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# WELCOME

# WEEKEND



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Junior Samantha Saad excitedly displays her homemade sign as families and incoming students begin to arrive on campus. "I arrived on campus early when I first came to Taylor, so getting to welcome students this year was really special for me," says Saad. "I got to welcome more people to our family and be reminded of who we are and what we do."



Photo by Grace Andersen

Juniors Sara Khalaj, Maria Fish, Zoe Frisby, and sophomore Hannah Wylie celebrate as incoming freshmen and their families line up to be greeted.



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President Michael Lindsay greets incoming students and their families as they arrive on campus and offers them cold water bottles in the sweltering summer heat.



Junior Ella Colquhoun waves as incoming freshmen and their families drive by on their way to see President Lindsay.



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Junior Jenna Vander Ark assists freshmen moving into their new home, Olson Hall.



Photo by Olivia Naim

The PAs and DAs of Samuel Morris Hall celebrate as new students arrive on campus.



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Seniors Maddie Gerig and Jenna Gerig, and sophomore Lily Sachsenmaier and Hasi Ehlers celebrate as incoming freshmen students arrive on campus. "Over Welcome Weekend, it was so fun to meet and welcome all the new students as they came through the parade!" Jenna says.



# FALL FEST

## fall fest

Senior Sophia Diller opens the night with her ukulele rendition of "Put Your Records On."



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Senior Sebastian Galan performs an emotional ballad of "Let Her Go" as the second act of Fall Fest.



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Junior Hannah Crowe plays a mashup of Noah Kahan songs, which is received enthusiastically by the crowd.



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Sophomore Anna Middlesworth and freshmen Katelyn Vanden Brink, Adyston Montgomery, and Lily Williams sing along as they take in the ambiance of the musical performances at Fall Fest. The audience enjoyed donuts and apple cider during the IFC event that featured musical performances from students all across campus.



Photo by Manzi Dave Rugari

Sophomore Karissa Collins and senior Austin Cochrane perform the popular hits "Payphone," "Alaska," and "Pompeii." "It was so refreshing to sing in such a relaxed space and I honestly can't wait to do it again!" Collins says.



# OCTOBER

God's limitless joy was seen through October's many events, including the dedication ceremony of the Stillman Fieldhouse, which was remodeled and named in honor of former Taylor football player G. Patrick Stillman. Stillman played for the Trojans in 1958 before going on to play football with several professional leagues after his collegiate career. The new Fieldhouse features the Davenport Locker Room in honor of Coach Davenport, who directed the original construction of the fieldhouse in 1965. Stillman never forgot Coach Davenport's encouragement, and in early 2022, he chose to honor his former coach by sponsoring the refurbishment of the locker room. The renovation also included the addition of team meeting rooms, a football lounge, a new men's lacrosse locker room, and a practice space for baseball and softball. After Stillman lost a decade-long battle with cancer in September of 2022 and went home to be with the Lord, his wife, Beulah, and their four children decided to honor him by remodeling the fieldhouse.



Although the rainy conditions of the dedication day were not what the attendees had expected, the excitement could not be hampered by the weather. The Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Kyle Gould, football Head Coach Aaron Mingo, and senior wide receiver Hutson Hohlbein were just a few of the speakers who shared testimonies of how the fieldhouse renovation will bless Taylor's community for years to come. It is now a reliable facility for the football, lacrosse, baseball, and softball teams to have a space to practice and channel their athletic passion.

"I have spoken to you with great frankness; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds."  
2 Corinthians 7:4



ER





# MY GEN

*my gen*



Senior Quinn Miles gives the audience an energetic performance of "Midnight City," dancing throughout the song with her band "Broad Daylight."



Photo by Aubri Gundy

The audience enthusiastically dances to the Sammy Tunes' remix of "Uptown Funk" and "HandClap." They sing along as junior Ethan Kleiman takes center stage.



Photo by Sarah Lee



Photo by Sarah Lee

Sophomore Luke Stone, the saxophone player for the Sammy Tunes group, is the life of the party as his band plays a remix of "Uptown Funk" and "HandClap." "MyGen was an electric time full of energy from both performers and crowds," says Stone. "As chaotic at times as it may seem, the work put behind it all, not only by performers, but also the stage, lights, and event crew really led to the whole thing being a blast for everyone. Also, the electric atmosphere of Taylor is a great place for this event to succeed as the whole student body buys in to just having a good time together— and no one does community better than we do!"



Photo by Sarah Lee



The crowd waves flashlights during sophomore Addie Dennis's stunning performance of "All I Ask."

