



# Tufts

# UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

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## An Inauguration Week Reflection From Your University Chaplain

Dear Tufts community,

Happy Inauguration Week!

It is a busy time of year across our four campuses, and yet we take the time to celebrate our community on campus and beyond, engage in public scholarship and service, revel in the many artistic talents of students, and extend a robust welcome to President Sunil Kumar. From Community Day to the new Véxoa: We Know exhibit to, eventually, the ceremony on Friday, Tufts has been marking this occasion with creativity, reflection, and celebration.

Tonight, chaplains, student leaders, and musicians will add to this chorus with our gathering at 7:00 p.m. in Goddard Chapel. Through music, spoken reflections, and a collaborative art installation, students, chaplains and *all* participants will lift up our shared values hospitality and welcome. Please join us, and make this moment in the life of our community even more complete with your presence. We look forward to being together tonight in the glow of the chapel!

Pax et Lux,  
Elyse Nelson Winger  
University Chaplain

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Scroll to the bottom of this issue to enjoy our  
September photo of the month!

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## Inauguration Week 2023



# University Chaplaincy Celebration

INAUGURATION WEEK

October 4, 2023 • 7:00 p.m. • Goddard Chapel

### University Chaplaincy Event - TODAY!

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00pm, Goddard Chapel

**All are welcome for a festive, multifaith gathering to welcome President Kumar into the Tufts community featuring Shir Appeal, Ladies of Essence, and student leaders from our many religious and philosophical traditions. Chaplains and President Kumar will also speak.**

Please join us as we celebrate the legacy of religious and philosophical life at Tufts, rooted in our Universalist heritage and alive across our diverse and vibrant communities. During the gathering, we will invite attendees to write their words of welcome or blessing for our new president on a paper oak leaf, which will be added to a special art installation created at this event which is inspired by the historic, stained glass oak leaves on one of the primary windows at Goddard Chapel. Please [email the University Chaplaincy](#) with any questions.

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## Religious and Philosophical Programs

Our gatherings are open to all members of the Tufts community! Please find more

information and more regular weekly programming and events [here on our website](#). If you have any questions, or would like to connect about convening a new gathering, please [reach out to the University Chaplaincy](#).

# Misa Católica en Español

Confesión 4pm en Spanish and English

Santa Misa 5pm en Goddard Chapel

Domingo, 10 Septiembre, 8 Octubre, 12 Noviembre,  
10 Diciembre



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**Misa Católica en Español - Spanish Mass**  
Sunday, October 8, 5:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel

Every second Sunday of the month, the Catholic community celebrates mass in Spanish. Designed for both native Spanish speakers and non-native Spanish speakers, these services bring a taste of home to Goddard Chapel and celebrate the universal spirit of our global church. If you would like to help support this part of our ministry, please contact Catholic Community at Tufts (CCT) e-board member [Sebastian Fernandez](#) or Catholic Chaplain [Lynn Cooper](#).

# true colors

A space for LGBTQ+ students of all religious and/or philosophical backgrounds to craft and connect with one another about life, spirituality, and more.

**Join us Tuesdays, 7pm, on  
10/10, 10/24, 11/14,  
11/28, and 12/12**

LGBT Center, 226 College Ave

Email Dan Bell, Protestant Chaplain,  
at [daniel.bell@tufts.edu](mailto:daniel.bell@tufts.edu),  
to learn more.

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**Mark Your Calendars for True Colors: An Interfaith Queer Crafts and Conversations Group**  
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 14, Nov 28, and Dec 12 LGBT Center, Bolles House

True Colors is an interfaith group for queer-identified students to talk about spirituality, religion, and whatever is on your minds and hearts. We meet for snacks, a crafting activity, and laid-back conversations hosted by Dan Bell, Tufts' Protestant Chaplain. Join us for our fall meetings on the dates above. Email Protestant Chaplain [Dan Bell](mailto:Dan Bell) to sign up for our e-list or ask any questions.

the Tufts LGBT Center presents...

