

2021 - 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

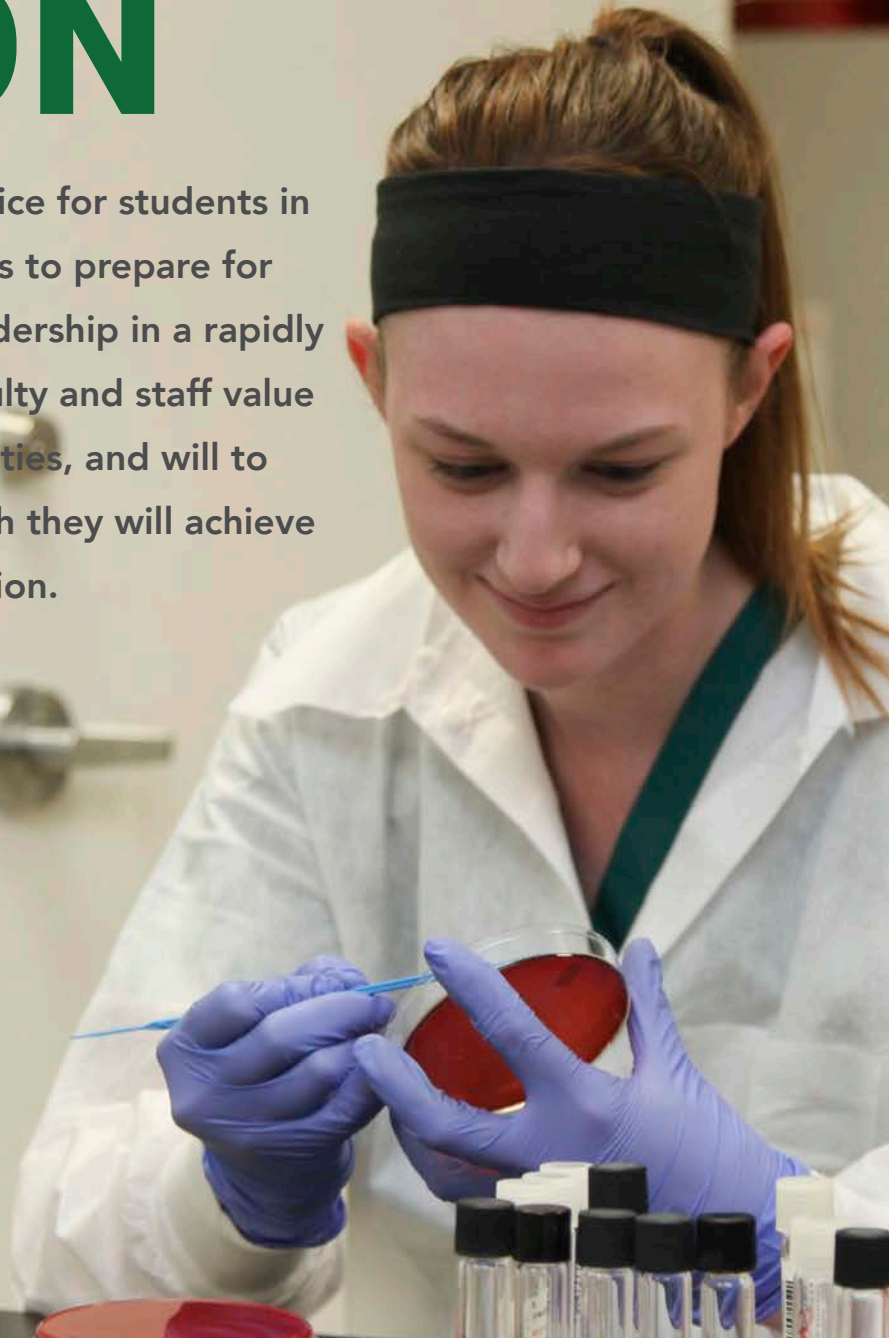
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THOMAS
UNIVERSITY 

OUR MISSION

Thomas University is the school of choice for students in undergraduate and graduate programs to prepare for successful careers and responsible leadership in a rapidly changing and complex world. The faculty and staff value students' individual strengths, capabilities, and will to succeed, providing the means by which they will achieve personal and professional transformation.



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1,386
Fall 2021
Enrollment

Geographic
diversity of
student body:
20 countries
and 30 states

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Soar! It means to rise, to maintain altitude, and to increase above the normal level. From the pages that follow, I think that you'll agree it is the perfect word for TU. This past year, we rose in the ranks and are now among the top five military friendly schools in the country. We are also recognized as having one of the best Counseling programs in the nation.