Brother and sister duo senior Trent Repass and freshman Olivia Repass stay true to the original sounds of the song "Little Talks" with their band, Of Pots and Pans.

Photo by Aubri Gundy



Photo by Sarah Lee



Performing under the name "One Night Only," junior Annabella Eckert, junior Emma Gayed, and freshman Ezra Holt sing a haunting rendition of "I Remember Everything."

Photo by Sarah Lee



Junior Caroline Hanback performs "Still Into You" with her band group, Paraless. "MyGen is such a fun and lively event that I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in! Being able to perform with amazing friends that double as bandmates in front of our peers and community is an incredible blessing," says Hanback. "I love how supportive and encouraging the whole campus is for all of the remarkable acts and talented students that we have here!"

Photo by Aubri Gundy



Performing an acoustic version of "November Air," senior Jacob Zamorano captivates the crowd with one of the few slower songs featured in MyGen.

Sophomore Addie Dennis captivates the audience with her stunning voice as she sings the song, "All I Ask."



Junior Juyoung Jung and freshmen Jina Park and Peter Lee amaze the audience as they perform Taekwondo with great skill and accuracy.

Photo by Manzi Dave Rugari



Freshman Kaitlin Fellenz dances in the Black Student Union's performance titled, "Old School vs. New School."

Photo by Manzi Dave Rugari



# MOSAIC

*mosaic*

Freshman Abiya Mugarura shares a spoken word on the importance of unity. "On such a beautiful, harmonious night we experienced 'the beauty in this unity!'" Mugarura says. "What a mesmerizing way to celebrate not only the diversity present but the beauty of the undeniable unity here at Taylor University."



Photo by Sarah Lee

Freshman Sophi Rogers performs American Sign Language to the NEEDTOBREATHE song "Who Am I," with her sister, Raena. Rogers says, "I love how Mosaic Night is a way we can illustrate God's testimony on stage through how He reveals Himself in each culture, creating a beautiful mosaic of who He is. It was such a blessing and a joy to introduce the deaf culture through sharing my and Raena's personal journey as deaf individuals discovering our God-given identity and embracing how He has made us for His glory. In a unique, mosaic kind of way. It was an empowering, enriching, and joyful experience, especially when the audience applauded in sign language!"



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Seniors Thiago Camacho and Julissa Castellanos wear their flags proudly during the Latino Student Union's dance performance.

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Freshmen Stephany Lee, Nagyeom Han, and Yeen Choi wear traditional Korean Hanboks as they perform the song "Arlang" with the Korean Chorale.

Photo by Manzi Dave Rugari



# NIGHT *night*



Photo by Sarah Lee



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The Latino Student Union's performance includes dances to a variety of songs, using flags to represent diverse heritages.

Senior Sungmin Kim sings the song "Letter" in Korean. Before his performance, Kim asks the audience, "Is it possible to convey our feeling through song to foreign people though I use a totally different language? I still don't know. But, I genuinely hope for unity in this moment through song, me, Baekgae, and you."



# J-TERM TRIPS



HAWAII: BIOLOGY

"In Hawaii, the people have a strong bond with the land," says junior Rebekah Novak. "Aloha 'Aina,' meaning love of the land, is widely practiced on the islands. We were able to see two different sides of Hawaii - the commercialized side and the real Hawaii. Learning about native Hawaiian culture was one of my favorite parts of this class! Our class had the amazing opportunity to prepare and participate in a cultural festival with the Men of Pa'a where we made traditional foods, learned how to make leis, and danced a hula." During the biology-focused trip to Hawaii, students learned about rainforests, coastal biology, reef ecology, and Native Hawaiian culture. Their sightseeing included a trip to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, botanical garden visits, and a whale watching tour.

"My favorite part of filming a documentary in Portugal was hearing our subject's story and working with my team to convey it in a beautiful way," says senior Emily Crosler. In this film department trip, students worked on a documentary about Portugal's only national park, the Route of the Romanesque. The group focused on how the park and the series of Romanesque art style monuments throughout it relate to the identity of the Portuguese people. The filming included many interviews of workers and volunteers at the park.



PORTUGAL: FILM



LONDON: LITERARY

The Literary London trip took the British Literature class through a tour of famous literature landmarks and sights connected to English literature. "The adventure of living in the places where many great literary texts were set brought to life the novels of Jane Austen and the plays of Shakespeare," says junior Emma Claire Jones. "One of the highlights for me was going on a day trip to the home where Austen wrote her books. We saw the exact desk where Mr. Darcy and Emma Woodhouse were born. I walked where the author of the books that have so shaped me walked. It was so beautiful and inspiring for me to be so close to the author I love."





