FALL 2026 DOCTORAL RESIDENCY AGENDA



TIFFIN UNIVERSITY

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF TIFFIN UNIVERSITY: DR. LILLIAN B. SCHUMACHER



Welcome to Tiffin University and to our 2026 Doctoral Residency. It is a pleasure to have you on campus for this important milestone in your academic journey. This residency has been intentionally designed to support your continued growth as scholars and professionals through collaboration, mentorship, and active engagement in scholarly dialogue.

Over the next three days, you will participate in a dynamic agenda that blends academic rigor with meaningful community building. From keynote sessions and research brainstorming to methodology workshops and capstone focused breakouts, each experience is designed to strengthen your research skills and support your successful progression through the program. Equally important, this residency offers valuable opportunities to connect with fellow doctoral students, faculty and guest speakers. I encourage you to fully engage in these conversations, ask thoughtful questions and use this time to clarify your goals and refine your vision for the work ahead.

Thank you for choosing Tiffin University as your partner in this transformative journey. We are proud of your commitment to advanced scholarship and leadership, and we look forward to supporting you throughout your residency—and well beyond. I wish you a productive, engaging and inspiring experience this weekend.

PH.D. KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. DAVID FARLER



Dr. David Farler is an executive leader, engineer and educator with nearly two decades of experience in the oil and gas, refining, chemical and energy industries. Rising from frontline roles as a union pipefitter and process operator to Plant Manager, Site Director and Corporate Director, he has led billions of dollars in operations and capital projects for Fortune 500 companies.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, a Master of Business Administration and a Ph.D. in global leadership and change from Tiffin University (Academic Distinction, 2022). His research focused on energy sector leadership, and he co-authored an award-winning paper published in the "Journal of Construction Materials."

Fifteen years in industrial firefighting sharpened David's ability to lead under pressure. His philosophy blends situational and servant leadership through his GRIT framework: Grounded, Resilient, Intentional and Tenacious. He serves as an adjunct teaching MBA classes and is on TU's Business Advisory Council, driven by a passion for helping doctoral students create meaningful impact. He and his wife, Amber, have three children.

DCJ KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SHERIFF MICHAEL CORTEZ



Sheriff Michael Cortez is a 34-year law enforcement veteran who has spent 32 of those years with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. His career spans corrections, road patrol, drug investigations and community policing. He has also served as an in-house trainer across multiple law enforcement disciplines for more than 23 years.

He holds an Associate Degree in law enforcement technology from Owens State Community College and a bachelor's and master's in criminal justice administration from Tiffin University. He is also a 2018 graduate of Certified Law Enforcement Executive Training. Sheriff Cortez has taught as an OPOTA instructor at Owens and Terra State Community Colleges and as an adjunct professor in criminal justice at Terra State and Tiffin University.

In 2020, he launched the Hancock County Sheriff's Office's first mental health wellness program and built a 13-person peer support team. He has published on law enforcement mental health wellness in "Ohio Police Chief Magazine" and co-authored a book review on "New Trends in Forensic Psychology" for the "Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology."

DAY 1: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Time	Event	Location
5:30 p.m.	Check-in	Marion Center
6 p.m.	Welcome	Marion Center
6:45 p.m.	Keynote Overview	Marion Center
7 p.m.	Icebreaker Table Activity	Marion Center
8 p.m.	Reception and Networking	Marion Center
9 p.m.	Dismissed	

