



# Tufts

# UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

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## A Reflection from your University Chaplain

Dear Tufts community,

Since August, a cohort of Tufts staff from across the Medford-Somerville campus have been meeting monthly to explore, trouble, and synonymize a single word: vocation. We've read and listened to scholars and practitioners across disciplines. We've engaged in fruitful small group and cohort conversations. We've drawn and journaled. And best of all, we've gotten to know one another as fellow human beings who are ever figuring out our own professional and personal journeys. And it's all been for a meaningful purpose: to figure out how we might co-create opportunities for vocational reflection and discernment for and with our diverse student communities.

Come February, it was time to synthesize the cohort's insights into a draft definition of vocation; our goal was to craft a definition of vocation that would work specifically for Tufts. A small group met one sunny, cold afternoon at Goddard Chapel and soon we were swimming in a sea of sentences and images - how could we contain this idea we've been expanding for months? And then, in what was sort of a magical moment, born of the brainstorming that happens amidst both a spell of creativity and real-world time crunch, the right words emerged. Vocation, we concluded, is life-affirming work\* (yes that asterisk is intentional). Rarely before had I been so excited about a punctuation mark, about how it signaled the depth and breadth of each word in that definition.

Now it's April, and tomorrow evening at Balch Theater, a group of invited students, alumni, faculty and staff will gather for a public conversation about vocation. We've asked them to each to respond to our draft definition of vocation as life-affirming work\*, and if the preparatory conversations are any indication, this will be an hour of deep reflection, great storytelling, critical engagement, and real connection. I hope that you will join us, and that you will be pondering the people, the work, the communities, the ideas, and the aspirations that are life-affirming for you.

## Special Opportunities

AN EVENING OF DISCUSSION ON

# Vocation: life affirming work\*

April  
18

6:00 to  
7:15 PM

Balch  
Theater

**\*work: your relationships, studies, paid jobs, labors of love, community roles, service, organizing, hopes, purpose, growth, and more**

Through stories and sharing, we will hear wisdom and questions from students, staff, faculty, and alumni about their work\*  
RSVP by April 16.



Thanks to a grant from the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education for this academic year, the University Chaplaincy team has joined with members of the Career Center, Academic Advising, the Division of Student Diversity and Inclusion, Tisch Library, and Global Education for monthly conversations related to engaging diverse voices and perspectives on the meaning of vocation. We are now excited to welcome the Tufts community to a showcase featuring students, faculty and staff who will join us in engaging our new working definition of vocation as life-affirming work.\* Join us for an interactive and creative conversation, and add your wisdom and insight to this process!

RSVP for Vocation Event

**TUFTS UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY  
SENIOR AND YOUNG  
ALUMNI AWARDS**

Nominate a graduating  
student by April 22!

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Celebrate the leadership of  
graduating students and recent  
alums on  
**May 1 at 5:00p.m.**  
in the Interfaith Center.

**Nominate a graduating senior or young alum for University Chaplaincy Awards Night**

Nominations due by 11:59 p.m, on Monday, April 22

This year, the University Chaplaincy hosts its third annual celebration to honor and uplift the wonderful contributions of our seniors and young alumni across all of our religious and philosophical communities. Our Senior & Young Alumni Awards provide an opportunity for our community to nominate and celebrate our graduating seniors and recent alumni, and the awards are themed according to our core mission commitments: pastoral/spiritual care; supporting religious, spiritual, and philosophical communities; education on spiritual and ethical issues; and multifaith engagement. The Young Alumni award is for a recent graduate (2019-2023) who has provided leadership for current students and the University Chaplaincy through offering support, encouragement, guidance and engagement. A committee composed of chaplains and students will select the winners.

We encourage you to nominate a graduating student or young alum through the form below. You are welcome to submit more than one nomination, as well as nominate yourself. You can nominate anonymously or share your name

and email. Sharing your information ensures that you will be notified of the final awards decisions and Senior Award Celebration. All nominees will be honored at our celebration, featuring delicious food and mocktails, at the Interfaith Center on Wednesday, May 1, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please reach out to University Chaplain [Elyse Nelson Winger](#) with any questions.

