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By: Samantha Walker
Oct. 1: New campus archives were dedicated and renamed in honor of Thiel archivist, John Hauser doing the 2021 Homecoming weekend.

Hauser was a Thiel graduate, a brother of Phi Theta Phi, a member of faculty, and has been the volunteer archivist on campus for fourteen years.

When asked why he agreed to take the po-

sition just a year after retirement, he stated: "First of all, the college is an important part of my life and I want to preserve the rich history that we have as an institution and that is what the archives are all about; maintaining the history, in many different ways, not only the official things, like the board of trustees minutes and the college catalogues and things like that, but also

The John Hauser Archives

the day-to-day stuff that people give us."

While discussing his motives, he also highlighted the significance of the archives,

"Well, it's important for us to know where we came from and why we are what we are today is based on what has happened to us in the past. And if we don't understand what has happened in the past, then we won't be able to make sense of why we are doing what we're doing today."

The dedication of the new archives came as surprise to Hauser,

"I was very honored that this happened and

very pleased. Certainly, happy that it happened, but just surprised, humbled by it, because that wasn't my reason for doing this."

Though Hauser was surprised, no one else seemed to be. Thiel College Vice President for College Advancement Roberta Leonard pointed out that "if you have a Thiel question, he's like the phone-a-friend on Who Wants to be a Millionaire. The archives are him and he is the archives, it really fit with who he is as a person."

Usually, dedications and the naming of campus building is a result of a person's fi-

nancial contributions to the college, so the person typically pays to have a piece of campus named after them. This is not the case for the John Hauser Archives.

Hauser is so respected among his peers that they crowd funded the \$25,000 needed to rename the archives in celebration of his honorary doctorate from Thiel.

Leonard, when asked about her opinion on the dedication commented:

"I think it's super cool. That's the little story of the John Hauser

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Dear Taylor

Dear Taylor:

Hello. I have having a rough time being here away from my family. I miss them so much! I am having a hard time making friends but I don't know why lol. Thanks!

-S

Dear S:

Moving away from family for the first time can be very difficult. You are comfortable in your own home with the people you love, then suddenly you are in a dorm hall surrounded by college students.

The best advice I could give is to always talk to your family at home. Keep in contact so it feels like you never left. I also recommend putting pictures up of you and your family in your room. Being able to see them and reminisce on good memories will also make this transition that much easier.

Finding close friends and keeping them close is also a great way to almost distract yourself from being away. Friends are sometimes the best people to be around at a given time, especially if you are upset about anything.

-Taylor



Domestic Violence and Gabrielle Petito

By: Dylan Evans

Wyoming, U.S., Oct.12: An autopsy and toxicology test was performed on the body of Gabrielle Petito. Petito was a 22-year-old woman who had gone missing when on a van-life trip to Bridger-Teton National Park in Wyoming. Three-to-four weeks later, on September 19, her body was discovered.

On September 21, the Teton County Coroner's office had recorded that Petito's death was a homicide.

Petito's boyfriend, Brian Laundrie, has been missing since the disappearance of Petito. Laundrie is considered a "person of interest" in the case, as he was

the last person known to be in contact with Gabrielle.

As of October 12, the Teton County Coroner has reported that Petito's cause of death was strangulation.

"There will not be an exact date of death on the death certificate," the coroner stated.

There was also a toxicology test run on Petito's body. This was to find if she had been pregnant before death. Rumors had sprung claiming that Gabrielle's potential pregnancy was the cause of a dispute between her and Brian Laundrie.

After this statement was released, no more information about the state of Petito's body was stated.



Image by Gabrielle Petito's Instagram

Another aspect of the case is the text from Gabrielle that her mother received about ten days before she was reported missing.

The text was a red flag to her mother, since it was an "odd text," according to Petito's mother.

After the police had studied the final message, it was revealed that it said, "Can you help Stan, I just keep getting his voicemails and missed calls."

The "Stan" in question is Gabrielle's grandfather, which she did not refer to by his first name commonly. Petito's mother also found it strange that Gabrielle would be ignoring his calls and leaving him on voicemail.

Petito's mother also revealed that previous texts during the late days of August had revealed that there were mounting tensions ...

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Gettysburg Historic Crossroads

the most known areas they are also known for their higher learning institutions.

