Boston.

While at Gordon-Conwell, providence came into play and a series of events suddenly granted him an opportunity to teach at Gordon College, something he had never considered. He took the position and taught part-time two years before being hired full-time. During this time, he was still pastoring a church full-time. Wanner states, "there was no point where I was setting out to be a college professor. I was a pastor, and I felt as though that's what I would do for the rest of my career."

When asked about the similarities and differences between being a pastor and a college professor, he stated, "It's similar in that as a pastor I understand myself as a teacher. But the responsibilities are very

different. The responsibility of “care” is present in both, but we articulate the care differently. There is a more immediate requirement of care in the pastoral context. When you get the calls at 11:30 at night, you have to go. You get the difficult calls that you don’t want to get, but you get them, that someone has passed away, sometimes unexpectedly and sometimes expectedly where you have to go and sit with the family, and you pray with them. Those types of very profound, immediate requirements, you don’t have that at a significant level with teaching. The care you provide and the ministry you provide is a different form, and it’s more consistent in teaching.”

After teaching at Gordon College for five years, Wanner decided to leave the pastorate. He interviewed at both Nyack and Toccoa Falls College. The TFC position and location both won out as, “I’d been living in New England for a decade, and my wife had been there 15 years, and we were ready to move south. The winters of Massachusetts had gotten to us.” So in 2006, Wanner and his wife traveled to Georgia and made TFC their home.

When asked which of his publications and works were his most enjoyable, Wanner answered, “There’s a fairly consistent theme in my research, and it’s looking at the cultural and theological questions that arise in media, media production, and media consumption. My dissertation argued how religious broadcasting had a significant impact on evangelical identity. There are symbols that religious broadcasters use that have profoundly affected how evangelicals understand themselves and the community. I think the work I enjoy the most is biblically informed, culturally relevant work that we can read today and can have some impact, that will raise questions about who we are, particularly the church, and what we’re trying to do. I have a sense that we often lose our Biblical moorings, in terms of what it is we’re really trying to do. We rely on socially and culturally constructed strategies. So the idea of saying, what is the scriptural model of culture, what is the scriptural model of communication and how would we apply that to media in the contemporary context? That’s what I enjoy working on.”

I went on to ask Dr. Wanner, what inspires him. “Integrity inspires me. Truth inspires me. Commitment inspires me. Ultimately I see that all

in the work of Christ. So, ultimately the person of Christ is what inspires me. Our goal is ultimately Christ alone. So, the man Jesus Christ. To seek to be like Him, that one day I might be near Him and with Him. And the image of being with Christ is inspiring. That culmination of the gospel in a new Heaven and a new Earth, that fully realized communion with Christ, that inspires me.”

When I asked Dr. Wanner what was the best piece of advice anyone has ever given him, he relayed a story of when he was in grad school, and he called his dad to ask for advice. His father asked him, “Do you feel like you did what was right?” Wanner replied, “Yes,” and his father said, “Well, don’t worry about it.” Wanner stated, “Effectively he was saying if you did what you know to be right, then don’t worry about the consequences. That had a profound impact on me, even though the situation wasn’t profound. I think it is central to the gospel, central to our commitment to recognize we are not in control of what happens. We seek to know what is right, we commit to doing what is right, and then we don’t worry about it. It’s remarkably liberating. The freedom of Christ is something we talk about, but I think we don’t really get.”

Believe it or not, Dr. Wanner does have a life outside of the classroom. He’s married with four children, ages 14, 13, 11, and 7. He enjoys both water and snow skiing and also loves to golf although he doesn’t get many opportunities to play. You could call Dr. Wanner a “jack of all trades” as he’s in the last stages of completely renovating his entire home! From drywall to ceilings, electrical to flooring, he’s done it all in this massive project, and he hopes to be finished soon.

Some interesting things to know about Dr. Wanner include he is an Army military brat, and he attended 12 different schools by the end of high school. He attended high school in Hawaii, elementary school in Panama, has looked down the crater of a volcano and jumped out of a perfectly good airplane that was flying well over a mile above the earth.

For someone who didn’t enjoy learning as a youngster, Dr. Wanner has certainly spent his lifetime learning and sharing that knowledge with others.



**WINNER Fall colors**



# Student Photography Contest



This fall the TFC Marketing department sponsored a student photography contest. Submission categories included Creative, Fall colors, Lights, Sports and TFC Life. Over 80 photos were submitted for the contest. Winners were selected by a group of faculty, staff, administration and student members. Winners in each category received \$50 with the overall winner receiving \$100. Congratulations to the following students for their winning entries.

- Overall Winner: Joshua Bogoniewski
- Creative: Joshua Bogoniewski
- Fall Colors: Jonathan Adams
- Lights: Joshua Bogoniewski
- Sports: Clayton Wiedemeier
- TFC Life: Evan Rowland

Here is a collection of some of our photo submissions along with our winners. Additional photo credits go to Julianne Austin, Rachel Bassett, Sarah Blackaby, Kevin Cave, Jessica Conley, Cami Free, Abigail Peterson, and Abel Pomuti.



**WINNER Sports**



WINNER TFC Life





WINNER Lights



# admissions

Emily Kerr

The Office of Admissions labeled this year the “Year of Abundance.” We prayed diligently that TFC would experience the Lord’s abundance, and we sure did, in more ways than one! We were blessed with yet another record year for enrollment. We saw increases in our Residential, Online, and Dual Enrollment populations for the third straight year, resulting in over 1700 students taking classes with TFC this Fall.

