

Notes of Encouragement: The following are notes of encouragement that I have extracted from e-mails that I have received. I have edited out the names and inserted "titles" to show the person's relationship to me. I have not changed spellings.

Former Student wrote on your Wall:

"I had always thought I write you a letter and tell you what an awesome teacher you are, but as other things happened, the letter never got written. I am thankful for the chance to reconnect and let you know how much I appreciated your leadership. Even though I did not finish nursing school (which was a good decision), I never forgot your dedication to the success of your students. Wherever you teach, they will be very fortunate to have you. If you ever need a letter of recommendation from a former student, I would be happy to write one. I don't know if they ever ask for those or not! Anyway, I surely hope that you come up with something after Taylor that fits your family's needs. God bless you as you figure that stuff out!"

Student says, "I was a student of your in A&P at Lutheran Nursing School many, many years ago. I didn't finish, however, i have never forgotten your excellent teaching and your desire to do everything you could to help your students succeed. You are a superb teacher!!".

Former Student wrote on your Wall:

"Dr. Schutt, hope you are doing well. My wife and I often reminisce about the time we spent in your class. You were a great teacher (especially when it came to breaking down complex scientific ideas) and I always enjoyed your classes, even though the tests consistently confirmed I was no science wiz. Thanks for all the effort--and patience. :)"

Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 7:51 PM

To: Schutt, John Subject: Student sent you a message on Facebook...

Student sent you a message.

Re: Raking Leaves "It went well, we finished off the whole front and side yards. Unfortunately only 3 people showed up, but I'm just so glad that we were able to bless the Mortensen's a little bit. Happy Thanksgiving! One thing I'm thankful for is the opportunity I had to be in your class.

I'm really enjoying it and can honestly say that I have learned more in your class than in the whole time I was at Wright State University."

From: Friend

Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2008 11:52 PM

To:Schutt, John

Subject: GREAT presentation

Thanks so much John for that wonderful presentation. Everyone really gets into it when they see how fired up and passionate you are about this subject! I could tell you were getting a little winded and tired near the end, but you carried on for the cause. We really appreciate you giving up your evening to teach us all something tonight.

Ever since the last time you talked about light painting maybe 3 years ago, I wanted to give it a try, but with my job consuming 60-70 hours a week for the last 6 years, it just didn't work. Now

since I retired 6 weeks ago,. maybe, just maybe, I'll finally get to try some of these fascinating aspects of photography!

I gave up my copy of your handout tonight so someone else could have one, so could you email me the electronic version?

Thanks, nice seeing you again, and take care, Don

From: Former Student
Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2008 2:14 AM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: hello Hello Dr. Schutt:

So sorry to hear the news regarding TU - Ft. Wayne. You have been such a faithful and dedicated professor. I will always remember science class in the basement of Witmer. I will also remember watching the corn snake eat a mouse.

My grandfather, Person, was instrumental in purchasing the land for the south campus there.

Thank you, Dr. Schutt, for all your years of service.

I'm wondering if you've been to Eagle Marsh out southwest. It's quite a place that is being restored to its natural habitat.

Bye for now, Former Student

From: Colleague
ent: Friday, September 19, 2008 7:52 AM
To: Schutt, John Subject:
RE: prayer request - Schutt Really sorry.

I thought I would mention that several of my students were discussing "measuring trees". They enjoyed the lab. So, thanks for doing what you do.

Colleague

From: Student
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 8:49 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: Thank you

I just wanted to thank you for taking the time out of your set class agenda to explain what you did today. I really appreciate it, there have been many things about science that have conflicted in my mind - such as the creation timeline. I actually thought quite some time ago that it might have been possible that God's "day" wasn't the same as our "day." I hadn't heard this from others, I had only thought of it myself, and when I shared it with my parents, I was immediately told that I wasn't giving God credit - He could make things in just one day, He isn't limited. I agree that God is under no limitations, but at the same time, shouldn't what we discover scientifically match up with what the Bible says? I understand scientific mistakes, but could all of the data we find about the age of the earth be wrong? One person tried to explain

it to me by saying that the scientists were lying to us to cover up what they found that might prove evolution to be impossible and creation to be true. I found that very difficult to believe :-)

Anyway, this is a really long e-mail to tell you thank you - for standing up for what you believe, spending time researching something that others look down upon, and for sharing it with us!

Student PS: I'd love to know of other books about science and faith that are relatively simple to understand that you recommend for further reading!

From: Colleague
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2008 5:30 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: Chapel

John Great presentation in chapel today.