In July of 1863 a battle raged in the fields of Gettysburg between the Union and the Confederate armies in and next to the Borough. Over 51,000 casualties occurred during this battle. This is where a turning point in the war occurred.

The battlegrounds of Gettysburg are the places to experience

the pure history of this place. This is where many people go to honor the soldiers who fought for us and lost their lives. They ask in Gettysburg while this is a chilling experience that you do still respect the soldiers and remember that many people lost their lives in those very spots. In October they ...

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Image by Gettysburg Ghost Tours

By: Anna Boyd

Gettysburg National Park is a very popular tourist attraction during this time of year. Located in Southern Pennsylvania, it has some attracting stories behind those infamous Civil War battle fields. The rich history behind it pulls people from all around to come to try

to see or hear some ghosts.

Gettysburg was founded in 1786 and named after Samuel Gettys who was an early settler and tavern owner. The Borough was created in 1806 with 10 major roads that attracted travelers and settlers. Though the battlefields are some of

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Tuesday, Oct. 26th

*Courageous
Conversation Series*
Dr. Christopher Blakely

*Sigma Tau Delta
Presents*
Halloween Open Mic

*Pedas Fellows
Presents*
Night of the
Living Dead
Screening

Thursday, Oct. 28th

Common Hour:
Spanish Club
Day of the Dead
Program

*Health Professions
Institute Speaker Series*
Robert Roglaski

Saturday, Oct. 30th

Greenville
Halloween Parade &
Trick or Treat

Thursday, Nov. 4th

Common Hour:
Celebrating Thiel's
Performing Arts

*Health Professions
Institute Speaker Series*
Dr. Heather Ambrose

Tuesday, Nov. 9th

*Courageous
Conversation Series*
Dr. Anton Treuer

Thursday, Nov. 11th

Common Hour:
Black Men Don't Quit
by Anthony Jones

*Health Professions
Institute Speaker Series*
Dr. Jackie Williams

Nov. 12th thru Nov. 14th

Thiel Players Presents
Love and Information

Thursday, Nov. 18th

Common Hour:
How to Win
Card Games

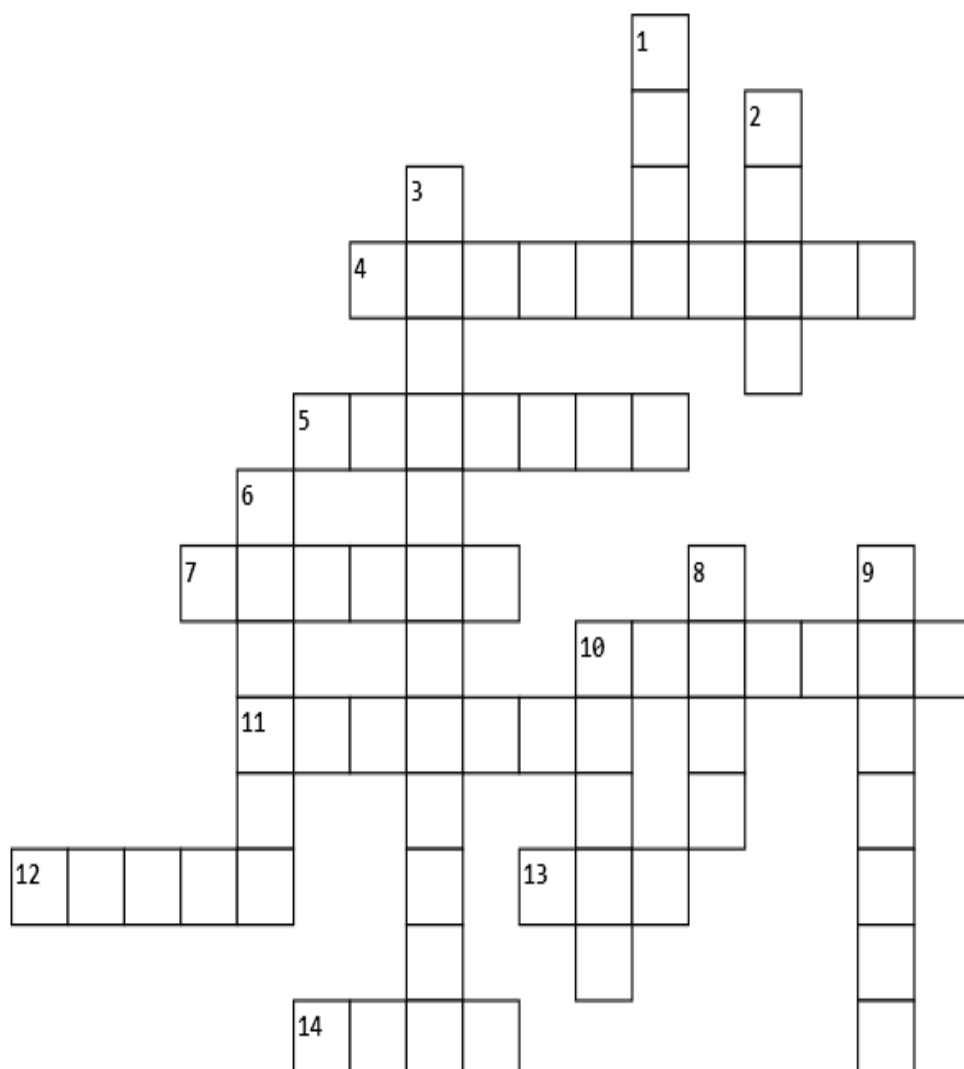
*Health Professions
Institute Speaker Series*
Walberg Family

