

TLC-South Bend Chronicles



Abigail Yoder

Inside this issue:

Getting to Know... Abigail Yoder	1
Student of the Session	1
The Policy Corner ...	1
Congratulations Level 9 Graduates	2
Keeping It Interesting: TLC-South Bend Of- fers Enticing Elective Classes for Session 8	3
Session 8, 2010	4

Getting to Know... Abigail Yoder

Abigail Yoder has had a long-standing interest in international cultures.

“When I was in high school,” said Yoder, “we had a foreign exchange student from Japan living with us—she was attending a university. Because members of my family were involved in missionary work,” she added, “they went overseas. They’d talk about their experiences and we’d talk about the other cultures.”

Abigail is in her third session of teaching at TLC-South Bend. Before joining the TLC-South Bend teaching staff, she taught English in China for two and one-

half years.

“While I was in China,” said Yoder, “my sister visited me for five weeks. We traveled in China,” she explained, “and we went to Vietnam, Malaysia, India, and Taiwan.”

In addition to international cultures, Abigail has two other interests: coffee and food.

“When I was a university student,” said Yoder, “during the school year I worked at a coffee house, Port City Java, in Greenville, South Carolina. For seven summers,” she continued, “I waited tables at Das Dutchman Essenhaus, in Middlebury.” Her culinary interests, however, are not

Student of the Session

Buthainah Alfawaz
Saudi Arabia

restricted to serving coffee and waiting tables: she loves to cook. “I just love to feed people,” she added.

Though Abigail has a strong interest in other cultures, coffee, and food, she has a passion for reading and for books.

(Cont’d on p. 3)

The Policy Corner ...

TLC Payment Policy

New Students
New students should pay tuition and fees on First Monday.



Continuing Students

Tuition and fees are always due in advance, by Final Thursday, before the next

session. There is a late payment charge of \$25 for students who do not pay by this deadline.

**Saleh****Abdul****Nedzad****Subin****Kevin**

Congratulations Level 9 Graduates

Before I came here, I had experience with two language institutes. I found that TLC-South Bend is a good place to learn English as a second language.

I learned many things at TLC. Also, I met people from different countries. I took some classes that improved my language so much. In addition, all the teachers who taught me were helpful.

I would like to thank everybody here at TLC-South Bend.

—**Saleh Alhawiti**
Saudi Arabia

Coming to the United States was a big step in my life. I came here to learn English at TLC-South Bend.

It has been a good opportunity. I made many friends from different countries. Also, I got to know a lot of things about different cultures.

I want to thank God, first, for being able to take this step. Second, I want to thank my family in Saudi Arabia for being patient. I also want to thank my homestay family (Brenda King), and all of my friends who supported me along this long road. I'd also like thank my teacher.

—**Abdulrahman**
(Abdul) Aloyan
Saudi Arabia

I am happy it is over, but it was worth it to spend time and learn proper English. TLC-South Bend is a great place to study English; many cultures are represented here, the teachers are good, and the curriculum is excellent. After Level 9, students have basic knowledge because English is a complex language and students also have to learn the American way of pronunciation.

I enjoyed every minute I spent here, and if I had the chance to do it again, I would. It was a fun and enjoyable "ride" while it lasted. I had some good times and some rough times and at the end teachers came through for me.

I would like to thank all the teachers for their patience, their respect, and the extra work they put in to make me well prepared to go to Indiana University South Bend. Also, I want to thank Joel, Jessica, and Mike for their hard work and for making the efforts to answer so many questions. At the end, I don't like say good-bye so I'll say, "see you around."

—**Nedzad Cavcic**
Bosnia/United States

When I came here, I couldn't do anything, but now I can because of the kind teachers and friends I had at TLC-South Bend. I met good people and they helped me a lot. And thanks, also, to my host family.

I enjoyed staying in South Bend. I took part in diverse activities with my host families. I appreciate that and I love them. I will never forget my lovely experience here.

—**Subin Gong**
South Korea

I came here in February. I started in Session 4. I am going to graduate this month!

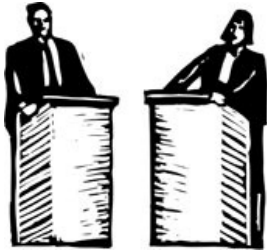
I really enjoyed my stay here for six months. I had a lot fun. My English has totally improved. I want to say "thank you" to all of the teachers, staff members, and all of my classmates. You really helped me a lot.