Colleague

From: Pastor
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2007 1:07 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: Christmas Eve J

John, I continue to hear positive comments about your Christmas Eve message. It was very well done: good content and good presentation! Thanks again!! I look forward to tapping into your gifts in the weeks and months to come. It really is a blessing to have your family as a part of our little church body.

Pastor
Work produced by faith.
Labor prompted by love.
Endurance inspired by hope.
-- 1Thess 1:3 --

From: Student
Sent: Saturday, December 08, 2007 11:18 AM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: Curious Savage pictures

Dr. Schutt, Thanks for the CDs of pictures from "The Curious Savage" -- the photos are excellent! :o)

Student

From: Former Student
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2007 7:57 AM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: Hi Dr. Schutt

Hello Dr. Schutt,

It's been a little while since I have talked to you. How are things going? I am doing well and am still teaching 5th grade just down the road at Fairfield Elementary. I am still trying to improve my birding but just haven't been able to find enough time. I did get to see an eagle-owl recently when the zoo visited my school and thought it was really neat.

I was recently talking with a friend of mine's friend and the group ended up getting into a Christianity and science debate. This person is an Environment and Science Major at Ball State. He is a very smart kid and is very free spirited. As the debate went on I couldn't help but remember your testimony that you gave in class. This person seemed very similar to how you described yourself before becoming a Christian.

He did grow up in the church but is really becoming annoyed at the ignorance of many Christians. I tried to remember several of the things you said and listened a lot but wanted to make sure I did not create a stumbling block. I was wondering if you would mind if I gave him your email and see if he wanted to contact you through that? I told him about you and your some of your testimony and many of the great things I learned in class with science and Christianity.

I would just like to thank you for all you did in class. I learned several awesome things about science, creation, God, and how all works together. I had many classes at Taylor but I remember still many of the things I learned in your classes. I love God's creation and spending time in that and I can credit that Environment and Society trip to the Smokey Mts. as the catalyst for that. I hope things are going well for you and thanks again.

Former Student

From: Colleague
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 11:40 PM To: Schutt, John Subject:
RE: Lecture notes

John, It was my pleasure for lunch. You are very kind to offer to help. I will do what I can. John, 18 years ago, I moved here from New Jersey an unknown on the campus of Summit Christian. I really knew no one and no one knew me. One of the first people who took time to reach out was science professor who took time to get to know me and go out of his way to help me keep going by fixing my "transportation" several times. He was always open to talking whenever I came in as I navigated my way through that first year. I have never forgotten that as I saw "Jesus" through that professor. Thanks John for touching my life when I needed it.

Colleague

To: John
From: Student
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2007 9:08 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: BIO105 Online - biology course

Thank you for being my instructor in this biology course. I learned a lot of things I didn't even think would be included in biology.

I was needing my transcript to be sent to College. I don't know if you do that or if there is someone specifically I need to contact.
If it is you, I need the transcript to be sent ASAP to:

Thank you once again.

Student

From: Student
Sent: Sunday, August 19, 2007 10:18 AM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: BIO105 Online - Bio

Professor Schutt, I cannot believe the course is already over. It was a tough summer but thankfully I am a big fan of Bio and had a great time with the course. I also really enjoyed how you integrated the faith and learning into the course, it was really neat. Well, I know I finished over a week ago but I am back at Taylor now and student teaching so I have been keeping busy. Have a great rest of the year!

Student

From: Student
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2007 9:25 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: BIO105 Online - RE: Exam 4

That's about where I fall right now. (Funny how I came to think the same way as my professor.)

Also, I want to let you know, some of the other professors seem a little cold on screen. I don't know any of them personally, and they could any of them be really nice people (it's hard to get emotion out of a computer), but you manage to come across as friendly. Maybe that sounds weird, but it's meant as a compliment.

Student

From: Student
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 10:36 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: BIO105 Online - Exam 4

Dr. Schutt, Just wanted to notify you that my course work expires on June 12 so the exam can be graded on time.

Initially I was dreading this course because I have always struggled with science. But, I really, really enjoyed it. I loved studying about cells and the human body and the incredible complexity that God has designed for His glory. It is amazing that people can deny such a Creator, surely a spiritual problem rather than a scientific one.

God Bless,

Student

From: Student
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2007 11:17 AM
To: Schutt, John
Subject:
RE: Dr. Schutt im scared :) Thank you dr. Schutt.

It has been a privilage to have two of your classes. Though they where hard, its been a great journey.

