APPLIED LEARNING:
a working definition.
Applied Learning is one of three curricular foci at Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW). It is both a statement about the curricular options and our teaching methodology. Academic programs at TUFW are intentionally selected on the basis of their “applied” nature. Therefore, we offer programs of study which have immediate application upon graduation, in both the chosen career and graduate school or seminary. Our graduates are equipped to step into their chosen professions or continue their studies at an advanced level. Therefore, we offer majors in fields such as pastoral ministries, education, organizational management, counseling and professional writing. While maintaining a solid core of liberal arts within the general education requirements, our majors are not typically of a liberal arts nature.

In addition to the majors we offer, our faculty seek to utilize Applied Learning as a method through which the knowledge gained in the classroom, library or laboratory is shown to have direct application in a real world setting. The coming together of academic studies and real life encounters is a desired component of every class. This can include research projects, performances, internships, cooperative learning, service learning projects and study abroad. Applied Learning seeks to help the students see change(s) in life and practice as a direct result of their studies, not apart from their studies.

The end result of all of this (and you might expect an emphasis on Applied Learning would have applied results) is to see the following outcomes:

1. Students will recognize that the biblical mandate to be “doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22) has application to all areas of life.
2. Students will demonstrate their understanding of subject matter through class assignments which have real life application.
3. Students will experience their chosen majors through off-campus experiences.
4. Students will develop the ability to reflect upon concrete experiences, form concepts based upon those reflections, and then test those concepts in new situations.
5. Students will recognize that education is not confined to the campus setting, but will experience the “world as their classroom.”

It is part of our academic heritage to see God’s Word have a direct impact on the lives of our students and their ministries. Whether their ministries come in the local church, the work place, the classroom or the computer screen, we trust their education at TUFW will continue to bring about change in them and the lives they touch.
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TUFW students presented a proposal at the end of the 2008 spring semester to University officials and representatives from LaBov & Beyond, a marketing and communications agency in Fort Wayne, and the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce. The proposal recommended that LaBov & Beyond expand its Umbrella Series into a day-long seminar called Umbrella World.

The Umbrella Series is comprised of six interactive business training seminars. Each seminar features a screenplay displaying challenges one commonly faces in a work environment. Group discussion and direction, led by Barry LaBov, president and CEO of LaBov & Beyond, help attendees recognize and work through the challenges before they face them in their own careers.

“The Umbrella World proposal that the TUFW students created was impressive and well thought out. There was a great deal of research they performed,” said LaBov. “I enjoyed the presentation which was very clever and included audience participation. Members of the audience were invited to act in scenes from original plays authored by the students. This interactive approach energized and engaged the audience.”

During the spring semester, students in Marketing and Communication Theory and Practice, taught by Heather St. Peters, assistant professor of communication arts and political science, and Human Relations in Organizations, led by assistant professor Marilyn Cain, performed the screenplays for the Umbrella Series, which was held at the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Chamber’s workforce development division.

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presentation and attention to detail on Umbrella World. The Chamber is excited about continuing to work with businesses like LaBov and schools like TUFW because it is the whole community that benefits from these partnerships,” said Mike Landram, vice president of workforce development for the Chamber.

St. Peters’ students worked throughout the spring semester to develop and plan Umbrella World. The class was divided into three groups, led by students Joanna Jessup, Lauren Steigerwald and Lindsay Thompson, to tackle the event’s logistics, the details of promoting the event and the writing of three screenplays. The project integrated TUFW’s core distinctives of Community Leadership Development and Applied Learning into the class’s curriculum.

“We make it a practice to find a client in the community for our entry level marketing communication class,” said St. Peters. “The Chamber and LaBov & Beyond have been more than cooperative to work alongside college students.”

Approximately 70 percent of TUFW’s marketing and communication and organizational management classes work with businesses and organizations in the community for class projects. These projects build positive relationships for the University, give students real world experience, and introduce prospective employees to local businesses.

“We desire for our students to become influencers in the community,” said Chancellor Duane Kilty. “This project has given them experiences both inside and outside the classroom that will help them make a difference in the city of Fort Wayne and beyond. We are proud of the work they have completed this semester, and we look forward to similar partnerships in the future.”
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Learning to Teach, Teaching to Learn

TUFW elementary education majors find themselves in the classroom from day one

From their very first semester at TUFW, elementary education students find themselves faced with something students at some universities don’t experience until their senior year – serving and learning in a real elementary classroom.

“From day one, our students are out in schools, observing, reflecting and sometimes helping in the classroom,” said Jennifer Manth, associate professor and program director of elementary education and Transition to Teaching, who retired after the spring semester. “Even in the Education Psychology course, students are required to be tutors.”

The result is students who are well prepared for a future in the elementary classroom.

“I feel very prepared to be in the classroom because of my field experiences,” said senior Michael McPeak. “Most of the teachers I have been placed with have let me take over their classrooms and teach their students. It’s been amazing. I know how schools work and how teachers actually teach.”

All of the junior-level classes take students beyond the TUFW campus. One class, Methods and Materials for Elementary Teachers, is actually housed at Indian Village Elementary School, where the education department at TUFW has built a strong working relationship with staff and faculty.

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The field experiences in the classrooms not only help prepare students for their student teaching experiences in their senior year, but they give them enough exposure to the career to help them decide if it’s really right for them. These experiences also give the TUFW education department faculty more of an opportunity to evaluate a student’s preparedness for the future.

“Because we have certain milestones, when we place student teachers in the school systems, we know they’re ready for it,” said Professor Manth.

Students in the elementary education program go through several application processes before they make it to their student teaching experiences. Their academic performances and temperaments are evaluated by the education department professors on both campuses of Taylor University at least twice before the fall semester of their senior year.

The education department at TUFW prepares students as well as it does because the professors have current and practical knowledge of the classroom.

“Our professors have been active educators. We’re not out of the classrooms years and years. We have a lot of expertise,” said Professor Manth, who came to TUFW after retiring as principal of South Side High School in Fort Wayne.

When students finally reach their senior year, there are unlimited opportunities around the globe for their teaching experiences. Students have been placed in schools in Ethiopia, Ecuador, Korea, Honduras and Jamaica.

Jessica Tarr, who is a senior preparing for her student teaching experience this fall, had the opportunity to teach English in Ethiopia during an interterm mission trip last winter. She taught five classes a day for eight days and then worked with the entire school for one day.

“Teaching in Ethiopia was a little out of my comfort zone at first, but after reflection, I know that TUFW has prepared me for any and all teaching environments,” said Jessica. “TUFW offers opportunities that allow students to excel and succeed in the elementary classroom. I am prepared to teach in the inner-city, rural schools or overseas.”
Practice Being Pastors
Pastoral ministries department prepares for full-year residency

The pastoral ministries program will soon change its graduation requirements to include a full-year residency, giving students more real world experiences and churches more workers. While many pastoral ministries programs at other schools require internships, TUFW's plan for a full-year residency is unique. And that means unique challenges, such as identifying sites and site supervisors.

TUFW's core distinctive of Applied Learning is the driving force behind the new requirement. By giving pastoral ministries students this real world experience, the hope is they will be better prepared to enter the pastorate, serve in a variety of ministries, or simply be workers in their churches.

Associate Professor Bob Smith, who is working to develop the new curriculum, is currently meeting with pastors in the Fort Wayne area. He's working to develop relationships between the University and local churches. As he gets to know local pastors, he's also trying to identify sites and site supervisors for the new program.

"It would be good if the pastors with whom we place students are also alumni who understand the institution and the ethos of what we're doing here. That way we're not breaking them in to who we are," said Professor Smith.

However, site supervisors do not necessarily need to be pastors. They can be anyone who could be the point of contact with the University. Professor Smith is also planning to train site supervisors before the internships begin to establish good communication and clear expectations.

