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Marylou and I returned to northeast Indiana over six months ago, having previously spent 17 years in the area. We love the people and experiences a city affords. I appreciate the opportunities Indiana’s second largest city offers our students. Fort Wayne provides cultural, recreational and professional avenues for both enjoyment and education.

Our students have many opportunities to benefit from museums, art galleries and exhibits, Fort Wayne Ballet, Fort Wayne Philharmonic and other fine arts, festivals, 56 square miles of parks, professional sports and more.

On campus, students learn from one another. Traditional-aged students, non-traditional students, men, women and various ethnic groups come together to offer each other opportunities to learn from each other from their various life experiences. Off campus students minister to the area’s Burmese community. Still others serve overseas in Haiti, Jamaica, Ecuador, or other countries, on short term mission trips.

Christ-centered and purposeful, Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) programs provide strong professional preparation grounded in biblical faith. The applied learning and spiritual formation philosophy of education ensures our students are prepared for their callings.

The city of Fort Wayne is also an extension of our classrooms. Students apply their studies in the real world; they gain practical experience in local schools, businesses, corporations, churches, ministries and organizations.

The practical experiences the city affords ensure our students implement their God-given skills and abilities now, not just after they receive their Taylor University Fort Wayne diplomas.

The men’s basketball team, currently ranked first in their division and women’s basketball team, also having much success, in addition to the men’s soccer and ladies’ volleyball teams, provide athletic avenues for students. We also offer a wide array of intramural sports for students’ enjoyment.

Taylor students have opportunities to be involved on campus and in the community, everyday. They study and grow on campus and in the community, everyday. The Taylor Fort Wayne experience is about learning. Learning to make a difference…on campus, in the community and the world.

What an incredible challenge. What amazing opportunities!

Dr. Eugene and Marylou Habecker

Dr. Habecker shares a one-minute Fresh Perspective on current issues, at 7:15 am and 5:40 pm daily, on WBCL Radio Network. Tune in to 90.3 FM (Fort Wayne, IN area), 89.5 FM (Northwest Ohio), 88.1 FM (West Central Ohio), 106.1 FM (Muncie, IN), 97.7 FM (Adrian, MI) or via the web at fw.taylor.edu/about/fresh_perspectives.html
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A college education is more than taking courses in one’s major area of study. Taylor University is nationally recognized for offering a whole-person education – an education outside and inside the classroom. Taylor’s residence life is an extremely important component to the out-of-classroom education. Residence life enhances students’ social, emotional and spiritual experiences.

Residence life is an important component to Taylor’s mission. President Habecker’s vision for the Fort Wayne campus entails considerable growth in stellar academic programs and a healthy, organized residence life is one of the essential steps in achieving such growth.

“Building relationships is a priority for those who serve and live in the residence halls. The student development office strives to connect with all students,” Katherine Miranda, associate dean of residence life begins. “There are long-lasting, memory recalling and unforgettable ties that bind those who live on campus. From sharing meals, to late night conversations, studying, praying and finding creative ways to spend free time together, the Taylor community is one that seeks to honor Jesus Christ (the relationship that makes all other relationships worth it!),” Miranda shares.

Residence living at Taylor Fort Wayne affords students leadership opportunities through resident assistant positions, through the leading of group events and Bible studies. It is known that residence hall residents take on more campus leadership roles than off-campus students. Also, with residence hall living comes the responsibility to adequately take care of oneself and to live in an environment where respect of others is expected.

“It’s been important for me to live in the residence hall,” Sarah Swanson begins. An only child, she shares, “it is a huge step in learning to live with others and appreciate and work out our differences.

Jen Logue comments, “Living in the residence hall is important for social development; it’s where we learn how to interact with those who don’t think the same way we do.”

Jamie Knuth reflects, “living in a residence hall is an intermediate step between living at home and living on my own.”