Nominate a senior or young alum

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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](#).**

# Passover at Tufts

## YES!

You can eat kosher for Passover Seders, lunches and dinners throughout the entire holiday!

### At Tufts Hillel:

In partnership with Tufts Dining and local kosher caterers, you can have all of your on-campus Kosher for Passover meal options at Tufts Hillel.

Text any of the keywords in the schedule above to 617-420-7411 to sign up for passover.

### Dewick Pre-orders:

You can pre-order a Kosher for Passover meal at Dewick. To order pre-order please email [tuftsdining@tufts.edu](mailto:tuftsdining@tufts.edu) and please indicate Passover in subject line. Additionally, select kosher for Passover (non-supervised) items will be available throughout Passover at Dewick. The cost of your meals will be covered if you do not have a meal plan.

**MORE  
INFO**



## SIGN UP VIA SMS

Text the meal keywords below to 617-420-7411

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	To pick up a Seder plate Text "Plate"	Lunch Tuesday, April 23 Text "Lunch23"	Lunch Wednesday, April 24 Text "Lunch24"	Lunch Thursday, April 25 Text "Lunch25"	Lunch Friday, April 26 Text "Lunch26"	Shabbat Lunch Saturday, April 27 Text "Lunch27"
	First Night Seder with Rabbi Brawer Monday, April 22 Text "Seder1"	Second Night Seder with Katie Tuesday, April 23 Text "Seder2"	Dinner Wednesday, April 24 Text "Dinner24"	Dinner Thursday, April 25 Text "Dinner25"	Shabbat Dinner Friday, April 26 Text "Dinner26"	Dinner* Saturday, April 27 Text "Dinner27"
Lunch Sunday, April 28 Text "Lunch28"	Lunch Monday, April 29 Text "Lunch29"	Lunch Tuesday, April 30 Text "Lunch30"				
Dinner* Sunday, April 28 Text "Dinner28"	Dinner* Monday, April 29 Text "Dinner29"	Dinner Tuesday, April 30 Text "Dinner30"				

For more information visit [tuftshillel.org](http://tuftshillel.org)

Both Seders start at 8:00pm	Shabbat Dinner starts at 7:00pm	Shabbat Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch 11:45am - 1:00pm	Dinner 5:45pm - 7:00pm	Dinner* 7:00pm - 8:00pm	To-Go containers available
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### Passover at Tufts with Tufts Hillel and Tufts Dining

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# BUILDING SANCTUARY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

226 AUSTIN AND ZOOM  
THURS, APRIL 18 1:30-3:30 ET

**Who are all the stakeholders in creating Interfaith Sanctuary in Higher Education spaces? What is Sanctuary and how do we recognize it when we enter?**

**Please join students, scholars, and practitioners as we delve into these questions and more. Featuring Bayo Akomolafe. Cohosted with Journal of Interreligious Studies.**

Based on special issue #39 "Beyond Resistance: Building, Making, and Creating Sanctuary" guest-edited by Dr. Preeta M. Banerjee, Dr. Sheron Fraser-Burgess, and Rev. Anya Phillips Thomas.

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WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 17



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## **Building Sanctuary in Higher Education**

Thursday, April 18, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET, 226 Austin Room and via Zoom

Who are all the stakeholders in creating Interfaith Sanctuary in Higher Education spaces? What is Sanctuary and how do we recognize it when we enter? All Tufts students, staff, and faculty are invited as we delve into these questions and more. Featuring Báyò Akómóláfé. Cohosted with Journal of Interreligious Studies. You can contact the University Chaplaincy with any questions; please RSVP by April 17.

Find out more more about Building Interfaith Sanctuary

# Meet the Organ

## at Goddard Chapel

with University Chaplaincy  
Music Director Suzie Cartreine

Sunday, April 21, 2024

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.



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### **Meet the Organ at Goddard**

Sunday, April 21, 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. AND 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m, at Goddard Chapel

Ever wonder about the Goddard Chapel organ? Want to know what a pipe and a stop are? Want to hear a demonstration? Come join University Chaplaincy Music Director Suzie Cartreine and meet the organ! Suzie will introduce fun facts, play for the audience and let you get up close to this 141 year old instrument! All are welcome.