"When I was in Bible school, I had three or four internships throughout the semester. Good internships were when you received feedback and you actually had some time to create and evaluate," said Professor Smith. "I also had internships where I was given a key and I never saw anyone or received any feedback. We not only have to create the internships for the students, we also have to equip the site supervisors who will evaluate them."

As part of the internship experience, students will be expected to develop a continual learning program for themselves. They will have to identify areas of deficiency as well as ways to improve those areas.

"There has always been a disconnect between education and real world life experience," said Professor Smith. "You hear complaints all the time. People will say, 'I learned this and I never used it in the real world,' or I don't see how it fits in with what I'm going to do. Integrating the learning and practice in the real world outside academia provides us with answers to those questions. The students will immediately see the relevancy of some of their education as well as immediately understand their deficiencies."

Upon graduating from college, it's very common for people to realize there are gaps in their education. The hope is full-year residencies will enable the students to realize their gaps when they still have another year to fill them.

Freshmen pastoral ministries majors who come in this fall will be the first under the new requirements. Also, some sophomores may have the opportunity to test out the new system. Jacarra Williams, current freshman, hopes to be one of them.

"I love the idea," said Jacarra. "It's hands-on and it's getting TUFW students into the community. It's building the Kingdom by enhancing our knowledge of the job of a pastor - the Monday through Saturday job. Everyone knows what he does on Sunday."

The model Professor Smith is leaning toward for the residency is similar to a student teaching model used in education programs. Students may still have some courses during their junior year, but they will primarily be off-campus, working alongside local ministers.

When the new program is in place and while the new challenges are being worked out, students will be serving at churches only in the Fort Wayne area. With time, sites beyond northeast Indiana will become options for students as well, and there are plans to expand the requirement to youth ministries majors.
Students of Taylor University Fort Wayne’s (TUFW) management and communications department traveled to a hub of the global economy to expand their knowledge of businesses. In April, four faculty members accompanied 14 students to visit three major companies in New York City, including Deloitte & Touche, Citigroup (Citibank) and The Waldorf Astoria.

Assistant Professor Marilyn Cain, who worked at Deloitte & Touche before coming to TUFW one year ago, said the purpose of the trip was to learn about the challenges and opportunities the companies face. She and the other faculty members began planning the trip and the host site visits in January.

After a day of sight-seeing, the group switched from their casual clothing to business attire and rode the subway to Deloitte and Touche. Employees talked about their positions and gave the group a mini-tour. Deloitte employees enjoy amenities such as cafeterias and gyms. The business is located in the World Financial Center near Ground Zero.

“I realized the gravity of where we were going when I walked in that building,” said Khrista Beckmann, a senior marketing communication and professional writing major.

When the students visited Citigroup, they learned about writing a résumé and how to secure an internship. At the Waldorf Astoria, students had the opportunity to interact with the company’s marketing director.

The messages from all three companies were the same: hard work, networking and human relational skills help a person succeed in the business arena.

Beckmann said the trip changed her perspective of opportunities she might pursue in the future.

“I never thought I had a chance to work in a large company, much less in New York. When we were talking with people at the businesses, I began to see similar backgrounds to mine,” she said. “They didn’t come from Harvard as an undergraduate but from small colleges similar to TUFW. I started to have my eyes opened to a new world. TUFW has given me the skills to go farther than I thought possible.”

by Harmony Wheeler
DeShawn Moore, senior class president, poses for a photo with family.

Friends and family listen during commencement ceremonies.
Ryan Koch, student body president

Christina Hayden

Choir members perform.

Graduates march past faculty as commencement begins.

Mandy Dittmer, Erin Buterbaugh and Chris McCormick
“Stepping Up to the Plate”

by Dr. Eugene Habecker, president

Consider this: What if Babe Ruth, when it was his turn to bat in his first game in the major leagues, had turned to his coach and said, “You know, Coach, I’m just not good enough?” That seems ridiculous, doesn’t it? But people throughout the ages have been saying to God, “You know, Lord, I’m just not good enough.” Even Moses was among them.

In the third chapter of Exodus, the Lord commanded Moses to go before Pharaoh. Moses, however, continually focused on what he perceived to be his inadequacies of speech. Finally, God chose to send a pinch-hitter to Egypt, one who was willing to step up to the plate and be God’s spokesman: Moses’ brother Aaron.

No matter what kind of example Moses was as a leader of men or as a follower of God, he did the same squirmy thing the rest of us often do when God asks us to step up to the plate. But we can be confident that God, the One who made us, will equip us for whatever tasks He asks of us. Remember: You can’t hit a home run if you don’t get into the batter’s box.
Every April, TUFW holds its annual Scholarship Award Luncheon, where students are awarded endowed and annual scholarships for the upcoming academic year. The 2007 luncheon opened the door for a unique and encouraging relationship between a student and the donor who provided the funds for her scholarship. At the luncheon, Kelsey Crook was introduced to Highia Ellen Kiessling and her friend Gaylord Conrad. Highia Ellen and Kelsey exchanged contact information, beginning a friendship that continues today.

Kelsey shared:

"Highia Ellen and Gaylord have been such a blessing in my life since I’ve been at school. I am so thankful for the scholarship that Highia Ellen has given me, but even more than that, I am thankful for the friendship that has grown between us because of it. Through Highia Ellen’s giving me the scholarship, I feel as if I have found family in Fort Wayne. I was able to meet with her and Gaylord almost every Thursday throughout the semester at First Missionary Church for a weekly gathering. I am always the youngest in attendance, but every week I am welcomed back with loving hospitality. It has consistently been the highlight of my week to go and eat lunch with Highia Ellen and Gaylord, meet other older and wiser members of the community, and listen as they tell me stories of the days when they went to Fort Wayne Bible College.

“I feel so blessed to know Highia Ellen and Gaylord. I have learned so much from them in the year and a half I’ve known them. I have clearly experienced Highia Ellen’s heart of generosity through her willingness to help me financially through school, and her genuine care and concern for what is going on in my life. I have also seen from Gaylord what it is to be a servant through observing the ways in which he lovingly helps and supports Highia Ellen without being asked. Seeing the godly examples and mentors that both Highia Ellen and Gaylord have been to me has given me the hope that one day I could be the same for someone else. I have been blessed by their friendship, and now I want to be a blessing.”
The name Dr. Wes Gerig g51 and the word retirement don’t seem to go together, do they? Nevertheless, the long-standing professor of Bible officially retired from the faculty of TUFW at the end of May, 2008.

It remains to be seen whether Dr. Wes or the students have a bigger adjustment, but here’s a clue. This fall, the newly retired “prof” will honor several students’ requests to teach the class Daniel and Revelation in his home. Meeting in his living room as a lecture hall is a concession everyone’s willing to make.

What makes students of the 21st century pursue a professor from the previous one? It isn’t trendy teaching methods. Dr. Wes claims the lecture style still works. What about the not-so trendy overhead projector? “That works, too,” he says, “since Romans, for example, is the same book I taught 50 years ago.”

So, what is it, then? Perhaps it’s Dr. Wes’ tough side which demands much of his students, balanced with a tender side that cares a lot about them. It may be easier to give Dr. Wes a high mark than to receive one from him, but that doesn’t inhibit even present-day students from stopping by his office to open up to a listening ear. Dr. Wes’ passion to communicate the unchanging Word of God remains a constant.

“Why would we want to get in buzz groups and pool our ignorance,” say students today, “when we can be learning truth?”

How many students has Dr. Wes taught in 50 years? With a reserving smile, he says he isn’t counting. Far more rewarding, he believes, is to walk into a church building somewhere in or outside of the United States where parishioners comment, “Our pastor is doing a great job for us.” He added, “That’s one of my kids they’re talking about!”

Like the Apostle John, Dr. Wes has “…no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” (3 John, verse 4 NIV) It’s anybody’s guess how many “kids” he has!

So, what’s kept him from running out of steam? Dr. Wes attributes his perseverance primarily to his (non-negotiable) personal time with the Lord. No doubt his teaching shows it.