Within this report, you'll discover that we maintained TU's high quality educational experience with great professors like Leslie Cooper in the Medical Lab Science program and Richard Curtis in the Arts. Through your support, they and their colleagues launched amazing graduates like Tiffoney Smith, Baz Ouzts, and Aubrey Plymale and others.

You'll also discover that the university endowment grew and a number of new donors hit rarified air with gifts that will enable the Night Hawks to fly even higher.

Enjoy the next pages. You'll see that we are soaring. Thank you for your help.

Up we go!

Sincerely,



James A. Sheppard, Ph.D.
President
Thomas University



TU awarded over
\$1.7 MILLION
scholarships in 2021-22

STUDENTS TAKE FLIGHT

Smith Receives International Honor Society Scholarship

The Executive Council of Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society for Business, Management and Administration recently named Tiffoney Smith as the recipient of its Scott Scholarship during the fall of 2021. The Council selected Smith from thousands of society members throughout the country.

Smith graduated Magna Cum Laude from Thomas University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management. She also received the award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in the Division of Business.

Smith, who lives in Thomasville with her husband Recardo and their five children, took an indirect route to earning a college degree. The Sumter, South Carolina, native began by joining the Navy right after graduating from high school in 2010 at the age of 17.

For seven years Smith served in the Navy as an Aviation Ordnanceman, which required handling ammunition and missiles, loading and unloading them into aircraft. The work required a great deal of technical training in how to properly do the work. While in the Navy, Smith met and married her husband.

When she and her husband ended their military service, they decided to settle in Thomasville, her husband's hometown. That's when Smith realized she wanted to earn a college degree, but she also wanted a traditional college experience.

"We were in Thomasville, and I wanted to come and sit in the classroom," she said. "At least when I first started, I felt like because I had been out of school for so long, I needed to be able to get back in the right mindset. Because Thomas University is small, I got to know most of my instructors and peers."

Now Smith is working on a master's degree in Human Resources Management. She's a member of the TU chapter of Sigma Beta Delta and TU's chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM).



Pictured above left to right: Dr. Melinda Piller, Chair of the Business Division, Tiffoney Smith, Stephen Ferguson, Vice President for Military and Corporate Relations.

Using Science and History to Preserve the Past

On June 2, 2022, recent TU graduate Baz Ouzts presented his project, which combined science and history at Pebble Hill Plantation through TU's Geospatial Analysis Planning and Preservation (GAPP) Center in an effort to record information about the graves in the Workers' Cemetery before the gravestones are lost to time and nature's elements. Ouzts used GIS technology and Pebble Hill's archives to map the location of each and identify the person buried there.

Ouzts' project built on an earlier project by TU GAPP students from 2013, but he added the historic element to tell the stories of the people buried in the cemetery and roles they played on the plantation. This information was meticulously documented during the 20th century by the last two owners – Kate Hanna Harvey, who owned Pebble Hill from 1901 until 1936, and then her daughter Elisabeth (Pansy) Ireland Poe, who owned it from 1936 until her death in 1978. The oldest grave in the cemetery is inscribed with a death date of 1898.

Because of the fragile nature of the graves, the cemetery remains closed to the public. However, more information is available at the website Ouzts created about the project: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7fce6a0b1a4045e8b89e93a5194cfd59>.



Baz Ouzts presents his project at Pebble Hill Plantation.

TU Students, Professor Recreate Missing Museum Sculpture

In the fall of 2021, students of Richard Curtis, Associate Professor of Art, recreated the life-sized "Gold Star Mother" statue at Pope's Museum in recognition of the museum's listing in the National Registry of Historic Places.

Pope's Museum, located near Ochlocknee in Grady County, features about 200 of Forester's works of art. As one of the few women artists of her time, her work received much acclaim during the 20th century.

Forester created the original life-sized "Gold Star Mother" statue in the 1940s as part of a memorial to honor military service members who lost their lives in battle and to honor the families they left behind. Sometime between 2015 and 2017, the grieving mother statue disappeared from the memorial.

Curtis recruited three students to work with him in recreating the "Gold Star Mother" statue – Tiffeny McCardel, Jennifer Coleman and Georgia Smith.

"I thought it would be a unique learning experience for them," he said. "As a studio artist, I am always looking to include hands-on experiential learning into my lecture-based courses. This was a project to restore, or rather reinterpret, a monument that had been lost."



Tiffeny McCardel, Georgia Smith, and Jennifer Coleman work to recreate the "Gold Star Mother" statue at Pope's Museum.

Plymale Receives 2022 TU President's Award

Aubree Plymale of Boston, Georgia, always enjoyed the outdoors and learning more about how to protect the environment and natural resources, so earning a degree in that field was always part of her plan. However, she did not realize that she would make history along the way.