## COSTA RICA: BUSINESS

The students traveling with the business department to Costa Rica took "Global Entrepreneurship" as a part of their time abroad. "This trip challenged me in many ways: professionally, spiritually, emotionally, and personally," says junior Arika Warren. "One thing that truly stuck with me was how joyful and hospitable everyone was. As we went and saw different people, they didn't hesitate to invite us in and did so with a smile. That is something I hope to be able to do as I return to Taylor."

Students worked with a for-profit business with a business as mission (BAM) mindset, Mountain of Dreamers. The company's goal is to impact Costa Rica economically, socially, and spiritually. The team brainstormed new business ideas, created a social media plan, developed a website, conducted a financial analysis, and more to contribute meaningfully to the company's efforts.

In a joint education and sociology trip, students who traveled to Rwanda spent time in the cities of Kigali and Musanze. Education students worked on observing and teaching at two local schools, while sociology students focused on learning about the Rwandan culture through various excursions in the area. "My time in Rwanda was life-changing," says sophomore Hannah Wylie. "Through a hands-on teaching and classroom observation experience, I was able to build relationships with and grow to love the Rwandan people. I learned first-hand what Christ's redeeming grace and forgiveness looks like. My experience over J-term strengthened my desire to teach overseas and gave me more confidence in my abilities to do so."



## RWANDA: SOCIOLOGY



## IRELAND: PSYCHOLOGY

Students taking Multicultural Psychology in Ireland spent their first two weeks touring the small town of Salthill, followed by time in Killarney and Dublin. "My favorite day trip was to the Aran Islands; the whole place is a breathtaking view," says junior Betsy Underwood. "The island is best seen by biking along the coastline. At the end of the bike trail, there's a short hike that ends at a 100-meter cliff, overlooking the Atlantic. They tell you to crawl to the edge and then lie down and look over. It is truly an unexplainable feeling to look at something that beautiful and know the God who made it also made me." A small and travelable country, the group went from coast to coast visiting some of the most famous places Ireland has to offer, including the castle that was the inspiration for C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Grant County Special Olympics offers participants an opportunity to build community and practice teamwork since its founding in 1997. Participants can learn new skills and execute them on the court with the support and encouragement of their teammates and the crowd.



Photo by Olivia Naim

Student-athletes participate in 3 on 3 and 5 on 5 basketball games, as well as 29 personal skills as Taylor hosts Grant County's Special Olympics Take-It-To-The-Hoop event at the Kesler Student Activities Center.



Photo by Olivia Naim

Student-athletes watch and support their teammates on one of the 56 total teams competing in the Special Olympics. Taylor hosted 500 student-athletes from all over Indiana to participate in Grant County's Take-It-To-The-Hoop event.

As Taylor hosts Grant County's annual Special Olympics basketball event, participants enjoy having their friends and family come to cheer them on as they shine on the court. With the expectation of 500 or more participants, Taylor student volunteers were crucial to the success of the event.



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# a year of OVERFLOW

**Class of 2027**



August 28th

December 1st

**Horne  
Ground Breaking**



September 15th

December 9th

**Stillman**



October

January



**DC Renovation**



**Nursing Program**



**Lily**



A year that welcomed Taylor's largest incoming class in history did not disappoint as the university's growth visibly poured into every aspect of campus life. The anticipation of the Horne Academic Center and celebration of its final beam placement, as well as the dedication of the Stillman Fieldhouse, were tangible reminders of all God has been doing at Taylor. The re-opening of the new and improved Hodson Dining Commons, updates to Chick-fil-A, as well as the additions of Zondy's and Freshens brought a dynamic new dining experience to campus. The new nursing program under development is a further illustration of God's goodness as the university prepares to house a major that will bring even more students. The student body grew so much that Residential Village construction began, preparing for fall 2024.

Amidst the new renovations, Taylor began the execution of the Mainstreet Mile Initiative through the \$30 million Lilly Endowment grant to improve the town of Upland. On April 26, 2024, President Michael Lindsay announced the public phase of the Life to the Full campaign, an effort to raise \$500 million for the benefit of the university's strategic plan. During TUGather – a weekend where the campus welcomed grandparents, family, and alumni – visitors walked across large stickers placed along the sidewalks sporting words such as "faithFUL," "grateFUL," and "joyFUL," celebrating Taylor's commitment to live life to the full as a community. God has been so generous in his blessings to Taylor University this year that campus life cannot help but overflow.