Nov. 19th thru Nov. 21st

Thiel Players Presents
Love and Information

Nov. 24th to Nov. 28th

Thanksgiving Recess



Across Clues:

4. Home of Thiel College
5. DHL's Undergraduate Journal
7. Genre that Creates Fear
10. The Squash of Halloween
11. What to Wear During Halloween
12. Spooky Transparent Being, Sometimes Friendly
13. Uses Echolocation to See in the Night
14. Thiel's Radio Station

Down Clues:

1. Thiel's Television Station
2. Thiel Alumni's Magazine
3. Traditional Halloween Event for Children
6. Thiel's Mascot
8. Home of the Bistro
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10. Home of the Thielensian

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October Sports Recap

By Hannah Stoughton
October has been an impressive month for our athletic Cats, both on field and on the court. The energy started when the men's soccer team had a 2-0 win over St. Vincent College on September 29th, creating momentum and excitement to head into October on campus.

This excitement was continued at Thiel's Homecoming weekend, where the Tomcat football team faced off against Westminster college on Saturday, October 2nd. On this same day, the women's volleyball team dominated at Waynesburg University tri-match beating both Waynesburg University and St. Vincent 3-1.

The heat from the volleyball team continued to spread, beating Franciscan University 3-1 on October 7th, and once again taking both teams in a tri-match at home against Grove City and Washington & Jefferson, wiping both in a 3-0 win.

These Tomcats secured another 3-0 win against Geneva College on October 14th. The lady Cats are on a roll and are looking to dominate the rest of the month, and it is entirely

possible, thanks to standout freshmen Maria Torres, Danielle Aulet, Katie Stamp, and a multitude of talented upperclassmen.

The women's tennis team has also been making waves in their matches. On October 6th, these women bested Waynesburg University for a final score of 6-2 overall. Natalie Zgurich and Payton Blankenbeckley have been leading the Cats in doubles, clinching wins over Medaille College and Waynesburg, as well as Sarah Haritos and Jordan Zee winning a doubles match against Geneva College.

The golf team and cross-country team have made their way through the season, facing tough competition in the PAC. At a tri-meet against Grove City College and Westminster College on October 1st, the men's cross-country team took 2nd. The women's team ran an individuals only meet at this meet, with Jade Rhoades placing 12th and Ava Kidder placing 18th. On October 16th, the cross-country team traveled to Oberlin College, where the men's team placed 15th out of 21 schools. Isabelle Merlino led the women's

team, placing 51st. The PAC championship will take place on October 30th. The men's golf team placed 8th at a Clarion University Invitational on October 3rd and October 4th, as well as placing 11th at the Westminster College Invitational on October 4th. The women's team placed 2nd at the Westminster College Invitational on October 4th, and the PAC championship took place on October 13th and October 14th, where the women currently rank 3rd and the men rank 4th.

The Thiel Tomcat Cheer Squad has found themselves cheering at multiple football, volleyball, and soccer games. On October 20th, they will virtually compete in the Northeast Regional Competition, and it is an NCA Rally.

