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Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving Fort Wayne campus Alumni and Friends! It's been another great month for the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center, and I hope the same for you. May you find many items to give praise to God during this season of Thanksgiving!

Is Chocolate Your Love Language?

Last week, the Resource Center received a \$3,000 gift and a \$1,500 gift (thank you, Lord), but these are not the norm. Most gifts are \$100 or less. While we are thankful God has provided the larger gifts, as we need them, several smaller gifts add up in helping us reach our commitments.



Please consider a gift today to the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. **For those who make a gift ONLINE of any amount (because increasing our alumni giving percentage is important), between now and Wednesday, November 23, I will send you a DeBrand's chocolate bar.** For those who send in a check to

915 W Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46807 in the same time, I will draw out three names to also send a DeBrand's chocolate bar.

Your gifts are needed and appreciated during this year-end drive to help us continue caring for alumni and celebrating our heritage and impact. Thank you for standing with us. I look forward to sending chocolate!

Singing Collegians Christmas CD



A new Christmas CD is available from Online Store for \$7. This sound track of Christmas music of the 1968-69 Singing Collegians was produced for a half-hour TV special aired on WANE-TV, December, 1968. It features Christmas carols such as *Angels We Have Heard On High*, *Ring*

Christmas Bells, *Coventry Carol*, a trumpet trio of *Joy To The World*, and other Christmas favorites such as *Deck the Halls* and *Jingle Bells*. Eleven songs in all.

CASE V Award to Be Given

Just last week, the Pride of CASE V awards were announced, and the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center will receive the Bronze Award in the **Best Practices in Alumni Relations**, 2,999 FTE or fewer category. I had submitted the entry with the help of **Kari Reynolds g99**, **Jay Platte g69** and **Brent Rudin g94**. According to the CASE V website, The Pride of CASE V Awards Program "honors institutions and individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement in the concept and execution of advancement programs and communications."

Personally, I take this award as validation from an outside group recognizing the hard work and efforts of multiple volunteers and staff from Fort Wayne and Taylor. I could not be more pleased or thankful. Over-all Taylor will receive seven awards including this one at the CASE V conference in Chicago this December.

Fort Wayne Celebrates! Reviewed for Sept. 28-29, 2012

Plans are now underway for September 28 & 29, 2012 – *Fort Wayne Celebrates!*, when we hope even more than the 275+ alumni and friends from all generations will return to reconnect, reminisce, replay and rejoice. A team has reviewed the surveys and is putting together tentative plans for 2012. We plan to have a **50th reunion for the Class of 1962** and a **25th reunion for the Class of 1987** on September 28; however, we hope to make it more attractive to younger alumni to return on Saturday, September 29 as well.

We're looking for volunteers to plan *Fort Wayne Celebrates!* in 2012. Please email me at alumnifw@taylor.edu with your ideas and willingness to help. We need planners, people to set-up, take down, host, serve, etc. No one job will take a lot of time, but if we work together, even more will enjoy the weekend. Start sending your ideas – it will be here before we know it!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Michael D. Mortensen g91
Director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Relations

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Along Rudisill...

- Behind the scenes, the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center website is being "migrated" (moved) to a better software package. In order to do this we were asked not to add anything new to the website during the process. We expect the site, which is still functional, to be upgraded and updated with all of your News Notes, pictures, etc. soon.



- Visitors to the former Fort Wayne campus are greeted with a reformatted entrance sign (photo above). The Summit is quickly becoming a destination for many educational, community and non-profit events and activities. The Ambassador team has been very good to the Resource Center.
- Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour **Lucas Oil Stadium and Dinner** on Thursday, December 1 starting at 3 p.m. Dinner at Rock Bottom Restaurant near the stadium at 5 p.m. We'd love to have you come to the tour or the dinner or both! **Sign-up today!**
- The Resource Center will be closed for normal business Wednesday, November 23 at 12 noon through Friday, November 25, so our staff and volunteers can enjoy time with family and friends for Thanksgiving.

[Submit & Read Online News Notes](#)

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[Volunteer to Help](#)

Resource Center Hours:
Monday – 8 to 5 p.m.
Tuesday – Generally Closed
Wednesday – 8 to 5 p.m.
Thursday – 8 to 5 p.m.
Friday – 8 to 5 p.m.

Or by appointment (parking available in back)



Are we up-to-date?

Please let us know if any of your contact information has changed so that we can stay in touch with you.

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You can update your information by giving us a call or email. Note: If you share an email address with your spouse, only one of your names will