



## Spring Cohorts Begins

The Spring 2010 Term is in full swing at Tabor College School of Adult and Graduate Studies. During the month of February, AGS began five new cohorts of students within the Business, Christian Ministries, and Nursing Programs.

In addition, several new students joined the existing MBA cohorts last month. AGS currently has an enrollment of 131, which includes 92 full-time students.

As these new cohorts begin, several others will be ending this term. AGS will proudly graduate students from the following cohorts this May: BSN 21, BSN 22, BSN 23, BUA 23, BUA 24, CHM 21 and MBA 1.



### Attention AGS Graduates!

- The BSN Pinning Ceremony for BSN 21, 22 and 23 will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, May 22 at First Mennonite Brethren Church, 21st and Ridge Road.
- Tabor College Commencement will be Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m. at Tabor College in Hillsboro.
- A luncheon for AGS graduates and their families will follow the Commencement ceremony. Graduates soon will receive a letter with detailed information regarding tickets for the lunch and other special instructions.
- If you are in need of extra announcements, please contact Carolyn Tucker at [carolynt@tabor.edu](mailto:carolynt@tabor.edu).

#### SUMMER ONLINE!

The AGS Office is managing all Summer Online courses for Tabor College this year.

Course listings will soon be available on the bulletin board in the TCW Commons area, and at [www.tabor.edu](http://www.tabor.edu).

Courses will be held June 10 through August 10. Tuition is \$200/credit hour.

Students are responsible for purchasing their own textbooks for these courses.

In addition to online courses, AGS will offer additional STEPS courses on site this summer.

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## AGS Nursing Program Experiences Continued Growth

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The RN-BSN degree completion program at AGS now offers two distance education sites, which include a group of nursing students from Colby Community College, and another group at Larned State Hospital. These students join the Wichita classroom and instructors via ITV each week.

In addition, the nursing program started its second online cohort this spring with nine students. Prior to beginning their classes, these students met for a weekend orientation immersion at the Wichita campus.

"By expanding the nursing program through distance education and online formats, we are allowing an opportunity to these nurses who wouldn't otherwise have the access and resources available to earn their degrees," said Brenda Helmer, Assistant Professor of Nursing.

Regarding other news in the program, the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education, the College's accreditation organization, acknowledged these improvements at Tabor College at a recent board meeting.

This is an exciting time of continued growth for the nursing program with over 75 nursing students enrolled.



The six on-site students of BSN 29 are joined by two students nurses at Larned State Hospital each week for class via ITV.

### **Reminder to BSN 21, 22 and 23 Students:**

*If you would like invitations to send to friends and family for the Pinning Ceremony on May 22, please email [ginaw@tabor.edu](mailto:ginaw@tabor.edu), stating how many you need.*

## Board of Directors Approves AA Degree in Urban Ministry

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The Tabor Board of Directors has approved offering an Associate degree in Urban Ministry working with World Impact and its TUMI (The Urban Ministry Institute) program.

The Urban Ministry Institute is a non-accredited educational program. The new AA degree will enable TUMI graduates to pursue an accredited college degree in urban ministry from Tabor College AGS. The primary distinctive of this new program will be in its uniqueness in providing educational opportunities within the urban ministry context.

The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI) is the national training and educational arm of World Impact ministries. TUMI equips leaders for the urban church in order to advance the Kingdom of God within the inner city. While TUMI is headquartered in Wichita, and there are currently 63 different TUMI learning sites spread across the nation.

According to Jonathan Grubbs, Christian Ministries Program Director, this degree is just another example of how Tabor is continuing its mission of *preparing people for a life of learning, work and service for Christ in His kingdom*. "This degree provides a great and unique opportunity to build upon the relationship and integration between Tabor College and World Impact Ministries," said Grubbs.

# BUA Program Welcomes Interim, Approves Minor in Business

Lewis Lee, who has been teaching in the Business Department at AGS since 2007, has been named Interim Director of the Business Administration Program.

Lee, who is employed full-time at Spirit AeroSystems Inc. International Procurement. He graduated from Southern Nazarene University with a B.S. in Organizational Leadership and an M.B.A. in Management. In addition, he has a B.A. in Accounting from Southwestern College, and a Masters in Business Law from Friends University.

According to Lee, the new role he has taken on at Tabor allows him more interaction with the students. "I do not consider myself a teacher, but more of a facilitator of learning. The greatest element of learning here is the diversity the students bring to the classroom." He continued, "The program director position is a challenge, but I feel my life experiences will allow me to help the adult student on their educational journey."

Lee believes this is an exciting time to be in the business program at Tabor. Starting with BUA 25, Tabor will add a Business Simulation to the program. The business students will manage all areas of a global manufacturing company. The simulation will have the

students making decisions which will cover a ten year business cycle. They will keep a summary of all the decisions and the results, which will be submitted once the simulation is completed. The simulation will run about six months and will provide a practical learning experience.

In addition, AGS is in the process of offering a Minor in Business. We are still waiting for a final decision on a business minor and an associate degree in business. More information to come later.



Lewis Lee

*NOTE: A minor is a cohesive set of required and elective courses that, when completed by a student, connotes knowledge, competency or skills in discipline or topic area, but not to the extent of a major. A minor requires a minimum of 15 credit hours as set by the respective academic unit and college. A student must formally declare the minor for it to appear on the transcript of record. Minors, like concentrations, cannot be added after a degree is granted. (2009-10 AGS Academic Catalog, p 56).*

## AGS Technical Support



For technical support, please e-mail all requests to

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*This includes questions regarding:*

- E-mail (GroupWise)
- Website (MyTabor/LMS)
- Technology concerns
- System errors

## NEED CREDITS?

*It's not too late to enroll in STEPS courses this Spring!*



- HUM 202 The Humanistic Tradition: Renaissance to Present
- BRS 204 Gospel of John
- BUS 103 Budgeting Basics

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



### Become A Tabor College Facebook Fan

Just search for "Tabor College School of Adult and Graduate Studies" 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!

