

# TU Insider

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

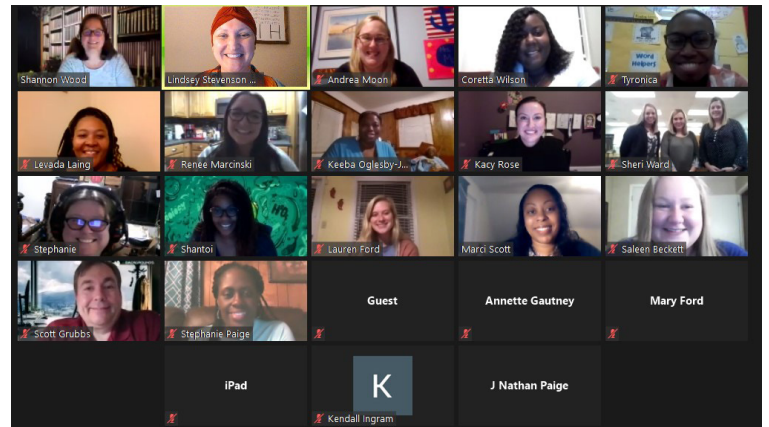
## Kappa Delta Pi inducts new members in online ceremony

Congratulations to all of the new members of the Phi Kappa Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi honor society who were inducted in an online ceremony on Nov. 23. The officers and current members joined advisors Dr. Shannon Wood and Dr. Lindsey Wingate along with other faculty from the Division of Education for the ceremony. The mission of Kappa Delta Pi is to sustain an honored community of diverse educators by promoting excellence and advancing scholarship, leadership and service.

Tyronica King, President of the Thomas University Phi Kappa Chapter, led the event as 16 new members were initiated.

New members include:

- Saleen Beckett
- Lauren Ford
- Annette Gautney
- Cheryl Jacobs
- Levada Laing
- Renee Marcinski
- Andrea Moon
- Elizabeth Moulton



- Keeba Oglesby-Jelks
- Stephanie Paige
- Kacy Rose
- Marci Scott
- Shantoi Shaw
- Josie Smith
- Sheri Ward
- Coretta Wilson

## TU establishes chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management

Thomas University's Division of Business will kick off its own chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management beginning spring semester of 2021.

Students involved in SHRM will have the opportunity to further expand their HR knowledge, get involved and make networking connections that will enable them to transition quickly from the classroom to the workplace. Special incentives are available for the first 10 students who join the TU chapter of SHRM.

TU began offering a Master of Science in Human Resource Management in the fall of 2020. In November of 2020, the Society for Human Resource Management formally approved TU's degree program as aligning with SHRM HR curriculum guidelines. This enables TU students to apply to take the SHRM Certified Professional exam after meeting the eligibility requirements.

"Our students will have a unique advantage to earn the 500 work hours needed to sit for the SHRM certification exam," said Dr. Melinda Piller, Chair of the Division of Business. "Students can build hours through chapter

work, internships, community activities and other TU campus events. What this means is TU's students do not have to hold full-time jobs to earn all their required hours. This is a unique advantage for going to TU."

The SHRM-CP is regarded as the new global standard in certification for the HR profession for early- and mid-career professionals. SHRM curriculum is from AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International) accreditation courses/standards, which is the gold standard in Business Accreditation.

"With our curriculum aligned with SHRM, we are not only a Business program for students to earn course credits towards their graduate degree in HRM, but we are also a school for professionals to take SHRM-aligned courses to build their academic portfolios towards certification," Piller said. "We are also a school for re-certification for those who are already certified."

For more information about SHRM or to join, students should email Dr. Piller at [mpiller@thomasu.edu](mailto:mpiller@thomasu.edu), contact their advisor or Business professor.

## Thomasville Singers to present 'Lift YOUR Voice' Dec. 13

Like many other performing ensembles, Thomasville Singers ended their spring 2020 season in March without a culminating concert. Fall 2020, however, offered the opportunity to make music in new ways.

To make up for lost musical moments, selections in their Dec. 13 concert will lift up the voices of those who were once silenced, said M. Nicole Davis, conductor of the Thomasville Singers.

The "Lift YOUR Voice" concert will be livestreamed at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at [www.facebook.com/actu31792/live](https://www.facebook.com/actu31792/live). No Facebook account is required to view.

This concert will include portions for the audience to sing along with the choir. These uplifting, easy-to-learn songs will be introduced during the concert to create a community singing experience. The concert will also feature songs chosen by individual choir members as they share stories about their personal journeys this year, Davis said.

This performance is supported in part by Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. Georgia Council for the



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## TU Jazz Ensemble to present holiday concert Dec. 14

Need a little holiday music to get you in the spirit of the season? Tune in to the livestream of the TU Jazz Ensemble performing some of the most popular songs of today and yesteryear.

Join the event at [www.facebook.com/actu31792/live](https://www.facebook.com/actu31792/live). No Facebook account is required.

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