

# TU Insider

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

## Night Hawks Cross Country kicks off second year



Thomas University's Cross Country Team started their second year with a meet at Georgia Military College on Friday, Sept. 11. Athletes representing TU included (from left) Terond Colebrook, Kadeem Webb, Colin Daniels, Timothy Tulloch and Nijal Sanders.

Photo by Jennifer Coleman, Student photographer, TU Athletics

## Science Café speaker to discuss COVID-19 research

Thomas University's popular Science Café lecture series will move to an online format this fall with the first event scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, via Zoom. Dr. Thomas Manning, a Professor of Chemistry at Valdosta State University, will discuss the work he and his group of undergraduate researchers are conducting on a COVID-19 treatment in the presentation "COVID-19 and other Infectious Diseases: Where do we stand?"

Manning's group has already developed new cancer drugs and an antibiotic that have entered pre-clinical trials. The researchers also developed a synthesis of an



**Dr. Thomas Manning**

Manning will talk about infectious diseases in general and more specifically about COVID-19. For example, did you know that right now there are approximately 2.3 billion people on the planet who have tuberculosis? Approximately 2 million

Alzheimer's drug. Because VSU is primarily an undergraduate institution, the group developed novel methods that emphasize the economics of production.

In this presentation, Dr.

people will die this year from the bacterial infection. That one sneeze from a TB patient can infect up to 40 people. Did you know that many of the antibiotics that have been used for decades are losing their strength due to antibiotic resistance? New forms of TB that are drug resistant, multidrug resistant, extensively drug resistant and totally drug resistant are becoming bigger problems globally. Did you know that coinfections with HIV, malaria and cervical cancer caused by HPV are also becoming more prominent?

To request a Zoom link or for more information, please email April Penton, Science Café coordinator, at [apenton@thomasu.edu](mailto:apenton@thomasu.edu).

## ACTU to hold virtual art talk with painter Nan Liu

Arts for the Community at Thomas University will hold the first of its new series, Art Talks at Six, on Thursday, Sept. 24. The event will begin at 6 p.m. at [facebook.com/actu31792/](https://www.facebook.com/actu31792/) live and feature artist Nan Liu. No Facebook account is required to view.

Liu brings his Chinese Heritage and his Western training together in his art. Working in the style of the old masters, Dr. Liu prepares his canvases with handmade gesso, using layers of glaze between the application of oil paint, immortalizing his numerous students at Florida A&M University and creating still life compositions reminiscent of the Dutch masters. A student of Chinese calligraphy all his life, he uses the intricate art form paired with

landscapes created in the traditional Chinese style using ink and bamboo brush.

Liu holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting and a Ph.D. in art education, both from Florida State University. His artwork has been exhibited across the United States and collected by private patrons. He has won several regional and national juried exhibitions and shows.

Liu is currently professor of drawing, painting and art education classes at the Department of Visual Arts at FAMU. He lives in Tallahassee with his wife, Haiqiong Deng, their son Ethan and daughter Isabel.

For more information about this and other ACTU events, visit [www.facebook.com/actu31792](http://www.facebook.com/actu31792) or [www.thomasu.edu/actu](http://www.thomasu.edu/actu).



*Nan Liu, self portrait*

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## ACTU Fridays at Noon to feature Trio Nobile on Sept. 25

The first performance for the new academic year in Arts for the Community at Thomas University's (ACTU) popular Fridays at Noon series will feature Trio Nobile performing in a livestream event. The performance will begin at noon on Sept. 25 at [www.facebook.com/actu31792/live](https://www.facebook.com/actu31792/live). No Facebook account is required.

Trio Nobile includes Christina Lai, Cheuk Yan Leung and Pedro Mai, all graduate teaching assistants at Florida State University. This trio of violin, cello and piano has been praised for their "cohesive energy, intelligent musicality, and technical prowess." The group's members have extensive experience as chamber musicians performing in Asia, Europe, North, South and Central America. They have played in prestigious halls, including Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York and Seoul National Theatre in South Korea.

Trio Nobile made its debut in Italy at the Sala Lunga at Palacio di Piobbico and also performed at



*Trio Nobile*

the Palazzo Ducale di Urbino. Most recently, the trio has worked directly with composers, including coaching from Ellen Taaffe Zwilich. They have also been featured on WFSU Public Media Radio. The trio's members collaborate with each other in other ensembles, such as Duo Mythes and Eppes Quartet.

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