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MRS. TAMMY'S CLASS
LEARNING COTTAGE

FROM THE HEAD



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-ERNEST BOYER

At Tennessee Christian, we believe that one of the most important investments we can make in our students is an investment in our teachers. This week, our divisional heads and I attended the Herzog Conference, which focused on Cultivating Top Talent and recognizing the importance of caring for our most valuable asset: our teachers.

Great schools are built by great teachers. While curriculum, facilities, technology, and resources all play an important role in education, it is the dedicated educators in our classrooms who bring learning to life. The teachers challenge our students to think critically, encourage them to grow in confidence, and help shape the character and faith that will guide them long after graduation. We at Tennessee Christian want the continued growth of our students. Having a growth process ingrained in our culture shapes teachers who are not stagnant but ambitious in their own growth as teachers. The impact a teacher can make is transformational and can ripple through a student's life.

The Herzog Conference provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on how we identify, develop, support, and retain talented educators. I am so thankful for the Herzog Institute for focusing and dedicating resources to private Christian Pre-K through 12 education. The sessions were immediately applicable, led by masters of their craft, and enabled connection with other leaders in a shared Christ-centered mission. The conference reinforced the idea we know well, that what we do every day greatly matters to God. As stewards of God's mission for Tennessee Christian, we and you work as instruments to educate God's children through Biblical truth, equipping them to become God's hands and feet in the careers they choose.

APPLE-Y EVER AFTER



TCPS took their little hawks to the Apple Valley Orchard to experience all things apple. This was a new field trip to us and we had an absolute blast. Kindergarten, First, and Second grade experienced all the orchard had to offer. We had a group hay ride through the orchard, listened to a story about Johnny Appleseed, toured the warehouse, and even got to sample apples and cider. It was the perfect fall day and we loved visiting this local orchard. The kids most loved the bakery where they were able to purchase donuts and apple flavored treats. We are already looking forward to our next trip to the orchard!



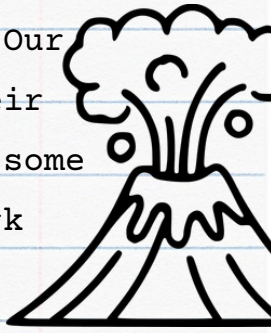




WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MR. MULLINS' CLASS

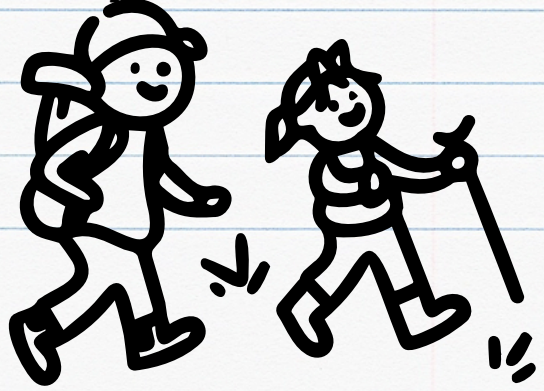


When it comes to school projects, the very first project that comes to my mind is making a volcano. There is nothing more fun! Our 6th graders recently had the opportunity to do just that. In Geography we have been studying the Physical World and the changes that occur within it. What better way to explore those changes, then by exploding something? Our students were able to put their creativity to use as well as some chemical reactions. Great work by our young geographers.





7th and 8th Grade were recently able to explore some of our local history with a trip to Lookout Mountain. They rode the Historic Incline, visited Point Park, the location of the Battle Above the Clouds, and hiked (much to their disappointment) down to beautiful Sunset Rock. We ended the trip with some delicious pizza and ice cream at Mr. T's.



HOLA!



¡Bienvenidos, TCPS families! This is my first year as a Spanish teacher, and I am thrilled to teach your children.

How many times have you heard someone say they studied a foreign language in high school but remember only a few words? Rote memorization fades quickly, so I teach differently. I produce radio shows, act, write songs, and do voice-over work, so your children learn through theater, music, and technology. I want to put the “ART” into Language Arts.

My first lesson was an original “Greeting Song”: listen and repeat Hola, ¿cómo está? Muy bien. Gracias. The students were immediately engaged, and now they greet me in the halls! The song and words stick, just like our ABCs.

Yes, I also play songs about tacos. Don’t be alarmed by my guitar and sombrero!

I believe that Jesus, the highest name in heaven and earth, put me here to share what He has given me with your children. Each child has brilliant talents and a beautiful soul, and I seek to draw these out to teach not only Spanish, but also what I have learned in my walk with the LORD.

¡Nos vemos en clase!



