

TU Insider

January 2019

Important information for students about what's happening at Thomas University

CAB kicks off spring semester with special events

Thomas University's Campus Activities Board (CAB) is a student-led organization that plans activities for students to get together and have fun outside of the classroom.

Below are CAB's January activities.

For more information about CAB, contact Courtney Sinclair, Coordinator of Student Activities, at csinclair@thomasu.edu.

Welcome Back Lunch & Involvement Fair

Noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, in front of the Library on Forbes Campus

- FREE lunch!
- Yummy chili & grilled cheese
- Great opportunity to see what clubs and organizations are active on campus & get involved

One Blood Drive

9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, behind the Campus Center on Forbes Campus

- Donate to help save a life!
- Donors receive a FREE long-sleeve t-shirt
- Interested? Contact csinclair@thomasu.edu to

schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also accepted.

JV Baseball Rally Day

1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at Varnedoe Stadium
Come support our JV Night Hawks as they host Andrew College for their first home game of the year!

- First pitch is at 2 p.m.
- First 25 fans will receive a FREE exclusive t-shirt!

Baseball Rally Day

12:30-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at Varnedoe Stadium
Come support our Night Hawks as they host Middle Georgia College for their first home game of the year!

- First pitch is at 1 p.m.
- First 25 fans will receive a FREE exclusive t-shirt!

JV Softball Rally Day

12:30-1:30pm Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Armory Field
Come support our JV Lady Night Hawks as they host Andrew College for their first home game of the year

- First pitch is at 1 p.m.
- First 25 fans will receive a FREE exclusive t-shirt!

ACTU presents Thursday Night Music Club on Jan. 20

Arts for the Community at Thomas University (ACTU) will present its annual January Jazz Fest on Sunday, Jan. 20, featuring Thursday Night Music Club from Tallahassee.

"Most people in the area are familiar with the fantastic Thursday Night Music Club," said Dr. Karl Barton, ACTU series coordinator. "They're well-known for being a group of incredibly talented musicians who enjoy performing together, and that shows in everything they do."

Thursday Night Music Club, considered "Tallahassee's Community Big Band," began in 2006 and consists entirely of volunteer



Photo by Mike Ewen

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Thursday Night Music Club

Scholarships available for current TU students

Thanks to the generosity of Thomas University supporters, there are a number of scholarships available for current TU students. Applications for these scholarships are now being accepted until March 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 academic year.

TU scholarships range from \$700 to \$4,000 per year. Scholarships may be available for specific majors, students from specific geographic areas or student participating in certain TU activities, such a music or theatre groups. Some scholarships require an essay or recommendation letters.

All scholarship applicants are required to complete the [FAFSA](#)

[for 2019-2020](#). Click [here](#) for more information about these individual scholarships.

To apply for TU scholarships, a student should log into his/her Hawklink account. Under "My Financial Aid," select "Apply for Scholarships" to access to application.

Also available is the TU Legacy Scholarship provides a one-time award to children of those who received a degree from Thomas University.

Recipients must be in good academic standing including having at least a 2.0 GPA unless state otherwise. Recipients must be

accepted as a TU student or be currently enrolled as a TU student; have at least one parent who received a degree from TU; must complete the FAFSA; and must apply for and accept all federal and state grants. Apply for the Legacy Scholarship [here](#).

For questions about TU scholarships, please contact the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships at finaid@thomasu.edu or 229-584-2460.

In addition to TU scholarships, there are also a number of scholarships available from organizations outside of TU. Read more about those scholarships [here](#).

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musicians. Their repertoire includes jazz, swing, funk, blues, rock and Latin jazz. Thursday Night Music Club has performed at numerous events in the Tallahassee area, such as Tallahassee Downtown Winter Festival, Springtime Tallahassee, Opperman Music Hall, Southwood Big House Boogies, SouthWoodStock and more.

"We're excited to bring Thursday Night Music Club to Thomasville and share their talents with the Thomasville area," Barton said.

The concert is part of the Sundays at Four series and will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, on the theater stage at the Thomasville Center for the Arts, located at 600 E. Washington St.

For additional information, email actu@thomasu.edu or call 229-227-6964.



Thursday Night Music Club

TU Art Gallery showcases work of Chris Johnson

Thomas University's Art Gallery will feature "Press + Release: Woodcuts by Chris Johnson" in an exhibit Monday, Jan. 14, through Thursday, Feb. 28.

"The works on exhibition are selections from a larger series of woodcarvings inspired by ancient and contemporary mythologies," Johnson said. "I have always been fascinated with the variety of ways an artist can create and reproduce an image using printmaking techniques. By displaying the woodblocks alongside the printed image, a viewer can understand the process of relief printing."

