



AGS NEWSLETTER

Wise men still seek Him



This is the time of year that calls us all to stop and focus on that incredible gift that was sent to us two thousand years ago. The ordinary shepherds and the wisest of men recognized the world's need for a Savior. They sought after Him. What inexpressible relief and joy they must've felt upon the arrival of God's ultimate gift to mankind. And how passionately they must've been in spreading the Word.

Amid the stress and chaos of life, it is obvious that we all need a Savior. Just as the shepherds left their fields and the wise men journeyed through the desert, may we all continue to seek and serve the one who came to give us hope, peace and purpose in this life.

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And they shall call his name Immanuel, God With Us.”

Luke 2:11.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas and New Year,

~Dean Tona Leiker and the AGS Staff



We invite you to join us
in celebrating the Christmas season

at

Tabor College School of Adult and Graduate Studies

Cookies, Cocoa and Cider

December 14th thru December 17th

Come & Go

10am to 7pm each day



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Spring 2010 Cohort Start Dates:

- BUA 25 — Jan. 21, 6 p.m.
- BSN 29 — Jan. 26, 9 a.m.
- BSN 30 — Jan. 27, 6 p.m.
- BSN 31 — Jan. 28, Online
- CHM 23 — Jan. 28, 6 p.m.
- MBA 5 — Feb. 18, 6 p.m.

AGS Graduates Twentieth Cohort of Nursing Students



(Left to Right) Tammy Barber, Tracy Buresh, Kelly Fields, *Cassy Jimenez*, Abigail Olivier, Constance Rudkin and Patricia Rust.

Tabor College School of Adult and Graduate Studies has graduated its twentieth cohort of nursing students. Upon the completion of the RN-BSN program, seven nurses (*pictured at left*) received their BSN pins at a ceremony held on October 11, 2009 at First Mennonite Brethren Church, Wichita, Kan.

Speakers for the event included Tona Leiker, Dean and Chair of Nursing; President Jules Glanzer; Susan Fry, Nursing Faculty; and Lawrence Ressler, Provost.

Each of the students wrote personal reflections, which were read by the nursing faculty during the ceremony. Bryan and Julie Miller, brother-in-law and sister of *Cassy Jimenez*, BSN 20 graduate, provided special music. Constance Rudkin, BSN 20 graduate, gave the student response. Following the program,

the graduates and their guests attended a reception in their honor.

"We wish God's blessings upon these students as they go out into their communities and continue to learn, work and serve Christ and His kingdom," says Leiker.

RN-BSN PROGRAM UPDATE

The Nursing Department continues to expand with program developments in distance education and a new Online program this fall. Students in northwest Kansas are able to participate in the evening cohort program through interactive Internet connections at Colby (Kan.) Community College campus.

In addition, a new cohort of students began our online program on Friday, September 11, 2009 with a weekend intensive orientation to the School of Adult and Graduate Studies and their first course, NUR 310 Exploring Professional Nursing Opportunities. Students in both cohorts have expressed appreciation for the new opportunities and the college's willingness to work through the accreditation processes to achieve the necessary approvals from the Higher Learning Commission and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education to make our RN-BSN degree completion available to more registered nurses throughout Kansas.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

By Joy Mark, Chief IT Specialist

Starting in their next class, Colby nursing students will have access to netbooks during the duration of their program. Netbooks are small laptop computers designed primarily for Internet access. This will put them on level footing with Wichita students, who have access to Internet-enabled laptops, and will aid in the administration of testing and similar class functions.

Classrooms 2 and 3, in which the Christian Ministries and Business degree completion programs primarily meet, will have new projection equipment installed by the end of December. This means no more TV screens; instead, faculty will be able to work from a computer at a desk and project to screens, saving some physical space in these tight classrooms and providing better quality graphics!

BUA Program Director Resigns from Tabor College

Tony Myers, Director of Enrollment Management, Program Director for Business Administration, and Co-Director of the MBA program at AGS, has announced his resignation, effective January 1, 2010.

"This was not an easy decision," Myers said. "I am grateful for the rewarding employment that I have had with Tabor and more specifically with the AGS team."

According to Myers, the main reason for his decision is his desire to fulfill his dream and goal of earning a doctoral degree. "This could be achieved by working and pursuing school, but I am fortunate to have the support and blessing of my wife and family that I can pursue this next level as a full-time student without the

commitment of juggling full-time work and school," said Myers.

"I will miss working with the AGS team and the students whom we are blessed to work with." He added, "I pray for God's blessings for Tabor College and pray that God continues to guide the institution in the work of transforming lives for Christ and his kingdom."

Spring '10 STEPS Courses

- BUS 416 Human Resource Management
- ENG 102 English Composition II
- SOC 113 Introduction to Sociology
- BUS 107 Improving Work Dynamics
- MUS 200 Music Appreciation
- HUM 202 The Humanistic Tradition:
Renaissance to Present
- BRS 204 Gospel of John
- BUS 103 Budgeting Basics
- NUR 456 Advanced Clinical Pharmacology
- NUR 455 Topics in Nursing

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



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The 09-10 AGS Academic Catalog is now available online at www.tabor.edu. Printed copies are available to '09-'10 students by request.

Spread the Word!

As a Tabor student or alum, you can earn up to \$200 for every student you refer to

Tabor College!

(See Adam for complete details.)



Looking for some last-minute stocking stuffers?

Check out our display of Tabor Wear and accessories. Items including t-shirts, blankets, caps, mugs and license plates will be for sale in the TCW Conference Room during December.



Find us on
Facebook

Become a fan of the new Tabor College, School of Adult and Graduate Studies page on Facebook! Just search for "Tabor College" on Facebook and you'll see our page. Connect with fellow students, alumni and staff. ***Also, keep an eye out for events, contests and prizes.*** See you there!