## Fieldhouse



20th

29th

## Town House Ground Breaking



November 9th

February 9th

## Zondy's Opening



November 27th

February 19th



## Grant



## Freshens Opening



## Chick-fil-A Renovation



# FOOTBALL

Instructor of Kinesiology and Sport Management, Offensive Coordinator Gregory Wolfe watches as players celebrate the first touchdown of homecoming night. "We played with great energy and a lot of enthusiasm. The Homecoming crowd helps that, certainly," Wolfe says, "and it was a lot of fun putting up a lot of points."



**2 WINS  
9 LOSSES**

Photo by Alexa Twigg

The Taylor football team appreciates fans, celebrating together after the team scored a touchdown.



Photo by Alexa Twigg



Sophomore Lucas Shults successfully attempts a 44-yard field goal opposing Madonna University, posting a victorious final score of 54-14.



Photo by Sarah Lee

Senior wide receiver Stephen Ellis works his way down the field after his reception while opposing the University of St. Francis.





Photo by Alexa Twigg

Sophomore wide receiver Jack D'Arcy makes a run for the end zone after his reception. D'Arcy recorded 48 yards during the Homecoming game against Madonna.



Photo by Alexa Twigg



Photo by Sarah Lee

Junior Aven Jones completes a defensive tackle during the Trojan's faceoff against the University of St. Francis. Jones posted 56 solo tackles over the season.



Photo by Alexa Twigg



The Trojan offense works methodically down the field versus Madonna.





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# MEN'S SOCCER

The Trojan men's soccer team joins together in prayer. The team worked together despite the challenging season that started with a three-game losing streak. They rallied together to go 3-2-1 in the following six games.



**5 WINS  
11 LOSSES  
2 TIES**



Junior Justin Devlin prepares to shoot during the Trojan's battle with Concordia University, ending in a 2-1 win. Devlin says, "This season was full of ups and downs. This family stuck together and grinded. A high point for me was scoring at Taylor in front of an amazing home crowd. I'm excited for what is to come!"



Sophomore Caleb Ballard receives the ball. Ballard scored a total of four points during the 2023-2024 season.



# WOMEN'S SOCCER



Freshman Eliza Luttrell aims for a kick toward the goal during the Trojan's win in their home opener against Concordia.

Seniors Chloe Sena and Claire Massey embrace as they celebrate a victory against Concordia. This season opener at Turner Stadium couldn't have gone better for the Trojans, as they crushed their opponents 5-0.



**10 WINS  
3 LOSSES  
5 TIES**

Goalie senior Hannah Brackenbury puts the ball back into play after making a save. As the main goalie on the women's soccer team, Brackenbury started 18/18 games and racked up 51 saves during the 2023-2024 season.





Freshman Dray Caldwell boldly leaps through the air as he performs part of the cheer team's complex routine.



The crowd watches as the cheer team executes its routine on the mats during Silent Night. Junior flyer Emma Barile stands out as her teammates lift her up.



With her teammates from Team 4 supporting her, Junior Emma Barile strikes a pose on the top of the pyramid. "I'm beyond proud of this team. We've fought some tough battles, but we've done it with love and grace towards one another," Barile says. "If I had to describe Team 4 in one word, it would be servant-leaders. Everyone on this team, in one form or another, serves before they think of leading the team."

Senior Emma-Kate Moore, a flyer on the Taylor cheer team, performs her stunt while supported by her teammates. Moore made history in 2024 as Taylor's second student-athlete in program history to make the First-Team All-Crossroads League.



# CHEERLEADING



# SOFTBALL



Photo provided by Taylor Athletics  
Sophomore catcher Delaney Barton finishes the 2023-2024 season with a .400 on-base percentage and three home runs.



Photo provided by Taylor Athletics  
Freshman Emri Agre prepares to receive a pitch during the Trojan softball team's double-header against Indiana Wesleyan University.