The Taylor University Fort Wayne residence life team consists of staff and student leaders who are all trained in a philosophy of leadership that capitalizes on people’s strengths rather than trying to improve people’s weaknesses. Staff and student leaders living in the residence halls have identified and reflected on how their gifts can be most effective in their respective roles of leadership. This philosophy of leadership is consistent with Taylor University’s biblical world-view and the teachings of the Apostle Paul when he said, “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12) The residence life team understands this to mean that each one plays a significant role in energizing and shaping the community, and nowhere is that more evident than in the community of a campus residence hall.

“One way in which Jesus demonstrated His compassion was in the way He lived in community with others,” Dr. Ron Sloan, associate vice president of academic affairs, begins. “He washed His disciples feet after eating with them; He comforted his friends Mary and Martha after their brother’s death; and He allowed himself to be served by Mary Magdalene as He was preparing Himself for His greatest trial.” Sloan adds, “The intentional model of residential life at Taylor University aspires to this same expression of the love among the Body of Christ. Students learn how to be the hands and feet of Jesus to each other as they go through the joys and struggles of college life. This process makes real and permanent what our chapel services and theology classes teach in the abstract.”

Angelo Monte shares, “I don’t remember all the details from last year’s classes. What I do remember are the late night talks with the guys and our Bible studies.”

David Lawson adds, “we’re [like] brothers. We hold each other spiritually accountable.”

Joey Graves explains, “academics are easier and more convenient being on campus because of peer support, positive peer pressure (to do well) and 24/7 access to resources.”

Taylor takes great pride in the residential component of students’ experiences.

The University also plans to upgrade Hausser Hall. The new residence facility and Hausser Hall upgrades will not only provide the basic safety and academic environment that students richly deserve, but will also continue to strengthen the whole-person education of students as they extend good will to the community.
Applied Learning

Applied (or action) learning at Taylor University Fort Wayne happens in the classroom and through “hands on” experiences in the field of study.

The city becomes a wonderful learning laboratory, an extension of the campus. Applied learning is currently accomplished through case studies, field observations, service learning, practicums and internships in a wide variety of settings. Marketing Research, Evangelism and Discipleship, Educational Psychology, Social Work Process and Practice, and Cross-Cultural Practicum are just a few courses that offer applied learning experiences.

TUFW faculty are effective in applied instruction not only because of their advanced academic credentials but also because of their own successful careers as practitioners in their fields. Cross-cultural evangelism is taught by an experienced missionary to Jamaica. Writing is taught by an author of over 40 books. Criminal investigations is taught by a former policeman who is also a lawyer. Biblical studies is taught by a member of the NIV translation team. Business courses are taught by faculty who all were first successful in private corporations.

Applied learning is important as it confirms concepts learned in the classroom and often provides excellent contacts for employment after graduation. Finally and most importantly, it is often the best context to confirm God’s vocational calling on the lives of students. No amount of passive learning reveals as much.

Helen Tobo g04 completed her social work internship at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was offered a full-time position upon graduation.
Going Beyond Degrees

Bachelor Degree
Organizational Management

Associate Degrees
Accounting
Business Administration
  - Business Management
  - Healthcare Management
  - Human Resource Management
  - Logistics Management
  - Marketing
  - Operations Management
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  - Network (Microsoft option)
  - PC Support & Administration
  - Programming
  - Web Management

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  - Computer Aided Drafting, Design & Manufacturing
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  - Computer Graphics
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Nursing (RN)

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Earn two college degrees at the same time from Taylor University Fort Wayne and Ivy Tech Community College while saving close to $30,000 in tuition!

Going Beyond is a joint program facilitating students’ completion of a bachelor degree at Taylor University Fort Wayne (years one and four) and associate degrees at Ivy Tech Community College Northeast (years two and three).

Two primary distinctives at Taylor Fort Wayne are applied learning and spiritual formation. Imagine the applied learning students will receive in the hands-on, technical fields that Ivy Tech offers - then add that to the spiritual formation they’ll receive taking classes and participating in the campus community of Taylor University Fort Wayne. Students really will receive the best of both worlds - with no out-of-pocket tuition cost in year four.