# Out & Proud Week

October 10-13, 2023

**TUESDAY 10.10**

**Flower Giveaway**

@ Goddard Chapel, 12-1pm

**Chosen Family Dinner**

@ Alumnae Lounge, 4-6pm

**WEDNESDAY 10.11**

**Queer Sex Health Tabling**

@ Campus Center, 12-1:30pm

**Queer Affirmations**

@ SMFA Atrium, 11am-3pm

**Break/Down**

**Queer Performance Symposium**

@ Aidekman, 6-9pm

**THURSDAY 10.12**

**Flower Giveaway**

@ SMFA Atrium, 12-1pm

**FRIDAY 10.13**

**Chalking at the Chapel**

@ Goddard Chapel, 1-3pm

**Queer International Social**

@ LGBT Center, 5-6pm



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## Out and Proud Week with Tufts LGBT Center

The LGBT Center is excited to announce their third annual Out and Proud Week! In celebration of National Coming Out Day, the LGBT Center hosts Out and Proud Week as an opportunity to celebrate trans and queer identities openly and take up space on campus. The University Chaplaincy co-hosts events throughout the week in partnership with the LGBT Center. Join for events every day on the Medford and SMFA campuses!

**Tuesday, October 10:** Get a free flower from the LGBT Center and University Chaplaincy outside Goddard Chapel from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Then, bring your friends and community to our Chosen Family Dinner at 4:00 p.m. at Alumnae Lounge.

**Wednesday, October 11:** Drop by the Campus Center for a queer sex health raffle and free goodies; if you are at the SMFA, stop by the Queer Affirmation station in the Atrium to share love with the community. And lastly, join us at Break/Down, an evening of experimental queer performance art and conversation.

**Thursday, October 12:** SMFA students, get a free flower from the LGBT Center and University Chaplaincy in the Atrium from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, October 13:** Join in closing out the week by chalking the steps and the space in front of Goddard Chapel – we'll also have candy and treats! And lastly, we'll be holding a Queer International Social from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the LGBT Center.

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## Partner Programs

— TUFTS CMHS —

# MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FAIR

— THERAPY DOGS, FREE FOOD, ACTIVITIES, RAFFLES, RESOURCES, AND MORE! —



The illustration shows a pink brain and a red heart with faces and legs sitting on a grey bench. Above them are three red hearts and two black sparkles. The entire scene is enclosed in a black rectangular frame.

— WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4TH —

## JOYCE CUMMINGS CENTER

**11AM - 2PM**

 Counseling & Mental Health Service

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing Fair - TODAY!**

Wednesday October 5, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Joyce Cummings Center

Join CMHS and some of your favorite centers, student groups, and departments - including the University Chaplaincy! - at the second annual Mental Health and Wellbeing Fair. There will be games, activities, free food, raffle prizes, and therapy dogs open to all.



### **Tufts Inauguration 2023: Day of Service**

Saturday, October 7, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Reflecting Tufts University's commitment to community engagement, please join President Sunil Kumar and the Tufts community for a morning of service during Tufts Inauguration week. We will meet at the Condon Shell in Medford for registration, breakfast, and welcoming remarks before heading off to community sites nearby for clean-up activities. All supplies and instructions will be provided.

Participants are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle and wear sneakers and Tufts gear! We will have coffee, water and food from local businesses—free for all volunteers—as well as fun raffle prizes! Limited parking is available at the site, and shuttle buses will be running from campus. Tufts students, staff, faculty, alumni, friends and community members are encouraged to participate. Children are welcome to attend, though kindly note that we will be in the vicinity of several busy roads and intersections.

Shuttles will be provided from 9am - 2pm between Carmichael Hall and the Condon Shell. This event is proudly sponsored by the Office of the President, Tisch College of Civic Life, the Office of Government & Community Relations, Inauguration Office, & the Leonard Carmichael Society. You can [find more information about the Day of Service here.](#)

[RSVP for Day of Service](#)

# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY CELEBRATION

PRESENTED BY THE INDIGENOUS STUDENTS'  
ORGANIZATION AT TUFTS



## Indigenous People's Day Celebration

Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 1:00pm - 6:00pm, Residential Quad by Olin Patio

The Indigenous Students' Organization at Tufts (ISOT) is excited to announce their annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration! Join on the Residential Quad by the Olin Patio for celebration and visibility of Indigenous people across the world. There will be speakers, performers, vendors and food. This is a free event for all of the Tufts community and greater Boston area (no registration required). Everyone is welcome to come.

