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A Tribute to Joe Burnworth by Jabin Burnworth TU '94



I decided to live at home when I completed my student teaching at Delta High School in Muncie. I was at Delta in the fall and finished classes at Taylor in the spring. Every morning Joe Burnworth drove me to the Upland campus. He taught Education in America at 8:00 a.m. so we would leave at 7. It's amazing how many memories I have from those short, twenty minute drives. One day

Dad saw something brown in the middle of the road. He said, "Jabin, I can hardly look at that dead deer." He then shielded his eyes from the roadkill. As we drove closer we realized it wasn't a dead deer, but a cardboard box. For years I teased him about the incident. Even though the experience was funny it showed Joe's compassion. He was filled with compassion and love. He even had compassion for a dead box!

I was privileged to ride with Joe to school. During those drives he taught me how to be a better person and educator. He was constantly modeling Christ through his words and deeds. We often talked about my student teaching experience and the students I would eventually call my own. We also spent quality time discussing who we were as

individuals and what kind of individuals we would like to become.

In a sermon Joe delivered to Grace United Methodist Church in Hartford City he stated, "Our relationships with others should be based on denying self. When working or talking with someone, the person should feel he or she is important because of the way he or she is treated by us. A good formula for relationships is DWLC-Do What Love Commands. Learn to be a person who really hears and understands. Be a person who feels and cares. A Christian is a person who sees in every relationship the opportunity to give of himself."

Joe Burnworth was an individual who listened to others and understood their needs. He truly felt and cared about his family, his colleagues, his friends, and his students. He saw in every relationship the opportunity to give of himself, and he modeled that every day.

Dr. Joe Burnworth Memorial Endowed Scholarship

A scholarship has been established to honor the life and ministry of Dr. Joe Burnworth. The scholarship will be awarded to an individual Taylor University education major each year. Gifts in memory of Dr. Burnworth with a note on the memo line stating "Burnworth Scholarship" should be sent to:

*Brad Yordy
Director of Stewardship and Scholarship
Taylor University
236 W. Reade Avenue*

NCATE Reaccreditation

The NCATE Board of Examiners team visited the Taylor University Education Department in November 2007 for a reaccreditation visit. The BOE team was composed of three national representatives from NCATE and three state representatives from the Indiana Department of Education-Division of Professional Standards. On April 30, 2008, the NCATE Unit Assessment Board (UAB) officially notified Taylor University that the Education Department would be continually accredited. All three previous areas for improvement were corrected, and the UAB identified only one new area for improvement. NCATE's continuing accreditation program has determined that the Education Department has met demanding program standards focusing upon systematic assessment and performance-based learning. The next on-site visit will take place in the fall of 2013.

Tell Us About Your Teaching Success

The Education Department is in the process of preparing a brochure which will identify those graduates who are exemplary teachers. The Education Department would like for any Taylor University education graduate who has been identified as an exemplary teacher, won a teaching award, designed an outstanding program, or received any other award or citation to forward that information to the Education Department. From graduate input, the department will develop a brochure which identifies our outstanding, exemplary, and/or award winning teachers. The brochure will be used to publicize outstanding educators as well as for departmental publicity for potential teacher preparation candidates.

Please help the department publicize your teaching successes by forwarding information about your awards or citations to Dr. Carl R. Siler, Director of Teacher Education, Taylor University, 236 West Reade Avenue, Upland, Indiana 46989 or by e-mail at crsiler@taylor.edu.

Fort Wayne Program News

The Education Department in Fort Wayne had an extremely successful school year. The year started with an enthusiastic group of freshmen in elementary education and in early childhood education joining our upper class majors! In the fall, the juniors planned and implemented a department chapel; and in the spring, the seniors presented a chapel highlighting their spiritual journey in their four years at Taylor University Fort Wayne.

In November, we hosted approximately 100 people at one of our largest education banquets honoring student teachers, supervising teachers, college supervisors, principals, and Transition to Teaching graduates. The theme of the banquet was "Teaching: a

Work of Heart." Dr. Duane Kilty, the new Fort Wayne Chancellor, was the featured speaker.