Join the many students who are Going Beyond. Contact Taylor Fort Wayne’s Office of Enrollment Services for more information and apply today!

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Where your calling takes shape
Off-Campus Study Programs

Some students feel God is calling them to study while experiencing another culture. Taylor Fort Wayne offers students opportunities to spend a semester, a month, or even a summer abroad.

Taylor Fort Wayne students have many places where they can address their calling while ministering in another location. Off-campus programs are intended to enhance their education in areas such as: Lithuania, Ireland, Spain, or Jamaica.

Overseas experiences range from one week to one month to one semester.

With Taylor University Fort Wayne’s off-campus programs, students grow in spirit as they grow in their worldview.

“Unlike tourists or business persons, students have the unique opportunity to enter another culture without pretense and to absorb, blend with, interact with, adapt to and reflect with the people and culture of the area. Many students return from off-campus programs. . .and radiate a deeper love for the God who created such a diverse world,” shares Deborah Kim, coordinator of off-campus study programs.

Study abroad. Minister overseas. A world of opportunities awaits you.
The pursuit of truth and spiritual maturity at Taylor University Fort Wayne goes beyond merely cognitive approaches that integrate biblical faith and learning. Many courses include assignments called “soul projects.” These projects ask students to spend extended time in prayer and meditation on scriptures relevant to course topics. Within this process of Spirit-led contemplation (Ephesians 6:17), students may be comforted, empowered, convicted or transformed by the Spirit.

Spiritual formation objectives fall into four major groupings: rooted, built up, established and walking. (Colossians 2:6-7).

Students are taught that believers are rooted in Christ and learn assurance of salvation, identity in Christ, freedom from personal/spiritual conflicts, biblical worldview and enablement by the Spirit.

Students, being built up in their faith, are taught disciplines of the Spirit, covenant within a church body, discernment of calling and gifts and gender reconciliation.

Being rooted and growing, faith of students is established through accountable relationships, Christian service, understanding discipleship and Christian witness, and racial/ethnic/cultural reconciliation.

Finally, students are expected to live out their Christian walk in effective discipleship ministry, discernment of God’s next steps for their lives, continued evangelistic witness, commitment to social justice and Christ-centered reflections in academic work.

John Boyanowski, senior, non-traditional student, prepares for full-time ministry.
Answering Questions About Affording a Taylor Education

Taylor Fort Wayne answers questions about college admission.

If you have any questions about the application, financial aid, what to do next, or when you can visit our campus, call 260-744-8689 or 800-233-3922. We would love the opportunity to assist you in any way or just pray for you.

Can we afford college?

Taylor Fort Wayne’s Financial Aid Office administers nearly $7,000,000 per year in financial aid from federal, state and institutional sources. The average need-based aid package is about $14,000 for full-time students and over 90% of our eligible students receive financial aid.

We know college can be expensive! Financial aid often can make a huge impact in your decision of which college you’ll attend.

Things you can do now that may increase your chances of receiving scholarships:

- **Do well in high school.** Taylor Fort Wayne offers academic scholarships ranging from $730-$7,300 (based on GPA, test scores and class rank).
- **Be well-rounded.** Taylor Fort Wayne offers the Ramseyer Leadership Scholarship to students who are very active in their community, church and school.
- **Be informed.** Taylor Fort Wayne offers many more scholarships to those who participate in athletics, who are residents of Allen County, Indiana, students who are dependants of alumni or pastors/missionaries, and more!
- **Inform your church.** Taylor Fort Wayne matches a church’s donation to a full-time student, up to $600/year in the Church Matching Grant program, for a total match up to $1200/yr.

Financial Aid Opportunities

A variety of grants and scholarships are offered by Taylor Fort Wayne that can help pay for a portion of student costs.

Some are determined by financial need; other grants and scholarships are granted if student meet the qualification requirements, but the AMOUNT may vary depending on need. Several do not depend on need at all.