# Dalavai and Lewis join AGS Faculty

## Jayakar Dalavai

"Never withhold from sharing your knowledge and wisdom graciously and in humility," said, Dr. Jayakar Dalavai, a business professor and management expert from India, who is currently teaching Managerial Economics in the MBA Program.

**"Age is no barrier to education; pursue the right course and finish."**

*-Jayakar Dalavai*

Dalavai just completed his role as the first lecturer in Tabor's new Scholar in Residence Program on the Hillsboro campus. He and his wife Julia, who was also born and raised in India, but now reside in Bedford, Texas, were guests on the residential campus for the month of January. During that time, Dalavai taught Introduction to Business and gave public lectures on several topics.

Prior to being a professor and consultant in global communications and management studies, Dalavai was Principal and Director of Business Management for Loyola Academy and St. Anthony's College, both post graduate institutions affiliated to Osmania University Hyderabad, India. In addition, Dalavai has held management and IT consulting positions at California State Automobile Association, SPRINT, NORTEL and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (now Berkshire Hathaway Inc.).

Dalavai has more than six years of experience in academics and 30

years experience in IT, research, transportation and logistics arenas. He holds two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Mathematics and CIS, a Master of Business Administration in Management, Doctorate in Business Management and professional certifications (PMP) through the Project Management Institute (2000-2007) and SCPM through Stanford University.



**Jayakar Dalavai**

Dalavai writes articles for different management journals. His vision is to train young managers to adapt to the changing global environment.

Regarding his interest in teaching adult students, Dalavai said, "I always share this with my students, old or young: age is no barrier to education; pursue the right course and finish. One can never be a winner until he or she hits the end mark successfully."

## Todd Lewis

Mahatma Ghandi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Todd Lewis has not only experienced Tabor's mission of transforming lives first-hand, but he is committed to being a part of that mission in the lives of others. Although not new to the AGS community, Lewis has transitioned to a

new role—from student to instructor. Lewis received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Tabor Wichita and went on to become part of the first cohort of Tabor's MBA program, which will graduate this May.



**Todd Lewis**

Since his undergraduate days, Lewis has been a proud advocate for Tabor's Business programs. As the Human Resources Manager at Youthville, Lewis is always eager to incorporate the skills he learns through his education to impact his

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work. Lewis just finished teaching his first course, *Career Development and Life Planning*, which was the first course for BUA 25, the newest cohort in the Business program.

Lewis said, "I most enjoy the refreshing attitude AGS students bring to the classroom. They come to class ready to work. Most are sacrificing evenings with their families, so they have high expectations." He continued, "This continually challenges me, and I love it!"

# AGS Family News and Updates

**Dr. Aleen Ratzlaff**, Tabor faculty and Business Communications instructor at AGS, will present the 2009-2010 Dr. Richard G. Kyle Faculty Lecture, titled "The Black Communities of Cowley County and the Newspapers that Served Them, 1930-1960" on March 16, 2010 on the Hillsboro Campus.



Sara Crowdis Rodriguez

served as volunteer relief workers in Haiti, following the earthquake devastation. Be sure to read about their experiences in the next issue of *The Connection*, Tabor's alumni magazine.

**Carolyn Tucker** has announced her retirement as Coordinator of Office Operations at Tabor College, effective June 30, 2010.

**BSN alums Sara Crowdis Rodriguez**, BSN 10 graduate, and **Debby Wong**, BSN 13 graduate, recently



Debby Wong

Announcing..  
 Sheperd Ryan Penner  
 Born to  
 Adam and Becky Penner  
 March 1, 2010  
 8 lbs., 12 oz.

Congratulations to Deonne Johnson on the birth of a granddaughter,  
 Harper Juliet  
 Born to  
 Gary and Melissa Newcome  
 March 5, 2010  
 7lbs., 3oz.



## F. Y. I.

### Microsoft Word, Power Point and Excel Training Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

Call or e-mail [mistys@tabor.edu](mailto:mistys@tabor.edu) if you plan to attend this session, or if you are interested in scheduling a future session.

### My Tabor Shut Down Times

ACCK performs a system shut-down each day from 2:00 to 2:30 a.m. for maintenance. *My Tabor* is not accessible to users during this time.

### FAFSA Time!

For students continuing classes next fall, keep your 2009 tax forms out and complete your 2010-2011 fafsa at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**Carol Price**, BSN 19 graduate, is one of the 10 competitors in *KSN's Biggest Loser Contest*.

Price, who graduated from the RN-BSN program last May, entered the contest as an opportunity to reach her goal of losing 65 lbs.

According to Price, this is an opportunity of a lifetime. "Watch out, the real Carol will emerge soon—can't wait to meet her!" she said.

To follow Price's progress and read her blog entries, go to [ksn.com](http://ksn.com) and click on the *Biggest Loser* banner, and stay tuned to weekly updates featured on *KSN News*. **Go Carol!**



### Do you have a Tabor ID Card?

If you are a student or faculty member who has not received an official Tabor College ID card, please contact Gina Willems at [ginaw@tabor.edu](mailto:ginaw@tabor.edu).



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work and service for Christ  
and His kingdom.*

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**As a Tabor student or alum,  
you can earn up to \$200 for every  
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**(See Adam for complete details.)**



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## Mark Your Calendars

**May 21** BSN Pinning Ceremony, 7 p.m.

**May 22** Commencement, 10 a.m.

**June 1** Registration Deadline for Summer  
Online Courses

**June 10-August 10** TC Summer Online

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