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, she became the first student to graduate from Thomas University's new Bachelor of Science program in Natural Resource and Conservation Management and she did it with Summa Cum Laude honors. Plymale also became the first student to graduate through a partnership with Southern Regional Technical College in which students first earn an associate degree at SRTC in the Land, Forest, Wildlife Management program before moving on to TU.

In addition to those milestones, Plymale received Thomas University's 2022 President's Award, the highest honor presented to a student in recognition of his or her outstanding academic achievements and community contributions at TU.

When she graduated from Thomas County Central High School, Plymale enrolled in Southern Regional Technical College.

"In the fall of 2020, Thomas University started the natural resources and conservation management program, which allows students to graduate from Southern Regional and then transfer over and only take two years to get their bachelor's," she said. "That's why I chose this degree. It's right here in Thomasville so close to home."

At TU Plymale learned more about

the research aspect of NRCM. She presented a research project conducted with her classmates Hope McNair and Dara Moore at the Tri-Beta National Conference during the summer of 2022. In their project, the trio collaborated with Tall Timbers Research Station to examine the chemical, microbiological, and ecological factors of post-agricultural plots that are fire-dominated.

During her time at Thomas University, Plymale served as president of TU's Mu Kappa Delta chapter of Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society. Under her leadership, the chapter hosted a guest speaker series, partnered with Keep Thomas County Beautiful, and hosted an Earth Day celebration at Cherokee Lake.

She also interned at Tall Timbers Research Station, where she created a conservation management plan for Lost Creek Forest.

"I would say my greatest reward would be the all the experience I've gained here at TU and all of the community partners that I've met through my time here,"



Aubree Plymale of Boston is the first student to graduate from Thomas University's Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and Conservation Management degree program as well as TU's partnership with Southern Regional Technical College that leads into the program. She also received the 2022 President's Award, the highest honor presented to a TU student.

she said. "It's been a lot of fun conducting research because I've personally enjoyed it. The professors here are just wonderful because they want to see you succeed."

1,386

Fall enrollment

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

From Military to Civilian Life: Thomas University Announces New Transition Program Built Around Football

Thomas University officials have established the nation's first football program designed specifically to assist veterans in their transition from the military to civilian life. TU's program will serve veterans and those currently serving in the Reserves and National Guard. In TU's new program, these service members will be students on TU's campus in Thomasville, earning undergraduate degrees and members of the newly formed Night Hawks football team.

"We see it as a win-win situation for everybody," said Stephen Ferguson, TU's Vice President for Military and Corporate Relations. "We know that service members learn how to operate as a team. We're going to use that training and apply it to football. This is more than just football. This is about preparing veterans for the next phase in their lives and using football as the vehicle to do that."

In addition to mentoring from coaches, including prior-service staff, TU will integrate its outstanding, nationally recognized



counseling program to provide both mental health and career counseling services.

"The best programs recognize that the transition from military service to civilian life includes multiple social, physical, psychological and economic challenges," said Dr. Pauline Patrick, Chair of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division at TU. "It is necessary to focus on and provide services for the 'whole' person. TU's Veteran Transition Program will provide counseling, tutoring, structure, mentoring, education and other support services to assist these veterans."

TU administrators also introduced the first head coach of the new team, Orlando Mitjans, Jr. He brings more than two decades of coaching experience to the new program. Mitjans previously served in positions at The Citadel and West Point in addition to completing NFL internships with the Kansas City Chiefs, St. Louis Rams and New York Jets.

TU is part of the NAIA Division I Sun Conference. The Night Hawks will begin their first football season in the fall of 2023.

Thomas University Moves up to #4 on Top 10 List of Military Friendly Schools

For the fifth year in a row, Thomas University has been named to the Top 10 List of Military Friendly Schools® in the category of private colleges and universities not offering doctorate degrees. This year TU moved up from ranking eighth last year to ranking fourth for 2022-2023. The Top 10 ranking is in addition to achieving gold award status.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,800 schools participated in the 2022-2023 survey with 665 earning the gold, silver and bronze designations. The 2022-2023 Military Friendly® Schools list is

published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com/schools.

In mentioning Thomas University on the list, Viqtory specifically referred to TU's customized training and certification preparation classes in a variety of areas, including contracting, cyber security and project management as well as its Center for Military Life, which supports military personnel and their families throughout military service from pre-enlistment to veteran status.

TU is a partner with the Community College of the Air Force offering seamless transfer of CCAF associate degrees to TU bachelor's degree programs.

TU is an approved General Education Mobile (GEM) provider for Air Force personnel and an active participant in the voluntary education programs for all branches, providing access to quality education. The Veterans Services and Career Transition Center is available to all veterans and active duty personnel on campus and in the surrounding area.



