

ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Behind the Scenes

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Animals on Campus



Questions about animals in the classroom or other campus spaces come up from time to time. The university's [Animals on Campus Policy](#) outlines when and where animals are permitted and provides guidance for faculty and staff.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to perform specific tasks for a person with a disability. Additional information can be found in the [ADA Service Animal Guidelines](#).

Course Policy Modification

We want to thank the many faculty members who have engaged in the Course Policy Modification (CPM) process and collaborated with us to implement agreements in their courses. We recognize that recent updates to the university attendance policy required many of you to revise your syllabi, and we appreciate the time and care invested in navigating those changes alongside accommodation requests. We also hear the questions and concerns raised about the CPM process and will continue our efforts to improve clarity and consistency while maintaining equitable access for students. We appreciate your continued partnership as we strengthen this process together.



Inside the Testing Center



Staff

The Testing Center team includes Assistant Director Joshua Donaldson, Testing Center Specialist Kiana Pena-Acosta, 12-15 student proctors, and three graduate assistants who work together to support the administration of thousands of exams each year.

Monitoring & Proctoring

To maintain exam security and integrity:

- Cameras are positioned over each testing station
- 2-3 proctors actively monitor:
 - Live camera feeds
 - LanSchool (for online exams and computer-based accommodations)
 - Student use of approved accommodations and materials
- Camera footage is recorded and retained for two weeks in case academic integrity concerns arise

Testing Environment

The facility features 34 computer stations with privacy partitions and utilizes white noise machines, noise-canceling headphones, and earplugs to provide a reduced distraction testing environment.



Questions about Accommodate or Testing Logistics?

- Attend Joshua's virtual office hours on Tuesdays, 12-1 pm on [Zoom](#).
- Invite Joshua to attend a department meeting in the Fall.

Testing Center By the Numbers

Over the past two decades, the ADS Testing Center has grown significantly in both student utilization and exam administration. What began as a smaller operation serving a few hundred students has evolved into a high-volume, highly coordinated testing environment. The data below highlights that growth and illustrates the concentrated intensity of finals week each semester.

Where We Started vs. Where We Are

2003-2004	2024-2025
1,346 Exams Administered	5,672 Exams Administered
432 Registered ADS Students	2,900 Registered ADS Students

DID YOU KNOW?

The Testing Center became part of ADS in the 2003-2004 academic year. Prior to that, it operated under Tutorial Services.

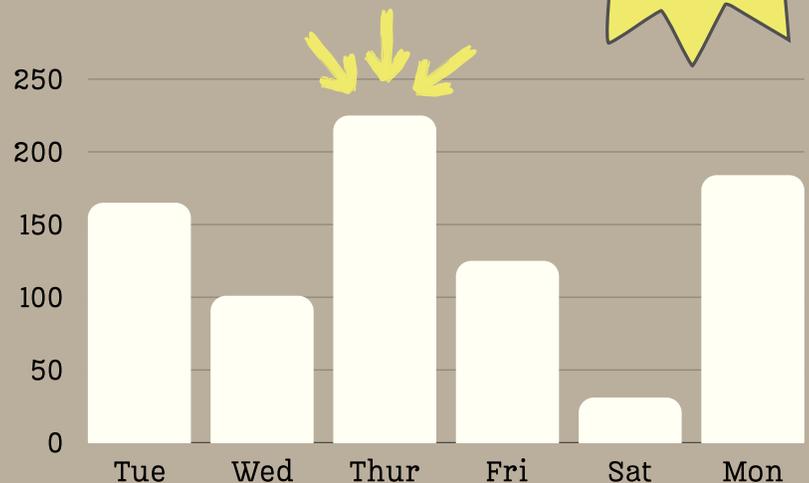
321% increase in exams administered
571% increase in students registered

Fall 2025 Testing Volume

Total Exams: 3,333

Final Exams: 831

Overall, nearly one-quarter of the semester's total testing volume occurred during finals week alone.



225 exams on our Highest Volume Day!

Finals Week at a Glance

**MAR
11**

AT Demo Day

**1:00-3:00 PM
University Union
Room 224**

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

Accessible Technology (AT) solutions will be showcased to educate and empower individuals across academic, workplace, home, and medical settings. This interactive event brings together faculty, students, and staff to explore tools that support learning, productivity, and digital accessibility. Attendees will also learn about the Maryland Department of Disability's Assistive Technology Program (MDTAP) and its statewide AT resources. Building on last year's 45 attendees, we are expanding partnerships beyond FACET to include Occupational Therapy and Cook Library. We look forward to connecting with colleagues across campus. We hope you'll stop by, explore the technology firsthand, and be part of the growing campus conversation around accessibility and innovation.

RSVP is encouraged but not required unless you are requesting accommodations. Faculty are welcome to invite colleagues, bring classes, or attend as a department!



**APR
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DAP Induction

Join us as we welcome new members into Towson's chapter of Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society, which recognizes high-achieving students with disabilities and promotes leadership and inclusion on campus.

The ceremony celebrates students' academic accomplishments and contributions to building a more inclusive university community. This year, we are excited to have TU's Head Basketball Coach, Pat Skerry, as our guest speaker! If you are interested in learning more about DAP's work and supporting our newest members, please contact Josh Donaldson at jdonaldson@towson.edu.

**MAY
06**

Paws and Play

ADS would love to see you at our annual celebration featuring yard games, music, food, a special send-off for ADS graduates, and a visit from Pets on Wheels. Stop by and mingle with ADS staff, connect with students, and celebrate the end of the semester!

**1:00-3:00 PM
Paws Pavilion**