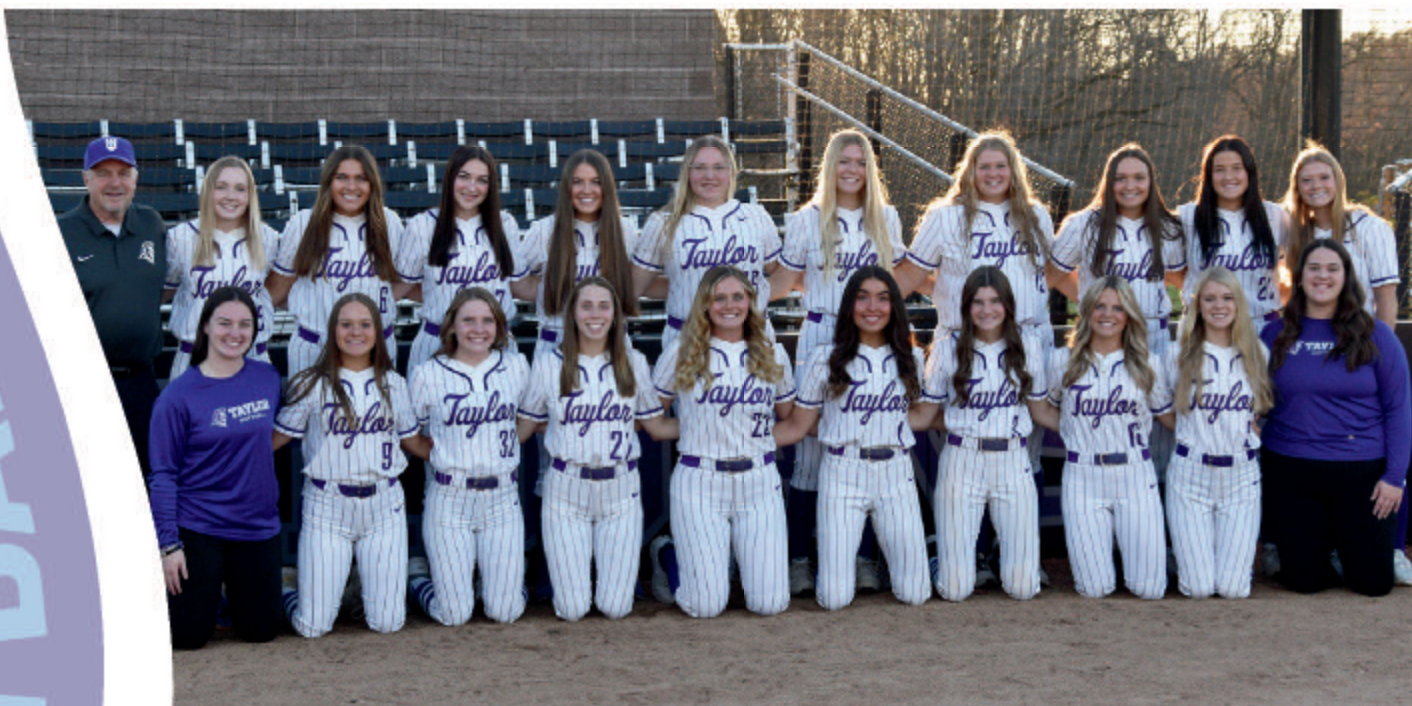


Photo provided by Taylor Athletics  
Freshman Hannah Pack swings during the Trojan's softball game. Pack saw 52 at-bats in her first collegiate year.



Photo by Aubri Gundy  
Sophomore Madisyn Standridge assists her teammates by winding up to throw to a base. Standridge finished the regular season with an impressive .324 batting average and five home runs.



# BASEBALL

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**42 WINS  
16 LOSSES**

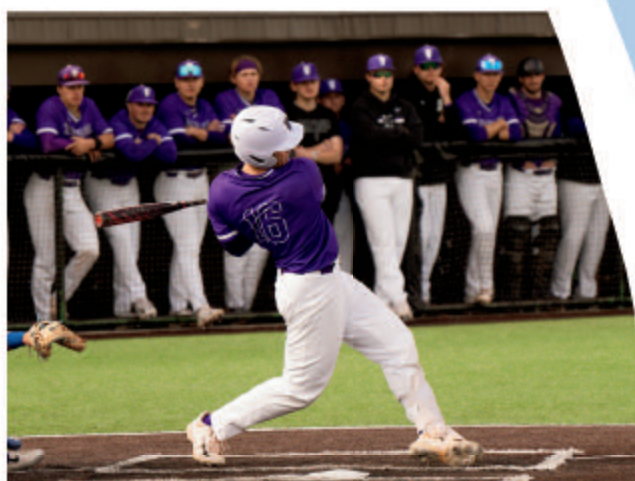
Junior Luke Picchiotti steps up to bat. Picchiotti had a batting average of .298 in the 2023-2024 season.



Senior Matt Dutkowski completes a pitch. Dutowski posted 13 game starts in the regular season and 50.1 innings pitched.



The Trojan men's baseball team enjoys a successful season and claims the Crossroads League regular season champion title.



Sophomore Brennan Frickel aims for a swing at the ball as his teammates spectate. Frickel hit a total of seven home runs during the season.