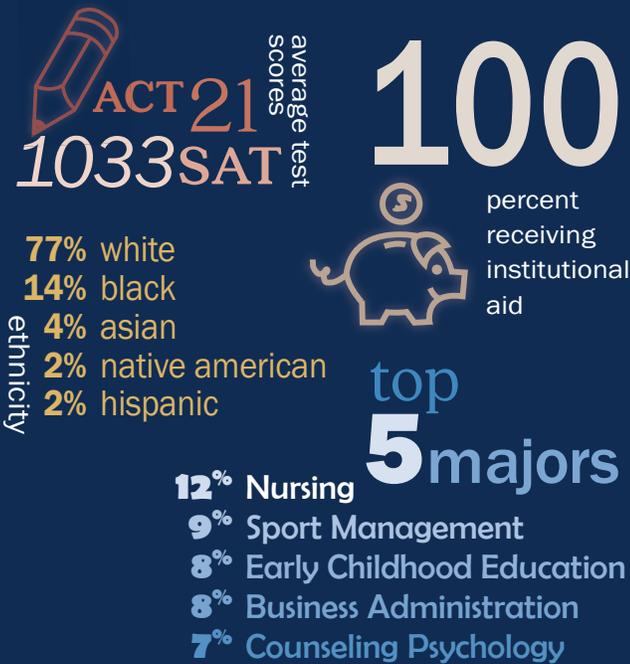
We hosted our new annual Fall preview event, Explore TFC Day in October 2018. This event welcomed prospective students and their families to campus to experience a day in the life of a student at Toccoa Falls College. They were treated to a time of student-led worship, a tour of our beautiful campus, a meal in our dining hall, a class related to their degree interest, and a panel led by our Admissions staff (All TFC grads!).

Our Future Scholars event saw its sixth year and welcomed well over 100 high-achieving prospective students to enjoy life at TFC, and of course, to compete for a four year, full-ride scholarship to our college. Congratulations to the 2018 winner Emily Johnson of Dublin, GA!

**The 52<sup>nd</sup> year of Campus Preview is coming April 4-5, 2019!** We always want to partner with our alum so don't hesitate to bring/send students our way for this event. They will not regret joining us for this two-day glimpse of TFC life. Contact our Director of Admissions, Ronnie Stewart at [rstewart@tfc.edu](mailto:rstewart@tfc.edu) if you have any questions. TFC has been affectionately referred to as, “one of the best-kept secrets in Georgia.” We are gradually removing that label on our way to becoming, what we have labeled, THE Christian College of Georgia. Join us on our mission, won't you?



by the numbers —  
the new student class



Future Scholars winner Emily Johnson

# service & outreach

## Austin Shea shares his experience about teamwork in Residence Life

**SAYLO:** This is your second year serving in Residence Life. What has the transition been like from being a resident assistant (RA) to now an Assistant Resident Director (ARD)?

**AUSTIN:** It has been a great opportunity to work with the RA's directly in a new way. I still have some responsibilities similar to the RA role, but now I am more involved with big picture stuff. A part of the ARD role is taking on new leadership capacities. Sometimes I feel like a gate-keeper, serving the RA's and residents, while doing what I can to keep things off of Mike's plate.

**SAYLO:** How has it been being part of a new team with new leadership?

**AUSTIN:** Adapting is a big part of it - adapting to the new team chemistry and team culture. It was during the first few weeks where I was learning, trying to better understand the new team, who clicks with who, and even how we as a team mesh together. Every year is different, but you have to learn and understand the team, and how they work with each other. It has been awesome to build relationships with each other through the process. Even looking at our team now, and where we have gone since August - it's amazing.

**SAYLO:** How do you balance life as a Senior, baseball player, and student involved in ministry?

**AUSTIN:** It's being able to manage my time wisely, being able to say no, and finding meaning in everything I do. I want to keep investing in others, and I say to myself, 'Oh, I can put that on my plate', but when reality hits, it's hard. There are many times when I need other people to invest into my life, and that's why it's so powerful to have a team behind me. I try to pour into every little thing that I am involved in and to have a team pour into me - that's crucial.

**SAYLO:** What is something that you have learned as a leader serving in Residence Life?

**AUSTIN:** It's definitely my ability to get outside of my

## Stories of Service and Outreach at TFC

Saylo Lor  
Director of Student  
Engagement

The SAO program at Toccoa Falls College equips students for lifelong leadership and service through partnerships with community organizations, local churches, and other unique outreach opportunities. Every student will participate in four SAO ministry projects during their time at TFC. It is through these ministry opportunities that students are able to explore and develop their gifts in order to serve Christ, help others, and experience personal growth. The variety of opportunities allow our students to fulfill their SAO requirements in settings that put feet and hands to what they are learning in the classroom.

Here are two stories of students sharing their experience in the Service and Outreach program.

For more information about the SAO program or to reach the Office of Student Engagement, please contact Saylo Lor at [sslor@tfc.edu](mailto:sslor@tfc.edu)



comfort zone. I am an introvert so I tend to back away from everything, but this experience has taught me to communicate with others and put myself out there in ways that I would have never expected. That's the Lord working in me, developing me from my Freshman year, where I would always be in my room, to now, where I desire to reach out to people every day. I am grateful to how beneficial the leadership experience in Residence Life has been.