The Cottage 3's

Mrs. Tammy's Room

We play, learn, and grow so much in our three-year-old class! From learning the Alligator Song to help us hold our crayons correctly to building character through Bible stories, creative activities, and singing, we do it all! We practice handwriting with Handwriting Without Tears, build lasting friendships, and master potty habits. We cover it all!

I couldn't be prouder of my class. Each day, they arrive eager and excited to discover something new. These little sponges absorb so much, and I love finding creative ways to make learning fun and playful while also building their self-esteem and confidence.
We love all our friends and visitors! We are blessed to participate in chapel for praise and worship, Spanish, music, the Connect Club, the Bookmobile, and even visits from our Cintas helpers.

Come by and visit us anytime! The kids love to share and tell stories (and believe me, they have plenty!).

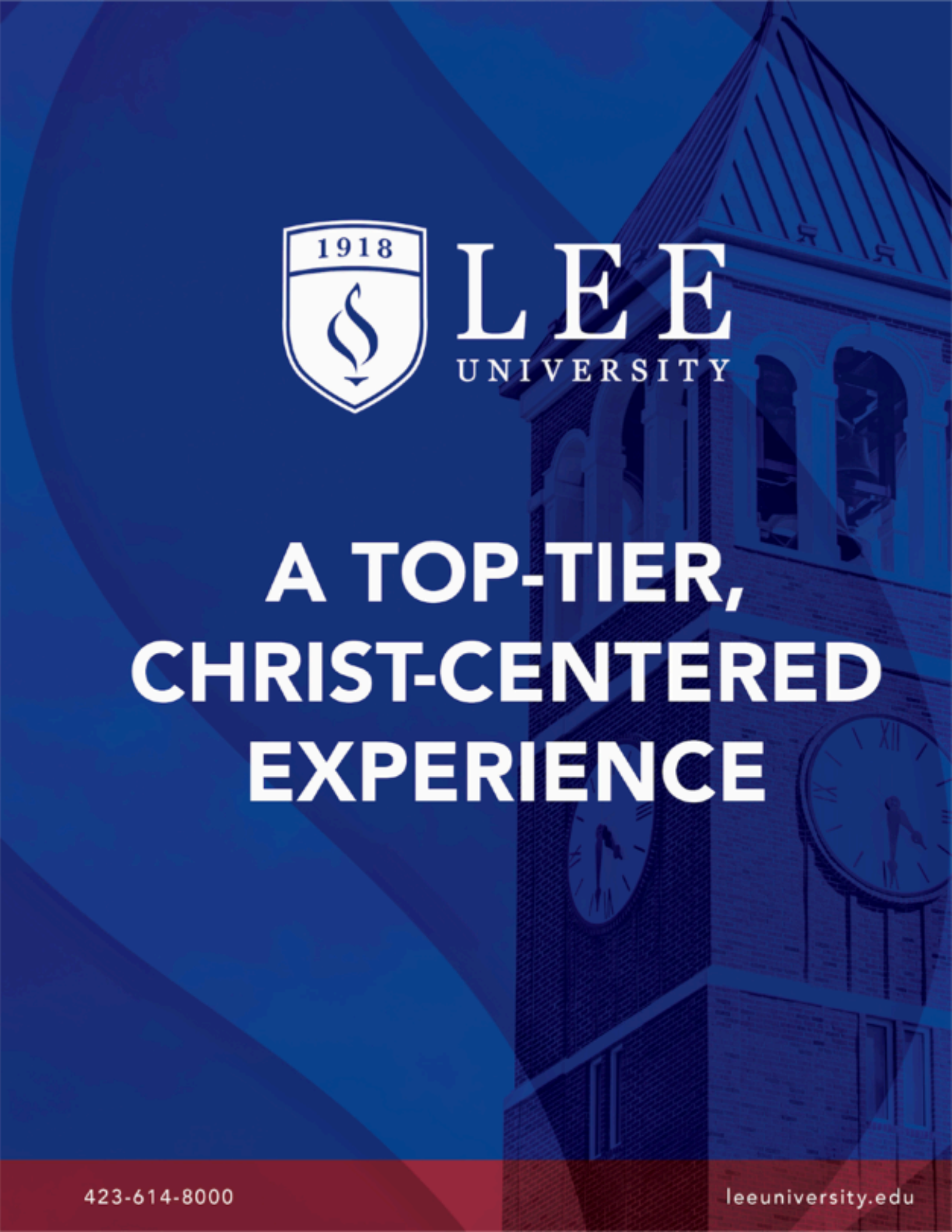








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