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Local restaurants to dine at during homecoming

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STUDENT WRITER, TCU 360

TCU will celebrate Homecoming this year from Oct. 13 to Oct. 18. This annual celebration brings together past and present Horned Frogs to participate in numerous activities, including a weekend football game.

The campus will be bustling with many alumni and as TCU grows, so do the restaurants surrounding it. Some old restaurant favorites have remained the same, while others have undergone renovations, and some are new for alumni to explore.

Here are some of Fort Worth's most famous classic, revamped and newly opened restaurants available to alumni.

1) Joe T. Garcia's

Located at 2201 N. Commerce St. in the Fort Worth Stockyards, has been serving Tex-Mex cuisine since 1935, making it a traditional destination for family gatherings and celebrations.

This restaurant came to be when Mamasuez immigrated from Mexico alongside her husband and the restaurant's namesake, Joe T., in hopes of starting a fresh life for herself. Her grandchildren continue to run this special space, curating their grandmother's recipes, in hopes of providing Fort Worth with the same incredible experience that their family has been offering for nearly a century.

The restaurant has indoor seating, while the outdoor patio is

accompanied by beautiful gardens and luscious fountains. Joe T. Garcia's offers more than just delicious Mexican food; it treats every guest like family.

"I think Joe T. 's really fosters the culture of Fort Worth and gives everyone a true Texas feel because it is so lively and cultivating," Ava Chambers, a junior fashion merchandising major, said. "It represents a fun, family-filled environment."

2) Woodshed

Smokehouse has been situated on the banks of the Trinity River since February 1, 2012, located at 3201 Riverfront Dr. The Woodshed has become a renowned and unique restaurant in Fort Worth, featuring three smokers, two rotisseries, two wood grills and a rotating selection of woods for cooking.

Aside from its cuisine, Woodshed Smokehouse offers ample outdoor seating and live music, creating an excellent environment for socializing with friends.

From the aroma of the handcrafted meats to the live background music, outstanding service and a joyous atmosphere, Woodshed is a place

where Horned Frogs feel at home. It is just up the street from campus, making it a great hangout spot before game days with their TCU flags waving on the outside deck. You can't miss it.

3) Ampersand coffee

Located on South University Drive, is a popular coffee shop near TCU's campus. It closed in May 2023 for major renovations and reopened in Aug. 2024. The renovation included leasing the space next door, doubling the coffee shop in size and providing students with more seating options for studying and working.

The coffee shop's menu did not change and still offers its signature drinks and toasts. Other recent changes include the introduction of a self-order kiosk, making it convenient for busy students to bypass the line. In the evening, it turns into a lively bar, serving its signature espresso martinis.

"The location has changed quite a bit since my freshman year to now, senior year," Kiley Gugassian, a communications major, said. "The tables were really close together, which made it feel

cramped and even a little claustrophobic. Now, the new Ampersand is much bigger and has a nicer, more upscale feel, making it a cozy place to study."

4) Quince Riverside

Located in Westbend Plaza on River Run, is a new addition to the Fort Worth area, opening its doors on March 27, 2023. This restaurant is an upscale casual spot perfect for a night out with friends or for finishing up a run on the Trinity Trail. They offer both indoor and outdoor seating, with cooling fans on the patio for warmer Texas days.

Quince serves dinner only on Mondays and Tuesdays, offers lunch from Wednesday to Friday and provides brunch on Saturdays and Sundays. It caters to students, with its intentional location near campus and loyalty program with several discounts tailored to college students.

"I've been going to Quince Riverside ever since my freshman year move-in when it just opened," Paige Phillips, a junior strategic communications major, said. "No matter the occasion, Quince always

feels special, whether it's the music, the energy of the crowd, or just the way the space feels when you walk in. It's the type of restaurant that always gives you a reason to come back."

There are other options for students that are closer to campus along University and West Berry Street.

5) Jersey Mike's

Jersey Mike's, is another popular spot near the outskirts of campus known for its sandwiches and quick, convenient service.

"The #7 is my go-to," Catherine Begun, a senior supply chain major, said when praising the chain.

6) Dutch's

The final student favorite near campus, Dutch's, is well-known for its unique dual setup. One side of the restaurant offers burritos and bowls, and the other side serves hamburgers and classic American dishes.

"My favorite things from Dutch's are their burgers or chicken tenders," Delaney Killeen, a junior finance major, said when asked about her go-to meal.



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TCU's renovated Ampersand location on University Drive.



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HOMECOMING

Homecoming parade's return restores TCU tradition

By ISABELLA ROSE SCOTT
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On a June day in 1915, between 500 and 1,000 people gathered along downtown Fort Worth streets to witness what

the university yearbook would call “a mammoth automobile parade, over eighteen blocks long.”