I will continue my studies at IU South Bend. So, I will visit TLC very often! I wish all of the teachers and students the very best.

—**Ke Yao**
(Kevin) Zhu
China

Keeping It Interesting: TLC-South Bend Offers Enticing Selection of Elective Classes for Session 8

One of the many goals at TLC-South Bend is to ensure that students learn English in ways that stimulate them and that they find enjoyable. One way to achieve this goal is by offering elective courses that challenge students to think and learn English in ways that go beyond the traditional methods used to teach listening, reading, speaking, and writing



skills. For example, in one of TLC-South Bend's most popular elective courses, Debate Class, students learn how to think quickly and respond spontaneously in English—there is no time to translate. In another elective course,

Storybook Theater, students learn how to use their creative and analytical skills to write scripts, memorize spoken dialogue, and to move on a stage, while speaking. In



either case, students learn how to apply their English-language skill beyond and open book and the comfort of a desk and chair.

Each session TLC-South Bend's director and academic curriculum coordinator put together an offering of elective courses that have been designed to expand students' knowledge and hone their English-language skills. This, however, is not always an easy task because TLC-South Bend has nearly 30 elective

courses from which to choose!

The list, which includes Academic Vocabulary; American Government: From City Hall to Capital Hill; Literature; Pronunciation class; and What's In the News? is diverse.

For Session 8, TLC-South Bend students were offered the follow-



*The U.S. Capitol:
Washington, D.C.*

ing array of elective courses: Grammar 6–9, Listening/Speaking 6–9, Idioms, What's In the News? Academic Vocabulary, Book Club, Word Skills II, and, of course, TOEFL, which is offered every session.

Idioms, Shmidiums!

A cause of many headaches and misunderstandings: idioms that are *similar* in appearance but *different* in meaning

"I made it to the train in time."

"The train arrived on time."

Getting to Know Abigail Yoder — cont'd from p. 1

"I love books," said Yoder. "I want everyone to love books. I love to sit outside," she explained, "look at the grass, and read a book."

Abigail grew up in

South Bend. She attended Bob Jones University, in Greenville, South Carolina, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Personnel Services.

"I love the conglomeration of countries represented at TLC-South Bend," she said. "Everyone gets along," she added. "The teachers are supportive and many have worked abroad."

The Language Company

TLC-South Bend
1720 Ruskin Street
Suite 100

Phone: 574-287-3622

Fax: 574-287-4688

E-mail:

tlcsouthbend@thelanguagecompany.com

We're on the Web! Visit us at
www.thelanguagecompany.com/southbend/

Session 8, 2010

Sunday July 18	Monday July 19	Tuesday July 20	Wednesday July 21	Thursday July 22	Friday July 23	Saturday July 24
	FIRST MONDAY Seminar: "Travel in the United States"	New Student Welcome Party 3:30 pm			Conversation at Starbucks 1-5 pm	Chicago! 8:30 am-8:30 pm
July 25	Monday Night Baseball! 5-10 pm	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31
			Lori Butchko Purdue U. 3:30 pm	Students' Birthday Celebration 3:30 pm Conversation Partners from Campus: Informal Meet and Greet 3:30 pm	The Mall, dinner, and a movie 1-8 pm	Whitewater rafting at the East Race 12-5 pm The Hynes Family Picnic 12-5 pm
August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7
	iTEP Level 9 (group 1) 3:30-5:30 pm	Trivia! 3:30-4:45 pm iTEP Level 9 (group 2) 3:30-5:30 pm	Constance Peterson-Miller IU South Bend 3:30 pm		Movie and Dinner 1:30-6:00 pm	Messiah at Potawatomi Park 4:30-10:00 pm
August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14
	LAT Testing: Speaking 3:30-5:00 pm Levels 3 and 6	LAT Testing: Writing Level 3 3:30-4:00 pm Level 6 3:30-4:20 pm	Conversation and dinner at the Chocolate Café 5:00-8:30 pm		LAT Levels 3 and 6 8:45-10:00 am FINAL FRIDAY Graduation 3 pm	The Beach—St. Joseph, MI 10 am-7:00 pm