The majority of TUFW grants and scholarships are renewable for all four years of a student’s attendance at TUFW as long as students continue to meet the requirements.

Keep in mind that institutional awards may help offset a portion of the difference in cost between a private school such as Taylor Fort Wayne and state universities.

Log on to fw.taylor.edu/scholarships for more details about the various grants and scholarships available.

Taylor Fort Wayne students pay 90% of their tuition, the balance of their education is paid for through the generosity of donors who contribute more than $550,000 yearly to the annual fund.

In addition, donors contribute to endowed and annual scholarships; $250,000 was awarded to students through endowed and annual scholarships during the 2005-06 academic year.
Jump start your college education

High school students from across the United States seek out their calling and take advantage of the college credit options at Taylor University Fort Wayne. Summer classes, online courses, and opportunities for dual credits are just a few of the ways high school students can explore areas of interest at TUFW.

Each opportunity for credit is not only practical – it's affordable. For as little as $50 per credit hour, high school students can learn in advance what it takes to be successful in college and what it means to follow God's call on their lives.

Summer Honors College

Each summer, juniors and seniors in high school take advantage of the opportunity to explore college life at Taylor Fort Wayne through the Summer Honors College program. Each class is one week and students earn one college credit. Students live in the residence halls and take courses during the day. This experience allows students to develop life-long friendships while getting a taste of real college life. See page 13 for more details.

Credits In Escrow/Dual Credit

High school students who live close to Taylor's Fort Wayne campus have a great opportunity to earn college credits right now – while in high school! Credits-in-Escrow is a program that gives local high school students, with a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, the chance to take as many as two college classes per semester at a reduced rate.

Credits-in-Escrow provides not only college credit, but in some cases, dual credit. High school students may use the same college level course to meet both high school requirements for graduation and earn college credit prior to enrolling as a freshman. Guidance counselors can advise on what classes will count for dual credit.

Online courses/Head Start

If high school students are unable to come to campus, they may still accumulate college credits at a reduced rate before graduating from high school, without leaving friends or hometown, via online courses in the Head Start program.

Students can earn enough college credits to satisfy a semester, a year or even more of college work – all at a special Head Start reduced tuition rate – before high school graduation! These credits can be used at Taylor University, or can be transferred to another college or university. Visit http://cll.taylor.edu/enrollment/head_start/ for more information.
How many things can you do in one week? Would you like to set a new personal best? Spending just one short week at Taylor Fort Wayne, you’ll have the opportunity to complete a college course, earn college credit, and make some great friends from all over the United States! And would you believe these are just a few of the highlights of Summer Honors College? You’ll experience residence life as you live on campus, you’ll learn from distinguished Taylor professors who are experts in their field, you’ll have fun exploring the city of Fort Wayne, you’ll discover all the benefits of pursuing Christian higher education at Taylor Fort Wayne ... but most of all, you’ll get a REAL picture of what it’s like to be a college student - all at an extremely reasonable fee. This is way more than a campus visit - it’s an entire college experience wrapped up for you in one week!

If you feel called to pursue a career in Education, Ministry, Counseling, Writing, or Justice ... spend a week with us and see how your calling can take shape at Taylor University Fort Wayne. Contact us for an application today!

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Something is always happening on campus.


Everyday, students have the chance to be involved. Opportunities abound in the campus community, local community, in the nation and abroad.

Lifelong friendships and unforgettable experiences take place at Taylor Fort Wayne!

Ministry

Students’ hearts beat for the lost! Possibilities abound through more than 90 local churches and agencies including local youth groups, Campus Life, Youth for Christ and more. Opportunities include mentoring high school students, adopting a child with the Angel Tree project and teaching English to children of refugees.

Ministry takes place overseas in Ecuador, Jamaica, Haiti or the Dominican Republic with Taylor World Outreach. Students help with construction projects, teach VBS, participate in drama or puppet ministries, and share the Gospel with words and actions.

Students help plan ministry opportunities, serve on the Chapel Worship Team, organize World Opportunities Week and/or Practical Missions Training experiences.