# OPEN MIC

*Night* PART 3

+ CLASS ALBUM  
RELEASE CONCERT



SIGN UP TO PERFORM



[bit.ly/openmictufts](https://bit.ly/openmictufts)

HOSTED BY DEE-1

APRIL 25TH | 6PM

## GODDARD CHAPEL

A TUFTS INTERFAITH AMBASSADORS COLLABORATION

EARLY ARRIVAL HIGHLY SUGGESTED | #OPENMICNIGHT

### Open Mic Night and Class Album Release Party

Thursday, April 25, 6:00 p.m., at Goddard Chapel

This semester, Dee-1--Artist and Scholar in Residence at Tisch College for Civic Life--has been teaching a course entitled "Hip Hop and Social Action." At this Open Mic Night, co-hosted by Dee-1 and the Interfaith Ambassador Team, come and hear the fruits of students' labors as they perform their original music created in this class, and add your own talents to the night! All are welcome to attend as avid listeners and supporters as well as performers! Sign up [here](https://bit.ly/openmictufts). Refreshments will be served. Please contact University Chaplaincy [Elyse Nelson Winger](#) with any questions.

RSVP for April 25 Open Mic



## AFRICANA SPIRITUALITY DINNER SERIES

# Reflection and Renewal

## An Evening of Integration

**APRIL 29, 2024 · 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.**  
**THE AFRICANA CENTER, 8 PROFESSORS ROW**

Join us for an evening of reflection as we conclude the Africana Spirituality Dinner Series and prepare for programming next academic year. How has spirituality “moved” you this year? What forms of connection and ritual enliven you?



Please RSVP  
by scanning the  
QR code



### **Africana Spirituality Dinner Series: Reflection and Renewal -- An Evening of Integration**

Monday, April 29, 5:00 p.m., Africana Center (8 Professors Row)

Join the University Chaplaincy and the Africana Center for an evening of reflection as we conclude the Africana Spirituality Dinner Series and prepare for programming next academic year. How has spirituality “moved” you this year? What forms of connection and ritual enliven you? You can email Humanist Chaplain [Anthony Cruz Pantojas](#) with any questions and register below.

RSVP for Africana Dinner Event



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**PRESENTS**

# A Spring Carillon Concert

**4/30/24 AT 5 PM  
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE  
GODDARD CHAPEL**

**JOIN US TO HEAR  
STUDENTS PLAY THE  
CARILLON BELLS!  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE  
PROVIDED**



## **A Spring Carillon Concert**

Tuesday, April 30, 5:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel (3 The Green)

Please join the University Chaplaincy community to hear the carillon bells - the system of bells played that chime at 5:00 p.m. from Goddard Chapel tower. Students will play music from the bells for about thirty minutes, and refreshments will be provided. Please email Music Director [Suzie Cartreine](#) with any questions.

[Learn more about the carillon bells](#)

# HUMANIST HUB: CULTIVATING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

**5-6:30p**  
**Interfaith Center**

*How can we navigate the challenges posed by the "tyranny of the historical present"?*

*In the presence of gross atrocities and pervasive polarization, how do we foster caring relationships?*

*What steps can we take to envision flourishing futures for everyone?*

Join the Humanist Chaplaincy for an engaging dinner and conversation series aimed at tackling these questions. We'll explore the themes of trauma, repair, and re-worlding as we seek meaningful insights together.

**February 27: Power and Historical Trauma**  
**March 26: Repair**  
**April 30: Re-worlding**

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## **Humanist Hub: Cultivating Meaningful Relationships**

Tuesday, April 30, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., at the Interfaith Center (58 Winthrop St)

Join the Humanist Chaplaincy for our final dinner of the semester as we explore the concept and practices of re-worlding in response to the challenges and opportunities of the present. and conversation series aimed at tackling

RSVP for Humanist Hub Dinner

STAAR CENTER AND TUFTS HUMANIST CHAPLAINCY PRESENT

# WHAT'S NEXT? VISIONING AND STRATEGIZING FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD



WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 \* 12:00-1:00PM

## A Supportive Dialogue Space on Life After College

Concluding a formative experience and launching into the greater world can be daunting. Join StAAR Academic Success Coach and Lecturer in Education, Dr. Justin Jiménez, and Humanist Chaplain, Anthony Cruz Pantojas for evening dialogue and reflection on life transitions after college.