In all his educational and vocational pursuits through the years, Dr. Wes testifies to God’s faithfulness at every turn, not to mention God’s many provisions for him. Special provisions are his loving and faithful helpmate of 55 years, Mary Carolyn, their four children and their families.

Dr. Wes counts on God’s faithfulness to redirect his energies. A priority he has is to compile and publish a study guide for Romans, the hallmark class of his teaching career (the highlight of my years at Fort Wayne Bible College). On a different note, he’d like to dust off his trumpet and “see what happens from there.” His desire to travel is curtailed by a worsening condition of his leg, the result of a truck running over him at age three. However, with his calendar quickly filling up with local and area commitments, there are not too many signs of this retiree slowing down.

If you stop by to visit, don’t be surprised when Dr. Wes pulls a pad of paper out of his shirt pocket to jot down how he can pray for you. Maybe that’s one of the greatest lessons he’s passing on to others, promising to pray faithfully for the needs of others.
During my days at Fort Wayne Bible College, I don't remember many books I read on leading great organizations. We spent little time debating new ministry trends or indulging in great research on the mega movements of the day. Our focus was not on the mechanics of running an organization but on understanding and caring for a living organism called the church.

Each professor taught the importance of gaining a strong biblical base and grappling with a text in such a way that you could make Scripture meaningful and applicable to life. When it came to pastoral studies, the thrust of the teaching centered on meeting the needs of the people God would entrust to us. The size of the church was not necessarily a measurement of success, but the heart of the pastor was.

For the past 23 years, Dr. David Biberstein has been the driving force of the pastoral ministries department at TUFW. Through his career at TUFW, Dave has always served in "part-time" church capacities. This year, Dave retires from his role as college professor and department head and dives back into the church in a "full-time" role as pastor.

Over the course of his career at TUFW, Dr. Biberstein's focus has always been training men and women to lead churches and serve in pastoral roles with an impassioned love for God and for people. For Dave, the heart of a great pastor would be cultivated by an impassioned love for God that, in turn, would pour itself out in an infectious love for people. In many ways, the heart of Dave's leadership can be summed up in one of the greatest leadership quotes and lessons of all time: "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me -- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father -- and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Dave taught pastoral students the importance of knowing your sheep. People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. He emphasized the significance of a good shepherd watching over his flock, protecting, providing, and leading it. He stressed the reality that you can't make your mark on people you lead unless you get up close and personal. Simply stated, as a pastor, you cannot make a deep impact from a distance. You have to move in and allow the people to touch you and you to touch them.

This philosophy of ministry was the inspiration for the Pastor's Heart Award, an award created by Dr. Biberstein and given annually to the pastoral ministries student who best exemplifies the heart of a shepherd/pastor. It is not based on academics, but on the attitude and posture of one's heart toward caring for the needs of people.

We all know that most things in life are better caught than taught. "Bibs" didn't simply teach a theory of how to love or how to serve or how to care. He lived it. He still does. In many ways, he deserves the Pastor's Heart Award because he emulates it. He truly demonstrates the heart of a good shepherd who is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. And he lives it in such a way that others catch it.

It was Winston Churchill who said, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." And it was Abraham Lincoln who stated, "In the end, it's not the years of your life that count. It's the life in your years."

In this pastor's opinion, Dave Biberstein, you have not only made a great living, you are living a life that counts. Thank you for 23 incredible years of impacting all of us who walked through your department and are now pastoring from the heart of a shepherd. Thanks, Dave, for weaving a legacy of the heart.

By the way, this student who turned pastor just hired a retiree to help him care for the needs of a growing flock. I hired the man with a pastor's heart...Pastor Dave Biberstein.
by Mandy Dittmer g08

Over the past five years, Jennifer Manth has served as program director of elementary education and Transition to Teaching, working to connect the education departments at Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) and Taylor University (Upland).

Like glue, professor Manth served in one of those vital jobs which sometimes goes unnoticed. However, those of us involved in the education department can speak from our experiences and pay tribute to Professor Manth, who I personally have always viewed as the “glue” of our department. While serving and learning at a local elementary school, I met a substitute teacher who was a product of TUFW’s elementary education program as well. When he learned I was a TUFW student, he immediately told me about the role Professor Manth played in his path to becoming a teacher. Mr. Norwood graduated with two bachelor’s degrees in history and biblical studies, but his interests remained in teaching. Professor Manth helped him enroll in and eventually complete the Transition to Teaching program, and this fall, Mr. Norwood will begin teaching social studies. He was quick to describe Professor Manth with words that are very familiar to anyone who knows her—words like, “encouraging, reassuring, always joyful and optimistic.”

Ben Carowan g08 had nothing but praise for his academic advisor.

“She always made class fun and made a three-hour class seem like 50 minutes,” he said.

While we are all sad to see Professor Manth retire, we are excited that she will have more opportunities to enjoy some of her favorite activities.

“She is an incredible advocate for this campus and its students, working to meet the unique needs of TUFW students and Transition to Teaching students,” said instructor of education Amy Settle.

As I talked with others, I realized the value of Professor Manth’s experience, initiative, humor and encouragement in bringing excellence to our education degrees. Our dear “glue” deserves a huge “Thank you!” Thank you for all you’ve done in preparing us to impact young lives by providing us with a quality education and a safe and encouraging environment. We wish you all the best.
A Picture of Healthcare at TUFW

by Harmony Wheeler

TUFW faculty and a board of healthcare professionals have developed a new healthcare management program designed to help adults in the field become more efficient leaders. This program has recently started enrolling students.

Evan Wood, associate dean for strategic planning, said the program is unique because of its content and delivery mode. Its content is state-of-the-art because it is designed by a board of healthcare leaders in the Fort Wayne community. Students will graduate from the program more qualified and ready to effectively manage a healthcare facility, practice or division.

Rachel Osborn, who conducted the original research for the program, said local healthcare professionals have confirmed a growing need for good leaders. “Between the hospitals, clinics and churches in town who are working to serve the under served and refugee populations within Fort Wayne,” Osborn said, “there is huge potential for our graduates to positively impact the local community through excellent service and ministry.”

Board member Marvin Eastlund, who has been in private practice for 27 years and holds a senior leadership position at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne, said he discussed the program’s curriculum outline with the human resources director at Dupont. The director was interested in using the program as a way to continue training employees already in leadership positions. “Healthcare continues to be a large employer....The demand will be there for skills of leadership. This program will offer those skills that can be tailored to the specific needs of an individual.”

Lessons will teach management principles and how to apply the Christian faith to work in the healthcare field. The program will encourage students to incorporate their faith in their work through respecting authority, working heartily, making wise decisions and acting as Christ-like servant-leaders. Osborn said, “Although there is a large medical population in Fort Wayne, the city has no program with a Christian orientation or a schedule convenient for students working in full-time jobs.”

“Healthcare workers who seek leadership opportunities want to stay in healthcare,” said board member and Parkview Health director, Deb Stam, “but there are few programs out there that specifically prepare the person to do just that. The new TUFW program will be one of those programs that will.” She said the healthcare business needs prepared leaders as the industry faces constant change from technology, science, insurance and government.

Designed with adults in mind, classes will take place one evening per week. Five certificates are offered. Each certificate requires students to take three classes and can be achieved within one semester. A student can earn a Bachelor of Science degree in healthcare management by earning all five certificates and satisfying TUFW’s general education requirements. The five certificates focus on operations management, human resources, revenue management, critical analysis and leadership practices.

Osborn said she hopes to see at least five to ten students enroll the first year. Enrollment began June 1, 2008. Prospective students can visit fw.taylor.edu/hcm or contact Phil Maurizi for more information at 260.744.8763. The program begins the 2008 fall semester.
Robbins Receives Honorary Doctorate

TUFW held its spring commencement exercises on Saturday, May 17.

Approximately 70 men and women received bachelor’s and associates degrees from the University.

