



AGS celebrates the Season's Blessings



It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of another term at the School of Adult and Graduate Studies! Although we boast of "accelerated learning," it's difficult to see the time fly by so quickly, especially when we want to savor all the wonderful things happening around us and the relationships we have with each other.

So many wonderful things have happened in the past year at AGS. It's been exciting to welcome several new groups of students, including our first three MBA cohorts. Although we've said goodbye to BUA, BSN, and CHM cohorts who have finished their programs, what a blessing it is to see these alumni take what they've learned and make a difference in the world around them. I hear stories of our alumni who are not only using their degrees to advance in their careers, but to sacrificially serve others and impact lives. Even after leaving Tabor they are helping to fulfill Tabor President Jules Glanzer's vision that Tabor College will be the "Best college *FOR* the world!"

So as we all find ourselves gearing up for the end of 2008, I challenge you to take some time to slow down and prepare for the Christmas season. Don't let it fly by without taking time to reflect on your blessings of the past year. I wish you a very blessed Christmas season.

~Tona Leiker, Dean

AQIP affirms Tabor's Accreditation

On November 5-7, 2008, the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), visited the Tabor campus for a Quality Checkup Visit. Consultant evaluators met with Tabor personnel, as well as groups of current students and alumni to dialog about Tabor's improvement initiatives.

Following the visit, President Jules Glanzer said, "It is with great joy and deep appreciation that I announce that Tabor College has received the official Quality Checkup Report from the Higher Learning Commission and we have received a "clean bill of health."

Glanzer added, "We are affirmed and commended for the work that we are doing and the continuous improvement that we are making as an institution. I am proud to be a part of Tabor."

AQIP provides an alternative process through which an already-accredited institution can maintain its accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. AQIP is built upon quality improvement principles and processes and involves a structured set of goal-setting, networking and accountability activities.

Since 1965, Tabor has been regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Spring Class Start Dates:

- MBA 3—December 1
- CHM 22—February 2
- BSN 24—February 11
- BSN 25—February 12
- BUA 25—February 26



Join us!

For a Christmas Open House

December 17 & 18

10 am - 6 pm

Tabor College School of Adult & Graduate Studies

*We invite you to stop in and join us as we
celebrate the Christmas season.*

Warm drinks and sweet treats will be provided!

Applications are available for the

Soroptimist International

Women's Opportunity Awards

Scholarships of \$3000-\$5000

To be eligible for this award, you must:

- 1) Be a woman with primary financial responsibility for supporting your family;
- 2) Attend or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program, or an undergraduate degree program;
- 3) Have financial need;
- 4) Be motivated to achieve your educational and career goals.

Deadline: December 15, 2008

See Adam Penner for additional materials and applications.

From the Office of Student Accounts

Re: Unofficial Transcripts

Due to a high amount of processing fees for unofficial transcripts, Tabor College will no longer be sending students a copy of their unofficial transcript via mail, unless requested. If you receive Employer Assistance and need your transcript sent to you or your employer, you must notify Misty Smithson, Student Accounts. Please be aware that this service is not provided by most academic institutions unless a student provides a transcript request form.

For general requests that are not tuition reimbursement related, visit *My Tabor* to verify transcript information.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Misty Smithson at 316.729.6333, ext.209, or via e-mail at mistys@tabor.edu.

STEPS Program offers Variety this Spring

Check out these STEPS courses for the Spring Term!

- HIS 102 World War II Seminar (1 credit hour)
- ENG 102 English Composition II (3 credit hours)
- BUS 416 Human Resource Management (3 credit hours)
- HIS 290 History of Christianity (4 credit hours)
- HUM 202 The Humanistic Tradition: Renaissance to Present (3 credit hours)
- MUS 200 Music Appreciation (2 credit hours)
- NUR 456 Advanced Clinical Pharmacology (3 credit hours)
- ENG 305 Advanced Business Writing (3 credit hours)

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



Marissa Boese, Hetaf Shaban, and Tisha Wikum look over some options available in the STEPS program.

Attention STEPS students! Did you know that it is possible to complete your 54 hours within a year and join a cohort the following term? Contact Jitana Graf, STEPS Program Director, for more information.

MBA Program adds Seven

-Tony Myers

December 1, 2008, marked the first night of class for the third group of MBA students enrolled in the only graduate program currently being offered by Tabor College School of Adult and Graduate Studies.

The MBA programs at Tabor now have a total of 17 students enrolled in the program.

The new cohort has a strong healthcare perspective, as three of the students currently work in healthcare settings, and a fourth student brings years of healthcare experience as well.

The “strength-based” curriculum, emphasized by MBA Director Dr. Linda Cantwell, former consultant with the Gallup Organization, continues to be a popular component of the program. Tabor continues to be the only school in the Wichita market that offers this unique and distinctive alternative.

The MBA program is designed to prepare graduates for leadership positions by capitalizing on the talents and skills of human resources in adding value to organizations. While students are not required to have a degree or background in business, pre-requisites include a Bachelor’s degree, proficient communication skills, and required recommendations. If interested, candidates can still join the current cohort, which started on December 1.

If you know of qualified candidates who would benefit from this dynamic program, or for more information, please contact Adam Penner, Program Representative, for more information.

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\$ Important Financial Aid Reminder \$

The semester is almost over! If you have not yet received financial aid and would like to, see Adam.

Pinning Celebration honors BSN 16 Students



BSN students from left: Ruth Staats, Dawn Wilson, Lisa Slife, Rita McKenzie, Ladean Kolb, Nicol Fleming, and Abby Bornholdt. (Not pictured: Cecelia Newman.)

Eight nurses who recently completed the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) program were honored in a Pinning Celebration held Oct. 12.