Faculty, student body, alumni, ex-students and friends packed into cars that wound through the

principal downtown thoroughfares as part of the inaugural “Home-Coming Week.”

This celebration marked the first significant alumni gathering since the

school moved to Fort Worth, and proved “a success from every standpoint.” That cherished tradition would endure for a century before falling silent in 2016, leaving a void in TCU’s cultural calendar that many alumni still lament.

During homecoming weekend this October, University Drive will once again transform into a river of purple and white, the autumn sunlight glinting off trombones and tubas as the familiar strains of the TCU fight song echo between buildings. Elaborately decorated floats will roll past crowds of cheering spectators while costumed student organizations, high-stepping band members and beaming

university dignitaries wave to families lining the route.

The homecoming parade, that kaleidoscope of Horned Frog pride, returns after a nine-year absence, thanks to the determined efforts of TCU students and faculty who refused to let this crucial piece of university identity fade into yellowed photographs and nostalgic stories. “SGA really pushed for the parade and wanting to make homecoming a bigger celebration,” Kelly Lee, director of student activities, said. “Students across campus though came together to also support the parade.”

Student initiative brings tradition back

The revival began with a Homecoming Exploratory Committee created by the Student Government Association in the fall of 2024. Their mission: to gauge interest and build support for bringing back one of TCU’s oldest traditions.

“Once we saw strong support from students on campus, we used that information to advocate for the parade’s return,” Reagan Stephens, student body president, said. “We brought those results to the administration, Student Affairs, and other campus leaders to show that this is something students genuinely care about.”

To ensure strong participation, SGA has allocated \$20,000 from its annual budget to help fund float construction and other parade

elements.

“SGA is committed to ensuring that students do not have financial barriers restricting them from participating,” Stephens said, noting that organizations can apply for funding to support their involvement.

Student leaders successfully campaigned to resurrect the historic procession for TCU’s Homecoming Weekend scheduled for Oct. 17-18, 2025, as announced by the TCU Alumni Association.

A parade through time

The homecoming parade has been a cornerstone of TCU culture since the university’s earliest days in Fort Worth. The tradition traces back to 1914, when President F.D. Kershner organized the first “Home-Coming” celebration to mark TCU’s successful transition to its new campus after relocating from Waco.

“The plans of the home-coming committee are very far reaching, hence the early date of beginning preparation,” according to The Dallas Morning News in October 1913. “It is thought that this reunion will surpass anything of its kind ever undertaken by the university.”

By 1927, the celebration had evolved to officially incorporate football. Athletics Director L.C. “Pete” Wright famously

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TCU band members perform from a flatbed truck during a homecoming parade on Oct. 24, 1996.



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TCU Showgirls, Horned Frog Marching Band, and Dutchmen parade through campus during a spirit rally on Sept. 10, 2021.



PHOTO BY CRISTIAN ARGUETASOTO
Homecoming King (Brandon Kitchin) and Queen (Michelle Nguyen.)



PHOTO BY GLEN ELLMAN
Elise Smith and Jimmy Hopper, crowned Ms and Mr TCU during homecoming 2009.



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A collage of TCU homecoming parade photos from university archives shows various parade floats and celebrations spanning from the 1920s through early 2000s.



PHOTO BY TCU 360
Chancellor Victor Boschini waves to spectators from a convertible during a TCU homecoming parade in the early 2010s.



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A collection of historic TCU homecoming moments, including alumni gatherings and stadium ceremonies dating back to the mid-20th century.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU ARCHIVES
Students ride on a Jarrell & Huff Service float during TCU homecoming parade through Fort Worth in 1952.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU ARCHIVES

TCU students prepare a Horned Frog float outside Amon G. Carter Stadium during homecoming festivities in 2002.

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promised, “We’ll seat everybody” for the first annual homecoming football game against SMU on Thanksgiving Day.

TCU President

E.M. Waits and SMU President C.C. Selecman rode together at the front of the automobile procession that year, symbolizing the growing importance of the parade as both a community and athletic tradition. Throughout the decades, TCU’s

homecoming parade became a vibrant showcase of creativity and school spirit. Carefully crafted floats covered in tissue-paper pomps in shades of purple and white would roll down the street, each representing months of planning and hundreds

of hours of work by student organizations. “For those that graduated in 2015 or before, remembering participating in multiple homecoming activities from building floats, marching in the parade down University Drive was a huge part of



PHOTO BY TCU 360

Students put finishing touches on a paper-mache Horned Frog float figure during homecoming preparations in 2012.

their TCU experience,” Amanda Stallings, associate vice chancellor for alumni relations, said. “Car dealerships would sponsor cars and alumni with vintage purple cars would be in the parade. Vice chancellors would partner with students and ride in convertibles.”