DAY 2: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

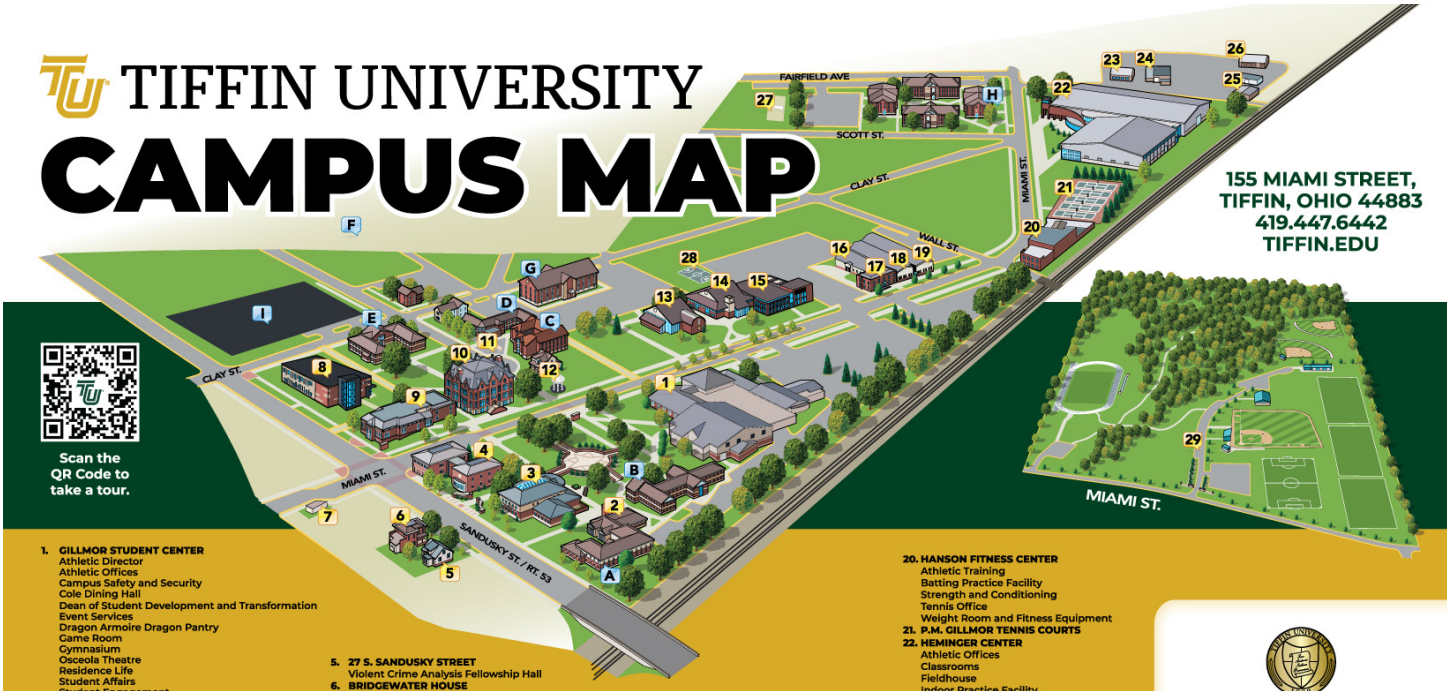
Time	Event	Location
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast and Check-in	CIL104
9 a.m.	Introductions and Group Picture	CIL104
10 a.m.	**Ph.D. Keynote Speaker: Dr. David Farler**	CIL104
10 a.m.	**DCJ Keynote Speaker: Sheriff Michael Cortez**	CIL117
11:20 a.m.	Break	
11:30 a.m.	Research Brainstorming Table Activity	
	- Ph.D. Research Brainstorming Activity	CIL104
	- DCJ Research Brainstorming Activity	CIL 117
Noon	Lunch	CIL101 and CIL104
1 p.m.	Methodology Breakout	
	Session 1: Advanced Quantitative	CIL112
	Session 2: Beginner Quantitative	CIL104
	Session 3: Advanced Qualitative	CIL117
	Session 4: Beginner Qualitative	CIL110
2 p.m.	Research Support Breakout	
	Session 1: Library (Ph.D. 0-40 CH & All DCJ)	CIL 115
	Session 2: IRB (Ph.D. 40+ CH)	CIL104
3 p.m.	Capstone Breakout	
	Session 1: Ph.D. Dissertation Process	CIL104
	Session 2: DCJ Applied Research Project Process	CIL110
	Session 3: Advanced Dissertation (those in dissertation)	CIL112
	Session 4: Advanced ARP (those in ARP)	CIL117
1 - 4 p.m.	Dissertation Committee Advising Sessions	CIL111
4 p.m.	Break	
4:15 p.m.	Live Dissertation Defense	Chisholm Auditorium, Franks Hall
5 p.m.	Informal Networking Event	Marion Center
7 p.m.	Dismissed	

DAY 3: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Time: 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Time	Event	Location
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast, Check-in and International Trip Presentation	Marion Center
9 a.m.	Conference and Publication Opportunities	
9:30 a.m.	Student Conference Presentations	Marion Center
10 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m.	Panel and Open Forum	Marion Center
11 a.m.	Student and Faculty Engagment	Marion Center
Noon	Dismissed	