Paul D. Robbins received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Robbins is a 1960 graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College and is the former president and publisher of Christianity Today International, where he served from 1977 until his retirement in 2007. Some of the publications from this company include Christianity Today, Leadership, Campus Life, Today’s Christian Woman, Men of Integrity, Christian History, Your Church Christian Readers and Marriage Partnerships.

Ordained by the Missionary Church denomination, Robbins began his career with Youth for Christ, International, in Fort Wayne, and served on both the local and national level for more than 15 years. Positions he held include associate director of overseas ministries, vice president of teen ministries and national field director.

Robbins has been involved in a vast network of Christian leaders, para-church organizations, mission agencies, church denominations, religious publishers and Christian educators. Currently, he serves on the boards of Christianity Today International and Taylor University and has previously served on the boards of International Students and Greater Europe Mission.

In 2003, Robbins was the recipient of the Mark O. Hatfield Leadership Award from the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. He received the Legion of Honor award in 2004 from Taylor University. The Legion of Honor is Taylor University’s highest award, which has been given to only 14 individuals in the University’s 162 year history and to only two other graduates.

TUFW Program Fulfills Dreams for FWBC Graduate

Cheryl (Roth) Cecil g68 could not have imagined that her move back to Fort Wayne in 2001 would open the door to a new career. Cheryl graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Christian ministries, but she always wanted to write. For many years she did, but not for publication. She wrote Bible studies and devotionals, which she used while serving alongside her husband, Earl, who was pastoring in churches for 33 years.

Knowing her dream of being a published writer, Cheryl’s son Andrew, a graduate of Taylor University in Upland, told her about the professional writing program at TUFW, which he had read about online.

"It seemed like a dream that I was now in the same city as the program," said Cheryl. "It was a wonderful thing to find at my front door."

Cheryl enrolled in the professional writing certification program in the fall of 2005. By December 2006, she had completed the certification.

"I promised her that if she would take Freelance Writing, Fiction Writing, and one or two of our special writing seminars, we would make her a successful writer," said Dr. Dennis Hensley, professor of English.

Dr. Hensley came through on his promise. Cheryl has sold 10 freelance articles and is a contributing author for a devotional book that will soon be published by Barbour Books. She is waiting to hear from three publishers about her proposed devotional book targeted to young girls, and she continues to write and submit articles to a variety of Christian publications.

"The TUFW writing program makes dreams come true," said Cheryl. "All my life I had wanted to become a published author, and this fantastic program made it a reality for me."
JEANNE CRAFTON
Jeannie Crafton g78 is TUFW’s new senior admissions counselor.
Crafton served as director of admissions at Southwestern College in Phoenix, Arizona, since 2005. She previously was an admissions counselor at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, and she started her career at Fort Wayne Bible College. She has also owned and operated her own jewelry business.
Crafton holds two bachelor’s degrees, one in Christian education from Fort Wayne Bible College and one in applied management from Grand Canyon University.

ROY DANIELIAN
Roy G. Danielian is the new men’s varsity soccer coach and the programs manager for TUFW’s admissions office. In addition to his coaching, Danielian is responsible for planning events for prospective students and the Summer Honors College, as well as developing new programs for the admissions office.
Danielian comes to TUFW from Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana, where he served as associate director of admissions and head men’s varsity soccer coach. His experience also includes a variety of positions at Howard Payne University, Azusa Pacific University and Corban College. While at Grace, that college achieved new institutional records in terms of the number, academic profile and diversity of incoming students, as well as a record undergraduate enrollment.

KIRSTEN HARRISON
Kirsten Harrison is the communications coordinator for TUFW’s enrollment services office. Harrison comes to TUFW after serving as a records deputy for the Allen County clerk’s office. Before moving to Fort Wayne, she was the assistant dean of students at San Diego Christian College (formerly Christian Heritage College), where she began serving in 2003 as a student development coordinator. She worked at Heart to Heart International from 1995 to 2000.

Harrison has a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.

MICHÈLE MALLET
Michele Mallet has been accepted as a presenter at the 8th Annual Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching. The conference will be held September 18-21 in Traverse City, Michigan. Mallet’s 40-minute presentation is entitled “Leading by Example: Culturally Competent Millennials.”

ANGELO MANTE
Angelo Mante g08 is serving as an admissions counselor for TUFW’s enrollment services office.
Mante is a 2008 graduate of TUFW. While a student, he served as a resident assistant for Schultz Hall during the 2005-2006 academic year. He went on to be the assistant resident director of Hausser Hall in 2006-2007 and then the resident director of Hausser Hall men in 2007-2008.

LUCINDA MILLER
TUFW has appointed Lucinda Miller as marketing design coordinator.
Miller was as an art director and sales executive for The Brand Innovation Group (BIG) from May 2004 until June 2007, when she left BIG to teach English in Ecuador for several months. When she returned, Miller substitute taught in Goshen Community Schools.
Miller graduated from the University of Saint Francis (Fort Wayne) in May 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine/commercial art.
New Men’s Soccer Coach Looks Forward to a Season of Rebuilding

This season will be one of rebuilding, said TUFW’s new men’s soccer coach, Roy Danielian. With only six returning players in his first season at TUFW, Danielian has his work cut out for him, but that doesn’t discourage him.

“I’m excited to start from the ground up,” said Danielian. “I think this year we’ll be molding the team and getting to know each other.”

The team is looking forward to the addition of two new players, freshmen Ben Lehman and Shawn Osborn, both from South Adams Junior/Senior High School in Berne, Indiana, and Danielian is busy recruiting more.

Danielian has 19 years of coaching experience. In 2007, he was recognized by the NAIA as one of the top 21 All-Time Winningest Active Men’s Soccer Coaches. Last fall, he recorded his 150th victory while serving as the head coach of Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Women’s Soccer Preparing for Inaugural Season

On Wednesday, September 3, the TUFW women’s soccer team will take the field for the first time in school history. Coach Jeff Phillips has 11 players ready to go, including five current TUFW students. The 15-game schedule is in place, and Phillips already has verbal commitments from prospective students for the 2009 season. His goal for this year is to have 13 or 14 players when it’s all said and done.

“We’ll be a little thin on the bench, but we expect that as a new team,” said Phillips. “Our goal is to be as competitive as we can. We want to get the building blocks set into place to build a better team.”

Women’s Basketball Busy Recruiting

After coming off of a tough season with young players, the Lady Falcons basketball team has put a lot of emphasis on recruiting and post-season workouts. Coach Cleveland Inge believes the incoming freshmen will help fill some of the holes that were left after graduation. Inge is also excited about the returning players.

“After surviving a tough season, and not losing anyone to injuries, we should come out a lot stronger and better than in the past,” said Inge.

Women’s Volleyball Looks to Returnees to Lead Team

The TUFW women’s volleyball team will start its season with a tournament appearance on August 22. With a young and relatively inexperienced team, head coach Scott Haddix will rely on his returning players to carry the Lady Falcons into the National Tournament.

Megan Spillman, an outside hitter and the team’s only senior, will be captain. She’s a three-time All-American, and Haddix anticipates she’ll earn the distinction again this year.

“She should also be a strong candidate to be a National Tournament All-Tournament player. She really stands out,” said Haddix.

Junior Ashley Inge will be a middle hitter. Haddix expects she’ll be an All-American this year and take a lot of pressure off Spillman.

Men’s Basketball Finishes Season Second in Nation

TUFW’s men’s basketball team finished its season second in the nation with a loss to The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades (Media, Pennsylvania) in the USCAA Division II National Championship game. It was the Falcon’s first loss since December 8, 2007. The final score was 80-68. While at the tournament, junior A.J. Gooden received the All-American honor.
This year’s Homecoming & Parents’ Weekend will feature an event never done before at TUFW, Summit Christian College or Fort Wayne Bible College. TUFW will celebrate the inauguration of its Athletic Hall of Fame. As of this writing, six former athletes have been chosen to be inducted and honored on Friday evening, September 26.