Historical photos reveal vintage convertibles carrying homecoming queens, antique fire engines decked in purple ribbons transporting alumni celebrating milestone reunions and animated student floats featuring whimsical designs that often playfully taunted the weekend’s football opponent. By 1949, the celebrations had expanded to include a bonfire, square dance,

downtown parade and barbecue, with the procession growing into one of the most anticipated events of the year. “Homecoming! The greatest invention since the cap and gown,” declared a 1950s TCU alumni newsletter. “Reminisce in the old familiar campus spots. Tour the new buildings. Watch the Frogs beat the Baylor Bears.”

An unexpected pause

The tradition faced an abrupt interruption in 2016 when university officials announced its cancellation because homecoming weekend coincided with family weekend, creating logistical challenges for



PHOTO BY TCU 360

Young fans ride aboard a decorated float during a TCU homecoming parade in 2015, one of the last parades before the tradition’s hiatus.

student organizations.

Officials said at the time that the decision “only impacts 2016,” but the hiatus extended through subsequent years, leaving many wondering if the tradition would ever return.

“The parade was always that one day when students, alumni and local residents all connected,” said Mark Johnson, TCU class of 1983 and past president of the Alumni Association. “My kids grew up coming to those parades. It wasn’t just an event for the university—it was something that brought the whole TCU community together with Fort Worth in a unique way.”

The absence had ripple effects beyond campus. “Local schools used to make sure to release students early to allow them to watch the parade,” Stallings said. “Alumni would come back and bring their children to watch the parade, then attend Frog Fest. It goes beyond just alumni — the parade makes for a community experience and inspires school-aged children to dream about coming to TCU.”

Innovations for a new generation

The 2025 revival will feature traditional elements alongside innovative additions designed to strengthen TCU’s community connections. One new feature will be a series of Horned Frog sculptures painted by students from the arts department.

“After the event, these sculptures will be placed in community spaces,

like downtown Fort Worth, to keep the TCU spirit alive even outside of campus,” Stephens said. “It’s a way to show off student creativity while strengthening the connection between TCU and the broader Fort Worth area.”

Student organizers acknowledge the challenges of reviving a dormant tradition but remain committed to making the event a success.

“One of our biggest concerns has been making sure the parade lives up to expectations,” Stephens said. “Since we haven’t had it in a while, we know people will pay attention to how it turns out. We want it to be something students are proud of.”

Alumni relations officials note that rebuilding the tradition will take time.

However, I do feel that alumni who graduated before 2016 would definitely remember and be nostalgic about the experience,” Stallings said.

Building a legacy

“We want the parade to grow into something that lasts,” Stephens said. “This isn’t just about one year; it’s about building a tradition that continues and improves with time. We’re contacting local partners and alumni to get them involved and help the event feel bigger than just a campus celebration.”

Lee emphasized that student organizations will be essential to the parade’s success.

“Student organizations will be the ones making the parade happen by participating,” she said.

“The parade can’t happen if student organizations don’t sign up to be a part of it.”

Each participating organization will be challenged to create a float or walking unit that reflects both their group’s identity and the homecoming theme.

To prevent the scheduling conflicts that led to the previous cancellation, officials have implemented new planning processes.

“My team coordinates both Homecoming and Family Weekend so they are unlikely to be on the same weekend but if they were, it wouldn’t be a problem,” Lee said. “The parade would only fall on Homecoming week and we continue to collaborate with different departments to make sure all events work together.”

The planning committee will implement feedback mechanisms to ensure the parade continues to improve in future years, measuring success by how well it strengthens school spirit and builds community connections.

The announcement has generated enthusiasm among various stakeholders.

“Everyone is very excited,” Lee said.

For current students who have never experienced this tradition, the 2025 parade will be their first opportunity to participate in a celebration that has defined the TCU experience for generations.

“Traditions like this remind us of who we are as a community,” Stephens said.



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ADMINISTRATION

TCU SGA pushes for tuition transparency with new bill

By MAVERICK DIAZ
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TCU students may soon gain a better understanding of where their tuition dollars go, thanks to a new bill passed by the Student Government Association. The tuition transparency proposal, approved by SGA earlier this month, aims to make budget information easier to access and understand for the student body.

The bill calls for visual displays, including pie charts and statements, showing how funds are spent both at the university and SGA levels. While detailed line items will not be posted, students will be able to see overall categories and percentages of spending. SGA plans to post graphics on social media

and create a dedicated tuition transparency tab on its website.