I am 11 credits short of graduating. My internship (which is 8) is this summer and I have to retake Public relations 4 which is the senior capstone of my degree.

so I wont be taking anymore classes here because you need 12 credits of being on campus.

i need 11.

So, thank you for grace and the fun of your course. I really enjoyed you the most out of my gen eds.

Student

From: Academic Dean
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2007 3:30 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: Student Comment

John, A student came up to see me today about your classes. He said he has taken three from you and that he has learned a tremendous amount. He also wanted me to know about how kind you have been to him and everyone else. It is rare when I receive unsolicited compliments about our faculty, and I thought I should pass that along to you. Thanks for all you are doing.

Academic Dean

From: Online Employee
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007 8:47 AM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: BIO105 Online - TUFW Online

John, I thought you might like to read some comments from an evaluation.

"I didn't know much about evolution since I didn't go to a public school. I haven't had a biology class since I was a freshman in High School and I'd forgotten a lot of things, so this course helped me to reinforce what I knew. Also, there were a few things that I didn't know at all and this course helped me to understand God's creation more in depth.

The instructor responded quickly to any question that I had. The instructor had great feedback that helped continue doing my projects even better. This was the first time I'd ever taken a class correspondence and I was quite nervous about it, but it turned out to be a wonderful experience. It wasn't difficult at all to navigate through blackboard. I loved the homework assignments the professor has. They're so enriching and I enjoyed doing them. That was definitely the first time I'd enjoyed doing homework and actually looked forward to doing it! I really enjoyed this class!"

Thanks!

From: Student
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 12:48 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: Extra Credit 4

Dr. Schutt, Thanks for your encouraging words! I've really enjoyed having you as my correspondence professor. I've enjoyed your class immensely! May God bless you as you continue in teaching future classes and students.

Here's my extra credit for the 4th Exam.

From: Student

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 4:14 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: BIO105 Online - R
E: God and His Creation and Natural Revelation

Dr. Schutt, I'm glad that you received them. I apologize for flooding your e-mail with them. But nonetheless, I'm glad you received them. I wanted to tell you that they were wonderful projects to work on. I like the outdoor one the best because I went on an adventure for that one. The projects were really uplifting and opened my eyes greatly. I learned a lot! They were amazing assignments and I wanted to thank you for those assignments. I really enjoyed them. :-)

Student

From: Organization Employee
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2007 12:33 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: BOTM presentation today

Hello John, I just wanted to thank you again for the wonderful presentation that you gave this morning for the Breakfast on the Marsh.

This is also a reminder- I would really appreciate it if you would be willing to share the power point presentation with me. Personally, I would like to brush up on my Indiana plant communities knowledge (I attended college at Earlham in Richmond, IN, but lived in California

for several years). In addition, a group member suggested that if I had a copy that I could send it on to them, rather than several people contacting you.

Thanks!
Organizaion Employee

From: Student
To: Schutt, John
Subject: BIO105 Online -
Re: Mitosis/Student

Thank you, again please pray for me, this is really a challenge and always has been. Your notes help a lot as some of the answer I could not put together by the reading. I will be taking the first test on Tuesday.

Student

From: Student
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2007 7:34 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: RE: Help With Exam Request

Thank you for your help. I also want to say that I'm really enjoying the class and I'm learning more about God's beautiful Creation! I'm looking forward to learning more!

Student

From: Former Student
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 1:18 PM
To: Schutt, John
Subject: Science Fair Projext

Hey, Dr. Schutt! How's college life? Kindergarten is great, and so much more fun than I ever expected! Anyway, the reason I am writing is to see if you have any ideas for Kindergarten Science Fair projects. I have one little girl who is participating, and I really have no ideas. If you don't know of anything, do you know some websites that we could check? I am going to get onto the Internet this weekend to see if there's anything that I can find, but I thought I would check with you first.

Thanks for your help! I kind of miss being in your classes! I don't miss the papers or the tests, but I miss learning things about science on a daily basis. I have to say, though, thanks for the knowledge you gave me... The kids will be much better off because of you. I catch myself whipping out some of the "science knowledge" that you helped give me in everyday conversations. I can watch the news, and I understand about the global warming and air pollution. Anyway, thanks, and let me know about the science fair project for a 6 year-old. :)

Former Student

From: Colleague
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 11:08 AM

To: Schutt, John Subject:
RE: CLL and podcasting You're welcome,

John. Let me know how your recording goes. We need to be taking advantage of all of these capabilities. I'm glad you're continuing to "push the envelope" in your classes.

Colleague