Inductees of TUFW’s Athletic Hall of Fame will be determined more on their character and less on their athletic merits.

“We’re choosing people with quality character for the Hall of Fame,” said Bud Hamilton, athletic director, “people who have graduated and accounted for themselves very well in whatever vocation God has called them.”

The idea has been around for several years, but Bud Hamilton and Tim Erdel g73 weren’t able to begin putting it together until the spring of 2007. After this initial year, they would like to induct one or two alumni annually during Homecoming & Parents’ Weekend. They also plan to begin retiring numbers.

Unlike the Hall of Fame, numbers will be retired solely according to the athletes’ athletic merits.

TUFW is also expanding Homecoming & Parents’ Weekend to include the whole week. The bulk of the events will be held Saturday, September 27, but events actually begin Monday, September 22, with chapel. The alumni relations office is planning all three chapels that week rather than just the one on Friday. There will also be a women’s soccer game on Wednesday, September 24, at 7 p.m.

Other events this year include: an opportunity to visit a class, class reunions for years ending in 3 and 8, the Chancellor’s golf challenge, family ping pong tournament, a silent auction, “For Ladies Only,” fun and games, a men’s soccer game and, back by popular demand, “Taylor’s Got Talent.”

For a complete list of scheduled events, visit fw.taylor.edu/homecoming or fw.taylor.edu/parentsweekend.
Blessed.

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Chancellor's Office

- TUFW specific mission and vision statements were clarified.
- The Chancellor transitioned his primary focus from internal operations to external relationship building and fund-raising in the community.
- The Chancellor engaged with the Fort Wayne community exploring opportunities to position and promote TUFW.
- Christina Smith was hired as special assistant to the chancellor for strategic initiatives.

Enrollment Services

- Launched new customer relationship management software, AdmitGold. The software allows for more effective communication with prospective students and more efficient analysis of data about them.
- Reintroduced the Samuel Morris Scholars program for fall 2008, this time utilizing institutional funds and focusing on students from Allen County. The first five Samuel Morris Scholars were announced in May.
- Contracted with RuffaloCODY, a firm in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to survey prospective students about their college plans.
- Hired an almost entirely new admissions staff, including three new staff members with previous experience at other Christian colleges.
- Analyzed the cost of tuition at TUFW and how TUFW's institutional financial aid is awarded. Contracted with Noel-Levitz to conduct further research into both matters and provide guidance for the future.

TUFW Online

- Recorded the largest enrollment numbers during a single month, May 2008, processing more than 250 enrollments.
- Exceeded enrollment goals for the second straight year.
- Enrolled 1,437 total students.

Academics

- Received approvals for two new programs, healthcare management and certified financial planning.
- Hired Rev. Bob Smith as chair of the pastoral ministries program.
- Received approval for a syllabus template to be implemented in the fall 2008 semester as part of the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP).
- Completed steps one and two for the curricular mapping project as part of the AQIP.
- Hired Dr. Rock LaGioia to serve in pastoral ministries, beginning in fall 2008.
- Revised the pastoral ministries curriculum, implementing recommendations from the Task Force.
- Saw the retirement of Dr. Wes Gering, Dr. David Biberstein and Jennifer Manth.
- Had seven faculty give presentations at professional conferences.

Advancement

- Alumni relations held 27 alumni gatherings, where alumni relations personnel connected with 564 alumni and their families.
- University relations worked with the marketing department to develop a new look and to Alumni, continued to build positive relationships with community leaders and provided communications support to University offices.
- The marketing department was established to offer centralized, integrated marketing services to all departments on campus.
- The marketing department collaborated with enrollment services in producing all new print recruitment pieces and advertisements.
- Awarded more than $350,000 through 95 scholarships to approximately 164 students during the Scholarship Award Luncheon. In addition, TUFW received more than $340,000 in gifts for the scholarship endowment.
The TUFW Fund reached an all-time high with $834,500 in gifts received, which reflects a 32 percent increase over last fiscal year.

Advancement (continued)

- TUFW set a new record for the 2007-2008 fiscal year (June 1 - May 31) by raising $833,500 for the TUFW Fund, a 32 percent increase over last year’s record total of $632,000. Gifts to the TUFW Fund bridge the gap between what TUFW students pay for tuition and what it actually costs to attend TUFW.

- The advancement office conducted Influence Dinners where individuals who have not heard the TUFW story were invited to hear Chancellor Kilty share in depth the mission and vision of the campus. Two dinners were hosted with 90 guests in attendance. The newly released Influence video was also shown. (fw.taylor.edu/influence)

Student Development

- Graduate assistants from the Master of Arts in higher education became part of the student development team, serving in roles supporting residence life and campus activities.

- The vocational calling office was created and launched, with emphasis placed on orientation to TUFW, leadership development and career services.

- Chapel programs were planned thematically, typically with week-long emphases on topics such as spiritual formation, communications, calling and community leadership development, along with traditional week-long themes of spiritual renewal and world opportunities.
Still serving:
Familiar faces organize TUFW’s archives

With the opening of the Calvin H. English Library in 2004 came a room designated for the University’s archives. Although tucked away on the library’s lower level, the archives are more accessible, but until September, were disorganized. That’s when a familiar face and name to the University stepped in and has been hard at work ever since. Since September 1, 2007, Cyril Eicher has logged more than 350 hours, sorting, filing and labeling.

And who better to take on such a task? Before coming to Fort Wayne Bible Training School as a student in 1930 and later as a faculty and staff member from 1950 to 1978, Cyril had been familiar with the school through his parents, who attended the first year of Fort Wayne Bible Training School and then returned to serve full-time after serving in India for 12 years. Cyril’s father, “Uncle Pete,” has been credited with saving the school from bankruptcy during the Great Depression.

Beginning with the oldest photos, Cyril has been working his way up through the years, sorting more than 1,600 photos. And that doesn’t include University catalogs, brochures and other memorabilia.

At one time, Clara Reynolds fs52 began organizing the archives under the supervision of Bill Gerig g61 former director. But since then, very little has been done in the archives.

“Nothing as systematic as this has been done,” said Cyril. “It’s about time I think, and I suppose I’m here for the long haul.”

Cyril isn’t the only one working with the archives. Dr. Jackie Carl g53, president of the Alumni Council, has spent many hours cleaning and restoring class photos dating as far back as 1956.

While the volume of Cyril’s work is greater by far, Jackie’s job takes more time. The process can take as little as three hours, but photos that have been damaged take a great deal longer. “It’s a lot of TLC,” said Jackie.

“The items in the archives connect our heritage with who we are today,” said Tami Solak, alumni relations assistant. “They represent and record our history, giving a stronger sense of identity and connecting alumni of Fort Wayne Bible Training School, Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and Taylor University Fort Wayne.”

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABLE POSITION
Director of Alumni Relations

Taylor University Fort Wayne is seeking applications of candidates for the position of Director of Alumni Relations. This is a full-time, 12-month, salaried position located in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Résumés will be accepted until the position is filled.

Qualifications: The person filling this position must possess loyalty to and ability to effectively communicate TUFW mission and vision, the ability to call alumni “to action” through participation and giving and be able to manage multiple tasks. The desired candidate also must possess a willingness to travel for alumni events and donor cultivation/solicitation. A bachelor’s degree is required. Preference will be given to a graduate of TUFW (Summit Christian College/Fort Wayne Bible College).

Department: Advancement

Inquiries should be addressed to:
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All materials will remain confidential. Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

fw.taylor.edu
1940s

Glendora (Holdeman) Miller fs44 broke her hip in June 2007. She is getting around with a cane and can now drive. Her address is 1346 Greencroft Dr. #6, Goshen, IN 46526.

Betta Lu (Cripe) Murdick’s g45 husband, Kenneth, went to his heavenly home on February 18, 2008. She lives in their retirement home at 8224 Peace Ave., Brooksville, FL 34601.