The Transition to Teaching Program continues to be a strong component of the TUFW department. Eight Transition students completed the program in the fall and five completed it this spring. Since the beginning of the program, 43 students have completed the program and received their teaching licenses. The program will place eight Transition students in schools for student teaching this fall. Congratulations to those educators!

The first cohort students of the ESL Certificate Program finished the four-course curriculum to

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The Education Department Says Good-Bye to Three Faithful Servants



Linda Newman, the education secretary for the Fort Wayne campus, is bid a fond farewell as she leaves to pursue new endeavors. Linda has worked for the education department for seven years and just recently combined those duties with those of administrative assistant to the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Dean of the Fort Wayne campus. Linda came to Taylor in June of 1986 from a job as production manager at the Fort Wayne Today magazine. She started at Taylor as a typesetter in the print shop, became a faculty secretary, and then progressed to her last position. Linda has recently been recognized for 20 plus years of service to Taylor. The TUFW Education Department thanks Linda for all of her hard work, long hours, and continuous dedication to students and staff. We wish Linda God's blessings in her new endeavors.



Professor Rebecca Moore officially retired after 17 years of service to Taylor University. Rebecca graduated from Taylor with a degree in elementary education, and she taught for 14 years in both public and private schools before returning to Taylor in 1990. She began her service to Taylor as Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Coordinator of Off-campus/International Studies Programs. In 2001 she transitioned to the position of Instructor of Education and Director of Teacher Certification in the Education Department. This change allowed her to renew her passion for teaching by giving her an opportunity to pass that enthusiasm on to future teachers. Advising students was one of the things she enjoyed most about her position. Professor Moore will be greatly missed by both colleagues and students alike! Rebecca plans to begin her retirement by being able to provide care for her elderly mother and to spend more time with her husband Jack and eight grandchildren.



Professor Rebecca S. Shearer is retiring from the Taylor University Fort Wayne Education Department this spring after teaching six years in the department. Professor Shearer, a retired elementary principal, came to TUFW as a visiting professor replacing Dr. William Jarvis, program director, during his recuperation from an automobile accident. Rebecca has taught a number of classes over the six years including but not limited to Education in America, Introduction to Early Childhood, Educational Psychology, other early childhood classes, Exceptional Children, and Cross Cultural Practicum. More recently, she has been the TUFW Director of Early Field Experiences finding field experience placements for students in several education courses. Over the years, she has also supervised student teachers. We will miss Rebecca as she has been an outstanding educator who has dedicated long and tireless hours to our students. We wish her and her husband, Lowell, many years of happy and rewarding retirement!

Awards and Scholarships

The Indiana Association of Colleges of Teacher Education honored outstanding future teachers at a spring 2007 banquet. Receiving awards from Taylor University Upland were **Heather Young, Kathryn Kendall, and Erica Tappenden**. **Jered Blanchard** was selected to represent the Fort Wayne campus. Selected as Outstanding Student Teachers of the year were from the Fort Wayne campus, **Charrell Williams** and from the Upland campus **Heather Haskins** (elementary), **Allison Burbrink** (secondary), and **David Ricca** (all grades).

The Rosellee McKinney Scholarship is awarded each year to an elementary education major with a 3.0 or higher grade point average. Rossellee McKinney was a teacher for many years in the rural areas of Kentucky. This scholarship was awarded to **Jackie Sanchez**.

The David Jones Scholarship is given in memory of David Jones who was killed in an automobile accident while a student at Taylor. The scholarship is awarded to a male student

in elementary education. **David Compson** is the 2007-2008 recipient of this award.

The Robert J. Freese Sr. Memorial and Avis M. Hassel Scholarships will be awarded to **Kristen Long**. The Margaret E. and Judy R. Neeley Scholarship will be awarded to **Jennifer Hamilton**. **Ellen Koch** will receive the Naomi and Adolf Hansen Endowed Scholarship. The Petroff Scholarship will be awarded to **Angela Moore**.