**SAYLO:** How do you encourage introverted students to understand that they are still leaders, and how can they further grow as a leader?

**AUSTIN:** It's almost just your approach and how you take it. Personally, I like groups of three, smaller groups where I can lead. I tend to shut down in larger groups. I remember my first meeting with my residents as an RA, and I was absolutely terrified (laughs). It's definitely different now. I still am not a big fan of doing it, but the uneasiness of it has dropped. It takes intentionality to get out of your comfort zone and to better understand your skills and leadership style.

**SAYLO:** What is your favorite thing about serving in Residence Life?

**AUSTIN:** It revolves around building relationships with the residents and the RA team. The previous event that I did was the Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt. It was great to put in the work for it, but afterward the event, the residents came and prayed for me. It wasn't part of the event or something that was planned, but the residents just wanted to do that for me and it meant a lot. Serving as an RA and ARD is also a unique way to build relationships with others that you may not typically have the chance to. As a baseball

player, I don't think I would have ever made these unique connections with all of the guys that I am with now. That is a big part as to why I enjoy being in Residence Life. I don't see this leadership opportunity as a way to complete an SAO course, but it is a way to serve others and to grow as a leader. Leadership development shouldn't be a burden.

For more information about the Department of Housing and Residence Life, please contact Faith Newey at [faithchamp@tfc.edu](mailto:faithchamp@tfc.edu)

## Daniel Bennett shares his experience with Valley Farm

**SAYLO:** What do you typically do on the farm, and what are your day to day responsibilities?

**DANIEL:** Regularly, I help with chore times. I have been helping out in the evening where we put the animals back into their shelters, and we are pretty much putting dinner out for all the animals. After they eat, they are usually going to their shelters and barns, and we typically have bedding and water out for them by that time.

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**SAYLO:** How have you enjoyed this leadership experience?

**DANIEL:** I have enjoyed it a lot. I have been part of some leadership programs and experiences growing up, but it’s different here since you get to apply the skills versus just learning about them. When you’re able to apply those skills, you’re able to see what areas you are gifted in and what areas you still need improvement.

**SAYLO:** What has been your favorite memory or experience serving at Valley Farm?

**DANIEL:** I don’t know if I have a favorite memory. We’ve had a lot of good times down there, from planting apple trees to doing simple jobs like



working on stalls. I do remember planting the apple trees because one Friday at lunch, Matt asked me, “Hey, what are you doing tomorrow?” and I told him I was probably going to just do some homework. He then said, “Well, do you want to come down to the farm and help plant forty apple trees?” (Laughs). I was like, “Yeah... why not?” It was funny because it was a real spur of the moment type of thing, and that’s where my friendship started to build with Matt and the others. I think that memory also sticks out because we were able to do all of it within one day. Digging the holes, planting the trees, and filling them up in one day and in one setting was a cool experience.

**SAYLO:** What do you feel like you have learned and taken away from your SAO experience at Valley Farm?

**DANIEL:** The first thing was that there were some good friendships built, especially working closely with



everybody. I went in last semester not really knowing Mr. Tim, Mrs. Joyce, or Liz, and working with them up to this point has allowed us to become good friends. That has been one of my highlights. Secondly, it has helped with some of my leadership aspects. During chores, we sometimes break into smaller groups, and Liz and Matt are typically the main leaders, but if they are off doing something else, I can guide other people through the projects and chores.

**SAYLO:** What would you say to a student that wasn’t sure about serving at Valley Farms, or a student that is looking for a SAO ministry opportunity?

**DANIEL:** This actually happened recently with a friend. What I told him was to come down to the farm with me when I was doing chores. That’s what got me hooked, which was when Matt invited me to just check it out. Also, for me, serving at Valley Farms is a break in the day where I can get away from the books and, in a sense, away from the main part of campus – it’s refreshing. It’s also not extremely hard to do chores so anyone could jump in and learn. I will say, be prepared to work. There is going to be work whether there are hot, rainy, or even snowy days. Chores and the farm work will need to be done regardless of weather. Sometimes, you’re going to get out there and get wet or work in mud. Of course, you won’t be weed eating or doing certain tasks in the rain, but we still have to get the animals in and take care of things.



## What is Valley Farm?

Valley Farm came to life on the campus of Toccoa Falls College in the Fall of 2014. Their vision was and is two-fold. They seek to establish a program that provides an ecologically and educationally sound learning environment in which students can be trained in appropriate development and agricultural principles required to establish “sustainable

development projects” in cross-cultural settings. Secondly, their vision is to practice and teach sustainable farming practices and principles through “hands on” experience in a fully operational agricultural enterprise.

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**“Whether students have a strong agricultural background or have never stepped foot on a farm, we want them to engage with what is going on at Valley Farm. There is opportunity for learning and leadership development for anyone here.”**

- Tim Penland, Operations Manager at Valley Farm

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# TFC Welcomes New Odyssey Coffeehouse



Fall semester, Toccoa Falls College opened Odyssey Coffeehouse in the first floor of the Parkerson Student Center. Odyssey Coffeehouse's mission is to provide a quality coffee experience to the TFC community and guests of the college.

We do that by providing delicious coffee at a reasonable price in a comfortable atmosphere.