Originally from South Georgia, Johnson now lives in Columbus. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Clemson University

in 2008 with a concentration in printmaking. Johnson went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the University of South Carolina with a concentration in printmaking and drawing in 2011. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Art at Andrew College in Cuthbert, Georgia.

Located in the Student Life Center on TU's Magnolia Campus, the Art Gallery is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, and 8 a.m.-noon Fridays. The exhibit is part of Arts for the Community at Thomas University (ACTU).

A reception with the artist will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in the gallery. In addition to his woodcuts, Johnson will also discuss his recent works of large-scale public



Chris Johnson

murals throughout Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. The exhibit and the reception are open to the public. There is no admission fee.



Photo by Rich Curtis

Steele named TU Director of Student Disability Support Services

Dr. Katrina Steele was recently named the new Director of Student Disability Support Services at Thomas University. She is also an Assistant Professor in the Division of Counseling and Psychology, where she teaches undergraduate psychology classes and graduate level counseling classes.

“Dr. Katrina Steele puts students’ needs first,” said Dr. Pauline Patrick, Chair of the TU Division of Counseling and Psychology. “She is well-versed in meeting the needs of students with disabilities, whether visible or invisible, and understands how students’ disabilities impact their access to education. She is knowledgeable about the ways to accommodate students with disabilities and can assist faculty as they implement the various academic accommodations. I know students will find Dr. Steele to be very approachable. As a faculty member, I look forward to working with her in this new role.”

Dr. Steele doesn’t look at “disabilities” the way many others do.

“With Disability Support Services, you really have to take away the disability part of that,” she explained. “It’s really a different ability. We each have a different way of learning or interacting with the world. It’s about equity, not equality. My job is to provide students what they need to have an experience equal to other students so we can help them reach their goals.”

In her classes, Steele uses a variety of methods to appeal to all types of learners, but students must also advocate for themselves when they need assistance. Steele reminds parents that university students must sign FERPA waiver forms before university personnel can legally discuss students’ issues with their parents.

“I’m a firm believer in allowing people to learn the way they learn,” she said.

“We have to even the playing field so that everyone can play ball.”

Part of a military family, Steele was born in Germany and moved around before her family settled in the Virginia Beach, Virginia, area. She earned a bachelor’s degree in communication studies and a master’s degree in counseling, both from what is now Longwood University. Steele went on to earn a Ph.D. in Counselor Education with a specialization in School Counseling from Old Dominion University.

Steele said she grew up around other children with different abilities. Her mother was a learning therapist who focused on working with children to bring them up to the same educational level as their peers.

When Steele was trying to decide on a career path, her mother recommended school counseling. She spent 14 years in the field and even became a certified specialist on dealing with bullying in high schools.



Dr. Katrina Steele

She was often called on to speak on the subject at meeting of the Virginia School Counseling Association.

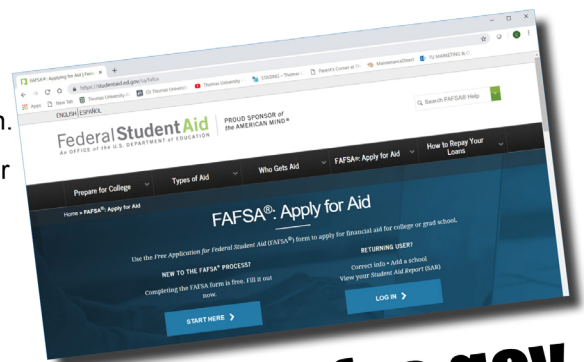
Steele began at TU in January 2018 as an adjunct faculty member teaching online counseling courses while completing her school counselor career. In July she and her husband moved to the area. Steele became a full-time TU faculty member in August 2018.

Get a head start!

The 2019-20 FAFSA is available

NOW!

- File early to avoid the rush later!
- Log in with your FSA ID.
- Use 2017 tax information.
- Link your parents’ or your tax information by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.
- TU’s school code: 00155500



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Contact the TU
Office of Financial Aid
& Scholarships!
229-584-2460



Next Science Café to feature writer Doug Alderson

The next installment of Thomas University's Science Café series on Tuesday, Jan. 29, will feature Doug Alderson presenting "Exploring our Region by Foot, Bike and Kayak."

Alderson is the author of several books, including "Wild Florida Waters," "The Great Florida Seminole Trail," "Waters Less Traveled," "New Dawn for the Kissimmee River," "Encounters with Florida's Endangered Wildlife" and "A New Guide to Old Florida Attractions: From Mermaids to Singing Towers," which the Florida Writers Association placed in the top five of published books for 2017.

