



New Opportunities Spring Up at AGS



Springtime is a time to grow and to explore, and Tabor College School of Adult & Graduate Studies has been exploring additional degree offerings at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. AGS program directors have been working with several external stakeholders regarding opportunities for new and revised curricular offerings. The Education Department hosted community members, and the Business Department hosted key advisory personnel to provide voice regarding potential new degree offerings. During his recent visit to campus, Dr. Luciano L'Abate (g'50), who was honored for his achievements in the field of psychology, met with key stakeholders regarding the potential for a new online master's degree. New degrees are currently being explored in each department.

As students, you have a voice as well. You are invited to participate in student advisory groups. These meetings provide a more formal method of active student engagement. The Nursing Student Advisory Group began several years ago and meets two to three times each year. Issues discussed include curricular changes, use of PDAs, and future program development. The next meeting will take place on May 7.

Please contact Gina Willems at ginaw@tabor.edu if you are interested in serving in this advisory capacity in your discipline or for the School!

President Shares Optimistic Vision for Tabor

Tabor College President Dr. Jules Glanzer has outlined an optimistic and pragmatic plan to redesign the college for the future, while conceding that the economic downturn has forced him to cut more than \$500,000 from the operating budget and reduce 11 highly-valued employees from the campus workforce, beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

In a difficult speech delivered to faculty and staff on Friday, April 3, Glanzer said that, despite record-high student enrollment, fallout from the current recession left him no choice but to make painful cuts in the school's \$10 million operating budget, including the loss of three full-time faculty members and eight members of the administrative staff.

"Tabor College is made up of wonderful people," Glanzer said. "People who sacrifice, believe in our mission, and are committed to Christ and His way in life. I love this place and I love the people that make up Tabor College. That is also the cause for the deep pain that I feel as I read these words."

"I am convinced that Tabor has a bright future," Glanzer added, "but Tabor will need to embrace change, not because things are broken at Tabor, but so we can be prepared for a future which we do not know and in which we want to continue our mission being accomplished and our vision becoming a reality.

"We are preparing a new generation for a new world that is hard for us to even imagine. This then requires a new Tabor as well."

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Upcoming Class Start Dates:

- MBA 4—September 3
- CHM 23—September 10
- BUA 25—September 10
- BSN 26—September 14
- BSN 27—September 15
- BSN 28—September 17

AGS Welcomes Master of Education Programs

Two new programs are in the final developmental stages at AGS. Both programs can lead to a Master of Education degree.

Transition 2 Teaching is designed for individuals wishing to enter the teaching field who have a bachelor's degree in their content field but who need the professional education course work necessary to obtain a license to teach. To participate in the program individuals must pass the licensure test in their content field and have been hired by a school district to teach in their field. The *Transition 2 Teaching* Program will provide pedagogical courses and supervision for these participants to enable them to obtain a standard teaching license. The program will have an outreach to Western Kansas but participants are welcome from any location in Kansas because most course work is on line. It is anticipated that the program will begin in time for the 2009-2010 school year with the first class (on site induction occurring in early August 2009). Completers of the Tabor College program may enroll for three additional courses which will lead to a master's degree.

The second program is a revitalized Master of Education Program organized around the theme of the *Teacher Leader*. Currently in Kansas, there is an oversupply of individuals who have administrative credentials. This program is designed for the teacher who wishes to remain in the classroom and yet wants to be a school leader. The program will consist of courses designed to prepare the candidate to make a difference in the school and those who are touched by their school. The program is approximately 36 hours in length with some classes being interdisciplinary in organization. The first class is scheduled to start in September.

If you are interested in either of these programs, please contact Dr. Donna Bagley, at 620-947-3121 or don-nab@tabor.edu.



Shop Tabor Online!

Tabor's Website now features **"JAYSHOP ONLINE"**. Links are under "Experience Tabor" then **"JAYSHOP ONLINE"**, and, at the bottom left of the home page under "Campus Highlights" then "Tabor's New Online Store". Or, type in <http://jayshop.tabor.edu/>

According to Kirby Fadenrecht, VP of Business and Finance, the online store commences after nearly two years of effort in researching online store programs, vendors, consultants, and, then receiving training and implementing page design.

Fadenrecht said, "Tell all your friends and family, prospective students, alumni and neighbors that they can now shop the Tabor Bookstore without leaving the comfort of their homes through **JAYSHOP ONLINE**."

TCW Students & Employees--a special drop-down option is available for you under "shipment method." If you choose this shipping option there will be a \$1.00 handling fee per entire order instead of the much high USPS shipping fees. Then the products will be sent to you at TCW through the Tabor inter-campus mail.

"I hope you all enjoy this new option and can take advantage of it! We will continually update JayShop with new apparel as it is available," said Twyla Burke, Tabor Bookstore Manager.

Technology Update

AGS is pleased to have the addition of three new computers in Classrooms 1, 2 & 3. We are also expecting the arrival of projection screens in Classrooms 2 & 3, which will facilitate more options for classroom instruction.