Tri Beta Adopts a Spot

Members of the Mu Kappa Delta Chapter of the Tri Beta Biological Honor Society at Thomas University partnered with Keep Thomas County Beautiful to "Adopt A Spot" on Millpond Road near TU's Forbes Campus. The members hosted their first litter pickup on Friday morning, March 25, 2022, which included other TU students and members of the community.



Thomas University offers

80

**certification preparation
training courses in
Project Management,
Cyber Security,
Cloud Computing,
& more!**

Thomas University Holds Conference on Government Contracting for Small Businesses

Small business owners looking for an opportunity to begin government contracting learned how during a workshop at Thomas University on Friday, March 4, 2022. Presented by TU's Center for Military Life, "Government Contracting for Small Business" covered the basics of how to introduce a small business to the government contracting market, what small businesses need to consider in this market and strategies for successfully competing for government contracts.

"We wanted to share insights about the business of government contracting that small business owners may not fully understand," said Ron Poussard, a conference presenter who is a Distinguished Senior Fellow with the Armed Services Institute at Thomas University and President of Applied Federal Contract Associates. "It's a complex environment for any business and can be very challenging."

Other presenters included Michael Poussard, Associate Director for Federal Business Strategy at

TU's Armed Services Institute; Roy Nyquist, Contract Training Coordinator of TU's Defense Acquisition Collaboration; and Kevin A. McGrail, Principal Evangelist for Dito and a member expert in the Marine Corps Cyber Auxiliary.

Session topics included "Introduction to a changing government marketplace," "Pathways and programs to successful entry," "A fresh look at federal small business programs" and "Cyber hygiene (Securing your network)."

TU students provide over **1,700** **community service hours annually**

Georgia Council for the Arts awards ACTU an Arts Education Grant

The Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA), a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, announced in July 2021 that it awarded Arts for the Community at Thomas University (ACTU) an Arts Education Grant as part of its initial disbursement of grants for fiscal year 2022. A total of 218 organizations were awarded 266 grants that provide more than \$2 million in funding to arts organizations throughout the state. ACTU is one of 77 organizations in the state to receive an Arts Education Grant.

"As we emerge from this past year's quarantine, the arts sector is vital to restarting the economy by attracting tourists, assisting with classroom learning, and igniting events to bring communities back together," said GCA Executive Director Tina Lilly. "The 266

grants we have awarded will help cities and organizations leverage additional funds and bring people back to work while providing fun and educational opportunities for Georgians across the state."

Funds awarded by Georgia Council for the Arts include appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"This grant will enable ACTU to increase and diversify our audiences for the Friday at Noon and Sundays at Four concert series," stated Dr. Karl Barton, ACTU series coordinator and Thomas University Professor of Music.

Georgia Council for the Arts uses Peer Review Panels to judge and review applications following

standard practices set by the National Endowment for the Arts. Panelists are GCA Council members and fellow professionals who are experienced in the arts discipline or type of grant being reviewed, or are citizens with a record of arts activities, experience and knowledge. Grant recipients include theaters, dance companies, museums, cities, colleges, and multi-discipline arts entities.



NAACLS Reaffirms Accreditation of TU's Medical Laboratory Science

In the spring of 2022, the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) reaffirmed its continuing accreditation for Thomas University's Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Laboratory Science for 10 years.

"Accreditation by NAACLS means that our program meets the established education standards in the clinical laboratory science discipline of Medical Laboratory Science set by the premier agency in the field," said Leslie A. Cooper, program director and clinical

coordinator. "The thorough and rigorous accreditation process and the fact that our program is one of only five accredited MLS programs in Georgia shows our continued commitment to deliver high quality education to both local students and beyond."

A Medical Laboratory Scientist is an integral part of the healthcare team and aids in the diagnosis of patients through scientific analysis of human samples to yield diagnosis and treatment. TU's MLS graduates are prepared to enter the field with a rich and diversified

skill set enabling employment in a variety of laboratories, such as medical and hospital, forensic, pharmaceutical, drug trial, veterinary, physician offices, food and beverage, and other lab-related career fields.

TU's MLS program was the first program at TU to offer classes online. Now the program offers both online and on-campus courses. The 2022 class was the 19th to graduate. About 300 students have graduated from the program since 2002.

Cooper Receives Vulcan Teaching Award

During Thomas University's Undergraduate Commencement ceremony held Saturday, May 7, 2022, Leslie Cooper received the prestigious Vulcan Materials Company Teaching Excellence Award.

For the past 27 years, Vulcan Materials Company Southeast Division, in conjunction with the Georgia Independent College Association, has been honoring an outstanding professor with the Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award at select members of the Georgia Independent College Association. This award recognizes an outstanding faculty member who demonstrates strong academic skills in the classroom and provides leadership and support in the other areas of campus life

Cooper began her career at Thomas University in 2014 as the Medical Laboratory Science Program Advisor and Administrative Assistant to the Division of Science. In June 2018, she became the MLS Program Director and Clinical Coordinator.