“Students and parents investing in this experience should know where their money is going and why,” said Max Borchert, a sophomore finance and entrepreneurship major and SGA representative. “By providing this information, students can give feedback on where money should be spent.”

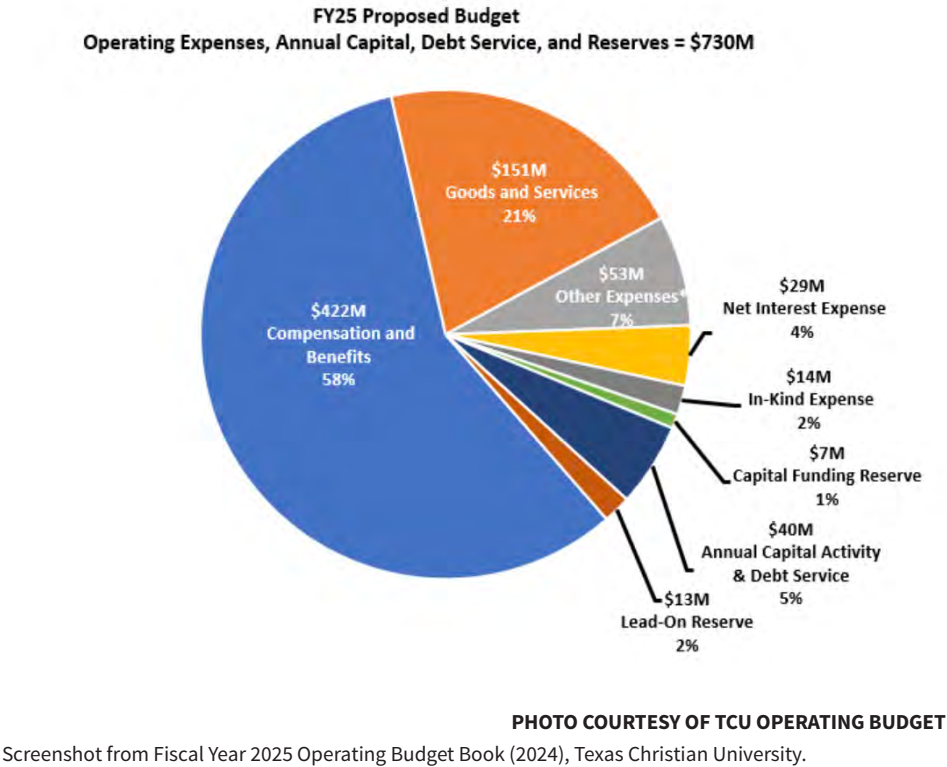
The initiative builds on ongoing conversations between SGA and university leadership about how to make budget information more accessible to students.

Reagan Stephens, the student body president and senior political science major, said the bill grew from

discussions with Vice Chancellor William J. Nunez and his team. “Little do students know, this information is already available on TCU’s website, but it’s hard to find so students don’t see it,” Stephens said. “This resolution makes it more accessible and understandable, using simple graphics and easy-to-follow explanations.”

SGA social media will feature a “MythBusters” post in the coming weeks to clarify common misconceptions about TCU’s spending, such as tuition funding fireworks, flowers or the fall concert.

The bill now moves to the Faculty Senate for review. If approved, SGA hopes the project will strengthen communication



between students and administration, encourage informed feedback and give students confidence in how tuition funds are managed.

“Ultimately, we want students to be informed and see this as impactful,” Stephens said. “We want them to say, ‘I’m so glad this information is available.’”

CAMPUS NEWS

Theatre TCU brings “The Odyssey” to the modern age

By MICHAEL FAZEN
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Theatre TCU is staging a production of “The Odyssey,” with a modern and feminist twist.

The Greek epic, written by Mary Zimmerman, follows the adventures of Odysseus as he tries to make it back to his family. The story comes to life through the lens of a young woman reading the tale, who finds herself transported into the story as the goddess Athena.

“There’s just a little bit more of a modernized and feminist spin on it,”

Maggie Weckesser, a sophomore acting major who plays Athena, said. The dialogue has been updated for modern audiences.

“The language is still somewhat like how the book was written, but a lot of it is adapted to be easier to understand,” Bryson Pope, a junior musical theatre major who plays Odysseus, said. The play is also on the long side, nearly reaching three and a half hours, but the TCU production is about two and a half hours.

“We’re cutting it down a little bit for

our audience’s sake,” Weckesser said. The cast and crew also put in a lot of work outside of rehearsal times, she said.

Paige Huffman, a sophomore acting and French major, said that as the assistant stage manager, she’s doing even more work than on most productions.

“I track if the script gets changed and pronunciations for all the different Greek names,” Huffman said.