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## Resources, Scholarships, and Opportunities





## Alternative Spring Break Coordinator Tufts Student Life

### **Apply to be an Alternative Spring Break Coordinator**

Apply now on Handshake; applications close October 13

Student Life, TCU Senate, the University Chaplaincy, the Career Center, and the Tisch College of Civic Life are collaborating to create an alternative spring break experience for March 2024. The March 2024 break experience will be a pilot program which has the dual goals of (1) planning, creating, and implementing an experience that contributes to student learning, builds social connections, and serves the community in a meaningful way and (2) documenting, assessing, and analyzing the opportunities and challenges and making recommendations for March 2025 and beyond. Consistent with the civic engagement mission of the University, the alternative spring break program will give students an opportunity to learn about, engage with, and contribute to the community outside Tufts. As key peer leaders in this effort, the Alternative Spring Break Coordinators will work in partnership with the teams noted above to plan and implement the alternative spring break experience and assess the experience to make recommendations for future years. Current standing as a Tufts graduate or undergraduate student at the time of hire are welcome to apply. Appointment is October through May, with an average time commitment is 10 hours per week October through December and April through May. Compensation is \$17/hour. You can apply directly on Handshake and reach out to Associate Dean of Students [Kevin Kraft](#) with questions.

[Apply on Handshake](#)

# PROJECT CONNECT

Meet new people, make  
meaningful connections,  
and build community on  
campus

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Mental Health Service

## **Project Connect with Counseling and Mental Health Services**

Apply today

Project Connect is a peer-facilitated program to help build social connection and community on campus. Students get to know a small group of 4-6 peers over the course of six 1-hour sessions. We'll offer a mix of virtual and in-person groups, where you'll get to respond to a series of fun and thought-provoking questions and engage in a small connection project. This is not a counseling or therapeutic program. Space is limited. Please sign up by completing this form, or contact Mental Health Promotion Specialist [Erica Schonman](#) for more information. Sponsored by Counseling and Mental Health Services.

Apply for Project Connect

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**September 2023 Photo of the Month:**  
**Illumination for the Class of 2027 on President's Lawn**



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## Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances

These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please follow the link to the [Harvard Divinity School calendar](#).

### **Sukkot**

Fri., Sep. 29 – Fri., Oct. 6, 2023

Tradition: Judaism

Also known as Feast of Booths. An eight-day Jewish festival of booths (or tabernacles) and the fall harvest. The name refers to the booths (sukkot) used by Israelites during desert wanderings and constructed in the fields during the harvest season. It is a time of thanksgiving for God's presence in creation and among the Jewish people. The Eighth Day (Shmini 'Atzeret) is considered both the end of Sukkot and a distinct festival.

### **Simchat Torah**

Saturday Oct. 7, 2023

Tradition: Judaism

Simchat Torah, or Rejoicing of the Law, is a joyous festival in which the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah in the synagogue is completed and its first book begun again. The celebration typically includes singing, dancing, and marching with Torah scrolls.

### **Ghambar Ayathrem**

Thu., Oct. 12, – Mon., Oct. 16, 2023

Tradition: Zoroastrianism

Celebrates the creation of plants, the sowing of the winter crop, and the return of herds from pasture.

### **Birth of the Bab**

Sun., Oct. 15, 2023

Tradition: Baha'i

The anniversary of the birth of the Bab, the herald of the new age for Baha'is. The Shrine of the Bab in Haifa, Israel, is part of the World Center of the Baha'i faith.

### **Navaratri**

Sun., Oct. 15 – Mon., Oct. 23, 2023

Tradition: Hinduism

A nine-night (nav-rat) celebration of nine auspicious forms of Shakti/Devi (feminine divine power/the Goddess).

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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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