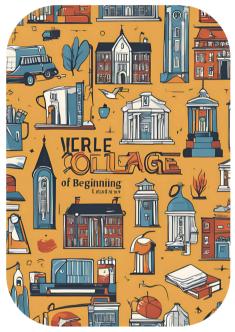
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Welcome & Joy in Beginnings

Community

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!!

Learning from Sr classmates can be fun. APTS IAs Rock!













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.



What I'll Miss Most When I Die, by Rochelle "The Poet" Henderson

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



The List is Out

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



Both resources are confidential & you can remain anonymous



Editors Book Pick of the Month: To Bless Our Callings by Laura Kelly Fanucci



Celebrating our Summer & Autumn Campus Classmates & A Very Special Happy Birthday to our entire APTS community members not listed below:) Ian Clarke - June 7 Alex Asare - June 12 Dickson Tembo - June 12 Holly Phillips - June 30 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

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.austinseminaru.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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