In its first few months of business, the Coffeehouse has become a place for students to meet for study groups or hang out with friends. Some mornings you can find professors having a special class session around the tables in the coffeehouse or staff members meeting with students to provide mentoring or career guidance. In the evening, student organizations host special events with a guest speaker or an Open Mic night showcasing our students' various talents. Mindful of our impact on the environment, the coffeehouse sends its used coffee grounds to TFC Valley Farms for use in their composting.



Coffeehouse items were also recycled and reused from various areas on campus to create the welcoming environment. Maintenance and Facilities used the floor and exterior shingles from Bandy Hall to make the front counter. The seating is made up of furniture from the former student lounge, a desk, and chair that used to be in the residence hall, and pews from First Alliance Church.

Our most popular drink is our regular coffee. It is an organic, full city roast coffee from Peru, supplied by the Alpaca Bean Coffee, a local coffee roaster in Lavonia, GA. Our non-coffee, specialty drinks like a Chai Tea Latte or London Fog are also popular among the guests. Seasonal drinks appear on the



**President Bob Myers with Toccoa Mayor David Austin and wife, Michelle, both TFC alums.**

menu for a limited time throughout the year. For the fall, Pumpkin Spiced Latte and Apple Cider were added, and Winter will see the addition of peppermint flavored drinks.

If you find yourself on campus, stop by Odyssey Coffeehouse to get a delicious drink or enjoy the homey atmosphere. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for information about our hours and special events.

Facebook: @OdysseyCoffeehouseTFC  
Instagram: @Odyssey.c.h

# TFC Welcomes New Board Members and VP of Business and Finance



Dr. Mark Herndon



Dr. Dee Mooney



Sen. John Wilkinson

Toccoa Falls College is pleased to announce the selection of its two newest Board of Trustee members, **Senator John Wilkinson** and **Dr. Mark Herndon** in October 2018. Senator John Wilkinson, a Republican from Toccoa, currently serves the Georgia General Assembly as the state Senator from the 50th District. As the former Executive Secretary of Georgia's FFA, John worked 30 years preparing young leaders to grow jobs in Georgia. John's primary goal while serving is to promote legislation that creates a business friendly environment to bring good jobs to our communities.

Senator Wilkinson learned the value of education from his father, Warren Wilkinson, who was principal at South Habersham High School for 15-years and Superintendent of Stephens County Schools for 12-years. Senator Wilkinson holds Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Georgia and is committed to equipping our children with a world class education. Through his leadership at FFA, Senator Wilkinson has demonstrated a passion for using education to develop Georgia's future leaders.

**Dr. Mark Herndon** is a native of Greenville, South Carolina but currently resides in Toccoa, Georgia

where he practices general surgery. Before going into the medical field, Herndon was an officer in the USAF, serving as a crew member aboard B-52H bombers. He credits his father-in-law for inspiring him to go to medical school.

He has three teenage sons, the oldest entering college this fall. In his free time, Dr. Herndon enjoys working in his yard, outdoor activities, playing drums, and serving in his church. Some of TFC's students have come to know Dr. Herndon as a guest lecturer in the School of Nursing. He has also participated in mock interviews for students wishing to apply for graduate programs. Teaching is definitely a passion of his whether it be "on the wards" of the hospital, in the college classroom, or in his church.

TFC also welcomed **Dr. Dee Mooney** as its new Vice President for Business and Finance in December.

Dr. Mooney most recently served with Cornerstone University, where she served as CFO. In that role she led the areas of accounting and finance, student financial services, and human resources. Dr. Mooney has served in financial management and teaching roles in Christian higher education for nearly thirty years including positions at Palm

Beach Atlantic University, Bryan College, and University of the Southwest. Dr. Mooney also has considerable experience in the for-profit sector having worked in public accounting with a major corporation.

Dr. Mooney has been active in Christian university business officer organizations for more than two decades. She served in volunteer leadership capacities with both the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities CFO Commission and the Association of Business Administrators of Christian Colleges Board of Directors. She has also served on the Small Institutions Council for the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Dr. Mooney holds a BBA in Accounting from Baylor University, a M.Acc. from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and a D.Ed. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is also a CPA.

Dr. Mooney and her husband Tim have two married children and two grandchildren. She enjoys reading, bible study, coffee dates with her husband, watching movies with her family, playing with her grandchildren, traveling, and serving in the local church.

# campus events

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Christian comedian **Chonda Pierce** took the stage of Grace Chapel and Performing Arts Center at TFC to a sold out crowd. Chonda has built her career by being “real” - sharing her heart, talking about difficult issues, and blending it all with humor, insight and self-examination. Chonda along with special guest, Karyn Williams, encouraged women look to their relationship with Christ as the answer for completeness and self-acceptance. The roar of laughter throughout the night made it pretty obvious the evening was enjoyed by all.