Students traveled to Louisiana during fall break to help with Hurricane Katrina Relief. A spring break 2006 trip is also planned to the area.
Campus Leadership

Taylor Student Organization (student government) is the voice of all TUFW students to university administration in issues affecting student life.

Residence Hall Assistants serve as resource persons for residents and help maintain an atmosphere conducive to academic achievement, unity and community among students.

The Student Activities Council plans fun and creative activities for students.

Students enrich their knowledge of and appreciation for other cultures via the Multicultural Awareness Council.

Discipleship Coordinators encourage the campus to develop a more committed and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through times of worship, fellowship, accountability groups, Bible study, service projects and prayer time.

Student Mentors assist a small group of first-year students in their transition to Taylor University Fort Wayne’s community.

Athletics

Taylor University Fort Wayne offers intercollegiate competition in women’s volleyball, women’s basketball, men’s soccer and men’s basketball.

Playing a challenging schedule in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association, TUFW teams give student-athletes the chance to develop their skills within a framework of team play and fellowship. For all TUFW teams, the emphasis on Christian character far outweighs team records or individual statistics.

TUFW athletes have earned numerous All-District and All-American honors for their athletic abilities and academic excellence.

With 30 wins and 3 losses, the men had the most wins in TUFW’s history. Senior Kevin Woods led the team in scoring at 22 points per game. Fellow senior Virgil Akers followed closely with 21 points.

The team played in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) National Basketball Tournament, March 1-4, 2006. They beat the University of Cincinnati Clermont College Cougars 74-68 to bring home the title of 2006 USCAA Division II National Basketball Champions.

The women’s basketball program is directed by Cleveland Inge. The Lady Falcons played a 27-game schedule. Throughout the season, the team competed in Southern Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Southern Indiana.

Every year the Lady Falcons strive to win 20 games and return to the national championship. “The team is committed and dedicated to each other and the sport,” Coach Inge shares. Inge, who has coached at Christian and public schools, enjoys coaching at TUFW because, “I’m not just coaching but touching lives for the Kingdom.”
University Mourns Loss of Former President

Dr. Harvey Bostrom, former President of Fort Wayne Bible College, passed away January 22, 2006, in Tucson, Ariz.

He served as President of Fort Wayne Bible College from 1980 to 1986. One of his most significant contributions during his presidency was leading the college to accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Harvey Rader Bostrom was born January 1, 1919, in Chicago, IL, into a Christian family. At about age five he accepted Christ as his Savior and they walked hand-in-hand throughout his 87 years. An abiding influence in his life was his years at Wheaton College where he received an undergraduate degree in business administration and then a master's degree in Christian education. From there he attended Nyack Missionary College to complete a missionary requirement. He met his wife Naomi there and the two were married August 24, 1944. Within seven months they headed for Ecuador, South America. His 13 years there were spent as director of the seminary and chairman of the field. At a missionary convention in 1957, both he and Naomi were challenged to make daily praise to the Lord an integral part of their walk - a life changing growth experience.

Soon after that the Lord directed their steps back to the USA where he pursued a Ph.D. in administration of higher education. The next 27 years were spent in administration of Christian colleges: Wheaton College, Trinity College and Seminary and then president of Fort Wayne Bible College.

Retirement years in Tucson from 1986 to 2006 were characterized by Christian service of different kinds and a continued ministry to individuals.

His wife of 62 years, his sons Stephen and Daniel, and their families (five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren), and one brother survive him. One brother and one sister preceded him into God's presence. Naomi continues to reside in Tucson.

Well done, good and faithful servants

Taylor University is celebrating the distinguished careers and contributions of three board members following their retirement.

The Taylor University Board of Trustees recognized alumni Paul Gentile g52 TUU, Bob Gilkison g57 TUU and Art Muselman g52 TUU during its fall meeting for a combined 87 years of distinguished, sacrificial service, granting them Emeriti status on the board.