“The world is a better place with this group of women giving nursing care to patients wherever they may be,” said President Jules Glanzer, who gave the keynote address at the ceremony. “My heart was touched as I heard stories of those who had worked so hard to become better equipped to serve.” With the pinning of this 16th cohort, more than 100 nurses have now

graduated from the program since its inception in 2001.

“It is an exciting time for our graduates and for the program,” said Dean Tona Leiker, Chair of the Nursing Department. “Our graduates are continuing to serve patients and their families throughout Kansas with a solid foundation in the liberal arts and evidence-based practice,” she added. “They continue to lead in nursing and initiate careers in community health nursing and nursing education.”

In her student address, Dawn Wilson added, “Nursing is not just a vocation; it is a calling, a passion and we are well prepared to continue to make a difference in the lives of our patients.”



AGS welcomes New Faculty

In addition to welcoming new students this fall, we are pleased to introduce you to a few new instructors to the AGS classrooms.

Brian Woods has just joined us as adjunct faculty for BUA and STEPS. He has been with Cessna Aircraft Company for two years and currently serves as Supervisor of Supply Management on the Fabricated Components Commodity Team.



Brian Woods

Brian is a BUA 17 graduate from Tabor College, and just completed his Masters of Science in Business Administration with a focus on International Business from Baker University.

“I support the mission of Tabor and believe that it is the best program available in the area.” Brian said. “One of

my greatest desires is to give back for those who gave me the opportunities that I have today. I am honored to return to Tabor as an instructor and take that responsibility very seriously.”

Brian added, “Education is a core value of mine. It is one of the few things that cannot be taken away from an individual.”

Brian resides in Wichita, with his wife Brenda, who also is an adjunct instructor at AGS, and their 11-year-old son, Noah.

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-Brian Woods

In addition to teaching in his spare time, Brian enjoys riding his motorcycle on extended road trips and spending quality time with his family.

Robert Zavala just recently joined AGS as adjunct faculty for STEPS, and is currently teaching the Basic Math course. Robert and his family moved to Kansas from sunny California five months ago. He also teaches at Butler Community College in El Dorado.



Robert Zavala

Robert has a strong passion for teaching and learning mathematics. He quotes Albert Einstein: “As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain; and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality.” Robert’s interests include bicycle riding, fishing and spending time with his family, which includes his wife, Monica, and their 14-year-old daughter, Madelyn.

AGS Family News

The following current and former BSN students were inducted into the *Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International*, the national honors society for nursing students, on November 23:

Marissa Boese, BSN 19
Ladean Kolb, BSN 16
Marlana Mills, BSN 15
Carol Price, BSN 19
Ruth Staats, BSN 16
Dawn Wilson, BSN 16

Marissa Boese, BSN 19 student, also received the Iota Chi Excellence in Scholarship Award for the nursing student from Tabor College with the highest earned cumulative GPA.

Nursing faculty member, **Marlene Pietrocola**, has been appointed to the Kansas Board of Directors for Health-care Ethics, beginning January 2009.

Nursing faculty member, **Sharon Tyson**, represented Tabor College at the Via Christi Med Surg conference on November 14. On display at the conference were capstone posters by **Marvin Miller** (BSN 14 alum) and **Dawn Wilson** (BSN 16 alum).



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.



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AGS donates items to Homeless

As part of her capstone project in the BSN program, BSN 16 student Carol Price directed the Davita Dialysis coat drive this fall, inviting the AGS community to donate coats for the homeless.

In addition, Price is currently directing a hygiene drive for the Wichita Rescue Mission this Christmas.

Students and faculty are encouraged to bring donations of hygiene items, including soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos, lotions, etc., to the collection box located at TCW. Items collected by Tuesday, December 16 will then be given to the Union Rescue Mission to hand out to the homeless this Christmas season. Carol says, "We are all so blessed in so many ways, but there are those not as fortunate. Your donations will be greatly appreciated!"

A personal note of thanks. . . "I would like to thank everyone who gave to our coat drive for the homeless. It was a huge success in that we got 80 coats! Seventy of the coats went to the Union Rescue Mission and the women's coats found homes also. The other ten went to a homeless shelter in Emporia for men. The man in charge said that he had just prayed the day before for coats, as winter was fast approaching. Your kindness and generosity will help many keep warm this winter."

~Carol Price, RN

In the event of inclement weather conditions. . .



The School of Adult and Graduate Studies will not close unless extreme weather conditions prevail. Students and staff are encouraged to consider their own safety when making travel decisions. Faculty is asked to be understanding when people are absent because of weather-related circumstances.

If a week-day class is canceled, AGS office staff will notify the instructor and students via their Groupwise email accounts or by phone as soon as possible on that day. A decision to cancel a class will be made and posted **three hours** in advance. Students are encouraged to check the AGS website and *My Tabor* for weather cancellations.

In the event of inclement weather on a Saturday, students are advised to check the website and listen to KFDI 101.3 for cancellations. The missed class will need to be made up, and how that is done is the responsibility of the class and instructor.

TABOR STORE COMES TO TCW!

Looking for some gift ideas this Christmas? Check out our display of "Tabor wear" and accessories, including hoodies, jerseys, caps, baby bibs and apparel for kids and adults. Items will be on display for just a short time, so be sure to stop in and fill out an order form to have your purchases delivered by Christmas!



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work and service for Christ
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The Tabor College Wichita offices will
be closed

December 24 through January 1, 2009.

The Staff of AGS wishes you and your
loved ones a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.

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Mark Your Calendars

December 1 – MBA Class Start
February 2 – CHM 22 Class Start
February 11 – BSN 24 Class Start
February 12 – BSN 25 Class Start
February 26 – BUA 25 Class Start
May 22 – BSN Pinning Ceremony
May 23 – Commencement

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