Howard Dunlap g48 and his wife, Ruth, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on October 18, 2007. He is pastor at large at Palmswelt Alliance Church in Florida. Their address is 4674 Merle Place, Lake Worth, FL 33463.

Betty (Walti) Neuenschwander’s fs 48 husband, Herman, entered heaven on March 31, 2008. She resides at 14409 Sunrise Court, Apt. 128, Leo, IN 46765.

1950s

Ardice (Mitchell) Bailor fs51 is a retired school teacher and school board member for the Riverside Unified School District. She continues to work with and raise support for young people through church education, Young Life and the Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation. She has eight grandchildren and three great-grandsons. Her e-mail is ardieb@earthlink.net.

Roy and Florence (Birkey) Carlson fs52 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2008. Florence worked for Parkview School of Nursing and served as director of women’s ministries for the Evangelical Methodist Church and Fellowship of Evangelical Churches. She and her husband have two daughters, two sons and six grandchildren.

Dale g53 and Judith (Moser) Lewis fs51 reside in Wichita, Kansas where Dale is in his 30th year as pastoral care minister at Central Community Church of God.

Jackie Carl g53 is busily retired. She heads up the senior ministries at Brookside Church in Fort Wayne, teaching computer classes for seniors community-wide. She is president-elect of the TUFW Alumni Council and is active in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an honorary society of women educators. Her e-mail is jjcarl@msn.com.

Ivan and Donelda (Coy) Peterson g53 retired in 2004 as missionaries to France but continue doing pulpit supply and hold missionary conferences and seminars on spiritual warfare. They will be in France with TEAM-Serve from August 1-20, 2008. Their e-mail is petedonelda@sbcglobal.net.

L. JoAnn (Benham) Rhea’s fs53 husband Richard was received in heaven on January 8, 2008. JoAnn’s address is P.O. Box 1627, Gardendale, AL 35071.

Dottie (Woodall) Retzlaff’s g55 husband Paul entered his heavenly home on January 26, 2008. Dottie’s address is 33 West St., Apt 309, Elkhorn, WI 53121.

Richard and Janet (Millender) Stailey fs55 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 13, 2008. Janet is a retired para-professional from East Allen County Schools after 24 years of service.

Tom g56 and Mae (Schmidt) Mohr’s g55 son Terry was received into heaven on May 4, 2008. He was 51. The Mohr’s address is 3311 S. Harrison, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Henry Harmon g57 and his wife, Marabelle, celebrate 10 years of marriage in April. He still conducts Bible studies and devotionals. Please pray for Marabelle and her struggle with ovarian cancer. Their address is 479 Independence Dr., Apt. 4, Napoleon, OH 43545.

Watson fs58 and Bonita (King) Swope fs58 celebrated 50 years of marriage June 21, 2008. Their address is 920 Ambleside Dr., Suwanee, GA 30024 and e-mail is wls4156@yahoo.com.

1960s

Pictured in December 2007 is a group of retired alumni teachers and a nurse who graduated from 1960 to 1962. They enjoy their annual get-togethers and want to send fond greetings to all their classmates. Front row (L to R): Mary Ann (Ellis) Rowe g61 who arrived in heaven on February 12, 2008 (see IN MEMORY section), Dorothy Davis g60, Georgia Black g61, Donna Burd g62. Back row (L to R): Kathy (Krasula) Witker g60, Dolores (Rashley) Short g61, Donna (Banks) Hinton g60, Joanne (Dick) Myers g60.

Pat Hartung g61, serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators, returned from furlough in the U.S. to the Philippines May 23, 2008. Please pray for guidance regarding
the Ata Manobo dictionary project in progress. Her e-mail is pat_hartung@sil.org.

Effective July 1, David Roth g67 is Christian Heritage Academy Upper School’s principal. This new position includes the development of an innovative, technology-rich curriculum for a biblically-based, college-preparatory high school to motivate critical thinking and communication skills within the context of a biblical world view. Ninth grade will be launched fall of 2009 with the four-year high school complete by 2012. David’s e-mail is droth@christianheritage.org.

Lynn g68 and Donna Becker are representatives for Radio Lumiere in Haiti in Indiana and the surrounding states. They recently returned from a two week trip where they refurbished a transmitter building in Cayes, Haiti. Their e-mail is ljbecker@aol.com.

1970s

John fs71 and Sharon Lemmon have served with Mission Aviation Fellowship for 30 years. They were in Shell, Ecuador, where John maintained and piloted airplanes while Sharon did bookkeeping. After 21 years they returned to the U.S. and are involved in MAF-recruiting. John’s e-mail is jlemmon@maf.org.

Daniel Sindlinger g71 published The Better Life Bible, which is a translation of the New Testament geared to people who rarely or have never read the Bible. You may view it at BetterLifeBible.com. Daniel’s e-mail is dansindlinger@juno.com.

Rick g72 and Monica Haberkamp were training recently in Europe, learning the art of effective storytelling using action to make the Word of God visible and easier to remember. Their e-mail is haberk5@gmail.com.

Connie Hughes-Smiley’s g72 husband, Neal, passed away. They were married January 1, 1983.

Charles Dunlap g73 is retiring in October from the City of Jackson water department after 35 years of service. He continues teaching an adult Sunday school class. His e-mail is caddede@yahoo.com.

Deb (Rusher) Lehman g74 began working for Global Disciples as an administrative assistant in January, 2007. Her e-mail is debbiegd@adamswells.com.

Terry Steury g74 retired from the U.S. Post Office in September, 2007 and started a second career at Swiss Village Retirement Community in Berne, IN, as an activities assistant in the nursing unit.

Denny Yoder fs74 is Global Impact coordinator at Nappanee Missionary Church. Nappanee Missionary Church partners with Global Impact to mobilize volunteer workers and ministry teams to locations around the world. Denny will oversee short-term mission trips. He and his wife, Jeanne (Birkey) fs75 have three children.

Wayne Allen g75 traveled with World Partners from May 24 through June 30, 2008, to several East Asian countries. Please keep both Wayne and his wife, Carolyn (Paxson) fs71 in your prayers. Wayne’s e-mail is waynewallen@gmail.com.

Thomas Matthew g75 is the Democratic nominee for Ohio’s 12th State Senate District, which covers Allen, Shelby, Mercer, Preble and Champaign counties. His e-mail is tmatthew@woh.rr.com.

Timothy and Irene (Chilcote) Wagley g75 have two married children – Ben, who will start medical school in fall 2008, and Sarah, who works at Harpo Studios, making commercials. Irene works at Lutheran Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care. She also serves as deacon for children’s ministries at First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne. Their e-mail is tibsw@verizon.net.

Please pray for Jeannie (Gerig) Johnson g78 and her husband, Tim, TUUG81, regarding additional ministry responsibilities they will hold for the summer. Their e-mail is timandjeannie@gmail.com.

This summer, Mark g78 and Dee Krueger, missionaries in Guinea, are helping a Global Ventures team of five college students learn what it takes to be a cross cultural worker. The students will be involved with language learning, helping with the mobile medical clinic, visiting health clinics and unreached villages and doing an English camp. Please pray for peace and stability as Guinea continues to experience elevated political tension. Their e-mail is timbifolks@speedymail.org.

Cathy (Paules) Overholser’s g79 husband, Harold, passed away on February 28. Her e-mail is 4cao@verizon.net.

1980s

Steve g80 and Sheila (Hilty) Harrigan g82 serve with World Partners on the “Refugee Highway.” As wars, famines and a variety of catastrophes increase, this area of ministry has grown tremendously. Most of those affected need Jesus. This is a ministry opportunity brought to their own backyard. Steve and Sheila’s e-mail is stephensheila_1@msn.com.

Jean Baumbach fs81 is in the U.S. from the Niger Republic where she serves with Serving In Mission (SIM). Her e-mail is jean.baumbach@sim.org.