We are grateful for the effective, diligent and God-honoring work of these fine men,” said Dr. Eugene Habecker g68TUU, Taylor president. “They have not only been professional colleagues, but friends. We wish them God’s greatest blessings as they continue to follow His leading.”

Paul and Barbara Gentile

Art and Gloria Muselman

Bob and Joan Gilkison
Faculty and Staff Honors and Accomplishments

David Biberstein, professor of pastoral ministries, serves as interim pastor for Oak Grove Church of God, Columbia City, IN. He left a three-year interim pastorate at Salem Community Church, Wilmot, IN.

Dennis Hensley, Professor of English, was a guest instructor at Oxford University in January.

Kay Reusser’s, circulation supervisor, story “A Purpose in Death,” was selected for the Chicken Soup for the Soul II edition, released in January.

John Schutt was elected president-elect of the Indiana Academy of Science, in January. His term is one year.

Sonja Strahm, assistant professor/director of the academic center for enrichment, attended the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE) conference team meeting in Harrisburg, PA, January 12-15 and attended NADE’s 30th Annual Board Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, February 9-20.

Quinn White, associate professor of education, received his Ph.D. in language, literature and culture, with a focus on children’s literature, from Ohio State University, December 11, 2005.

Evan Wood, assistant professor of business and department chair, obtained his Project+ certification. This certification recognizes knowledge and skills in IT project management.

Position Openings

**Chancellor of Taylor University Fort Wayne**

The Chancellor serves as the chief operating officer of the Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) campus. Reporting to the President, this person plays a central role in leading, administering and advancing all TUFW campus programs, activities, operations, services and outcomes to fulfill the role, purposes and key strategies of TUFW.

The Chancellor is responsible for the oversight of the deans and administrators for the academic and student affairs programs, enrollment and fiscal management, campus advancement, physical and human resource development and Taylor University Broadcasting Incorporated (TUBI) in collaboration with the members of the University Cabinet. The Chancellor is a member of the University Council, resides in University housing, and will be visible on campus and throughout the community. A primary responsibility of the Chancellor is to provide dynamic leadership that achieves the strategic goals for TUFW as presented in “Vision 2016” and ensure that TUFW achieves its program with limited mission investment from the University’s main campus.

Anticipated Start Date: June 1, 2006 Preferred.

Additional Position Information:
http://fw.taylor.edu, click on campus resources.

Application:
Nominations, inquiries, résumés and supporting materials should be directed to, preferably electronically to: Dr. Stephen Bedi, Provost; Taylor University, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989; provost@taylor.edu.

**Director of the Fort Wayne Fund**

Taylor University Fort Wayne

The Director of the Fort Wayne Fund must possess an excitement about Taylor University Fort Wayne and be able to share that excitement with alumni and friends, resulting in increased volunteerism and funding. Knowledge and experience of fundraising, direct mail, stewardship, program planning and event planning are necessary.

The Director of the Fort Wayne Fund will provide direction and leadership (including budgetary responsibilities) for the Fort Wayne Fund. Develop and coordinate strategic plans for the Fort Wayne Fund, direct mail program, donor stewardship program and Phonathon program. Plan and coordinate Council of 100 Induction Ceremony, Donor Dinner and Employee Appreciation Reception, annually. Coordinate student ambassador program.

Anticipated Start Date: June 1, 2006.

Additional Position Information:
http://fw.taylor.edu, click on campus resources.

Application:
Inquiries should be addressed to Sherri Harter, Associate Vice President for Advancement, Taylor University Fort Wayne, 1025 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807; shharter@taylor.edu.

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Bachelor of Business Administration

The BBA program is an innovative reduced-residency program that provides people the opportunity to complete a quality, fully-accredited bachelor’s degree in business administration while maintaining their current lifestyle—full-time jobs, family responsibilities, etc.

The BBA is a 23-month program in which junior and senior students complete four modules and a practicum experience. The program is distance-based; modules begin with coursework taken purely online. In the middle of a module, students attend a one-week intensive seminar on campus. During the seminar, students receive teaching, visit leading organizations, participate in projects and interact with their colleagues. The remainder of the module is completed online.

