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Two TUFW Grads Named in Top 40

Two TUFW graduates were named in the *Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly* "Top 40 Under 40" award and will be recognized March 14. Do you know who they are? [Click here](#) to read the full-story online.

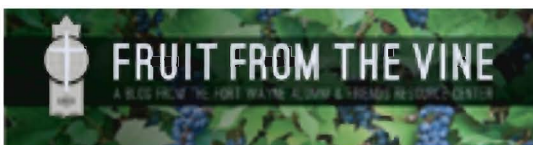
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Who's the New Girl?



"Who is the new girl?" "Who is the new guy?" Were either of these questions raised when you were on campus?

In this case, "the girl" is taken! **Kathryn Fenstermacher cs13**, a newlywed student, is our newest team member. Kathryn is interning with the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center this spring. She is a Professional Writing major, and is responsible for most of the written materials you receive from the Resource Center, such as the *FW Falcon*, the *FW Vine*, new *Distinguished Campus Servants* profiles on our website, and various other projects in print or online.



Keep an eye out for Kathryn's posts on our new blog, "*Fruit from the Vine*." The blog is a vehicle for Kathryn to share what she's learning about the Fort Wayne legacy, but it's also a tool to help you recall your college memories, reconnect with old friends, and celebrate the history and heritage of the Fort Wayne campus.

Please send our way any comments, questions, suggestions for stories, or notes of encouragement for Kathryn at alumnifw@taylor.edu. We are excited to have her on board, as this will allow me to travel more, visiting with alumni and friends to get feedback for our new three to five year plan.

Your Next Vacation Destination

Thinking of scheduling an upcoming vacation? Consider a "**Staycation**" at the Resource Center! While most weeks are available, June 2-7 has been set aside for special projects and cleaning.

Volunteers are welcome to stay with us for a day, a few days, or a week to help with various tasks, interact with staff and friends in the area, and refresh memories of Fort Wayne by being back on campus once again.

Joe and Elaine (Voss) g61 Sheil began this tradition three years ago when they helped prepare the Center for Elaine's 50th Class Reunion. "The opportunity to be able to help in some way was a blessing to us," Elaine said. Since then, an annual "Staycation" has become a regular part of the Sheil's vacation schedule. "It's a nice relaxing time," Joe added. "There are no demands. If you want to work for an hour, you can work for an hour. It's just a fun time."

Plans are in the works to house this year's volunteers in a local hotel and to host evening activities to reconnect and fellowship. Contact [Michael Mortensen](#) for housing details.

Harp Concert & Singspiration at FMC

The Resource Center is going to host a unique event at First Missionary Church, 701 W Rudisill Blvd, in Fort Wayne for ALL alumni and friends **Sunday, May 5 at 4:30 p.m.** Our intern **Kathryn Fenstermacher cs13**, who studies classical harp, will treat us to a recital. We will close the afternoon with a hymn sing, so you can all share your voices in praise.



All Fort Wayne campus **Retirees, Loyal Servants, and Volunteers** are invited to attend a special reception prior to the concert in the FMC Fellowship Hall beginning at 3 p.m.

Please send your RSVPs to **Bill Gerig g61** by [clicking here](#) or calling **260-744-8790**. A free-will offering will be received to pay for the event and to benefit the ministry of the Resource Center. Afterward, you may want to head to Hall's Restaurant, Atz, or Steak N Shake.

Blessings to you!

Michael

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



Along Rudisill...

- We are currently looking for alumni to host or attend **Share YOUR Voice** sessions at the Resource Center in February or March. During these sessions we will ask for feedback and advice on putting together our three to five year plan. All are encouraged to participate. We will provide the "goodies." For a complete list of available dates, please email alumnifw@taylor.edu.
- Alumni & Friends are invited **Tuesday, May 7 from 5 to 7 p.m.** to our "Spirit Night" at **Chick-Fil-A Jefferson Pointe**, 1725 Apple Glen Blvd, Fort Wayne, operated by **Jeff g77 and Sharon (Brumbaugh) g77 Hoffman**. If you wear a Fort Wayne or Taylor wearable, you will receive a FREE chicken sandwich. If you do not have one, or if you would like to purchase a new one, visit either the **FW Online Store** or the **Taylor Online Store**.



- Dave Arnold g98** is publishing *Pilgrims of the Alley* set to debut February 18. According to Arnold, his book is about how to live out an authentic faith in a world where we don't fit in and often find it challenging to live in. It's a book about hope and learning to see how God is at work in the alleys of life. For more information or to contact Dave, [click here](#).
- Shawn and Emily (Miller) g05 La Rue** delivered Ava Elise La Rue on February 1. She was 8.1 lbs and 20.25 inches long. She joins Kyla, 4 and Micah, 1. The La Rues live in Auburn, Ind. where Shawn is a youth pastor and Emily is a stay-at-home mom. Ava Elise is Michael Mortensen's niece.
- Jenni (Edgar) g03 and Sam Runkle** are the proud parents of another baby boy born on February 7 at 4:32 p.m. Benjamin "Ben" Clay Runkle weighed 8 lbs and 9 oz and was 21.5 inches long. He joins Will, 4; Joe, 3; and...
- For more *News Notes* or to submit a *News Note*, please [click here](#) or go to *Current News* [here](#). We especially want to see your baby announcements. We have a small gift for those of you who send us the announcement and a picture.

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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).

Jay and Shirley, if we can help you in any way, please contact the Alumni & Friends Resource Center at (260) 744-8790 during regular business