Multiple Thiel athletes have received player of the week recognitions from the PAC since the beginning of their sea-

sons. On September 7th, Natalie Zgurich received Player of the Week for women's tennis.

Then on September 13th, Devin Weisbarth earned Defensive Player of the Week and Goalkeeper of the Week for the men's soccer team. Maria Torres received Rookie of the Week for both weeks of September 20th and October 4th, as well as Offensive Player of the Week for the week of October 11th.

Joining our lady Cat volleyball player is her teammate Danielle Aulet, a freshman player who earned Rookie of the Week for October 11th. There is no doubt that more athletes will continue to find themselves on the PAC list for athletic awards as the seasons continue as long as their energy is kept high and momentum continues to flow through their veins.



Image by Amy Jackson



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What Are QR Codes? Why Are They Everywhere?

By Adam Button

Quick Response (QR) codes, a seemingly random design of black blocks set inside a square, are making an entrance to a Covid-ridden world. These codes create a hands-free approach to many aspects of daily which allows the world to continue in a pandemic.

The QR code is a form of bar code or UPC, originally made for factories to recognize of parts on an assembly

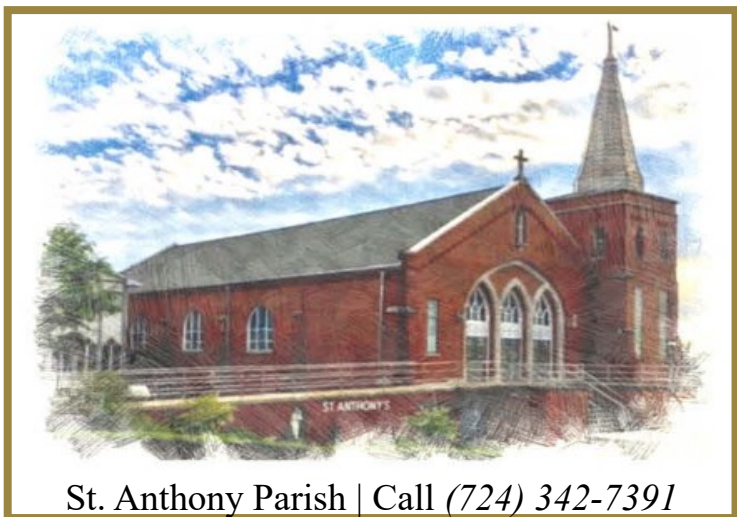
line. Now these QR codes are used for website URLs to different online forms or menus.

With the wide range of uses, all the user needs is a smartphone. Majority of smartphone companies have integrated their camera to read QR codes when prompted. If your smartphone does not have this feature naturally, there are tons of QR reader apps that would do the same service.

Why is the increase in usage of QR codes? The thought is that most people in first-world countries will have some smartphone, allowing the population to access once paper menus or paper forms online. With the pandemic still fresh in everyone's mind, the less physical exchanges the better.

Other than menus and forms, QR codes are used for Augmented Reality (AR), connecting to internet, virtual stores, and anything online.

These codes are all around campus. Most of the time, they are links to web pages. However, be careful to which codes you scan, since they can take you to any web page, the page itself could be malicious.



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archives. We, as a college, the administration, could not be happier that the archives are permanently going to have John's name. He's just such a gift to all of us and such a valued member of our community. It's fun

when philanthropy follows commitment and I think for the people that donated, they were really honoring John's commitment. John is as deeply connected to Thiel College alumni as anyone you will ever meet."

Based on the conversation around campus, it is easy to state that the entire college community agrees with Leonard's opinion.

Congratulations John, even if you are surprised, no one else is.

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between Gabrielle and Brian.

This leaves many questions unanswered or unaddressed, the main being Laundrie's whereabouts.

Missing persons experts have stated that Laundrie most likely fled back to Florida, with assistance.

"It seems unlikely that he's still in that reserve. They did not find any trace of him so far. It's been weeks," said former FBI agent Bryanna Fox, an associate professor of criminology at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

The FBI speculates that Laundrie did not utilize a public transit nor hitchhiking, as he most likely would have been reported to the authorities as a suspect.

Fox also theorized, "The idea that nothing

has been said reinforces to me that he was likely getting help... Obviously, that person would have to be very loyal and very close to him ... to not compromise his identity."