Presently, we have temporary wired labs set up in Classrooms 1 & 4. We appreciate your continued patience while our IT administrators are working to get the issues with our wireless connection resolved as soon as possible.



Do you have news or a photo you would like to share in the next issue of the AGS Newsletter? Send to ginaw@tabor.edu.

Gloom and doom. That seems to be the order of the day as we daily hear bad news on top of more bad news about the state of affairs of businesses. Unemployment rates rising above eight-percent is certainly not good news for the economy. However, when people become unemployed or underemployed, some take advantage of this opportunity and launch their own enterprises. The reality of

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Pursuing the Possibilities

Some see demise and others see opportunities. The AGS Business Department is pursuing opportunities. A Community Advisory Group met on Wednesday, March 3rd

to explore the feasibility of new programs and academic offerings in the area of business. The advisory group consists of business leaders, consultants, and entrepreneurs who provide a wealth of knowledge in areas of small business development and success.

Considerations guiding the advisory group include the increase of highly talented individuals who find themselves unemployed and are positioned to chase their own dreams or provide value in the marketplace. The other opportunity the group is exploring is the small business owner with a profitable enterprise who is seeking to weather this financial storm and take their company to the next level.

The advisory group sees opportunity for providing workshops, seminars, resources, and even educational outcomes including certificates of study, associate, and bachelor’s degrees. But most importantly, they are eager to offer the power of education to help transform struggling, profitable, and future entrepreneurs to succeed in the marketplace.

For more information, please contact Tony Myers, Business Program Director.

MBA Students Excel as Leaders

The strengths-based MBA was designed with a revolutionary goal in mind: to accelerate development and performance as a leader. Students in the MBA are poised to educate their organization about what measurements matter in developing people and growing the business.

A strengths-based approach stems from the belief that the key to success already resides within the student, the organization and its leaders—in the talents brought into the learning and organizational environments. By identifying, nurturing, and capitalizing on these talents through acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills to develop strengths, you can achieve excellence—and so can entire organizations.

Todd Lewis completed his undergraduate in business from Tabor in 2007, and he considered his options before choosing the strengths-based MBA at Tabor. Todd shares his experience in the program:

“I wanted to convey how much I attribute my professional development, specifically my success in proposing--and now implementing--a comprehensive leadership development program at Youthville to my MBA coursework and to the very precise feedback you have given regarding my coursework and presentations. I am now leading a project team comprised of several levels of agency leadership. I am continually reminded that my decision to stay at Tabor for my MBA was the right decision.”

-Todd Lewis, Human Resources Coordinator, Youthville

Check Out these STEPS Courses for Summer ‘09!

PSY 103—Myers Briggs Type Indicator

BIO 100—Environmental Science

COM 131—Public Speaking

ENG 100—Basic Writing

HIS 121—United States History

BRS 250/450—The Leadership Summit 2009

BRS 103 Personal Spiritual Development

ENG 101—English Composition I

SOC 113—Introduction to Sociology

PSC 112—American Government

PHL 170—Introduction to Philosophy

For specific course dates and descriptions, please refer to the AGS Academic Catalog or to the flyers posted on the TCW campus.

For a list of additional Summer Online Courses, see www.tabor.edu or flyers posted on campus.

AGS Introduces New Faculty, Including Some Familiar Faces

AGS is pleased to introduce you to our newest faculty members.

Larry McCrary is teaching Bible courses in the Christian Ministries and Nursing Departments.

In addition, we have welcomed back two familiar faces to the AGS community.

Janice Wilson and **La Veta Jarrett**, both proud Tabor College BSN alums, have returned to now teach in the BSN program.

Sylvia B. Penner, Tabor College Hillsboro alum, has also joined our MBA adjunct faculty.

These faculty were asked to provide the following information about themselves in order to allow you the opportunity to get to know them a bit better.

Larry McCrary



Currently teaching: Christian Ministries classes and the Bible Journeys class in the nursing program.

Career Info: A Baptist pastor in Kansas since 1988; taught as an adjunct at Friends University since 1998; became hospice chaplain in 2005 and currently holds that position with Home Health of Kansas (in Wichita)

Education: B.A. (English/Biblical studies double major) from Blue Mountain College, Mississippi; M.Div (Theology) Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX; Ph.D. (New Testament Studies) also from Southwestern Seminary

Family Info: Married to Jan for almost 35 years, currently living in Goddard; three grown children, a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, whom we enjoy seeing as often as possible.

Hobbies: Board games with the family, swimming, jogging, enjoy reading mysteries (John Grisham fan)

On teaching at Tabor: Great atmosphere for teaching and building relationships.

Favorite Verse: Ephesians 5:20, "always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Gratitude goes along way toward enhancing our relationships with God, family and friends.

La Veta Jarrett



Currently teaching: Health Assessment

Career Info: Administrator for Care 2000 Home Health Care

Education: I will complete my MSN in 13 weeks from FHSU.

Family Info: Daughter, Courtney, age 18— Best thing that ever happened to me!

Hobbies: Graduate School

On teaching at Tabor: I have wanted to be part of the Tabor family since graduation in 2006, I am truly blessed to have this opportunity.