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, TFC welcomed acclaimed Christian artist **Aaron Shust** to the for his annual “Unto Us” holiday concert. Shust was accompanied by the Toccoa Falls College



Candlelight Concert - handbell choir



Chonda Pierce

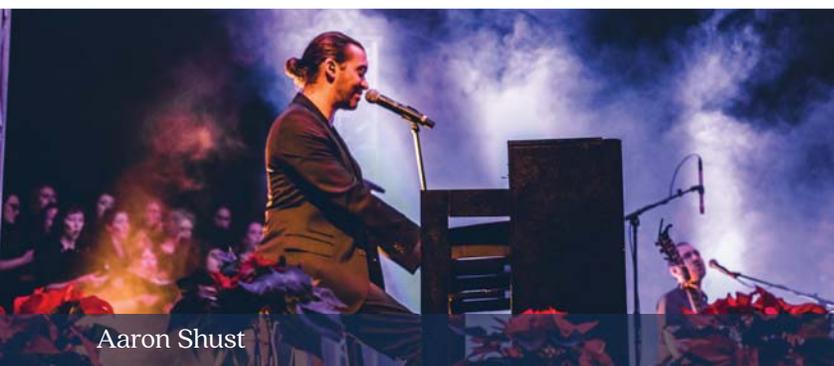
their first national release in 2013, the group earned a Top 10 single with “Let Them See You,” a song that remained on Billboard’s National Christian Audience Chart for 29 weeks.

This year in honor of Aaron, a TFC alumni, The Aaron Shust Worship Arts Scholarship was established. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to an individual TFC music major pursuing a concentration in Worship Arts. During the concert, Dr. Bob Myers, President of Toccoa Falls College presented this year’s award to scholarship winner, **Lindsey Saltz**, of Dacula, GA. Lindsey is a Junior at TFC majoring in Music with a concentration in Worship Arts and Voice.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, The Toccoa Falls College Music Department held its annual **Candlelight Concert**. The concert featured the Handbell Choir, the Concert Band, the Jazz Band, and Kayla Beggs (a senior Music Performance major) performing on



Candlelight Concert - jazz band



Aaron Shust

Choir, along with 32 alumni choir members and community members who also joined the choir for this special event. The evening was filled with holiday favorites both old and new as attendees enjoyed beautiful songs of the season.

Over the past decade, Aaron Shust has earned a reputation as one of Christian music’s most compelling songwriters and a vocalist of considerable depth and passion. He was named both New Artist and Songwriter of the Year at the 2007 Gospel Music Association Dove Awards and the impact of his song, “My Savior My God” was recognized with the Song of the Year honor. He has continued to build on that early promise to become one of the community’s most creative and trusted voices.

Opening for Shust was the **JJ Weeks Band** from Macon, GA. JJ has opened for everyone from MercyMe and Casting Crowns to label mates Unspoken. Also, their music was featured on the official soundtracks for high-profile films God’s Not Dead and Four Blood Moons. With the debut of



Lindsey Saltz

classical guitar. The Handbell Choir performed a variety of Christmas selections, including “Still, Still, Still,” “The First Noel,” and “The Holly and the Ivy.”



JJ Weeks

The Concert Band performance included three beautiful pieces of instrumental literature evoking the Christmas spirit. One selection, “Christmas Day,” was an exciting fantasy on some of the Old English Carols we all know and love, including God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen,

Good Christian Men, Rejoice, and the timeless classic The First Noel. Kayla Beggs, a senior Music Performance major, performed an arrangement of the classic Tchaikovsky piece “Dance of the Sugar Plum” on classical guitar.

Following a short carol sing, the Jazz Band took the stage and featured several selections ranging from jazz-styled traditional carols to holiday favorites performed in exciting “big band” format. “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” a medley of music by Vince Guaraldi, reminded listeners of the nostalgia of gathering together and tuning in to the 1960’s Charlie Brown Christmas television special in years gone by.

# class notes

## 1950s

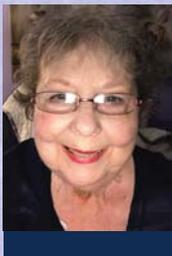


Mary Jeane (Post, HS 1958) Snook and Janet (Lewis, HS 1962) Webb

## 1960s



David and Lois (Carden) Clark (HS 1960)



Marie (Underwood, HS 1960) McClenahan, 113 Harvey Pkwy, Avon Lake, OH 44012,

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Milton Brown and Gary Ewert, 1961 graduates and former roommates



David (HS 1961) and Carolyn Head

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Gordon (1969) and Pat (Damron, 1966) Swenson, 12344 Hidden Hills Ln, Jacksonville, FL 32225, [gordonswenson@aol.com](mailto:gordonswenson@aol.com)

## 1970s



Ernest Davis (1970)

Sharon (Cross, HS 1971) DuBose, 407 Dali Dr, Brandon, FL 33511, [dubose.family33@verizon.net](mailto:dubose.family33@verizon.net)

Sharon Sanderson (1971), 124 S Stratford Dr, Athens, GA 30605, [sanderson47@bellsouth.net](mailto:sanderson47@bellsouth.net)



Rebecca Gathany-Bailey (HS 1972) and Debbie Gathany-Bailey (HS 1974) enjoyed catching up with Nancy (Collins, 1979) and Ken (1977) Hazelton.



**High School 1968** Richard Gathany, Ruth (Koehler) Schoon, Ruth (Gregory) Nodine, Debbie (Golla) Elliott, Phyllis Boudier, Jeani Goodwin, Mark Landfear, Joel Martinez, Tommy Bishop, Martha (Hunter) Goodman, Doug Robertson, Mary Carden, Marshall Miller, Peter Cheng



**Class of 1968** Lawrence DuBose, Ted Heglund, Michelle Ring Austin, Carolyn Hall Mullinax

Bill (1974) and LaRue (Barrett, 1973) Mullins, 905 Johnson Ave, Portage, PA 15946, [almlpn70@gmail.com](mailto:almlpn70@gmail.com)

"God continues to meet all needs and then some, as we trust Him." [poppymay58@yahoo.com](mailto:poppymay58@yahoo.com)



Rick Ivester (1975) and Rebecca Dosien (HS 1975) at Homecoming registration with Deborah (Hubaker, HS 1975) Kerr



Steve and Rose (Ihinger, 1977) Oliver, 380 Cedarhurst Dr, Zanesville, OH 43701.

