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Promoting Spiritual Health: Chaplains in Residence

As the School of Theology's seniors prepare for graduation, two seminarians—Sarah Hess, T'22, and Chris Schwenk, T'22—are also wrapping up a unique, yearlong experience in spiritual outreach. Sewanee's Chaplain in Residence program, launched as a pilot in the fall of 2021, focuses on providing a non-sectarian pastoral presence for undergraduates living in residence halls. The program is a partnership between the School of Theology, the Office of Residential Life, and All Saints' Chapel. The Rev. Ashley Mangrum, All Saints' Chapel's Assistant Chaplain for Pastoral Care and Interfaith Support, led its creation. Read more [here](#).

Alumni Retreat Offers Relaxation and Reconnection

Spring is a time of renewal, so it's the perfect season to welcome alums back to the Mountain! From April 19-22, the School of Theology hosted our first alumni retreat. Ten alums traveled to Sewanee, staying at scenic [Rivendell Spiritual Center](#). Rest and reflection were the main agenda items, although alums also engaged in guided outdoor activities and one-on-one time with faculty. The Rev. Jane-Allison Wiggin, T'15, who joined us from New Orleans, said, "Spending time at the School of Theology, especially the Chapel of the Apostles, did my soul good at the alumni retreat. The arranged spiritual direction, hiking, and yoga were all thoughtful touches. I highly recommend the time away to all alums, and I can't wait for next year!"



Tiger Tuesday Success!

You showed up and supported our seminarians on Sewanee's biggest day of giving, and we could not be more grateful! Our sixth annual Tiger Tuesday, held on April 5, was a roaring success. In total, 235 donors contributed over \$152,000 to the School of Theology. Giving for scholarships and financial aid, in particular, was significant—it tripled this year, compared to the amount raised in 2021. We are excited to build on this momentum as we wrap up the academic year!

Upcoming Events

- [Are you planning to attend the 2022 Alumni Lectures and Homecoming? Save the date for Sept. 27-29. Guest lecturer Mark D. Jordan will speak on "The Word After Babel: Styles, Power, and Silence in Theology."](#)

Job Opportunities

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- [Assistant Rector, The Church of the Good Shepherd, Augusta, GA](#)
- [Director of Christian Formation, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Jackson, MS](#)
- [Associate Rector for Lifelong Discipleship, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Whitemarsh, Fort Washington, PA](#)

Alums recently reached out to let us know about multiple job openings in the [Diocese of Arkansas](#) and the [Diocese of Chicago](#). Check the [ENS website](#) for details!

Notable

- [The Rev. Rob Gieselmann, T'99, has published a second book of sermons, *Why Seek the Living among the Dead?* \(Parson's Porch\). The included sermons take readers from Easter through mid-Pentecost.](#)
- [St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, led by The Rev. Seth Donald, T'15, has partnered with Louisiana-based architect Chad Abell to construct The Recovery House, a permanent meeting place for the southwest Louisiana chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous.](#)

In Memoriam

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Click the photos to view obituaries.



Dr. Keith Cox, C'61; former member, Sewanee Board of Regents and Sewanee Board of Trustees



Robert M. "Bob" Renneisen, Jr., T'06

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