Brad g80 and Karol Gibson g79 celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in July. Brad is manager of respiratory therapy at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne and Karol is administrative assistant in Health Information services at Parkview Health. They also continue to serve at their church,
Woodburn Missionary. Their e-mail is brgklg@localnet.com.

John g81 and Julie Gerig and family, missionaries in Russia, will be in the U.S. for the summer. Praise the Lord – Youth for Christ-Eastern Europe enthusiastically received John’s proposal to begin work in the Archangelsk region of Russia (northeast of St. Petersburg). Pray for the preparation process in the coming year. Their e-mail is russiangerigs@aol.com.

Don g81 and Rachel (Weber) Kramer g79 returned to Taiwan in late June 2008. Their e-mail is donrachtaiwan@yahoo.com.

William Raines g81 serves as a volunteer chaplain in the Allen County jail ministry. His new address is 2827 Northgate Blvd., Apt. 540, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

Elizabeth (Donigan) Seversen g81 is an evangelism curriculum writer for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Her husband, Mark is senior pastor at Hillcrest Covenant Church in Overland Park, Kansas. Their e-mail is baseversen@yahoo.com.

Dennis g84 and Linda Collins serve with World Partners in Ireland. They returned in December, 2008, after four and a half months away and are now in a different residence. Please pray for strengthened relationships with area people. Also pray for Balbriggan Fellowship to move forward in becoming a church in the community and for their weekly Bible study. Their e-mail is dltodddroad@aol.com.

Don g85 and Marla (Murray) Bettinger g84 serve in Taipei, Taiwan. They are holding an English camp and children’s camp in July. Their e-mail is dbettinger@omsinternational.org.

David g85 and Diane (Copeland) Gruber g83 pastor a new church called White Rose Fellowship Church in Bellevue, Illinois. Their interesting journey is found on whiterosefellowship.org. Their son, Joel, is serving in the U.S. Navy, and their daughter, Kristen, is a professional cosmetologist.

Mark Vincent g85 received his Ph.D. in leadership from the Capella University School of Business and Technology in January, 2008. His wife Lorie g85 is victorious over her recent 10th cancer occurrence – praise the Lord! Mark’s e-mail is marklv@designforministry.com and Lorie’s e-mail is lorielv@designforministry.com.

Marilyn Millar g86 is attending a community college in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and expects to graduate in May, 2009, with a degree in medical records. Her e-mail is medicaltech@verizon.net.

Joyce (Klay) Hutchison g87 experienced the loss of her husband, Jeff, and son, Jeremy (9), in an airplane accident on September 3, 2007. Her sons, Josh (16) and Joel (8), and daughter, Jenni (14), survive. Her e-mail is joyce@ohiolink.net.

Phil Reynolds g87 is senior pastor of Bear Creek Church of the Brethren in Dayton, Ohio. His e-mail is phlrnlds1@hotmail.com.

Mike and Sherri (Harris) Ritter g88 serve with the Rafiki Foundation in Ethiopia, helping children in Africa affected by AIDS and poverty. Construction for the Rafiki Village is in progress (six children’s cottages, dining/classroom building, duplex for missionaries and medical clinic). Please pray for medical personnel to run the clinic. Mike and Sherri’s e-mail is mike18andsherri@hotmail.com.

Graham g88 and Lori (Fazio) West fs86 and children will be in Thailand soon. Please pray for some practical needs to be met: finding a home, purchase of a vehicle, homeschooling and learning the language. Their e-mail is westtalk@juno.com.

Bruce g89 and Dawn (Clark) Cluckie g89, serving with World Partners in West Africa, rejoice that the Yalunka Bible is near completion. Several villages and towns request people to teach them about Jesus. Please pray that God would meet this need of their hearts. Their e-mail is bdcluckie@cs.com.

1990s

Brian Gerig g91 is pastor of The Crossing in New Haven, Indiana. His e-mail is brian@gotothecrossing.com.

Nick Johnson g91 and family will go to Central Asia again this summer on another Global Project. Pray for early recruitment and the solidifying of their staff team. Nick’s e-mail is nick_johnson@ivstaff.org.

Rob Burton g93 teaches fourth grade at Bartlett Christian Academy in Illinois. His e-mail is mrrobby@yahoo.com.

Gary g96 and Kelly Rowland have adopted a son, Grayson Matthew, born October 12, 2007. They have started a church plant of the Missionary Church called The Ridge. Their e-mail is gkrowland@verizon.net.

John and Josie (Koepper) Bailey g97, with Colleen (5), Abby (2½) and Nathan (1½), welcomed Cameron James into their family on January 18, 2008. Their e-mail is jrbaileyfamily@netzero.com.
John and Jacy (Gallalee) Hildreth g97 welcome to their home Grace Elizabeth, born March 18, 2008. Their e-mail address is jacyhildreth@hotmail.com.

Lance g97 and Megan (Smith) Stiver g97, with Graham (5) and Isaiah (2), welcome to their family Hudson Robert, born October 10, 2007. Lance’s e-mail is stiverdorneeast@yahoo.com, and Megan’s e-mail is mlsbutterfly@yahoo.com.

Micah g98 and Lindsay Lackland were married on March 22, 2008. Travis Kraft g98 was TUFW participant who had to leave because his wife Stephanie (Busic) fs98 went into labor. What an unexpected but exciting wedding development! Micah and Lindsay’s e-mail is thinheel@hotmail.com.

Jeremy Schmidt g99 continues to recover from an accident in 2004. While riding his bike to work, a garbage truck hit him and caused a skull fracture and traumatic brain injury. Please pray for continued recovery. His daughter, Mercedes Joy, was born three months before his accident. His e-mail is olympicsmarathon2012@yahoo.com.

Jeff g00 and Shauna Spence announce the birth of Mikayla Anne on April 28, 2008. Their e-mail is jeff_shaunaspence@hotmail.com.

Nathan Strunk g00 is a graduate student in the doctorate of theology program at Boston University. His major is philosophical theology with a minor in liturgical studies. His e-mail is strunknathan@hotmail.com.

Bob g00 and Laura Sweeney, along with Katelyn (9), Emma (6) and Joshua (2), welcome Sarah Ann, born February 20, 2008. Bob is senior pastor at Cass City Missionary Church in Michigan.

Myllisa Jensen g01 is a marketing specialist with WebTrends in Portland, Oregon. Her e-mail is myllisaj@gmail.com.

Bill g01 and JoAnna (Nuss) Jones g01 are in Pennsylvania where Bill is associate pastor of youth at Evangelical Free Bible Church and JoAnna is a prevention specialist at the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. Their e-mail is wajical@gmail.com.

Correction to spring 2008 Alumnus: Ryan McGee’s fs01 e-mail is ryanrtmcgee123@gmail.com.

David g01 and Natalie (Baughman) Whan g03, with Olivia (5) and Ian (3), welcome to their home Aaron Joseph, born January 5, 2008. David is attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. They will move in July 2008 to Milton, Washington, for David’s internship year at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. David’s e-mail is whanjovi@yahoo.com and Natalie’s e-mail is curlywhan74@yahoo.com.

Correction to fall 2007 Alumnus: Steven and Megan (Wood) Bell g02 were married October 20, 2007. TUFW participants were Jennifer (Williams) Shank g01 and Evie Tubbs g01. The Bells reside at 9710 Fritz Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818.

Terrance Bridges g02 received a master’s degree in executive development for public service from Ball State University and is a dissertation away from earning a doctorate in education from Regent University. He serves at Union Baptist Church in Muncie, Indiana, as coordinator of children and youth ministries. His e-mail is ministerterrancebridges@kingdomforce.org.

Bethann Darling g04 is serving with Cutting Edge Ministries of Ontario, Canada. She is helping in a variety of ways in the ministry. Her e-mail is bethandarling@yahoo.com.

Paul g02 and Ashley (Bandy) Kellogg g03 with Kyler (5), Gracelyn (3) and Brynnan (2), welcome to their home Ezekiel Paul, born April 4, 2008. Their e-mail is mommykellogg@hotmail.com.