During the past year, Cooper



Leslie Cooper

has been responsible for the organization, development and general management of the MLS program in addition to her full-time teaching duties. She wrote a self-study report and hosted a virtual accreditation site visit. To prepare for the accreditation site visit, Cooper had to update most of the MLS curriculum to include program and course learning outcomes,

develop a curriculum map and program assessment method, as well as manage all of these updates for the TU curriculum committee, catalog and the Canvas course shells.

In her role, Cooper manages all Master shells for the MLS courses and coordinates all of the clinical placements for her students.

Thomas University Honors Outstanding Supporters with 2022 Forbes Society Awards

Thomas University held its annual Forbes Society Dinner honoring its supporters on Feb. 3, 2022, at Glen Arven Country Club in Thomasville. At the dinner, TU presented four awards in recognition of the recipients' service.

During the event, TU student Nevan Figueroa of Tallahassee spoke about the opportunities he's received thanks to scholarships made possible by the generosity of TU supporters. Then Dr. Andy Sheppard, TU President, presented the Forbes Society Awards.

Harry Tomlinson received the W. Cameron Forbes Award, which is given to an individual who has displayed a life-long commitment to education and to Thomas University. The award recipient has made a significant impact on the life of the institution and the lives all members of the TU community.

The Ambassador's Award went to Chelsie Cosby, president of the TU Alumni Board of Governors and Chair of the Casino Night Committee. This award is given to an individual in appreciation of exceptional volunteer commitment to Thomas University. This individual's selfless contribution

of his/her time and energy has been vital to the activities of the University.

Bud K, represented by owner Clint Kadel, received the 2022 President's Award, which is given to a corporation or foundation recognized for outstanding support of the Thomas University mission. The recipient has consistently fostered the continued growth of all aspects of TU.

The Vacey Harris Award was presented to Kevin McGrail of Peregrine Computer Consultants Corp. This award recognizes an individual for unique service to Thomas University during a critical time in the school's history. This award is named in honor of Vacey Harris, whose initial gift of \$10,000 began the Birdwood College fund, setting the foundation for Thomas University.



Thomas University recognized supporters during its annual Forbes Society Awards Dinner held Thursday, Feb. 3, at Glen Arven Country Club. Dr. Andy Sheppard (second from left) joins the 2022 award recipients, who include (from left) Chelsie Cosby, Ambassador's Award; Clint Kadel of Bud K, President's Award; and Harry Tomlinson, W. Cameron Forbes Award. Not pictured is Kevin McGrail, recipient of the Vacey Harris Award.

Casino Night Event Raises Funds for Grady County TU Scholarship

Grady County businesses and Thomas University supporters joined forces to present "Casino Night: A Masquerade Dinner" on Oct. 16, 2021, at the Grady County Cultural Center.

"We planned a great meal, great entertainment, and a chance for sponsors to gamble the night away without hurting their wallets," said Chelsie Cosby, chair of the Casino Night Planning Committee, a Grady County resident and a TU alumna. "We want to thank all the Grady County businesses and community members who sponsored this event. Proceeds fund scholarships for TU students from Grady County."



Intelligent.com Ranks TU's Counseling Program as a Top Degree Program



Intelligent.com named Thomas University's completely online Master of Science

in Counseling to two of its lists in December 2021. TU's degree program ranked number 25 out of the top 60 nationwide in the Best Online Counseling Degree



programs as well as number 11 out of the top 26 nationwide in the Best Online Master's

in Addictions and Recovery Degree Programs. Students in

TU's program have the option of earning a specialization in Alcohol and Addictions.

"We are so pleased to be recognized for these achievements," said Dr. Pauline Patrick, Chair of the Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences. "This recognition is another layer for affirmation – for our faculty and students. Our faculty have worked hard to ensure the highest quality education to our graduate students. Despite the impact Covid has had on education, faculty have persevered."

To determine its rankings, Intelligent.com compared 704 programs from 2,900 universities and colleges across the U.S. in the areas of program strength, student readiness, return on investment,

cost, and student engagement.

"Thomas University's program is unique in that it truly offers an online experience that mirrors face-to-face learning," said Dr. Cristina Jones, Program Director. "Our faculty are dedicated to making personal connections with students and providing mentorship and career direction. We are always looking for new ways to improve the student experience and ensure that they are prepared for the difficult work of counseling. We are one of the only accredited online programs that confirms it meets the licensing requirements in all 50 states so that regardless of residency, our students can feel confident that they are on the path to licensure."