New Faculty and Staff

Deonne Johnson

has joined AGS full-time as an Assistant Professor of Nursing. She teaches Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice, and Health Assessment, and will be facilitating the practicum for Leadership and Management in the nursing program. Johnson also occasionally teaches part-time for Indiana Wesleyan University in their RN to BSN program. Prior to coming to Tabor, she taught at Hutchinson Community College, Northern Illinois University, and Bethel College.



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Johnson received her BSN from NIU, DeKalb, Illinois in 1986, and earned her MSN in 1992. She and husband, Gary, have two grown children. Their son, Brad, lives in Wichita and works as a computer specialist for Cargill. Their daughter, Melissa, is married with two girls, Shaelin, 5 and Ava, 2, and they are expecting a third in March. Johnson's interests include music, sewing, NASCAR, and "I love animals!" she says. Regarding her impression of AGS so far, "It's so supportive and positive, everyone smiles and wants to help," she says. "I appreciate being encouraged to

grow and share spiritually."

One of Johnson's favorite verses is Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the well-spring of life."

Cynthia Ellis-Stoll

taught her first course, Exploring Professional Nursing Opportunities, at AGS this fall. In addition, she will be teaching online Statistics for BSN 28 this spring. Prior to coming to Tabor, Ellis-Stoll worked as an oncology nurse at St. Francis in Wichita for eight years, and she spent 25 years as a surgical nurse at St. Joseph, Wichita. She has taught undergraduate and graduate nursing courses at several universities including Newman, Wichita State, Texas Woman's University, and Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.



Ellis-Stoll received her PhD in Nursing, focused on Psychological Statistics/Measurement and Health Psych, from Kansas University in 2003.

She is married to Samson, an engineer at Boeing. She claims being "step-monster" to two wonderful boys in their mid twenties." In addition, she is the proud owner of three Scottie dogs. Her hobbies include growing roses, yardwork, walking, hiking, biking, and dogs. Regarding her experience at AGS thus far, Ellis-Stoll says, "The nicest people and colleagues I have ever met are at Tabor! And I have been to Texas where they call everyone 'y'all' and 'sweet pea'."

When asked to quote her favorite Bible verse, Ellis-Stoll says the one that comes to her mind every morning is, "This is the day the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad!"

Ronda Magness

is the new Admissions Representative for AGS. Magness graduated from the University of Kansas with a BS in Journalism, with an emphasis in marketing. She and Mike, her husband of 22 years, have one son, Shane, a junior at Chaparral High School. Magness loves listening to music, reading, going to movies, eating out, and shopping. When asked what she likes about working at Tabor, she replied, "I enjoy working with adult students. Some of them are nervous, but yet excited, just like a high school student is when choosing a college," she continued, "I like to



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-Ronda Magness

help people and encourage them to pursue their dreams." In doing so, Magness is living by one of her favorite verses, "Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good." Hebrews 10:24

Magness also strives to follow the advice of John F. Kennedy, who said, "One person can make a difference, and everyone should try."

AGS Family News

MBA Instructor **Sylvia B. Penner**, J.D., was presented with the 2009 Tabor College Alumni Merit Award on October 9, 2009.

The following BSN students were inducted into the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International on November 22, 2009: **Orion Dyson-Smith, Scott Hadley, Abigail Oliver, Patricia Rust, Betty Scarbrough** and **Tracy Trammell**. Alumni **Ronald Fay, Jeannie Harris** and **Georgina Munguya** were also inducted .

In addition, **Scott Hadley**, BSN 23, received the

Iota Chi Excellence in Scholarship Award for the nursing student from Tabor College with the highest cumulative GPA.

Abigail Oliver, BSN 20, and husband Christopher, welcomed a boy, Aymon Christopher, on September 3, 2009. Aymon was 8 lbs., 13 oz., 19.5 inches.



Aymon Oliver

If you have any news to share with the AGS Family, please submit to ginawa@tabor.edu.

****ATTENTION STUDENTS****

Are you checking your GroupWise e-mail?

Your GroupWise e-mail account may contain imperative information concerning your account status, financial aid, and academic information. Faculty and administration regularly communicate to you through your student e-mail. To access your GroupWise account:

- Log on to *My Tabor* at: <http://www.tabor.edu> using your student username and password.
- Click on *My Info* at the top.
- Further instructions are provided on the main page of *My Info*.

Need help? Contact Misty Smithson at 316.729.6333, or e-mail mistys@tabor.edu.

Have you looked at your bill lately?

We are past mid-term, and financial aid is coming in. If you have yet to receive your financial aid (see your most current monthly statement), please contact Adam Penner, Financial Aid Representative, as we may be missing certain documentation from you.

To avoid additional 'late fees' during the winter season, please make your payments on time. Account balances that are not paid in full by the last day of the term, December 31, 2009, will be denied additional enrollment for all future terms until paid. If you have questions regarding your monthly statement, please contact Misty Smithson, Student Accounts Representative.

WEATHER CLOSINGS

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 weekday 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.





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work and service for Christ
and His kingdom.*



Holiday Office Hours

Closed—Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

**Open—Dec. 21-31 (daytime
business hours only*)**

**Classes will not be in session,
and offices will be closed evenings Dec.
21 thru Jan. 1.**

***Please check your GroupWise email for
upcoming notifications regarding spe-
cific daytime hours.**

Have a Merry Christmas!

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Mark Your Calendars

Dec 14-17 Cookies, Cocoa and Cider

Dec. 21-Jan 1 Christmas Break

Jan. 4 Spring 2010 Term begins*

May 21 BSN Pinning Ceremony, 7 p.m.

May 22 Commencement, 10 a.m.

**See front page for class start dates.*

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