Rose has worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer for over 20 years. Steve and Rose have five children and five grandchildren. Rose has written five books and is working on another book to publish through Amazon. [roliver380@gmail.com](mailto:roliver380@gmail.com)



Lawrence (1976) and Karen (McCrary, 1973, 1974) Smith

Clyde (1977) and Barbara May, 1016 Evergreen St, Brockway, PA 15824. Clyde retired at the beginning of the year, but still works part-time. He and Barbara have three grown children and four grandchildren. Clyde says,

**Jean (Chrouser, 1978) Burkhart**, 814 S Yow Mill Rd, Toccoa, GA 30577. Paul and Jean retired from the C&MA in 2014, then Paul passed away in 2015. Jean is currently serving as the office manager at Paradise Mountain Ministries. [jcburk@gmail.com](mailto:jcburk@gmail.com)



**Edie (Lugo, 1996) Tubbs and Diane (Derk, 1978) Crisler**



**Steve and Donna (Ryals, 1978) Jordan**, 535 Anderson Rd, Eden, NC 27288. Steve and Donna recently moved to Eden, NC, and decided to retire there to be close to their new grandchild. Donna would love to hear from her alumni friends. [donnarjordan@hotmail.com](mailto:donnarjordan@hotmail.com)



**Alumnus of the Year Homecoming 2018 CDR Paul Rumery (1988) Chaplain Corps, US Navy**



**Oscar (1978) and Pamela (McCrary, 1977) Lopez**, 23306 Cody Ct, Denton, MD 21629. Oscar retired in 2018 after 33 years as a minister in the United Methodist Church. Pamela retired in 2017 after 30 years as an elementary education teacher. They love living close to their 3 daughters and sons-in-laws, and 7 grandchildren. [nanapamela8@gmail.com](mailto:nanapamela8@gmail.com)

**Richard and Christine (Brantley, 1979) Tomlinson**, 129 Swan Lake Dr, Melrose, FL 32666, [pjrctomlinson@aol.com](mailto:pjrctomlinson@aol.com)

## 1980s

**Chuck and Melissa (Williams, 1980) Wilson**, 3333 Boydston Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37419. [chukmisa@epbfi.com](mailto:chukmisa@epbfi.com)



**Stephen and Karen (Bowers) Sickel (1983)**, 809 Armstrong Dr, Willard, OH 44890. Stephen is a substitute school teacher for three public school districts in northern Ohio. [ssickel@hotmail.com](mailto:ssickel@hotmail.com) Karen is a special needs school bus driver for Willard City Schools and an on board school bus instructor

(trains new school bus drivers) for the State of Ohio. [joyfulbusdriver@aol.com](mailto:joyfulbusdriver@aol.com)

**P. Matthew (1984) and Gina Dillon**, 100 Pleasant Ct, Willow Park, TX 76087. Matthew and Gina recently relocated to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Matthew is teaching at St. Mark's School of Texas. [pmattdillon@aol.com](mailto:pmattdillon@aol.com)

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**Michelle Ogles (1985)**, 104 Bradley Ln, Adairsville, GA 30103, [michelleogles@att.net](mailto:michelleogles@att.net)



**Lee Ann and Danny (1986) Beck** enjoyed the BBQ dinner with **Tim (1988) and Cristina (Manley, 1986) Beck**.



**Greg (1986) and Penny (Sturgess, 1985) Schroeder**, 5020 Pine Creek Cir, Woodstock, GA 30188, [greg.schroeder@bellsouth.net](mailto:greg.schroeder@bellsouth.net)

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**William and Melissa (Morris, 1988) Harrison**, 504 Piedmont Lake Rd, Pine Mountain, GA 31822, [melissajoharrison@gmail.com](mailto:melissajoharrison@gmail.com)



**Keith and Janice (Crabtree) Hood (1988)** with their son, Solomon (current TFC student)

**Charlotte Moon (1989)**, 759 Rhoden Cove Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32312, [charowan@gmail.com](mailto:charowan@gmail.com)

## 1990s

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**Rusty (1992) and Lori Arwood**, 7780 Wells Rd, Talbott, TN 37877. Rusty has been in the banking industry since 1993 and is currently the Business Services Manager for TVA Credit Union. Lori has a Doctorate in Christian Counseling and is the church counselor at True Life Church in Jefferson City, TN. Rusty and Lori recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. They have three children, Abbey, Will, and Bailey. [arwood5@charter.net](mailto:arwood5@charter.net)

**Dana (McCreary) Knox (1992)**, 1712 Connecticut Ave, Saint Cloud, FL 34769, [danawhiteacre@bellsouth.net](mailto:danawhiteacre@bellsouth.net)

**Carrie (Stanley, 1992) Sorensen**, 430 Breakwater Dr, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. Carrie works with The Travelers Insurance Company. She has one daughter, Sarah Beth. [carries430@gmail.com](mailto:carries430@gmail.com)

**Chris and Cindy (Nodine) Greaves (1994)**, 3733 Suffolk Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32309, [cgreaves72@gmail.com](mailto:cgreaves72@gmail.com)