There have also been theories that Laundrie is hiding in the Florida wilderness, potentially the Carlton Reserve. The FBI and North Port Police have been focused on the Carlton Reserve, since it is close to the area which Petitto and Laundrie are from. Though, there is also a fair amount of evidence against this claim.

Robert Urban, founder and chief instructor of the Urban Survival Academy, stated that it's unlikely that Laundrie is in the reserve.

"Florida's climate is very, very difficult," Urban stated to CNN, "I'm an expert with plenty of experience,

and it would be everything that I could do to survive for (more) than three weeks. Someone with no experience, you cannot be lucky and survive in that sort of climate."

This case is recent; evidence is being discovered daily, and the FBI has been given many points of Laundrie's location.

Though the disappearance of Gabrielle has been extremely difficult on the family, Petitto's father—Joseph Petitto—was astonished by the mass of support on social media.

Joseph also shared that he wishes to see this reaction to other missing person's cases; "To be honest, [the support] should continue for other people too... the same type of heightened awareness should continue for everyone—everyone."

Horrorscopes

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Daily Horoscope

Aries: This is a good time to learn related things you've been wanting to know about.

Taurus: You may be working on something big this month. Keep an open mind on new perspectives.

Gemini: Good energy is surrounding you this month, and if you can't feel it, you aren't paying enough attention. Focus on the good.

Cancer: give yourself a break, moonchild. Whatever your worries are, open the window and let them fly out.

Leo: Despite reservations, if the universe grants you luck, it is indeed meant for you.

Virgo: Accept compliments as they come your way. Recognize that it reflects what someone sees in you.

Libra: Maintain your sense of pride at being acknowledged and believed in.

Scorpio: The power of belief is incredible. Start envisioning what you want realistically.

Sagittarius: You might give constructive criticism this month. If you can dish it out, you can take it too.

Capricorn: Be willing to express yourself unapologetically, you can form a strong connection if you are open to it.

Aquarius: You may be feeling very confident now about your ability to take on a challenge. However stay open to learning a few skills you don't have.

Pisces: You are highly emotionally intelligent. While you are often accurate, understand that there are outside factors that influence how you feel.



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offer bus tours of the battlegrounds where ghost stories are told.

Another eerie place to visit would be the Jennie Wade House. This house does carry a bit of a sadder past. Wade was the only innocent death in the battles at Gettysburg. Her house has

been preserved and is now a museum the show visitors what it looked like in 1863. The bullet holes that hit the walls after killing Jennie are preserved. Visitors are taken on a tour of the Wade house and a nearby cemetery and talked about experiences others has had there. There are plenty of stories of cold spots throughout the house.

Gettysburg also has a haunted orphanage. In the orphanage visitors take tours down to the cellars where the children were chained to the walls. They offer midnight tours of the house. This is where they tell the haunting

stories of what happened to the children that lived there. A medium is also present who it is told that the children are talking through them.

A final haunting place to visit would be the Historic Farnsworth House. This house is told to have a long history of paranormal activity. Here they offer ghost walks that includes the Confederate Hospital Ghost Walk, the East Cemetery Hill Ghost, and the Mature Tour. It is warned that these tours are not suitable for children. These tours are guided by a lantern light and only given at night.

Gettysburg is a bone-chilling place that carries many different types of stories. These stories range from sad to scary, and they give tours an excellent sense of fear. This is quite the place to visit during Halloween time to try to get a scare.

Costumes You Did Not Know Were Cultural Appropriation

By: Samantha Jones

Halloween is seen across America as one of the most favorited holidays of the year, almost tying first with Christmas. Children, and even adults, love this holiday for one common reason: costumes. Although this is an awesome opportunity to showcase your creativity, it is essential to stay aware that certain costumes that are deemed harmless can be considered not only politically incorrect, but also extremely offensive and an act of cultural appropriation. Some costumes are

blatantly inappropriate to certain culture groups and communities, however some costumes that are commonly worn have a history that is ignored by society.

Before diving into costumes, what exactly is cultural appropriation? To summarize, appropriate, is defined as to take without permission. Cultural appropriation, then, happens when another culture “borrows” any of these cultural elements, typically in a form of mockery, without asking permission or crediting the culture they are bor-

rowing from. Halloween isn’t the only time in society that uses cultural appropriation. It is not rare to see A-List celebrities like Kim Kardashian, to wear cornrows, or Katy Perry in 2013, dressing up as a geisha, appropriating Japanese culture at the American Music Awards in a performance for her single” unconditionally”.