Jennifer (Stults) Taylor g02 is moving in August to start medical school at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her e-mail is jentaylor25@gmail.com.

Jeremy fs02 and Heather Williams welcome to their home Melina, born July 24, 2007. Jeremy’s e-mail is larryboy61@hotmail.com.

Christopher and Becca (Nevill) Winn fs02 were married on February 15, 2008. They live in...
Lindenhurst, Illinois, where Becca serves in the Village Church of Gurnee as the coordinator for senior high youth missions and the assistant for senior high youth ministry. Becca’s e-mail is becca.winn@vcgurnee.org.

Guy and Becka (Coleman) Atkinson g03, with Timothy (2), welcome to their family Hannah Gayle, born September 28, 2007. Their e-mail is gbatkinson@gmail.com.

Caleb g04 and Stacia (Etter) Ellington g02, with Jathen (2), welcome to their home Brady David, born December 2, 2007. They attend Level 13 Church in Fort Wayne. Caleb’s e-mail is spoonage82@yahoo.com and Stacia’s e-mail is mrsellington79@yahoo.com.

Matt g04 and Laura (Skinner) Gross were married April 26, 2008. Gary Rowland g97 performed the ceremony. Matt works at Lincoln Financial and is the worship leader of The Ridge in Fort Wayne. Laura is a social worker for Lutheran Social Services. Matt’s e-mail is t_falcon18@hotmail.com.

Maelisa McCaffrey g04 received her doctorate (Doctor of Psychology) from the California School of Professional Psychology on June 1, 2008. Her e-mail is maelisamccaffrey@yahoo.com.

Andie Perry g04 is a youth counselor at the Illinois Coalition for Community Services. Her e-mail is andie_tufw04@yahoo.com.

Cole and Nicole (Rogers) Sherborne g04 were married May 10. Their e-mail is jaciniksland@gmail.com.

Nancy Watta fs04 will be in Tanzania, Africa, for five weeks this summer teaching and preaching. Her e-mail is wattaafw@yahoo.com.

Jared and Eileen (Clayton) Cantrell g05 were married on February 18, 2008. Eileen is seeking a master’s degree in environmental education in Bainbridge Island, Washington. This summer, she and Jared plan to do mission work in Quepos, Costa Rica. Their e-mail is jaredandeileen@gmail.com.

Allison Carie g05 teaches sixth, seventh and eighth grade literature at First Assembly Christian School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Her e-mail is allifaiith@gmail.com.

In May 2007, Amy Williams g05 received her master’s degree in counseling from the University of Northern Colorado. She is working on her Ph.D. in counselor education and supervision. She is working as a counselor in a residential treatment center for five to 12 year olds. Her e-mail is amycloutex@yahoo.com.

Tommy g06 and Rachel (VanProoyen) Boggs g06 were married on October 27, 2007. Tommy works at the Youth Services Center in Fort Wayne. Their e-mail is rachel_boggs@yahoo.com.

Autumn Bonecutter g06 serves with a ministry called Word Made Flesh. She traveled to El Alto, Bolivia, for four months, helping with Missionaries of Charity, one of Mother Teresa’s missions. It is a home for severely and mildly handicapped people. She returned in June. Autumn’s e-mail is autumn_bpmecutter@yahoo.com.

Simon and Maria (Miller) Rawson g06 were married on January 12, 2008. TUFW participants were Sharyn Thomas g06, Melissa (Deardorf) McWilliams fs06, and Emily (Miller) La Rue g05. Maria’s e-mail is alabanzas624@yahoo.com.

Amy Badowski g07 works as page supervisor at North Suburban Library and attends Rockford College pursuing her secondary English teacher certification. She will student teach in the 2008 fall semester. Her e-mail is amy.badowski@gmail.com.

Brandon g07 and Cassie (Warriner) Lemberg g08 were married April 5, 2008. TUFW participants were Jessica Warriner g07, Becca Eleiott g07, Nicole (Lemberg) Hall fs05, Sarah Hodgins g07, Adam Sharp g07, and Brandon Hall g03.
Tauna (Herrell) Batiste g08 began her master’s in non-profit Management at Eastern University in May 2008. Her husband, Tremayne, is a student at Franklin University in Web development. Tauna’s e-mail is tauna.batiste@gmail.com.

On June 1, 2008, Cole May g08 began his position as youth pastor at First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne.

Ashley Olinghouse g08 is in Indianapolis serving as marketing and research coordinator for Taylor University’s MBA program. Her e-mail is asolinghouse@taylor.edu.

In Memory

Faye (Opliger) Neuhauser-Clausen g32 departed for her heavenly home February 23, 2008. Surviving her are two sons, one daughter, four stepsons, one stepdaughter, 16 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Sylvia (Gerig) Knuth g36, at 99 years of age, went to her heavenly home on April 26, 2008. She taught Sunday school for more than 70 years. Her last class was one week before her home-going. She is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

John Tuckey g36 joined his wife Bernice (Moore) fs36 in Heaven on July 26, 2007. He pastored several Missionary churches in Michigan and served many years as district superintendent and home extension director. He was on the founding board of Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana, in 1947. He is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Wallace Jones fs41 entered eternal life with the Lord on March 21, 2008.

Alfred Shaddock g42 passed into eternity on May 1, 1998. His wife Marjorie joined him on February 14, 2006. Three married sons and seven grandchildren survive.

Maud (Bruter) Kerlin fs46 joined her husband, Karl g46, in Heaven on February 8, 2008. Maud was a nurse and shared in ministry with her husband as he pastored churches in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kansas and Colorado. She is survived by daughters, Betty (Kerlin) Trusdell fs50 and Naomi (Kerlin) Williamson fs62, ten grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Leona (Markham) Duffy g47 departed for her heavenly home on December 18, 2007. Her husband, Vernon, three sons two daughters and their families survive.

Eileen (Roth) Gottschalk g47 went to be with her Lord on February 21, 2008. Her husband Truman g54 a daughter and two sons survive. His address is 525 Forest Park, Apt. 20, Berne, IN 46711.

Eugene Sims g47 went to live with Jesus on April 6, 2008. His wife Betty, (Grody) g47, survives. Her address is 677 Dewey St., Apt 335, Lapeer, MI 48446-1747.

Mildred Regier g54 entered her heavenly home on November 25, 2007.

Mary Alice Fetter fs56 entered her heavenly home on May 29, 2008. She served many years as a Sunday school and children’s ministry worker and was an active supporter of missions. She is survived by two sisters, three nieces, a nephew and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Leonard Spacht fs58 went to be with the Lord on January 19, 2005.

Virginia (Steiner) Marullo fs61 went to her heavenly home in December, 2007. Her husband, Nick, survives.

Mary Ann (Ellis) Rowe g61 was received in Heaven on February 12, 2008. She retired in 1994 after 33 years as a teacher at Northcrest Elementary School in Fort Wayne, teaching third, fourth and fifth grades. Her husband Russell, a son, two grandchildren, a brother and a sister survive.

Sally Rudy fs75 was received in Heaven on March 22, 2008, after by-pass surgery. She worked at Lutheran Hospital as a dietitian for more than 30 years, retiring in 1995. She filled her years of retirement by volunteering several days a week at a dozen or more places in Fort Wayne.

Dale Wilson fs82 entered Heaven on February 18, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Debra, one son and two sisters.

David Spence g86 unexpectedly awoke in Heaven on May 7, 2008. He taught 5th grade for 22 years at Lincoln Elementary school in Fort Wayne. He is survived by his mother, four sisters and a brother.

TUFW’s dedicated volunteers continue identifying photos in the archives, but some pictures are more challenging than others. If you recognize someone in this photo or can identify the year and place, please contact Tami Solak in Alumni Relations at 260.744.8790 or alumni@fw.taylor.edu.
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