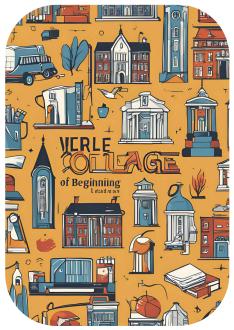
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Welcome & Joy in Beginnings

Our Theme for this issue is *Welcome & Joy in Beginnings*. Welcome to all entering students and Welcome Back to all returning students! And Joy in Beginnings! Whatever joy means to you, I pray you find it in this place, along with peace, purpose & queso:)

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What a New School Year brings...







A new school year brings laughter & reconnecting with old friends & making new friends.



A new school year brings HEBREW if your an entering student. Need I say more?



Keep smiling it is contagious. You Got This!!















Submitted by Whitney Krusee, Senior

In and Out of Time

The tick of a white baton on a metal music stand Pointed toes wrapped in pink satin leap Claps on the two and four of the beat The blinking of a orange lit hand The cadence of a poet A flower unfurled A deep breath, a slowed step All in and out of time

Submitted by Emma Ugwu, Junior

Words are power

They set things in motion

They can change a frown into a smile

Turn a bad day into a good day

It makes a whole lot of difference in our world

There is one word that stands out

Because when people say it,

Turns grey into rainbows

It is not a big word

It has only 3 little letters

So, what is this word?

I'm, glad you asked

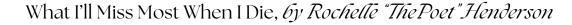
It is the word YES!!

Say Yes! to becoming part of Poets of Faith (POF)

Make someone's day using words

Through words in a song, quotes, jokes, prayer and positive affirmations

So come on, let us spread hope and put smiles on faces.





SUBMITTED BY ROCHELLE HENDERSON, MIDDLER

What I'll miss most when I die?

I'll miss books when I die

Books that tell the truth, when others lie

As I have no spouse and an empty house

I'll miss books when I die

Not to be selfish, weird or anywhere in between

But, I'll miss books

Wherein lies all my tears I did't cry

Books never betrayed me

And they always said "Hi"

They inspired me

And helped me learn

I was worth more than pain and harm

Books took me on a journey

My memories have contained

Books enjoyed my company

And were warm in the rain

I love it here with beautiful mahogany stain

Shelves nicely stacked

And always treasure to find

When I die, I know for sure

I'll miss it here

For these are where

My friends call home

And I never felt alone

Books to greet you

Books to meet you

And some know me by name

Never alone or ignored or given fake subtleties

These books, very sincere

Unchanging, unfazed, unbelieveable

And rich beyond all dreams

Rich in character

Rich in faith

Rich in style, And rich in grace

Yes when I die

I'll miss books

Been my friends for many miles

More closer to me

Than my own dear child





What To Do in Seminary & What Not to do in Seminary



What To Do	What Not To Do
Pray everyday & night	Don't eat your classmates food without permission
Attend Chapel as much as possible	Don't be rude or condescending
Be open minded, smile, laugh often (laughter extends life)	Don't isolate yourself
Treat others exactly how you want to be treated	Don't freak out - You've got this



Healthy You: Mind Body & Soul

- 1. Talk to a trusted friend, a safe person, someone who gets you.
- 2. Write your feelings down, try journaling.
- 3. Take a walk, a swim, a hike, some type of exercise, go to APTS gym.
- 4. Go see Ted Foote, our APTS Chaplain, or meet with a pastor.

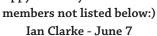
Here are some additional resources that may be helpful for mind stuff:

*NAMI Central Texas, counseling & mental health in Austin, TX (512)693-2000

*988 is available 24/7



Celebrating our Summer & Autumn Campus Classmates & A Very Special Happy Birthday to our entire APTS community



Dickson Tembo - June 12 Holly Phillips - June 30

Alex Asare - June 12

Libby Janes - June 18

Jesse Janes - July 28

Carson Hollis - July 3

Catherine Wicker - July 8

Lynelle Bathan - July 26

Taina Specie - July 30

Heather Lodovico - July 22

Zak Gordon - July 17

Cherri Johnson - August 31

James Blackwelder - August 22

Laura Stoner - August 12

Boram Choi - September 21

Bryson Wallace - September 12

Frieda Mottonen - September 16

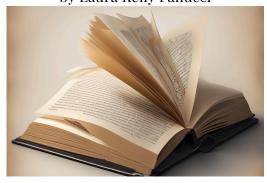
Colton Hedrick - September 20

Eva McNabb - September 20



Editors Book Pick of the Month:

To Bless Our Callings by Laura Kelly Fanucci



A Look Ahead To Happenings On Campus

- Zak & Maya's Blessing = October 5 @5:30pm-The Bike Barn, sign up to bring food
- Community Dinner = October 29 @6:30pm McMillan
- Trunk or Treat = November 2 @6:30pm The Commuter parking lot by creek
- Chili Cook-Off = November 8 @6:30pm Hicks House
- Poets of Faith (POF) group meetings open to all = Mondays @6:15pm -Cafeteria/Stotts

Be sure to check out campus flyers, campus TV screens & our community announcements & cell phone alerts for all the great things going on at our seminary!

Stay tuned for.....Ask Kairos

Dear Beloved APTS Community, in our next Kairos I am introducing a new section called "Ask Kairos"

Think of it like Dear Abby, so please send your questions to kairos@student.austinseminary.edu It will be fun & I will not publish your name so sign off with something fun!



Celebrations Abound in Joy!





The National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers selects the national theme for National Hispanic Heritage Month. The 2024 theme is "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together"

PSST.....MANY THANKS TO THE FRIEND THAT BROUGHT THE MEXICAN COFFEE & YUMMY PASTRIES!!!

"I Do".... agree that Joy looks good on you!





Asking For What We Need

I find that most people here, at APTS, will help you when you ask. I have even encountered people that helped me when I didn't ask but saw my needs. Asking for what we need can sometimes be hard, but we are all called as social beings to need someone. Not absolute dependence on others, that is only reserved for God, according to "Schl Guy" (my affectionate name for German theologian Friederich Schleiermacher, who is considered the father of modern theology). Asking for what we need shouldn't be seen as a bad thing, but a thing that helps each of us know the love and see the beauty in our collective humanity. Ponder John 16:24 "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete." (NRSV) May we all experience our joy complete. -Rochelle





The Editor would like to thank all students who submitted & Usama for odds & ends with all things Kairos:)

Kairos is a publication for all members of the APTS community to share their visual art, photographs, poems, opinion pieces, and creative writing with each other.

Submissions for Kairos are accepted ongoing throughout Fall & Spring semester only. Themes will be posted periodically. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss ideas.

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