After defining and providing examples of cultural appropriation, it will be easier to understand why these costumes are considered inappropriate and offensive. To begin, this

is a golden roll to follow; if the costumes require the wearer to change any of their ethnic traits (hair, skin tone) then it is not appropriate to wear on Halloween. Some examples of this include black face, dreads, corn rows and afros. Some examples of costumes that break this rule include but are not limited to; dressing up as famous African American celebrities, Rastafarian (Jamaican religious movement, usually presented as Bob Marely) and ethnic fictional characters.

To complement the golden role, then ask the question: do I have to use any religious/sacred objects such as jewelry, headdresses,

or religious objects then it is best to keep it in the closet or make a trip to the nearest dumpster. Some examples of this include: any religious leader or religious group such as nuns or priests, or voodoo witch doctors, Bollywood, Day of the Dead, or gods in any religious that are worshipped by a culture.

Lastly, any costume that is blatantly an ethnicity is seen as extremely offensive by certain communities and cultures. The most common ones include Native Americans, Mexican “workers”, Gypsy (which the name itself is considered a cultural slur), Geishas, and men’s Arab Sheik Costumes.

Falling for Fall

By: Anna Boyd

Fall is one of those seasons that you either love or hate. The leaves are changing color and the weather begins to drop. On Thiel’s campus almost all the trees have changed and the weather is different every day. Most students are very excited about these changes, but some are disappointed and miss being in the warm weather.

Fall is the official end to summer. The sun goes down much earlier, and the air starts to get a little chilly. Freshman Anne Smith says, “Fall is much worse than summer because it gets colder, and allergies are awful.” With the change in weather comes the common allergies that so many people suffer with as well. Many students on campus were used to their summer routines and now that we are

back into the swing of school they are thrown off.

During fall weather is very inconsistent during the mornings it tends to be colder, then during the day it gets much hotter, then at night the temperature plummets back down. This these people with not knowing what to wear.

Fall is also the beginning of the holiday season, this causes anxiety for a lot of people, especially homebodies. Some people do not like being around others or even their family for an extended time. This also starts arguments between families as to who you are going to spend each holiday with this year and who you are not going to.

Fall does bring on some very good things even though there are some negatives. Comfy clothes are a must now. Sweaters, hoodies, leggings, and sweatpants are now a staple. Shorts can still

be worn without freezing to death as well. Layering is a great option in the fall especially with flannels. Flannel is a very big pattern in the fall that goes with so many different outfits.

With the being of the holiday seasons some people are excited to be around family. Junior Bethany Bonner says, “I like fall because to reminds me of a bunch of memories of good times when I was little.” Many families are able to come together and share precious moments that they will never forget. Holidays are probably the easiest ways to get families together to spend time and laugh.

While fall has its pros and cons, it is without a doubt approaching very quickly. Some are excited while others aren’t as excited and that’s ok, as long as we can all be together right now and enjoy these times it will be fun for everyone.

The Career Corner: Introduction

By: Samantha Walker

The library is one of the most utilized resources on campus, yet not all students are aware of the other services available within the building.

The Career Development Center is located on the right side on the main floor of the library by the TLC classroom.

This department is well known for helping student write and revise their resumes, but they can also aid in formulating career paths, determining majors, mock interviews, personal statements, and any preparations for the job and internship market or the search for the perfect graduate school.

Center offers daily drop-in hours from 2:00 to 3:00 with Career Peer Coaches that can answer quick questions and, if needed, help in setting up a more in-depth meeting with Liza Schaeff, the Director of the Center.

If unable to meet during the drop-in hours, The Career Development Center does suggest going to the Writing Lab for help on resumes and professional writing skills.

College Central is another tool that the Career Development Center uses to help students have access to sample resumes, cover letters, and thank you, links to schedule meetings with the Director, help students search for and apply for student employment, and provide postings for jobs and internships. Focus 2 software can also help students explore their skills and interests and provide information on majors and careers.

If you are looking for help in navigating your major, job or internship search, graduate school or other career needs, you can reach Liza Schaeff by email: lshaef@thiel.edu.

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1st: Alexys Wagner
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