Since the BBA provides for the final two years, the traditional freshman and sophomore years can be accomplished in a variety of means: Taylor’s Center for Lifelong Learning (online) associate of arts degree, accredited two-year program, traditional campus experience or a combination and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), which is credit for documented learning experiences through work and other means.

Evan Wood, business department chair, shares, “We are excited to be able to offer such a high quality Christian business program in a distance-based manner that will make completing a degree accessible to so many people.”

The BBA program teaches students to apply Christ’s love in the marketplace and prepares students to work in the “New Economy” of the 21st century. Because the program is flexible, it provides greater opportunities for students who can not attend traditional classes. Classes are taught by experienced faculty with strong and recent industry background.

Marketing Communication

Marketing communication is Taylor Fort Wayne’s newest major. The program combines facets of business marketing and public relations, stressing strategy and application. Emphasis is placed on experiential learning via practical experience.

Marketing communication involves holistic branding using a myriad of communication tools to develop a multitiered campaign. Students enrolled in the program learn key marketing strategies and various delivery systems such as publication design, web development and traditional written and oral communication.

Most importantly, students gain real world experience by engaging in service learning courses. Portfolio development is the natural outcome of the major.

Autumn Bonecutter, 2005 graduate shares, “When I was looking for a job, it was great to hand my potential employer a portfolio filled with communication pieces like press releases, publications and media kits...most of which was completed for real organizations in the Fort Wayne community!”

Students graduating with this degree are prepared for careers in advertising and public relations agencies, mass media, corporate management, travel and tourism, publishing, and non-profit organizations, to name a few.

Let’s Celebrate!

Last summer the Lilly Endowment, Inc. challenged Taylor to raise $3 million and promised to match each dollar with $1.50.

Taylor exceeded the match one year ahead of schedule with gifts totaling $5,314,172 as of December 2005.

We are continually amazed at God’s faithfulness and are so grateful for our alumni, friends, faculty and staff who generously give.
George and Pat Yarian are committed to helping prepare students as witnesses for Christ while pursuing quality academics, enabling students to make a difference in their world of influence.

George and Pat Yarian established a scholarship to help provide students at Taylor Fort Wayne with a quality education in an unapologetically Christian environment.

The Yarians have an estate plan that leaves a portion to Taylor Fort Wayne, which will endow their scholarship for perpetuity, continuing to provide for academic preparation for students in the future. George began his college education at FWBC in 1951 and completed his degree at Central Bible College in Springfield, MO. After pastoring for 22 years, he received an RN degree at Purdue University. He then returned to FWBC to complete a BS degree in missionary nursing in 1985.

Pat is a prayer warrior for the student recipients of their scholarship. She maintains contact with them each week.

For more information about establishing a scholarship or estate gift at Taylor Fort Wayne, contact Al Rupp at 260.744.8872 or http://fw.taylor.edu/wtf.

Sharathon 2006: Measure of Success

If the measure of a Sharathon’s success is reaching a set goal within a set time, then WBCL’s 2006 Sharathon failed. If it is a community of believers celebrating God’s goodness and praising His faithfulness—and raising $1,337,354 in just three days—then Sharathon 2006 was the equivalent of winning the Super Bowl.

Coming on the heels of natural disasters that have tested the financial generosity of people across the country, including WBCL’s listeners, the $1,385,000 goal appeared daunting. But the staff headed into Sharathon with heads up and knees down. And God moved.

Numerous new listeners, shocked to learn that only six percent of WBCL’s listeners financially support the station, gave for the first time to help “their radio station.”

Matching gift monies totaling $251,000 spurred listeners to double their gifts during various matching-gift challenges. Whether the challenge was matching a $20,000 gift in 45 minutes or a $1,000 “mini match” in five minutes, the result was the same: phones ringing and listeners giving from grateful hearts because of what God is doing in their lives through WBCL.