Another challenging element of “The Odyssey” is the fact that many actors have to play

multiple roles.

“The Odyssey’ still has so many characters that I think every single person in our cast is playing multiple roles,” Weckesser said. “Over the course of a line, I switch into like, three different characters.”

The cast and crew said they feel both challenged and excited by how many fantastical set pieces there are in the play.

“You just really have to think outside the box,” Huffman said. “Like, how are we going to have a sailor get eaten by a monster? Or how are we going to have a cyclops

appear?”

“The Odyssey” will run from Oct. 21-26. The tickets went on

sale this week There’s a discounted price for TCU students, faculty and staff.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL FAZEN

The cast of “The Odyssey” rehearses from 6-10 p.m. on weekdays and 2-6 p.m. on Sundays.

COMMUNITY

The Community Scholars Program leaves an impact

By **KRYSTAL GUERRA**

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For many students, the transition from high school to university life is filled with unknowns. From adjusting to this newfound independence to navigating an unfamiliar academic and social environment, the experience is quite overwhelming.

At Texas Christian University, the Community Scholars program was created with these challenges in mind, designed to support students from underrepresented communities in succeeding academically, without the added weight of financial burdens.

Established in 2000 with directors Dr. Darron Turner and Dr. Cornell Thomas, the program was founded “based on the conviction that everyone deserves access to a quality education.”

It began with a cohort of 12 students, 11 of whom graduated after completing the four-year program. Today, it has guided more than 500 students, recruiting from Dallas Lincoln, North Side and 11 other high schools across the Tarrant and Dallas counties.

Dr. Timeka Gordon, director of the Community Scholars program since 2008, said her motivation to lead the program came from her undergraduate experience at The University of Texas at Arlington.

“Reading the job description, I thought, wow. This is what I was

missing,” Dr. Gordon said. “I didn’t have a person committed to my success, so I wanted to be the person I wish I had when I was in college.”

With its emphasis on mentorship, leadership development and community, the program ensures students are prepared for life both in and outside of college.

A scholar becomes a leader

Roxana Aguirre, associate director and alumna of the Community Scholars program, entered TCU in 2008 as a first-generation Mexican American student.

“College was always in my mind as something I wanted to do but didn’t really know the trajectory to get there,” she said. “My dad worked as a maintenance man at TCU and that’s how I first got exposed to it.”

Through her father’s connections, Aguirre joined an ACT summer-prep program in her first year of high school and continued for two years. There, she met an admissions advisor who told her about the Community Scholars Program.

“She said it was a full tuition scholarship because it was not full ride at the time,” Aguirre said. “So, I applied and was one of the 11 students who got the scholarship from Northside High School.”

Once on campus, the program’s support network both challenged and supported her. At the time, requirements

were far more extensive, including mandated study hours, workshop programming, collaborative events and community service.

“You meet someone who changes your life for the better.”

ROXANA AGUIRRE

SENIOR ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

“For me, that was Dr. Gordon” she said, “I was within her first class of students, and she was my support system through everything.”

After graduating in 2012 with a degree in Psychology, Aguirre returned to TCU, working alongside Gordon as

associate director of the program.

“I have a running joke with my students who come in and complain” she said. “You do a lot less requirements for a lot more money.”

Aguirre approaches mentorship through “tough love”, setting clear expectations while offering the same support she once received.

“We are mentors, and we are a family, we make sure you have everything you need be successful,” she said.

“There is no reason why you should be suffering in silence.”

As an alumna of the program, Aguirre reflects on the gaps in her own experience and works to fill them for today’s scholars. She successfully advocated for expanded housing funding, ensuring every scholar is

placed in dorms that the stipend can fully cover.

“We now cover tuition, fees, books, and housing; but if you need art supplies or special program materials, we want to bridge that gap.” she said. “That’s what we are currently working on.”

Starting along the path

For Kaiya Johnson, who graduated from TCU in 2022 with a degree in News and Media Studies, the journey to higher education began long before she joined the Community Scholars program.

Growing up in a single-parent household, Johnson learned the value of a college education from her aunt and what she calls the “village of women” who

raised her.

“College was an expectation,” she said.

“However, due to my financial circumstances, I knew that if I wanted to attend a school, that I would have to rack up scholarship money.”

When Johnson and other seniors ranked in the top 25% of their class at Dallas Lincoln High School were invited by their counselor to meet with a TCU admissions advisor and Gordon about a potential scholarship, she was eager to attend.

“I had no idea what the community scholar’s scholarship was prior to that,” Johnson said. “I remember them coming and explaining the prerequisites.”

First came admission to TCU, then a dinner where potential scholars were evaluated, followed



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Roxana Aguirre is a Senior Admissions Counselor at TCU.