He has won four first-place Royal Palm Literary awards for travel books and several other state and national writing and photography awards. Additionally, his articles and photographs have been featured in magazines such as *Sea Kayaker*, *Coast and Kayak*, *Wildlife Conservation*, *Native Peoples*, *American Forests*, *Sierra*, *Mother Earth News* and *A.T. Journeys*. He received the inaugural Environmental Service Award by Paddle Florida in 2015

"for conspicuous commitment, unflagging dedication and love of Florida's natural environment."

Each Science Café begins with a reception with the speaker in the lobby of Smith-Bonvillian Hall on TU's Forbes Campus at 6 p.m. followed by the presentation at 6:30

p.m. in the Flowers Foods Executive Classroom. There is no admission charge, and the public is welcome.

For more information, contact April D. Penton at apenton@thomasu.edu.



Doug Alderson

TU Book Club to discuss 'Le Morte d'Arthur'

During the next meeting of the Thomas University Book Club on Tuesday, Jan. 22, attendees will step back in time to Camelot as they discuss Sir Thomas Mallory's "Le Morte D'Arthur."

First published in 1485, Malory's work is considered one of the best-known pieces of literature focusing on the tales of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Malory translated existing stories from 13th century French and from Middle English to compile the majority of "Le Morte D'Arthur." Malory's stories focus on dragons, wizardry and epic adventures that are just as popular today as they were centuries ago.

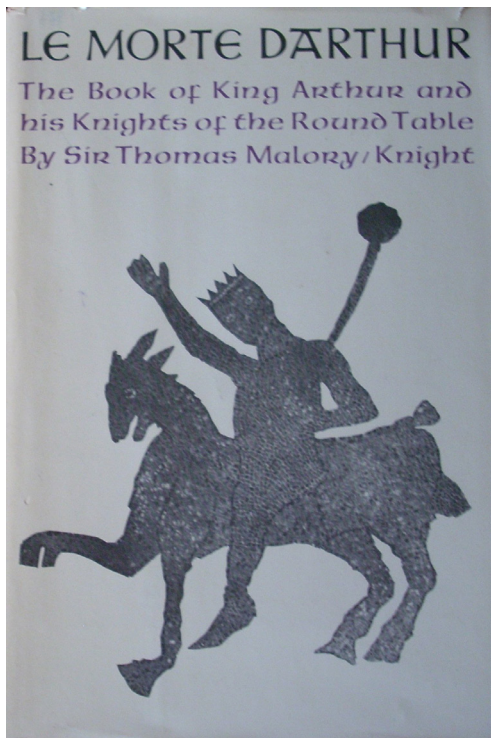
Leading the discussion will be Dr. Jason Dunn, an Associate Professor of English at Thomas University. Dunn holds a bachelor's degree in English from the University of South Florida, a master's degree in English from San Diego State University, and a Ph.D. in English from the University of California-Davis. Before joining TU, he was an Assistant Professor, Communications and Honors Faculty at the College of Central Florida; an Associate Instructor and then Lecturer in the English Department and University Writing Program at the University of California-Davis; and an



Dr. Jason Dunn

Instructor in the English Department and the Department of Rhetoric and Writing Studies at San Diego State University.

The Book Club meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center Classroom on TU's Forbes Campus. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 229-227-6964 or email actu@thomasu.edu.





All TU students who use on-campus resources or attend one or more classes on campus are required to have a student ID.

NOTE: Student ID's must be validated at the beginning of each academic semester (Fall, Spring). To have an ID card validated, you must present a course schedule for the current semester. Each semester you are active at TU will be noted on the back of your ID card.

The University provides the first ID as part of the student fees; however, cards can be replaced for a \$5 fee.

CAMPUS-BASED STUDENTS

If you are a *new* campus-based student, you must bring the following to Office 125 in the Student Life Center on Magnolia Campus in order to get your student ID printed during the below drop-in times available this week or by appointment only:

1. Government issued ID (driver's license, passport, etc.)
2. Copy of current course schedule with your student ID #

Your picture will be taken.

If you are a *returning* campus-based student and need to have your student ID validated for the Spring 2019 semester, you must bring the following to Office 125 in the Student Life Center on Magnolia Campus during the below drop-in times available this week or by appointment only:

1. TU student ID
2. Copy of current course schedule

DROP-IN TIMES AVAILABLE THIS WEEK

Monday, January 14th

9:00am – Noon
3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday, January 15th

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Wednesday, January 16th

3:30pm to 5:00pm

Thursday, January 17th

9:00am – Noon
3:30pm – 4:30pm

OFF-SITE/ONLINE STUDENTS

If you are an off-site/online student, please email csinclair@thomasu.edu for further direction if a student ID is needed.