**Brian (1994) and Jessica (Vena, 1996) Rockwell**, 801 Iowa St, Belgrade, MT 59714. Brian is the lead pastor of Belgrade Alliance Church. Jessica is working full time as a coach at Lone Mountain Gymnastics. Their two oldest boys, Brandon and Jared, are attending Toccoa Falls College. Their son, Colby, is a Junior in high school and daughter, Isabel, is in 7th grade. [mtrocks@charter.net](mailto:mtrocks@charter.net)

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**Justin and Bethany (Boston, 1996) Rose**, 302 W 15th Ave, Torrington, WY 82240, [roselady7256@yahoo.com](mailto:roselady7256@yahoo.com)

**Wade (1997) and Mary Joyce (Still, 1996) Climie**, 1952 Rich

Rd, Beaver Creek, OH 45432, [climieclan@hotmail.com](mailto:climieclan@hotmail.com)



**Ian and Wendi (Smoak) Jackson (1998)**, 2635 Concord Rd, DeLand, FL 32720. Ian is the AVID Coordinator at T. Dewitt Taylor Middle High School. Wendi is the Community Information Specialist for the City of Deltona. They have two children, Grace and Colin, and a basset hound. They are members of Deltona Alliance Church. [wendiji01@aol.com](mailto:wendiji01@aol.com)



**George and Bennette (Person) Kashella (1998)**



**Brandi (Holbrook) Ryan (1998)**, 422 Savannah Dr, Woodstock, GA 30188, [bran517@gmail.com](mailto:bran517@gmail.com)

**Joe and Julie (Trammell, 1999) Dixon**, 3964 Brockton Rd,

Jefferson, GA 30549. Julie is the woodwind instructor and band assistant for Commerce Middle and High School. She also teaches preschool music part-time in Athens. Joe and Julie have four children, Hailee, Chantel, Teresa, and C.J. [jldixon1976@gmail.com](mailto:jldixon1976@gmail.com)

**Philip (1999) and Sarah Jackson**, 116 Roger Dr, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Phil works as a visual designer and web developer in Santa Cruz. Sarah is an ESL teacher currently working as a full-time mom to our two children. [philjaxon@gmail.com](mailto:philjaxon@gmail.com)

## 2000s



**Michele (Whited, 2000) Banks**, 1052 Turner Rd, Winter Park, FL 32789, [michelewhited@hotmail.com](mailto:michelewhited@hotmail.com)



**Brian (2000) and Jenny (Hosch, 2001) Bojo**, 48 Turnbull Dr, Rome, GA 30161, [bjmbojo@gmail.com](mailto:bjmbojo@gmail.com)

**Jessica Hays (2000)**, 2302 Timberline Dr, Columbiana, OH 44408, [jhays497@gmail.com](mailto:jhays497@gmail.com)



**Alumni Scholarship Recipient Homecoming 2018**  
**Danielle Pottorff**  
Daughter of  
**Ed and Sue Pottorff (1996)**



**Guy and Rebecca (Damron) Wasko (2000)**, 275 South St Apt 16L, New York, NY 10002, [guywasko@gmail.com](mailto:guywasko@gmail.com)

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**Alumna of the Year Homecoming 2018**  
**Karrie (Furnish, 1998) Perrin**  
Stephens County School System

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**Patrick (2002) and Susan (Johnson, 2004) Jones**, 317 N Vernon St, Princeton, IL 61356. Patrick recently graduated from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with a Master of Theology (NT). He is serving as the pastor of Bureau Township Community Church. Susan works at a local café and a local realty office. They have two children, Levi and Lily. [theologianpijones@yahoo.com](mailto:theologianpijones@yahoo.com)

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**Nate (2003) and Andrea (Lopez, 2001) Burns**, 23306 Cody Ct, Denton, MD 21629. Andrea was recently named Teacher of the Year for Caroline County, MD. "Work Hard, Dream Big" is the philosophy that Andrea strives to instill in her students. As a former international ELL student herself, she is committed to improving the multicultural landscape, championing ELL achievement, and celebrating all learners' backgrounds. Andrea is Preston Elementary's Equity Liaison and the founding head of the Multicultural Committee within her school, an initiative that helps increase positive multicultural awareness through building intentional relationships and designing affirmative activities. She has an M. Ed. from La Salle University (2016) and a B.S. from Toccoa Falls College (2001). Andrea is also a published and award-winning portrait photographer.

Andrea was third generation at TFC. She is preceded by parents Oscar (1978) and Pamela (McCrary, 1977) López. J. Clifford (1950) and Pauline (Tingen, 1950) McCrary are her grandparents. Andrea's husband is Nate Burns (2003) and they both hope

that one of their three children (Seth, Lucas, and Audrey) continue the tradition. [andrea.l.burns@hotmail.com](mailto:andrea.l.burns@hotmail.com)

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**Canas and Jennifer (McGarvey, 2003) Blackston**, 10611 Abercorn St Apt 207, Savannah, GA 31419, [auntjenn13@yahoo.com](mailto:auntjenn13@yahoo.com)



**Eric and Faith (Thomas) Needham (2003)** are working with Crossworld in Thailand, coordinating the Thailand Teacher Project. They have three boys, Jacob, Owen, and Titus. [eric.needham@crossworld.org](mailto:eric.needham@crossworld.org)