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Kaiya Johnson poses for senior photos in front of the historic M.E. Sadler Hall.



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Dr. Timeka Gordon welcomes incoming students to Texas Christian University.

by the final three panel interviews.

“The application process was rigorous,” she said. “But you just keep thinking, this opportunity can change my life.”

On March 29, 2018, Johnson sat in the same high school library where it all began, hands clasped tightly in her lap, surrounded by her mother, grandmother, aunts, and a mentor. When representatives entered the library with letters in hand, the room seemed to hold its breath. 50 students were named, and among them, Kiaya Johnson.

“I’ll never forget it. That was one of the first times that my grandmother vocally expressed that she was proud of me,” Johnson said. “I’m not a crier, but I definitely cried that day.”

A path to success

The Community Scholars program ensures scholars are prepared for university life prior to the start of classes.

“We integrate Bridging the Gap around August before they arrive,” said Aguirre. “We cover things that might not be clear during orientation, certain nuances that you don’t know until you get into it.”

Bridging the Gap is a summer initiative that fosters community and preparation at no cost to the scholars, ensuring they are all introduced and connected prior to the academic year.

“Going into it, I didn’t feel alone,” Johnson said.

“I was working alongside people who came from similar backgrounds. We shared equal opportunities and held one another accountable.”

As she continued within the program, attending required cultural and service events, Johnson, despite her pursuit of media and radio, discovered a passion for leadership development.

“I became vice president of the Black Student Association, Ivy Leaf reporter for Alpha Kappa Alpha, and president of Women of Empowerment,” she said. “I was realizing that I had an interest in creating opportunities and connecting people with resources to solve the issue and build community.”

This passion guided Johnson after graduation, where she became a college advisor and simultaneously volunteered at Create and Collaborate, a non-profit dedicated to supporting first-generation college students in their collegiate journey.

Her dedication and consistency caught the attention of the non-profit’s founder and CEO, Riquel Archer, who later offered Johnson a full-time position.

As of July 2024, Johnson serves as a program director at Create and Collaborate, sitting across from students facing the same challenges she once did.

“We’re equipping our students with tools to know who they are, know where they come from, and where they want to go.”

KIAYA JOHNSON

FORMER COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVISOR

A path that’s neverending

Today, the Community Scholars program continues to evolve with each new generation of students, adapting to the changing world around them while still maintaining its core values.

“Over the years, it has changed,” said Aguirre. “Your first year is focused solely on integration, completing requirements that expose you to the many support services on campus.”

This structure not only supports scholars in fulfilling their requirements but also encourages engagement with campus life and the broader community. Scholars are required to complete 30 hours of community service per academic year.

“I tell my students to serve at the food bank, at the humane

society. Go clean up Trinity River,” Aguirre said. “Do something that is a service to your community.”

The program’s emphasis on leadership and community building continues to thrive. On May 7, graduating scholars were honored at the Unity Celebration, held in the Brown Lupton University Union ballroom.

“This event honors our graduates and the culmination of their experience,” said Dr. Gordon.

Additionally, the Community Scholars program will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a two-day event this upcoming October 17-18.

Dr. Gordon looks towards the milestone with pride, reiterating the programs mission “to create a legacy of excellence, resilience, and transformative leadership in the world.”

As for Johnson, the future is clear.

“I think as the scholarship continues to grow, it’s important for us to support and stay connected to the generations that come after us,” she said. “To be a mentor, advocate and to give back is everything I look forward to in the future.”

In many ways, Johnson has become for these students what Dr. Gordon, Roxana Aguirre, and the Community Scholars program were for her, a voice of encouragement, a leader to success, and a living testament to how opportunity can leave a lasting impact on the communities it engages with.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Parents, keep an eye on your kids to avoid accidents. Caution against sports accidents as well. Meanwhile, social plans might change. Work-related travel might be thrilling. In fact, ideas related to your job might look wonderful and promising! Tonight: Play!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. (Stock the fridge.) Surprise invitations, unexpected gatherings, big plans related to kids, sports or the arts might send you in a new direction. This is a work hard/party day! Keep your eyes open. Tonight: Cocoon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Family discussions will be positive today because people are upbeat and optimistic. However, this optimism could promote overestimating things. Therefore, be cautious, and don't bite off more than

you can chew. Stay realistic. Pay attention to avoid accidents today. Tonight: Discussions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ It's easy to be in a positive frame of mind today, which is a blessing. Your attitude and your outlook can change how you see your world. (No question about this.) Today's optimism is why you're full of ambitious ideas and glitzy plans! Protect your possessions and assets today. Tonight: Check your money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ This afternoon the Moon in your sign will be at odds with unpredictable Uranus, which might make you impulsive and accident-prone. Don't do anything you will later regret. This also applies to financial decisions. Today your rose-colored glasses could make you believe that a financial situation is more promising than it really is. Tonight: You win!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Today the Sun is in your sign with Jupiter, prompting you to try things you might not normally do. Your generosity might be extravagant. You might take on more than you can handle. Some might see you as arrogant. These things are possible, but they might not happen. Tonight: Privacy

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might feel a stronger connection with your spiritual or inner world today because your idealism is aroused. Because of this, you might try to help

Comics

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



someone. (Very noble.) Always remember that true generosity is giving what is needed. (Big difference.)

