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## Former TUFW student to speak at Commencement

April 2012



**Caitlin Wilson cs12**, former TUFW student and daughter of Michael and **Nancy (Dudley) g83 Wilson**, has been selected to give the student commencement address at Taylor University Saturday, May 19. "I'm really excited but nervous to be speaking at commencement," Wilson wrote. "It is such an honor to have been chosen."

Wilson, who will have about five minutes, hopes to communicate just how secure we can be in God's will for our lives, no matter how uncertain the future looks for us as graduates moving toward the future. "Looking back on that year at TUFW and how God used that situation to shape me and other "Fort Wayne-ers" has helped me to realize that God's promise holds true in Romans 8:28 that all things (no matter how painful, disappointing or uncertain) work for the good of those who love Him and for the good of His Kingdom."

Caitlin's mom, a Fort Wayne Bible College graduate reported, "Although we were both very sad when TUFW closed, and Caitlin was confused about what to do..., Taylor treated her extremely well; she has grown as a Christian and a person while attending her the last three years there." Congratulations, Caitlin and Nancy!

## FW alumni win Book of the Year

**Gary g80 and Jan fs81 Bower's** book, *What Do Heroes Wear?* won the Christian Small Publisher's Association Book of the Year Award (Age 8-12 level) recently. According to [www.bowerfamilybooks.com](http://www.bowerfamilybooks.com), the book is not your typical "what-I-want-to-be-when-I-grow-up" book. *What do Heroes Wear?* Explores some of the countless ways people can find purpose and make a difference by serving others unselfishly.



The book includes a picture of a little sailor boy. The model for this page was my adopted son, Jonathan Anduaem Mortensen, 4. Jan, the illustrator, requested his photo after seeing him in one of my Facebook posts.

In recognition of the heroes who have touched your life, the Bowers are offering this inspiring book at a special price of \$6.99 (reg. \$11.99). [Click here](#) and use this coupon code: MYHERO699. This offer is good through Memorial Day. Feel free to pass this offer on to your friends!

## Share your advice with college grads

Would you take a few minutes to help Taylor's newest graduates by sharing some of your practical advice, wisdom and counsel in any of a number of topics? The categories for your words of wisdom include: around the house, goals and life lessons, relationships and marriage, graduate school tips, finding a place to live, and more. [Share your advice by clicking here](#)

*For example, What life lessons did you learn in your first months after college? How did you find your first church? Any recipes to share for someone on a shoe-string budget? Suggestions about searching for a job?*

We'll publish your advice in a booklet, "Life Outside The Loop," that we'll send to this year's graduates later this summer. You are welcome to post on as many topics as you would like.

We need your more submissions by Friday, May 4!

## Matching gift announced for May

May is an important month for the Resource Center, as we strive to complete funding our mission. Just last Friday, we received a \$3,000 pledge from **Poorman's Heating & Air Conditioning** here in Fort Wayne to match any gifts up to \$3,000 for the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center between now and May 31.

Would you consider "Being Counted" towards our alumni giving percentage? If you would give something, no matter the amount, it would not only help us boost this percentage, which shows your desire for the Resource Center to continue, but it would be multiplied helping us reach our goal of \$60,000 to help pay for the staff, programs, events and resources provided throughout the year. "Be Counted!"

We care, we celebrate,

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

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## Along Rudisill...



- **Heather (Nielsen) Burgette g04** has been selected to be on *Fort Wayne's Smallest Winner Season Five*. "Losing my Dad unexpectedly last April has made the past year the hardest ever," Burgette said. "I'm doing this to make a life change and to inspire my family, awesome mom, seven siblings, that there are still wonderful blessings to enjoy beyond tragedy." To track Heather's progress or to encourage her, please [visit her blog](#).

- Reservations are being taken for alumni gatherings and reunions at the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center, 915 W. Rudisill Blvd. Come have a cookout, pizza party, night of Euchre, Risk or just sit with friends adjacent to campus. Email me at [alumnifw@taylor.edu](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu) if interested.



- Dr. Dennis Hensley, professor of Professional Writing, will be at *Fort Wayne Celebrates!* on Saturday, September 29 to have a reunion with his former TUFW students. Please put this day on your calendar to be back on campus. What other professors would you like for me to invite back for that weekend? Besides time just to talk, is there anything else you would like to have or do that weekend? Having childcare available - is that important to you? *Your feedback is DEEPLY appreciated!*

- Did you graduate from Fort Wayne in 1987? We're looking for volunteers to help with the 25th reunion for members of this class. The tentative dates are Friday or Saturday, September 28 or 29 - during *Fort Wayne Celebrates!*, but this can be your choice. [Contact the Resource Center](#) to help, please!



- Want to read or see the very latest from the Alumni & Friends Resource Center? Do you want to connect with others from FWBI, FWBC, SCC or TUFW? Win apparel or mementos from the Fort Wayne campus! Become a fan of the Alumni & Friends Resource Center on Facebook today! Simply search for "FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center", and "like" our page.

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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).

... if we can help you in any way, please contact the Alumni & Friends Resource Center at (260) 744-8790 during regular business hours or e-mail [alumnifw@taylor.edu](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu) anytime!