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Coming Soon...By Request...

April 2013

During a recent *Share YOUR Voice* session, several young alumni concurred that they would appreciate reconnecting with faculty and staff members who touched their lives on the Fort Wayne campus. *Do you resonate with this desire, and are you curious about where former faculty are now?* The Resource Center is introducing a new section on our website featuring faculty updates, Q&A about their current positions, and contact information for alumni to reconnect with them.

Jessica Detmer g03 recently interviewed a well-loved former faculty member from the Fort Wayne area who shared an update on her PhD, her family, her job since TUFW, and how God has been working in her life. Curious who Jessica got in touch with? [Click here](#) to find out who she interviewed. Soon, we will have a specific section, but for now it is a story in our [News Archives](#).

Director **Michael Mortensen g91** said the program developed with alumni volunteers in mind. It will depend upon alumni willing to chat with faculty members—over the phone, by email, or face-to-face—and ask for their stories. If you let the Resource Center know which faculty you would like to reconnect with, we'll get you their contact info, some sample questions, and turn you loose. We hope these interviews will produce not only online write-ups of the faculty updates, but also a meaningful time for volunteers to personally catch up with those who made a difference in their lives.

Because the project is new, we're still brainstorming for a name. If you have an idea of what to call our faculty update section, email your suggestion to alumnifw@taylor.edu or post it on our [Facebook page](#). If your name suggestion is picked, we'll send you a free item from our [online store](#).

Upcoming Events

We're looking forward to some great alumni events, including:

- May 5 - Reception & Singspiration - 3 & 4:30 p.m.
- May 7 - "Spirit Night" at Chick-Fil-A Jefferson Pointe, Ft. Wayne. Wear FWBC, SCC, TUFW or TU apparel and get a free sandwich.
- May 17 - Roommate Appreciation Day
- June 3-7 - "Staycation" & Work Week at Resource Center
- June 17 - "Ivanhoe's on the Go!" in Ft. Wayne
- July 22 - "Alumni Night at the TinCaps"
- September 13-14 - Class Reunions & Fort Wayne Celebrates!

For more information on these events and more, [click here](#).

New Distinguished Campus Servants



Have you checked our [Distinguished Campus Servants page](#) recently? If not, you may be excited to know that we have added two faculty and one staff member to the page: **David Biberstein g66**, **Forest Weddle g53**, and **Agnes Saddington ha09**. The Resource Center offers the *Distinguished Campus Servants* section as an online resource to explore the stories behind beloved Fort Wayne faculty and staff. Viewers can

read each highlighted staff member's biography, view a photo slideshow and timeline, and even leave a tribute, thanking the individuals who impacted them as students. [Click here](#) to go directly to the page.

Special thanks goes to **Shellie (Kale) Burden g91**, volunteer, who generally completes the interviews for **Kathryn Fenstermacher cs13**, volunteer and student intern, to write up. Then, **Dr. Jay Platte g69**, volunteer archive coordinator, posts them online, inserting a photo library. It's a time consuming task, but we believe our alumni will enjoy this feature.

Singspiration & Reception on May 5

The Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center is planning a City-wide Singspiration at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at First Missionary Church, 701 W Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne. A special



invitation also goes out to Retirees, Loyal Servants, and those who have volunteered at the Resource Center, to attend a reception beforehand, starting at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The afternoon will be a unique time of fellowship and encouragement for all alumni AND friends from congregations through the city. We look forward to sharing an afternoon with many of you, *reconnecting* through joyful song. A free-will offering will be collected.

Please RSVP by May 1 to bill_gerig@taylor.edu or call [260.744.8790](tel:260.744.8790). Please invite other friends!

Blessings to you!

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

P.S. Yesterday, the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center was saddened to hear of the bombings at the Boston Marathon and those killed or injured. We were pleased to hear that **Michael g05** and **Kara Smith** and **Heather MacPhee fs05** were not among those impacted. Michael had been at the finish line about an hour before, but left to take care of his dog, according to his Facebook Timeline. Thank you Lord for your protection, but we pray for the others. Please stay tuned to our [Facebook](#) when events like this occur here and abroad, as we deeply care for our "Fort Wayne vine community."



Along Rudisill...

- The Fort Wayne Alumni Council will meet from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at the Resource Center. In addition to approving several reports, the Council will continue to develop our three-to five-year plan, discuss possible alumni awards and the theme of our winter issue of the *FW Vine*, and brainstorm possible web enhancements to help us in our mission to *care, connect, and celebrate*. Please [email us](#) any suggestions or prayer concerns, as we will take time to pray together.
- The Resource Center team is thankful for the financial gifts we have received from alumni and friends this fiscal year. Currently, we have received nearly \$40,000 of the \$60,000 necessary to support our staff, our programming, and other aspects of our ongoing ministry. Your gifts and participation, of any size, are what allow us to continue. Please help us meet our fiscal year financial goal: visit fw.taylor.edu/support/giving BEFORE May 31.



- **Shawn Harrison g09** recently published his book, *Ministering to Gay Teenagers*, with Group.com. Based on Harrison's personal experience, the book is a resource to equip youth workers, leaders, and families to engage in authentic ministry with gay teenagers in need of grace. The book is available for purchase at simplyyouthministry.com.
- **John Gerig g81** recently received his Doctorate in Practical Theology from the University of Wales, England.
- **Nina (Thomas) Anderson g09** received a second license for ministry in order to fulfill her new role at New Life Providence Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia.s.
- 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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Friday – 8 to 5 p.m.

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... 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 anytime!