Whether you're grappling with career decisions, adjusting to new social dynamics, or seeking clarity on personal aspirations, this space will provide a supportive environment to help you envision your path forward and develop strategies to navigate the challenges and possibilities that are inherent in sustaining a life of wellness and purpose. This event is catered towards seniors; however, all are welcome to attend.

INTERFAITH CENTER

PIZZA PROVIDED



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RSVP For What's Next? Visioning for the Journey Ahead

## Partner Programs



### Outdoor Physical Access Experience Survey

The TCU Senate and the StAAR center would like to hear your access experience as you navigate outdoor campus spaces. This could include areas like sidewalk and crosswalk accessibility, quality, and safety. The results will be shared with everyone as the campus prioritizes phased improvement plan to provide a safer and more inclusive physical campus.



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## Partner Programs



### Apply to be a Kaur Foundation Summer Intern

Apply by Friday, April 26

The Kaur Foundation is a national non-profit organization that partners with the country's school systems to bring education about Sikh Americans into K-12 classrooms through school curriculum materials and teacher training. As a Kaur Foundation Intern, you have the opportunity to model and promote the values of respect, kindness, and generosity and create educational experiences for students, teachers, and community members to learn about diversity and overcome fear and prejudice. Students enrolled in educational institutions in the United States, U.S. citizens or otherwise, are welcome to apply. We welcome applications from diverse backgrounds and academic fields. Please find more information and the application below.

Summer Internships with the Kaur Foundation

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## Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances

To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, including information about seeking religious accommodations at Tufts, please follow the link to the [Tufts Multifaith Calendar](#).

### Great Lent

Mon., Mar. 18 – Sat., May 4, 2024

Tradition: Christianity-Orthodox

In Orthodox churches, the first day of Lent marks the beginning of the Great Fast, the final six weeks of a 10-week period leading up to Holy Week and Easter (Pascha). In the churches that follow the Gregorian calendar, Lent is a six-week observance (40 days excluding Sundays) beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating in Holy Week. It is a time of repentance and sacrifice in preparation for Easter.

### Ridvan

Fri., Apr. 19 – Tue., Apr. 30, 2024

Tradition: Baha'i

Commemorates the 12 days that Baha'u'llah spent in the Garden of Ridvan in the last days of his exile in Baghdad, during which time he proclaimed himself as the one announced by Bab. Work is suspended for the first, ninth, and

twelfth days.

### **Mahavir Jayanti**

Sun., Apr. 21, 2024

Tradition: Jainism

Celebrates the birthday of Lord Mahavira. Born with the name Vardhamana in ca. 599 BCE, he was later given the titles of honor, Mahavira ("Great Hero") and Jina ("Conqueror" or "Victor"), a title applied also to the other Tirthankaras.

### **Passover (Pesach)**

Mon., Apr. 22 – Tue., Apr. 30, 2024

Tradition: Judaism

Passover commemorates the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. It is celebrated for eight days with special prayers and symbolic foods at home, starting with the Seder, a ritual meal that re-enacts that ancient deliverance and emphasizes the freedom of the Jews under the guidance of God. The first two and the last two days are holidays.

### **Palm Sunday**

Sun., Apr. 28, 2024

Tradition: Christianity-Orthodox

Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, marking the beginning of Holy Week that culminates in Easter or Pascha. In some churches, Palm Sunday is combined with the anticipation of Christ's death and so is also known as "Passion Sunday." Orthodox Christians often observe this Sunday on a date different from the date on which Protestant and Roman Catholics observe it.

### **Beltane**

Tue., Apr. 30, 2024

Tradition: Wicca/Paganism

The final fertility festival, celebrating the Earth's fecundity and anticipating the power of the sun and the Earth in summer.

### **Ghambar Maidyozarem**

Tue., Apr. 30 – Sat., May 4, 2024

Tradition: Zoroastrianism

Celebrates the creation of the sky and harvesting of the winter crop.

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## **ABOUT US**

The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. We provide spiritual 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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