The Paul and Evelyn Mendenhall Scholarship will be awarded to **Amy Trumbower**. **Elizabeth Tatum** will receive the David L. Fuller Memorial Scholarship. The Ernest M. and Alma M. Yerks Endowed Scholarship winner is **Jillian Marsh**. The Evanston Elders Christian Character scholarship will be awarded to **Elizabeth Owsley**. The 2007-2008 recipient of the Kemp/Strauch scholarship is **Heather Saunders**.

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Faculty News

Dr. Alexis Armstrong continued her position as Executive Director of ATE-Indiana. She also presented along with **Pamela Meadows** at the ATE Annual Teacher Education Conference, February 19, 2007, in San Diego, California. The presentation was entitled, "Using Electronic Portfolios via Blackboard to Demonstrate Teaching Competence and Mastery of INTASC Principles".

Dr. Quinn White completed his first year as a faculty member on the Upland campus. He attended two national conferences; NCTA in Nashville, Tennessee and IRA in Toronto, Canada. He was also elected to the national Children Literature Assembly Board.

Dr. Angia Macomber and family welcomed home their second son, R.J., from Haiti on June 21, 2007. She also received the first annual Taylor KDP Outstanding Professor Award.

Professor Jennifer Manth attended the national TESOL Conference in Seattle in March. She also presented at the Dean's Conference at IPFW in Fort Wayne in February.

Dr. Carl Siler successfully directed the education department through the NCATE reaccreditation process. We are thankful for his leadership and many hours of work over seven years to complete this task in an exemplary manner.

Drs. Pamela Medows and Carl Siler have been granted sabbatical leaves for the 2007-2008 school year. Dr. Medows will be gone in the fall of 2007 and Dr. Siler will be away during the spring of 2008.

Dr. Cynthia Tyner along with her husband, Stan, and **Dr. Quinn White** led a Taylor World Outreach team to the Dominican Republic over spring break 2007.

Drs. Quinn White and Cynthia Tyner led the 2007 elementary education seniors on their annual field trip to Washington, D.C.

Professor Amy Settle attended the tenth annual Fort Wayne Teaching Conference entitled, "The Challenges of Academic Life in the 21st Century". This summer she is directing the Zion Lutheran Academy Summer clubhouse program June 7 - July 5 for students in grades K-4 made possible through TUFW and the Foellinger Foundation.

Dr. Solomon Abebe prepared a manuscript entitled, "The Challenges of Managing Student Behavior Problems in the Classroom" included in ERIC (#494910) February 2007. He also continues to serve as the Director of International Student Programs for the Upland campus.



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Awards and Scholarships, cont'd

The Ballinger Scholarship which honors leadership and volunteerism will be awarded to **Emily Nofziger**. **Amy Brown** will receive the Beattie Scholarship and **Abbey Kadera** will receive the Wood-Lowe Scholarship.

Andrea Grebe will be receiving the Haines Scholarship for those involved in missions. The Alspaugh Scholarship will be awarded to **Holly Hauck, Hillary Durie, and John Batic**. **Christina Gearhart** will receive the Lee Scholarship and **Sara K. Jones** will be receiving the Education Gift Grant.

Ft. Wayne Program News, cont'd

receive their certificates. These five students represent a variety of categories: education majors, clergy, business owners, and agency representatives. Congratulations to an outstanding pioneer group!

The TUFW Education Department welcomed Amy Settle as a professor in the department. Amy came to us from Cornerstone University in Michigan and taught our literacy and children's literature classes. The department will welcome Anita Lane from Tulsa, Oklahoma, in August. She will replace Rebecca Shearer, who is retiring after six years in the department. Anita will teach early childhood and educational psychology classes. In addition, we will bid Linda Newman, the education secretary, farewell after 20 plus years at TUFW. We welcome Amy and Anita and we wish Rebecca and Linda God's blessings as they pursue new endeavors.