



## A Southern Soiree on Walsh's Campus



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**BY: AQUEELAH AL QASSIM, STAFF WRITER**

On the evening of May 18, 2024, an air of Southern charm will envelop the Hoover Park Dance Hall at Walsh University, marking the occasion of "A Southern Soiree." Hosted by Walsh University President Dr. Tim Collins and Mrs. Drenda Collins, this elegant affair promises an evening of celebration, heritage, and philanthropy, all in support of Walsh University students.

The event, scheduled from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, aims to showcase the rich cultural heritage of the South while also extending a helping hand to the educational endeavors of the university's students. Nestled within the scenic campus of Walsh University, the Hoover Park Dance Hall sets the perfect backdrop for an evening filled with Southern hospitality and generosity.

Guests attending "A Southern Soiree" can anticipate an enchanting ambiance adorned with touches of Southern elegance. From the soft glow of twinkling lights to the

strains of classic Southern melodies, every detail will transport attendees to a world of refined charm and grace.

The event's hosts, Dr. Tim and Mrs. Drenda Collins, both proud representatives of Southern heritage, invite attendees to join them in celebrating their roots while embracing the spirit of giving back. As pillars of the Walsh University community, the Collinses embody the university's values of compassion, service, and excellence.

Proceeds from "A Southern Soiree" will benefit Walsh University students, providing vital support for scholarships, academic programs, and campus initiatives. Through their generosity, attendees will directly contribute to the educational opportunities and success of future generations of Walsh students, embodying the spirit of philanthropy and community upliftment.

In addition to its philanthropic mission, "A Southern Soiree" promises an evening of indulgence and delight for attendees. From sumptuous Southern cuisine featuring classic dishes to signature cocktails inspired by the region's flavors, guests will savor every moment of culinary excellence.

Throughout the evening, attendees will have the opportunity to mingle and engage in spirited conversation, fostering connections and camaraderie within the Walsh University community. Whether reminiscing about cherished memories of the South or forging new friendships, guests will create lasting bonds that extend far beyond the confines of the event.

As the clock strikes 10:00 PM and the festivities close, attendees

will depart with hearts full of gratitude and memories to cherish. “A Southern Soiree” will not only leave a lasting impression on all who attend but also serve as a testament to the transformative power of generosity and unity.

“A Southern Soiree” stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of Southern heritage and the boundless potential of collective philanthropy. Under the guidance of Dr. Tim and Mrs. Drenda Collins, attendees will come together to celebrate, uplift, and support the mission of Walsh University, ensuring a brighter future for generations to come.



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## Walsh Cavathon Sets Highs During Major Event

**BY: ANNABELLE EHMER, STAFF WRITER**

Cavathon members participated in their main event on Saturday, April 6th. Leading up to the event, the Cavathon board held fundraising events all week long across campus. From pie-in-the-face to tie-dye in the freezing rain, the Walsh students who willingly participated and donated made a difference and are a huge reason why we were successful. The main event was a 12-hour dance marathon where all participants had to stand (no sitting allowed), dance, participate in games, got to interact with Miracle Kids, and more. This year’s Cavathon teams consisted of five colors of the rainbow: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, and Blue.

As the day went on, the Cavathon members welcomed wonderful families and introduced all of the Miracle Kids. This year, the members saw some new faces. The Miracle Kids consisted of: Cam, Brooklyn, Mackenzie, Fiona, Jack and Maryann, Evie, and Lucas! Each

of these amazing kids shared their stories of their diagnoses, stay at the hospital, recovery, and more. April 6th could not have been a more successful day.

This year, every participant learned a FIFTEEN-minute dance to celebrate the kids both still in the hospital, those who are recovering, and those who have passed away. Cavathon quotes “We stand for the kids that can’t.” At the end of the dance, the top 10 fundraising board members revealed the Grand Total from fundraising. As a board member myself, I am happy to announce that the 2024 Cavathon organization was able to raise and donate to Akron Children’s Hospital a total of \$31,495.52.

Between talking with all of the Miracle Kids, their parents,



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and Cavathon participants, we are already planning for the main event for 2025! If you are interested in being a participant or board member, please watch your Walsh Outlook Email for updates on registration. Choose to be a difference maker and participate in Cavathon. I promise it will be your favorite day of the school year!