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CAMPUS MAP



1. **GILLMOR STUDENT CENTER**
   Athletic Director
   Athletic Offices
   Campus Safety and Security
   Cole Dining Hall
   Dean of Student Development and Transformation
   Event Services
   Dragon Armoire Dragon Pantry
   Game Room
   Gymnasium
   Osceola Theatre
   Residence Life
   Student Affairs
   Student Engagement
2. **FRIEDLEY HALL**
   Counseling and Wellness
   Center for Compliance, Accessibility, Resources and Education (CARE)
   Civil Rights
   Disability Services
   Lactation Room
   Title IX
   Victims Advocacy, Resource Center
   University Health Services
3. **FRANKS HALL**
   Center for Online Learning
   Chisholm Auditorium
   Classrooms
   College Credit Plus
   Dragon Brew
   Faculty Offices
   Office of Communications and Public Relations
   The Write Place
4. **SEITZ HALL**
   Business Office, Student Accounts and Payroll
   Financial Aid
   President
   Provost and Chief Operating Officer
   Registrar
   Senior Vice President/Chief of Staff
   Vice President for Human Resources and the Center for InterculTUral Excellence
   Vice President for Strategic Financial Administration and Initiatives/CFO
5. **27 S. SANDUSKY STREET**
   Violent Crime Analysis Fellowship Hall
6. **BRIDGEWATER HOUSE**
   Alumni Relations
   Institutional Advancement
   Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Public Affairs/Chief Advancement Officer
7. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CENTER FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**
8. **CENTER OF INNOVATION AND LEARNING**
   Center for Entrepreneurship (1st floor)
   Classrooms
   Cold Case Fellowship Hall (2nd floor)
   Executive Boardroom (2nd floor)
   Faculty Offices
   Market C
9. **PFEIFFER LIBRARY / MURPHY ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER**
   Career Services
   Student Success Office
   Susan Marion Success Center
   Tutoring Services
10. **MAIN CLASSROOM BUILDING**
    Classrooms
    Faculty Offices
    Graduate and Online Admissions
    School of Business
    School of Criminal Justice and Social Sciences
11. **MAGNUS TERRA COMMONS**
12. **ITALIAN AMERICAN GAZEBO**
13. **HAYES CENTER FOR THE ARTS**
    INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH
    Classrooms
    Diane Kidd Gallery
    Faculty Offices
    Vision Room
    Reineke Art Studios
    School of Creative and Media Arts
14. **HERTZER TECHNOLOGY CENTER**
    Classrooms and Computer/Media Lab
    Cyber Security Laboratory
    Faculty Offices
    Finance Laboratory
    Information Technology Services
15. **CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**
    Classrooms
    Faculty Offices
    School of Science, Technology and Health
16. **PERFORMING ARTS LABORATORY**
    Creative Arts Institute
    Recording Studio
    Dance Studio
    Keyboard and Production Lab
    Music Rehearsal Rooms
17. **WELCOME CENTER**
    Admissions Operations
    International Affairs
    Recruitment Marketing
    Undergraduate Admissions
18. **THE EXCHANGE: 1888 APPAREL AND POST AND MAIL CENTER**
19. **MARION CENTER**
    THE WALL STREET PUB & GRILLE
20. **HANSON FITNESS CENTER**
    Athletic Training
    Batting Practice Facility
    Strength and Conditioning
    Tennis Office
    Weight Room and Fitness Equipment
21. **P.M. GILLMOR TENNIS COURTS**
22. **HEMINGER CENTER**
    Athletic Offices
    Classrooms
    Fieldhouse
    Indoor Practice Facility
23. **ESPORTS ARENA**
    Coaches Offices
24. **FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**
25. **GOLF CLUB HOUSE**
    Coaches Offices
26. **ADELSPERGER WRESTLING COMPLEX**
    Coaches Offices
27. **SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT**
28. **OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT**
29. **NATURE PRESERVE AND PARADISO ATHLETIC COMPLEX**
    Football and Lacrosse Practice Fields
    Heminger Baseball Field and Offices
    Locker Rooms and Storage Facility
    Nature Preserve
    Soccer Fields
    Softball Field
    Track and Field Practice Areas

RESIDENCES

- **A.** Friedley Residence Hall
- **B.** Craycraft Residence Hall
- **C.** Kirk Residence Hall
- **D.** Zahn Residence Hall
- **E.** Huggins Residence Hall
- **F.** Miller Residence Hall
- **G.** Clay Street Residence Hall
- **H.** Living Learning Community
  Veteran and Military Services
- **I. FUTURE SITE OF TU RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PURPOSE
What we are about:
Transforming lives through education.

MISSION
What we do:
Educate students by linking knowledge to professional practice.

VISION
What we want to be:
A premier university for challenging students to enhance their global competencies and 21st century skills, for success in a diverse world.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Where we will focus:

- Create an environment focused on student success. (Students)
- Grow innovative academic programs. (Academics)
- Optimize our organizational capacity. (People)
- Strengthen and increase institutional financial sustainability. (Finances)
- Enhance our critical infrastructure. (Facilities and Technology)

VALUES
How we behave – ICARE

Interdependence
We are an inclusive and caring community that emphasizes service as a foundation of success.

Communication
We engage in authentic dialogue, timely exchanges of information, and fact-driven discussion, civil debate, and decision-making.

Accountability
We make ethical, responsible decisions that have a high degree of integrity, are data-informed, and are results-oriented.

Respect
As a portal of equal access to education and information, we model civility and compassion; we embrace diversity as an essential component of creating a rich university experience for everyone.

Entrepreneurship
We prize innovation and creative thinking as hallmarks of successful participation in the global marketplace.

Technology and Wi-Fi Access Information

Tiffin University provides wired network connections in many commonly used areas across campus, allowing students to connect their laptops directly to the internet. Wireless internet access is available in every residence hall and is widely accessible throughout campus.

There are three networks available for on-campus use:
- Employee
- Student
- Guest

No passwords are required to access the employee or student networks. Guests must provide an email address to connect to the guest network. For more information, please reach out to ITS at **pctech@tiffin.edu** or go to **tiffin.topdesk.net/tas/public/ssp/**.

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