

# WALTON OUTREACH

TYSON CENTER FOR FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE

## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

### **Austin Campbell, Alumnus, MBA student**

The Tyson Center for Faith and Spirituality in the Workplace (TFSW) teaches the importance of faith in business settings and, because students are the business leaders of the future, they are likely to bring the ideas of TFSW into their jobs and thus begin change. My faith is something that is inherently part of me and thus I will bring it with me when I begin working after school. Because of the sometimes faceless/nameless/profit-driven nature of some business, I have had some doubts as to if I can find meaning in my future job. The Center has shown me that one can find meaning in one's job and one can bring faith into one's workplace.

Mr. Ressler ("What's Faith Got to Do With It? – TFSW speaker series, author of *Spiritual Capitalsim*) is the epitome of the TFSW's values. His goal to bring humanity back into a sometimes inhumane Wall Street culture and he epitomizes how faith and spirituality should be valued in corporate culture. I spoke with Mr. Ressler after his speech, and we had a powerful conversation that has stimulated my thoughts how faith should be incorporated into making career decisions and finding meaning in one's career.

### **Brooklyn Brock, Alumna, Future Professionals for Faith and Spirituality (FPFS) Officer:**

FPFS makes a positive difference on campus by making students and faculty more aware of religion, different religions, and how they affect lives, and enhance the working environment. It helps me work with people better. As an officer, it is necessary to be a leader and feel comfortable in the spotlight. I realized how strong an influence religion can be when people learn how to use it.

### **Jordan Difani – Alumnus, Founder of FPFS**

The Tyson Center for Faith and Spirituality in the Workplace (TFSW) makes a positive difference on campus by educating students and staff about faith and its' place in our everyday lives and by providing an outlet/opportunity for discussion regarding this very important and personal topic of Faith and Spirituality in our lives, including the workplace. Our Faith and

Spirituality, many times, has as much impact and meaning in our lives as anything else that defines us. That is why the TFSW is needed. People need guidance and direction on how to incorporate Faith and Spirituality into every aspect of their lives, including work, so that they do not have to leave such an important part of their lives at the door.

The new student organization, FPFS, makes a difference by providing the director of the Tyson Center a direct liaison to the student body. Who knows students better than students? FPFS also provides students an opportunity to take a leadership role in the TCFSW and the overall movement of educating people on how to seamlessly incorporate faith and spirituality into our daily lives.

The TFSW speaker series event held on White Collar Crime really hit home for me. What a great opportunity to hear first-hand the implications and consequences of compromising ones' values for the sake of money.

**Ivy Mullen, Graduate Assistant, Center for Community Engagement, and Graduate Intern at the Tyson Center for Faith and Spirituality in the Workplace**

I am currently the graduate intern for the Tyson Center for Faith and Spirituality in the Workplace, and believe it is a valuable resource for the University of Arkansas and surrounding communities, as well as the world. As a student in the higher education master's program, I approached Judi last fall to discuss a professional relationship. I was drawn to the Center by its mission, its values and what it can provide to university students who will one day be professionals in the workforce. To me, the fact that the Center is located here at the Sam M. Walton College of Business is a blessing that brings a unique form of diversity to both the academic and business arenas.

The Tyson Center for Faith and Spirituality in the Workplace expands perfectly on the mission and vision of the Walton College of Business. It brings national and international connections through the Wisdom at Work Conference and the vision of a faith-friendly workplace shared by business leaders at numerous organizations such as Starbucks, Xerox, Tyson and, of course, Walmart. The Center acts as a resource for students, faculty, staff and business leaders, and does so with values that fit directly with the Walton College's three-fold mission: teaching, research, and service.

From my point of view, the University of Arkansas should be proud to be the first public institution to host an office like the Tyson Center for Faith and Spirituality in the Workplace. Its academic expertise brings depth, soul, service and love to the business world, and it is a privilege to provide a resource to University of Arkansas students that can help them become the most effective and impactful leaders in the world.