TU Nursing Honor Society Donates to Thomas County Food Bank

Members of the Phi Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing at Thomas University donated time and money to the Thomas County Food Bank on Monday, May 9, 2022. The volunteers bagged apples for distribution to food bank clients and presented a monetary donation to Food Bank President Janice Anderson (second from left). Phi Tau members participating in the donation are (from left) Dr. Theresa Corker, Tessa Clark, and Judy Hornsby.



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programs
of study

11
honor
societies

Former NASA Astronaut Addresses 2022 Graduates



A total of 3,590 students graduated from Thomas University on Saturday, May 7, 2022, in two separate Commencement ceremonies both held on the lawn in front of Smith-Bonvillian Hall. Former NASA astronaut and Air Force veteran Paul Lockhart was the keynote speaker for the undergraduate ceremony. Lockhart is now Director of Engineering at PEMDAS® Technologies and Innovations, where his wife, Mary Lockhart, is President and Founder. They both serve as members of the advisory board for TU's Center for Military Life.

TU's Pre-College Programs Summer Camp Provides Students with "A Summer of Learning and Earning"

Participants in Thomas University's Educational Talent Search and GEAR UP programs had the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics through a combination of online and in-person activities during TU's Pre-College Programs Summer Camp with the theme "A Summer of Learning and Earning."

A total of 52 students from Bainbridge, Thomasville and Thomas County middle and high schools participated in the camp.

First Commerce Credit Union hosted a virtual financial literacy workshop during which participants learned about banking basics, such as saving for college, budgeting and using credit cards.

"As a long-time community partner, we were honored to be part of this unique summer program across the area," said

First Commerce CEO Cecilia Homison. "We are committed to empowering people to enhance their financial well-being, and this program was a tremendous

opportunity to provide budgeting and money management tools that will help these students build a path toward financial success."



Jason Perry (far left), Georgia Market Executive with First Commerce Credit Union, and Chris Scurry (far right), Adel Financial Services Officer with First Commerce Credit Union, join Melanie Martin (second from right), Thomas University's Director of Pre-College Programs, along with the rest of the Pre-College Programs leaders and summer camp participants on TU's Forbes Campus before a field trip on July 16, 2021. First Commerce Credit Union hosted a virtual financial literacy workshop that was part of this year's summer camp activities.

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Flag Football Team Wins Conference Championship, Runners-up in National Tournament During First Year

By Angelo Pontello
Sports Information Director

During Flag Football's inaugural year as a sport at Thomas University, the Night Hawks Team won the SUN Conference Championship, was the runner-up in the national tournament, had two players receive conference players of the year awards, and one player named to the all-conference team. Plus, Head Coach Chelsea Parmer picked up Coach of the Year honors after leading the Night Hawks to a spectacular 13-1 first season that was highlighted by wins over NAIA National Championship participants.

Freshman Kiana Acol was named the Offensive Player of the Year. She has been a jack-of-all trades for the Green & White, accruing over 800 yards of offense from passing, rushing, and receiving.

Sophomore Janae Scott received the SUN Conference Defensive Player of the Year award and was named to the SUN All-Conference Team. She led the team with 71 flag pulls in the regular season with two flag pulls for losses along with eight pass breakups and three

interceptions.

Graduate student Brittney Delva was named to the SUN All-Conference Team. On offense, she was one of TU's leading receivers, accruing over 550 receiving yards with seven touchdowns.



Thomas University's Flag Football Team won the SUN Conference Championship and were runners-up in the NAIA National Championship in the first year as a sport at TU.

Photo by Jennifer Coleman

48 All-Academic Team Members
1 SUN Conference Champions of Character

Parker Named 2021-22 Sun Conference Athletic Trainer of the Year

Thomas University's Head Athletic Trainer, Daniel Parker, was named the 2021-22 Sun Conference Athletic Trainer of the Year.

"The Sun Conference is full of great Athletic Trainers who are truly quality individuals, to be recognized by this group of peers is extremely humbling," Parker said. "Individual accomplishments are never just that. I hope this award shines a light on our staff and the commitment we make to caring for our student-athletes."

"Daniel is a worthy recipient of this honor bestowed upon him by his peers." Sun Conference Commissioner Dustin Wilke said. "He displays a steadfast commitment to the welfare of Night Hawk student-athletes and has been a critical component in ensuring our conference consistently maintains a high standard of care."

