The “Senior Blessing” at Abilene Christian University’s College of Business Administration

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Abstract

The mission of Abilene Christian University (ACU) is to “educate students for Christian service and leadership throughout the world.” The university community takes this mission seriously as do we in the College of Business Administration (COBA). Not unlike most Christian business schools, we try to implement our mission by integrating faith and learning in various ways throughout the curriculum and co-curriculum. For example, we attempt to teach the various business disciplines from a Christian worldview, and many professors begin each class session by asking for the Lord’s blessing on the class. In addition, the university has a daily chapel service that is mandatory for undergraduate students. Once a month, we have a specialized COBA chapel that is organized by students in the College of Business. Both COBA faculty and students have served as speakers during the last year. In addition to these fairly typical attempts at biblical integration, we will describe in detail in this paper one unique co-curricular activity that serves as a capstone of our attempts to integrate faith and learning. This activity is called the “Senior Blessing.”
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