Motto: I try to base my daily life on serving others in Christ name. He washed feet - I certainly can do anything He calls me to do. It is a constant challenge to face the world and keep this in mind - but any strength I have comes through Him.

Janice Wilson



Currently teaching: Exploring Professional Nursing Opportunites

Career Info: Program Director, Nursing, Wichita Area Technical College

Education: Diploma in Nursing, Lutheran Medical Center School of Nursing, St. Louis, MO, 1974; Tabor College, BSN 2006; Walden University, MS in Nursing Management and Leadership, 2008

Family info: My husband, Michael, and I were married in April of 2007. Between us we have 4 children – Sara (32), Anna (28), Michelle (19), and Daniel (15), and one grandson, Caiden (2 ½).

Hobbies: My "free" time is spent as the health ministries director at my church, where I teach a variety of health programs

and serve on the Church Board. I also enjoy gardening and attempting to learn how to play my hammered dulcimer.

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-Janice Wilson

As soon as I attended my first class at Tabor, I knew this was a special place, and that I wanted to remain "connected." It was Tabor that gave me a passion to continue my education and as soon as I finished my degree, I knew I wanted to

return and be a part of this unique Christian ministry.

Favorite Quote: "Human nature is ever struggling for expression, ready for contest; but he who learns of Christ is emptied of self, of pride, of love of supremacy, and there is silence in the soul...while our Savior is the great source of illumination, forget not, O Christian, that He is revealed through humanity... Humanity, united to the divine nature, must touch humanity" –E.G. White, *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*.

Sylvia B. Penner

Currently teaching: Legal and Ethical Business Environment

Career Info/Employer: Fleeson, Gooing, Couslon & Kitch L.L.C.

Education: Tabor College, Biology Bachelor of Arts; University of Kansas, Juris Doctor

Family Info: Married to Craig Penner

Hobbies: Soccer, basketball, running, reading, music, traveling

On teaching at Tabor: It has been a real pleasure to serve the TC AGS community as an adjunct faculty member. As an adjunct professor, I, like so many of my students, enjoy the challenge of preparing for class every week while juggling a full-time job and family. It certainly makes the weeks fly by! Consequently, I have a tremendous respect for each of my students because I know how hard they must work in order to stay afloat. Their dedication has been an inspiration to me. It is a joy to be surrounded each week by such a diverse group of interesting and passionate people.

Favorite verse: Psalm 4:8, "I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."



Helmer Named Interim Assistant Chair of Nursing Department

Brenda Helmer, AGS Nursing Faculty since 2007, is acting Interim Assistant Chair of Nursing for the Spring term.

In addition to teaching Nursing in the Community, Practicum and Capstone courses, Helmer is currently assisting the department with various administrative and organizational tasks and projects.

"Teaching and working at Tabor College has been one of the best decisions that I have ever made. It is a joy to come to work each day, knowing that my colleagues and the students truly understand what being a part of a decidedly Christian educational atmosphere is about," says Helmer, who earned her MSN from the University of Missouri this past year.

She added, "I really feel that being at Tabor is a 'vacation at work.'"

Helmer also works as a school nurse for Andover Public Schools, USD #385.

She has been married to her husband, Dan, for 25 years, and they have three sons: Danny, Joey, and Josh; and a Shihtzu named K.C.

In her spare time, Helmer enjoys reading, surfing the internet, walking her dog, and watching all sports on TV and in person

Her favorite verse is I Corinthians 13:4-7: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."



Brenda Helmer

ATTN: NURSING STUDENTS!

You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Nursing Student Advisory Council on May 7, 2009, 12-1 p.m. in Classroom #1.

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Gina Willems.

Attention New Students!

Do you have your Tabor College ID card yet?

- *If you are new to AGS and have not received an official Tabor ID card, please contact Gina Willems, ginaw@tabor.edu, or call 729-6333.*

Problems logging on?

- *If you are not able to access your My Tabor or Groupwise accounts, please contact Gina Willems, ginaw@tabor.edu, or call 729-6333.*



Diversity Kansas is please to announce our Leadership Summit, LeadDiversity , June 25-27, 2009 at Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kansas.

LeadDiversity helps college students to:

- Develop skills and passion for leadership
- Become eager to transform their colleges and society
- Work together to find creative solutions to complex problems
- Be ready to embrace cross racial, ethnic and religious lines to build a better *community*

LeadDiversity participants learn to:

- Respect and value their own culture, traditions and history while embracing and valuing those different from themselves.

This year, the Wichita Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) is providing seven full scholarships. Students must act soon to apply as the scholarships are limited. For more information on this conference, or to fill out a scholarship application, visit www.diversitykansas.org or contact Adam Penner, 729-6333.



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May 7— Nursing Student Advisory Council
May 22— BSN Pinning Ceremony
May 23— Commencement
Aug. 27— MBA 4 Orientation*
Sept. 3— CHM 23 Orientation*
Sept. 11 & 12— BSN 28 Online Orientation*

**See front page for class start dates.*

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