Tonight: Be friendly. Power struggles are likely. It

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You'll enjoy schmoozing with friends and members of groups. You are popular today. People see you as bigger than life and full of positive energy. Because of this, you can be like the Pied Piper

encouraging others to follow your lead. Make sure you have something meaningful to offer them. Tonight: You're noticed.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Travel plans might suddenly change today. With the Sun and fair Venus at the top of your chart, you look great, which is why others admire you. Because you hold influence over others, make sure you know what you're talking about. Are your plans really doable?

Tonight: Explore!

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ B Double-check banking issues and details with wills, inheritances, taxes and debt, because something unexpected could impact these areas. Travel plans will be ambitious today. Likewise, your expectations in publishing, the media, higher education, medicine and the law might be "bigger than life." Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

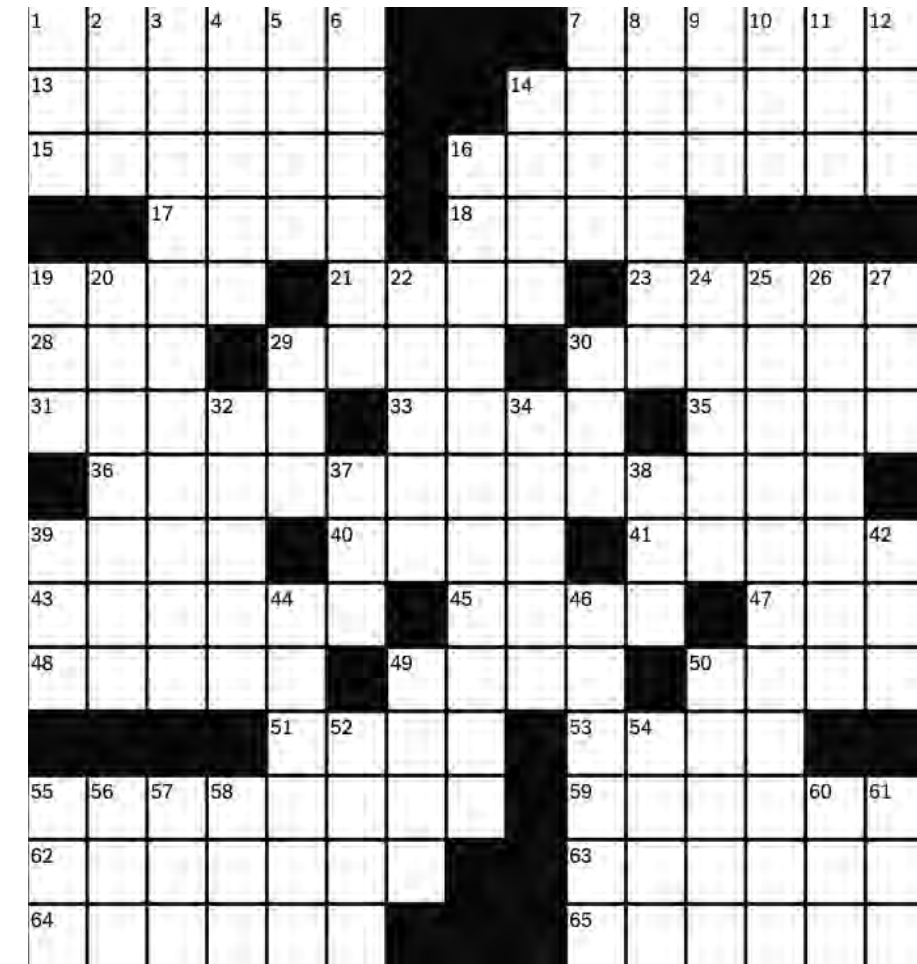
★★★ P When dealing with a friend or partner today, be ready for something unexpected. Someone might change their mind. Meanwhile, don't give away the farm today (no matter how generous you feel), especially to your own kids or for the welfare of other children. You can entertain grandiose plans, but keep your feet on the ground where money is concerned. Tonight: Cooperate.