Daniel Parker



5 SUN Conference Championship Appearances

Welcome New Coaches

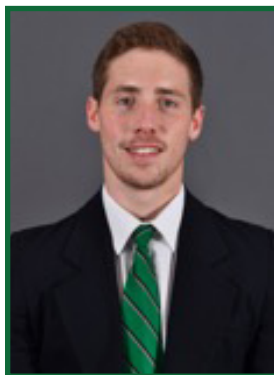
Zac Exume,
Head Women's Basketball Coach



Prior to joining TU, Exume spent two years as an Assistant Coach at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He also spent two

seasons at Cincinnati Christian University, where he helped guide the team to a conference tournament appearance and the most conference wins in the last decade. Exume earned a master's degree from Miami University and a bachelor's degree from Delaware State University.

Colin Cotter,
Interim Head Men's Basketball Coach



Cotter comes to the Night Hawks after two seasons as the Associate Head Coach/ Recruiting Coordinator at Reinhardt

University. With Cotter, the Eagles finished in the top two in the Appalachian Athletic Conference for two seasons. Before that, Cotter was the Head Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Andrew College. He earned a bachelor's degree from Valdosta State University.

Scott Gowan,
Head Cross Country/Track & Field Coach



Gowan was Head Coach of the boys' and girls' cross country and track & field teams at Chiles High School in Tallahassee for 17 years.

Gowan started his coaching career at Port St. Joe High School in 1986, where he was Head Coach for boys' track & field, boys' cross country, middle school boys' basketball, and assistant varsity football. Gowan has received many honors for during his coaching career, which include induction into the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the 30-year Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Athletic Coaches Association. He holds a bachelor's degree from Florida State University.

424

graduates in 2021

15 (Including 76 graduating with honors)

Conference Honors 5 Night Hawks Baseball Players

By Angelo Pontello, Sports Information Director

When the SUN Conference announced its All-Conference Baseball teams for the 2022 season, Cameron Rosario was named to the conference's second team.

The Jacksonville, Florida, native played in 40 of Thomas University's 50 contests, seeing time as both a catcher and an outfielder. Rosario finished as the Night Hawks' leader in stolen bases (.352) while posting two triples, five doubles and 21 RBIs.

The SUN Conference All-Academic list included four Thomas University Night Hawks: Sophomore Owen Taylor (3.60 GPA); Sophomore William Martinez boasts a 3.74 GPA; Redshirt Junior Bradley Fleenor has a GPA of 3.57; and Sophomore Right-Hander Nevan Figueroa carries a 3.61 GPA.



*TU's Cameron Rosario was named to the SUN All-Conference second team.
Photo by Jennifer Coleman*

3 NAIA National Championship Appearances

Softball Team Finishes Third in SUN Conference Tournament; 2 Players Named to All-Tournament Team

By Nick Pope, Sports Information Assistant

The SUN Conference announced its 2022 All-Tournament Team with two Night Hawks named to the annual tournament list.

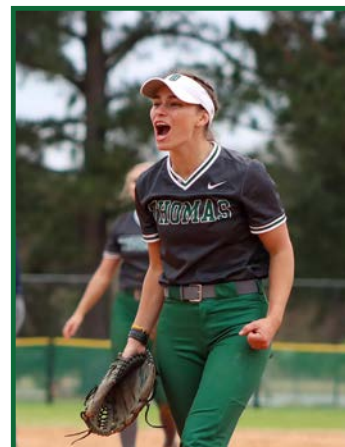
Thomas' Larran Carter and Adreanna Killingsworth both received All-Tournament recognition as the Night Hawks placed third in the tournament for the second straight year.

Junior infielder Adreanna Killingsworth received the nomination, as the dominant slugger drove in a solo home run en route to Thomas' first win of the tournament against Ave Maria. Killingsworth was also the regular season First-Team All-Conference member.

Senior pitcher Larran Carter also received All-Tournament recognition, with the Thomasville native pitching in all four of Thomas' tournament contests with an impressive combined ERA of 1.66. Carter was also named the regular season Second Team All-Conference pitcher.

Thomas University's Softball Team members Adreanna Killingsworth (bottom right) and Larran Carter (top right) both received SUN Conference All-Tournament recognition and regular season All-Conference recognition.