## Walsh Band and Choir Makes Musical Movement

**BY: NADYA HUDAK, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Walsh University’s Music Program has continued to shine on campus during this spring. The band started off the second semester of the 2023-2024 year by showing their Walsh pride at the basketball games throughout the

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season. As a member of the band myself, we enjoy being able to cheer on the Cavaliers while playing pieces we know and love.

Coming up this Sunday, April 21, the band will be hosting another concert in the Global Learning Center. This show will feature upbeat, jazzy, and even some slower pieces. Come show your support for Walsh's band and get some entertainment while taking a break from studying!

On April 12, the Walsh Chorale entertained a large crowd in the Global Learning Center. At the end of the concert, the Walsh seniors had the opportunity to each do their own solo as their personal goodbye to their time at Walsh. The Walsh Chorale is still accepting donations for their trip to Washington D.C.. Support Walsh Fine Arts!



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## Walsh Music Hosts Performances for Spring

**BY: AQUEELAH AL QASSIM, STAFF WRITER**

Walsh University is set to host the culminating event of its thought-provoking Education for Life Colloquium Series on April 25, 2024. Titled "Achieving the Common Good," this interfaith presentation marks the fifth and final installment in a comprehensive exploration of the Jewish and Christian roots that underpin the university's core values: Faith, Excellence, Integrity, Service, and Community.

Scheduled from 6:00 PM to 07:30 PM, this event delves deep into the fundamental question of how the common

good can be achieved through the creation and sustenance of community. In an increasingly fragmented world, where divisions often overshadow unity, the Education for Life Colloquium Series seeks to shed light on the timeless principles that can guide individuals and communities toward a shared sense of purpose and collective well-being.

At the heart of "Achieving the Common Good" lies a dynamic discussion led by two esteemed speakers: Rabbi David Komerofsky of Temple Israel in Canton, Ohio, and Dr. Chris Seeman, Chair of Theology at Walsh University. Drawing from their respective backgrounds and areas of expertise, Rabbi Komerofsky and Dr. Seeman will offer unique insights into the intricate interplay between faith, ethics, and community-building.

Rabbi David Komerofsky brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as a spiritual leader and advocate for social justice within the Jewish tradition. With a deep understanding of Jewish teachings on communal responsibility and ethical living, Rabbi Komerofsky offers invaluable perspectives on the role of faith communities in promoting the common good.

Dr. Chris Seeman, renowned theologian, and Chair of Theology at Walsh University, brings a scholarly lens to the discussion, drawing on Christian theological principles to explore the moral imperatives of fostering inclusive and compassionate communities. Through his expertise, Dr. Seeman illuminates the intersections between Christian ethics and the pursuit of social justice.

Together, Rabbi Komerofsky and Dr. Seeman will engage attendees in a thought-provoking dialogue that transcends religious boundaries, inviting participants to reflect on the universal values that bind humanity together in a shared quest for a better world.

The Education for Life Colloquium Series: "Achieving the Common Good" invites individuals from all walks of life to join this enriching conversation, fostering dialogue, understanding, and a renewed commitment to building communities grounded in compassion, justice, and solidarity.

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As participants register for this illuminating event, they embark on a journey of exploration and discovery, guided by the wisdom of ancient traditions and the imperative of contemporary relevance. Through the Education for Life Colloquium Series, Walsh University continues its mission of fostering intellectual inquiry, moral reflection, and social engagement, empowering individuals to be agents of positive change in their communities and beyond.

“Achieving the Common Good” stands as a testament to the transformative power of education, dialogue, and interfaith collaboration in shaping a more just and compassionate world. By bringing together diverse voices and perspectives, Walsh University reaffirms its commitment to nurturing the mind, body, and spirit, equipping individuals to lead lives of purpose and service in service of the common good.

## Benefits for Joining the Newspaper

**BY: NADYA HUDAK, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Since my freshman year at Walsh University, I have written for the Spectator Newspaper. Through this experience, I’ve gained knowledge of editing, writing, and designing a published newspaper that I would not have been able to get anywhere else on campus.

By joining the newspaper, besides the credits you can accrue, writers can learn valuable skills to put toward a potential career as well as teamwork. Writing gives students the opportunity to make their voice heard on campus.

As the year comes to a close, students should consider picking up writing as an extracurricular, whether it be for credits or for fun.

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