**Mark and Thomi (Megowan, 2003) Pratt**, 4663 Malone Ct, Lilburn, GA 30047. Thomi is currently an Associate Professional Counselor pursuing Licensure in the Metro Atlanta Area. [thomi777@yahoo.com](mailto:thomi777@yahoo.com)

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**Daniel and Amy (Fincher) Hanscome (2005)**, 674 Shady Creek Rd, Toccoa, GA 30577. Daniel and Amy are currently serving in Africa with their children, David, Abigail, and Lillian.  
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**Clarence Wulf (former faculty)**

## 2010s



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**Tom and Sara (Allen) Loghry (2013)**, 212 Rockland Rd, North Scituate, RI 02857. Tom graduated this past spring with a M.A. in Theology from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is continuing in graduate studies at



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Gordon-Conwell in the M.A. in Ethics & Society program. Most recently, this program has given him the opportunity to study at Boston University in a course on Political Theology. Aside from graduate studies, Tom is presently serving in the Advent Christian denomination as assistant pastor of Rockland Community Church. He also serves on the Executive Council of the Advent Christian General Conference in the role of Clerk. On the side, Tom founded and directs Advent Christian Voices, a blog featuring voices from across the denomination on matters of church and theology. Tom and Sara have one son, James. [thomasloghry@tfc.edu](mailto:thomasloghry@tfc.edu)



**Saylo and Lala (Xiong) Lor (2013)**. Saylo completed a M.A. in Organizational

Leadership from Lincoln Christian University. This past summer, he transitioned from the Resident Director in Forrest Hall (four years in that role) to the Director of Student Engagement. Lala is currently working through her M.A. in Reading Instruction at University of West Georgia. She is also serving as a 6th grade Language Arts teacher at North Habersham Middle School. [sslor@tfc.edu](mailto:sslor@tfc.edu)



**Catherine Rybicki (2013)**, 411 Crested View Dr, Loganville, GA 30052. Catherine graduated from TFC with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, minoring in Biblical Greek. She shared the following about her time at TFC: "It was my professors in the Bible and Theology department who spoke into my life and encouraged me more than anyone else. Dr. Brian Shelton was a champion for me, and encouraged me as I walked

through this journey. When I was accepted into the Master of Divinity program at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, my professors at TFC were among the first to know. My three years at Gordon-Conwell were some of the greatest, but I believe it was the foundation laid by my professors at TFC that allowed me to flourish and thrive in such an academic setting. In May of 2018, I graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with my Master of Divinity, and my heart was glad to receive so many congratulations from my professors at Toccoa Falls College. TFC played a crucial role in laying the foundation for my academic journey thus far, and they will continue to provide a space for me to thrive as I have signed on to be an online Adjunct professor in the Bible and Theology department.

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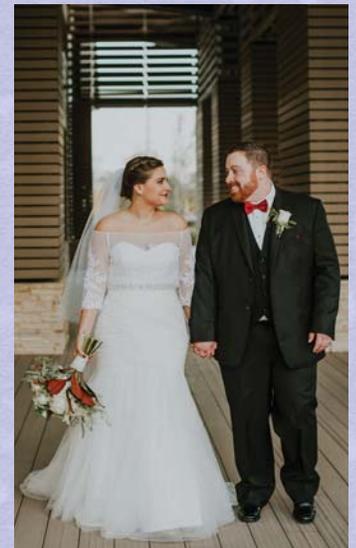
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**John Thar (2017) and Joshua Lillie (2016)**, former SGA Presidents

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**Joseph R. May Sr. (1951)**  
July 9, 1928 – June 29, 2016

**Stephanie (Allen) Bower (1969)**  
August 7, 1949 – March 1, 2017

**Viola Beack (1959)**  
1936 – March 2, 2018

**Carolyn (Jacques) Shears (HS 1952)**  
June 11, 1934 – April 27, 2018

**Jean (Gile) Lewis (1963)**  
June 1, 1938 – May 12, 2018

**Heather Lynn Gibbs (2001)**  
April 27, 1978 – May 21, 2018

**Marilyn (Morgan) Simmons (1977)**  
February 13, 1953 – June 13, 2018

**Dennis Alfred Tallman (HS 1961)**  
June 6, 1942 – June 20, 2018

**Malcolm Brice Cash (1958)**  
January 25, 1935 – July 18, 2018

**Teresa Dunham (1966)**  
July 9, 1934 – July 22, 2018

**Roberta (Swauger) McDowell  
(former faculty)**  
January 8, 1932 – August 2, 2018

**Paul E. Bennett (HS 1953,  
College 1957)**  
December 25, 1928 – August 17, 2018

**Christopher Wade Barker (1997)**  
November 21, 1977 – August 19, 2018

**Bruce Crossley (1986)**  
April 24, 1955 – September 5, 2018

**Norman F. Woodward (1942)**  
September 27, 1925 – September 12,  
2018

**Amy (Ness) Zimmerman (1989)**  
October 18, 1969 – September 13, 2018

**Elma Grace "EG" (Davis) Long (1957)**  
December 22, 1933 – October 9, 2018

**Edith (Smith) Foster (1940)**  
December 9, 1920 – October 14, 2018

**Margaret A. (Trout) Hoffman (1982)**  
December 2, 1958 – October 20, 2018

**Grace (Farr) Welch (1953)**  
September 4, 1932 – October 28, 2018



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