Photos by Jennifer Coleman



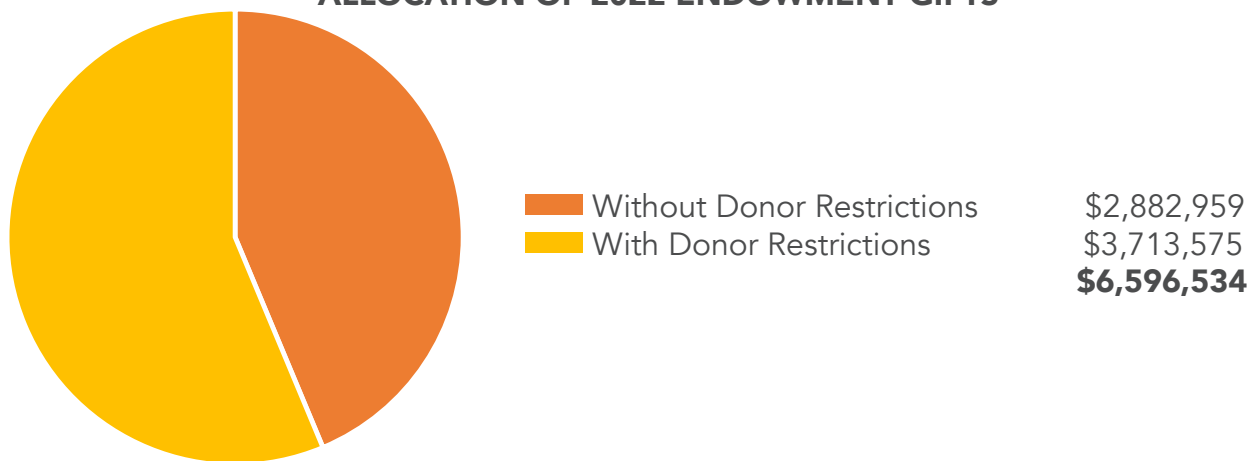
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2022 Financial Summary

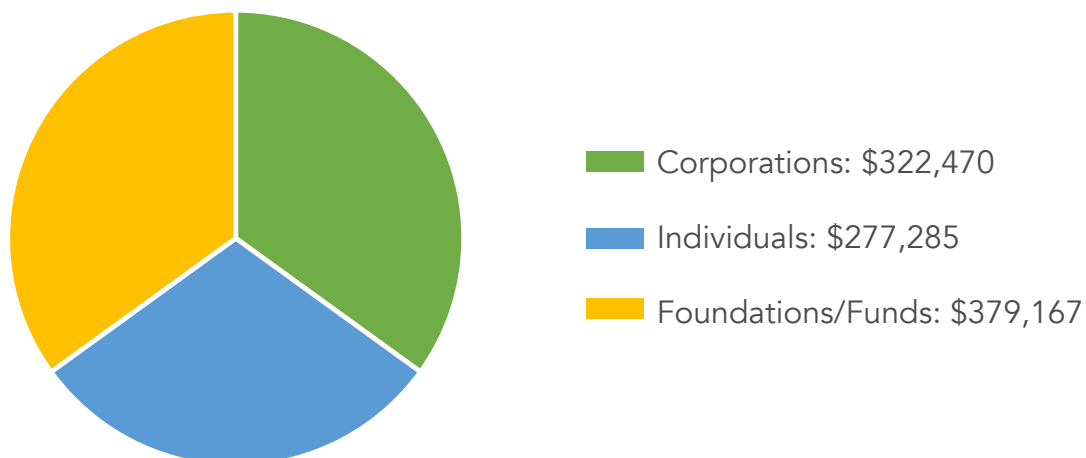
THOMAS UNIVERSITY 2022 ENDOWMENT FUND COMPOSITION FOR 2022

| | YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2022 | YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2021 |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Operations | \$485,662 | \$432,948 |
| Scholarship | \$3,511,910 | \$3,735,436 |
| Academic Programs | \$2,567,874 | \$2,765,374 |
| Academic Support | \$15,471 | \$16,690 |
| Student Services | \$15,617 | \$16,813 |
| | \$6,596,534 | \$6,967,261 |

ALLOCATION OF 2022 ENDOWMENT GIFTS



TYPE OF 2022 CONSTITUENTS



Chairman's Message

When you flip through the pages of this Annual Report, it is pretty impressive to see what Thomas University students and faculty have accomplished this past year. TU may be small, but the quality of the education provided rivals any big-time university.

What is even more important is that TU students do not get lost on campus or struggle with feelings of isolation. Their professors know them by name and want to see them succeed. Many times their professors will be on the sidelines or in the bleachers cheering on the student-athletes who are also in their classes. That is the beauty of a small university.

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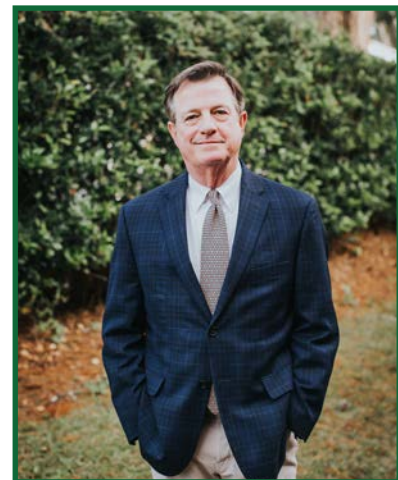
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Thank you so much for your support and your commitment to Thomas University students. They may be students today, but they are also the leaders of tomorrow.

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