

Giving Tuesday 2023: Celebrating Student Leadership at the University Chaplaincy

Dear Friend of the University Chaplaincy,

On Giving Tuesday this year, join Tufts University alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and students in supporting the impactful programs and communities of the University Chaplaincy! I am so grateful for your past support of the University Chaplaincy's innovative and inclusive programming through our Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Humanist, Jewish, Muslim and Protestant chaplaincies. Help us achieve our best day of giving yet by giving generously to the University Chaplaincy "Friends of Goddard Fund" in support of the Interfaith Ambassador Program.

Come to Goddard Chapel on a Wednesday evening, and you will find a group of undergraduate student leaders sharing good food and engaged in conversation about the ways their own values and identities inspire their interests in interfaith community and what it means to appreciate religious and philosophical diversity on campus. You'll see these students building community as a cohort and creatively planning programming for their peers -- including Open Mic Nights with Dee-1, Artist-in-Residence at Tisch College; the Pax et Lux Winter Holiday Celebration; and a field trip to Greentown Labs to learn about interfaith action related to climate justice and resilience.

And you'll see them offering opportunities for mutual care and support in the midst of the violence and war in Israel and Palestine. In the past month, students came to the Chapel for a Tea Time and Care Packages event, sponsored by members of the Interfaith Ambassador team. They made 159 care packages filled with tea, a treat, a note of care. These care packages have since been available for students to pick up and then share with anyone they know who is grieving or feeling isolated or fearful right now. These are fundamental gestures of kindness and care that are at the heart of all that we do as an interfaith community, and Ambassadors are an indispensable community of student leaders engaged in this work of community building and care right now.

This #TuftsGivingTuesday, I invite you to show your support for the mission of the Tufts University Chaplaincy. Please join us on November 28 with a special donation to the Friends of Goddard Fund to support these students, the programs they host for our campus and community, and the lifelong learning they take with them after graduation. See below for testimonials from recently graduated Ambassadors.

If we reach 70 distinct gifts to any of our chaplaincies we will unlock a \$2500 donor challenge - please give at any amount to help us reach our goal!

There are **two** easy ways to be involved:

- **Make a gift:** Make your gift for CAFE to the "Friends of Goddard Chapel/Interfaith" or another University Chaplaincy fund by clicking the button below - you can give today or tomorrow!
- **Spread the word:** Please forward this email to your friends and family, and post on social media about donating. Invite your networks to join in and match your contribution.

Give on November 27 or 28

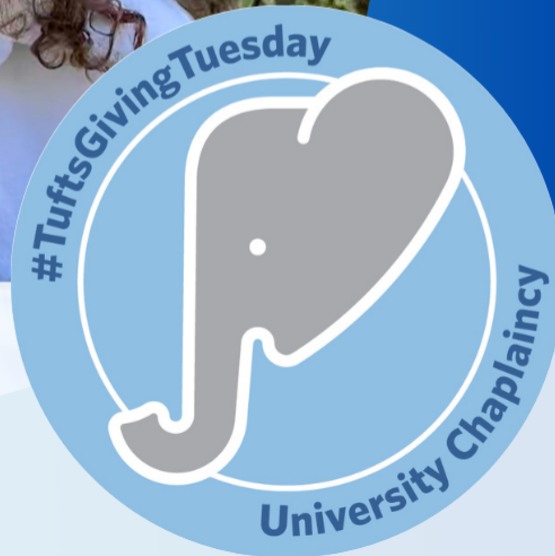
Your support and ongoing connection allow our community to shine brightly through events and programs, big and small. Thank you so much for your consideration and support.

Pax et lux,

The Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain



Why I Give
Ari Kayton, A23

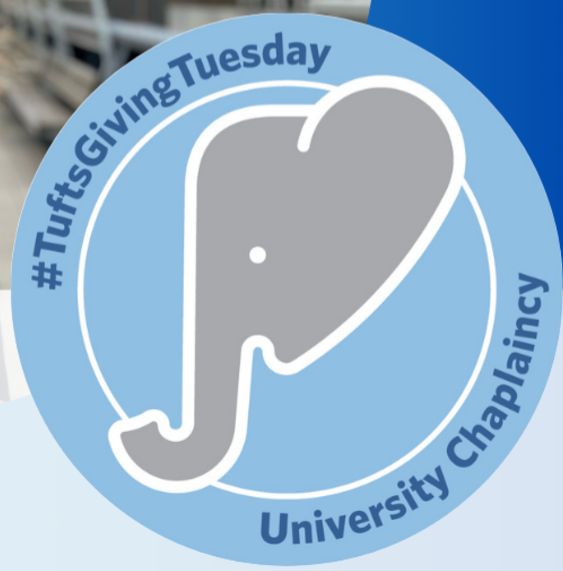


Ari graduated from Tufts in May 2023 with a BA in Religion. During her time as a Jumbo, she was deeply involved in the University Chaplaincy, participating in the Interfaith Ambassador program and COFFEE Student Interfaith Coalition. She currently is living in her hometown of Los Angeles, teaching third grade and getting some sun! Ari shared:

“I am giving to the Tufts University Chaplaincy this year on Giving Tuesday because I believe the Interfaith Ambassadors are doing vital and innovative work to explore how we can build stronger-knit activist communities on our college campus and beyond.”



Why I Give
Joseph Lim, A23

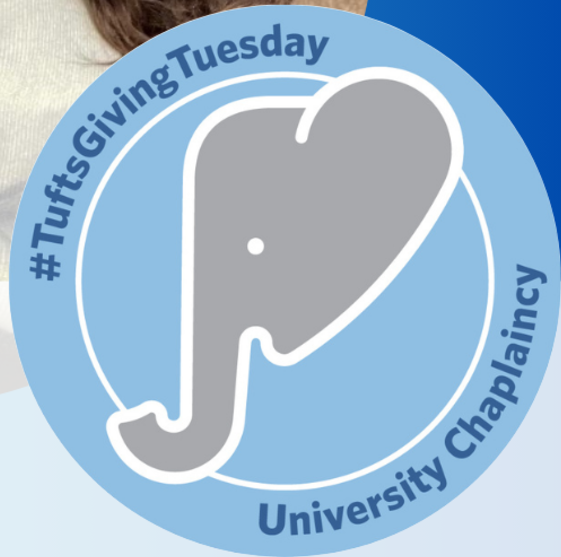


Joseph was an International Relations and Economics Major who graduated in 2023. While he was a Tufts student, he worked as a University Chaplaincy student staff member and an Interfaith Ambassador. He is currently a graduate student at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Joseph shared:

“I believe the interfaith work of the University Chaplaincy is the hope of unity in a deeply divided society.”



Why I Give
Jane Romp, A23



Jane graduated from Tufts in 2023 as a triple major in Political Science, Civic Studies, and Sociology. During her time as a student, she was involved in JumboVote, Mock Trial, Model UN, COFFEE, and worked as an Interfaith Ambassador for the University Chaplaincy. Jane is currently working as a research assistant for a documentary project exploring implicit gender bias in judicial sanctions. Jane shared,

“The University Chaplaincy encouraged me to organize across lines of difference on the topics and issues that mattered to me the most. My experience on the Interfaith Ambassador team allowed me to create spaces on campus for students of diverse perspectives, identities, and lived experiences to engage in community learning and service.”

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The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. We provide pastoral care, support religious and philosophical communities, educate about spiritual and ethical issues in society and the world, and promote multifaith engagement.

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