When it was time to put a period on Sharathon, listeners weren’t ready to say goodbye. For one-and-a-half hours past the finish time, listeners continued to call. And while $47,000 more was needed after the last phone had rung, staff and volunteers closed out Sharathon with praise. But that’s not the end of the story.

Listeners continue sending in pledges. The original goal has been met, and exceeded. God continues to move, proving Sharathon is over when God says it’s over.

Sharathon anchor, Ross McCampbell, encourages listeners to give during a matching gift challenge, doubling their gifts.
Just over a year ago John g00 and Amy (Duplain) Eckrote g99 sold the majority of their possessions and said difficult good-byes to family and friends as they and four month-old son, Joshua, moved to Bangkok, Thailand.

Their move was an act of obedience to God’s nudging in their hearts nearly two years prior. Desiring to serve the Lord and minister to people, “Romans 1:1, 8-13 confirmed His calling to both of us,” John shares.

When they accepted a five year call to serve the Evangelical Church of Bangkok (ECB) as associate pastor, they had no idea they would arrive in the country just two weeks after one of the world’s worst natural disasters, the December 2004 Tsunami.

Although their Bangkok home is a 12-hour drive from affected areas, they are not immune to the great pain and loss being experienced in the country they now call “home.”

Last March, John visited Southern Thailand to learn how their church could help. “In God’s goodness, ECB raised finances to support the building of two preschools and a park and play area for the devastated families,” he shares.

ECB is an English-speaking congregation from over 40 different nations. “We are reminded of Revelation 7:9 ‘…and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb…’”(NIV), John reflects.

“Our Taylor Fort Wayne experience has been invaluable in our new ministry. It was a training ground in preparation for our future,” John and Amy comment.

“The emphasis on missions and the diverse programs and ministries provided essential training. We praise God for the faculty and staff who’ve invested their time and talent into TUFW students,” they conclude.
As CEO and principal at Covenant Christian High School, Brian Hudson g91 has a passion for motivating and guiding students spiritually and educationally. The school has been named the top Christian high school workplace in the country and among the 40 best Christian workplaces nationally as ranked by Christianity Today magazine.

“The most exciting thing for me is watching high school students begin to engage the world in which they live,” says Hudson. “I like to help them think through all of life from a Christian perspective. Our school credo sums up my passion: ‘Minds enlightened. Hearts inflamed. Lives transformed.’ ”

An elementary education major, Hudson has traveled to China to speak at several private schools and an international education exposition.

He previously worked in the mental health field as a counselor, group home manager, youth pastor and worship leader. In addition to serving at CCHS, he is an adjunct professor at TUFW and currently serves on the board of the Institute for Christian Thought.

Clark Woods g93 discovered his passion for business while still in high school. “I enjoyed learning the foundations of accounting and business management,” he shares. “I was at Taylor Fort Wayne where he applied business concepts with a Christian foundation. At first he felt that his business and theology classes were two separate components of his education, but soon discovered they couldn't be separated. Clark reflects, ‘I remember Professor Gary Litwiller pulling me to the side and reminding me; ‘It’s okay to make a million, but remember, it’s God’s million.’ As corporate greed, scandals, and demoralizing ethics become a common practice in the corporate arena, Gary’s remarks ring so true today for me as I strive to give back to a world that is desperately in need of mentors, role models, friends, love and God.”

President of his class three of the four years on the Fort Wayne campus and a four-year intercollegiate athlete prepared him for servanthood and leadership. “Classroom learning about the Lord was great, but I could apply my classroom teachings of evangelism, faith and servanthood in real-life experiences,” he comments.

When asked how his Fort Wayne education prepared him for his career, Clark replies, “business courses were definitely critical and fundamentally prepared me for my career. Biblical studies classes were the icing on the cake for both my life and career.”

He concludes, “The business and Christian academic divisions were a perfect marriage and if I had to do it all over again, Taylor Fort Wayne would be the choice.”
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