The New York Times

Edited by Will Shortz

Sudoku

DIRECTIONS Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating.



- ACROSS**
1 City with a view of Mount Vesuvius
7 Minuscule, in cutesy lingo
13 “Seinfeld” role
14 Came unglued
15 Hand-held communication device
16 Get cranky with fatigue, maybe
17 Dangers in “The Hurt Locker,” for short
18 Longtime portrayer of TV’s Captain Pierce
19 Jam
21 Check out
23 Total
28 Microdosing substance
29 Blowout
30 Sound in a horror film
31 Simpson née Bouvier
33 Tick-borne affliction, informally
35 Treats, as a sprain
36 Back-to-back sporting events
39 Marinara tomato
40 Kind of surgeon
41 Hi hi
- 43 Pair of words that are usually contracted
45 Curved shapes
47 Lush
48 One laying a foundation
49 Turner of rock
50 Video surveillance letters
51 “I Am ____,” onetime reality TV spinoff
53 “Out!”
55 Region of South Dakota
59 Nursery rhyme character knownm as Lille Trille in Denmark
62 Who wrote “You’re braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think”
63 Current measure
64 Flashiness
65 Answer with a salut
- DOWN**
1 Semiaquatic amphibian
2 Resembling
3 Mom, dad and sis, but not bro
4 Took a shine to
5 City WNW of Tulsa
6 Handles
7 Material with a coarse weave
8 Long hyphen
9 H
10 Grandma, in Gloucester
11 Steamy place
12 “You betcha”
14 Lash mark
16 Vices that are best abandoned
19 Antiracist movement
20 Dance pioneer Duncan
22 Leonhard who helped develop calculus
24 Archangel in “Paradise Lost”
25 Powerful ones have resolutions less than 0.1 nanometer
26 Something one might slice
27 Approves
29 Graycoat in the Civil War
30 Briny
32 Organic fertilizer
34 Casaba, e.g.
- 37 Plethora
38 Courtroom figs.
39 Butter from a farm
42 Dune buggy, e.g., in brief
44 Ready for an emergency, say
46 Time for a trip to the laundromat
49 Alternative to Gain
50 Guest freebies
52 Youngest of the Brontë sisters
54 Philosopher David who wrote “A Treatise of Human Nature”
55 Medieval entertainer
56 Big tower, for short?
57 Noncombat region, in brief
58 Cheney of politics
60 Prefix with lingual or lateral
61 “___ Blues” (song on the Beatles’ “White Album”)

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LAST WEEK’S
SUDOKU SOLUTION

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LAST WEEK’S CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SPORTS

TCU Football set to take the international stage



PHOTO BY PARIS GOODMAN

Neale Richmond the Ireland's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, sat at a press conference with President Pullin and Mike Buddie to discuss the sixth Aer Lingus game in Ireland.

By DREW MULLER

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When the TCU Football team goes to Ireland to face North Carolina in 10 months, a win is not the only thing the Horned Frogs hope to gain.

During an afternoon press conference Friday, Oct. 3, Neale Richmond,

Ireland's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Chancellor Daniel Pullin talked about creating lasting ties through "sports diplomacy."

Richmond spoke of strengthening ties with the State of Texas as well as TCU, while Pullin talked about how TCU's image and reputation

could be enhanced on an international stage.

"This is not just going to last a few hours, it's not just one day," Richmond said. "People usually come for an average of a week. This is a trip of a lifetime and a chance to watch your college team play in a unique occasion."

This will be the sixth

Aer Lingus game, with the first being in 2016 between Georgia Tech and Boston College. Aer Lingus has hosted a Week 0, or season-opening game, every year since 2022. This year, Iowa State took on Kansas State.

TCU is set to play the University of North Carolina Aug. 29, 2026.

The first game was part of an effort to boost tourism and financial growth as Dublin emerged from a recession.

The matches have proved so successful, that Dublin hosted its first NFL game on Sept. 28, with a Week 4 NFL matchup between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Minnesota Vikings, according to the NFL. According to the league, 74,512 fans attended the

Sunday night game — 35% from the U.S., 30% from Ireland and 35% from the other countries.

TCU Athletic Director Mike Buddie said it didn't take much convincing for him to agree to the Horned Frogs' first international game.

"What I loved about the pitch was we talked about football for 11 seconds," TCU Athletic Director Mike Buddie said. "The other 15 minutes were about the experience the team and coaches would have."



PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

TCU wide receiver Jordan Dwyer hauls in pass over North Carolina defensive back Marcus Allen during the first half against UNC.



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Iowa State Rocco Becht throws the ball during matchup between Iowa State and Kansas State in Dublin, Ireland.