



(He's the one on the left!)

A message from John "Jay" Brady

Hi to all who are interested in the MALS program!

If you have gotten this far into the new MALS website, I hope you are excited about the program as I was when I first discovered MALS a few years ago. Presently I have over 29 years experience in the administration of State government tax collections and have held a number of technical and managerial positions over this time. I have enjoyed many opportunities and challenges in my various roles at Division of Revenue, but even more challenging and rewarding was my decision in 2004 to enter into the MALS program. I am still an active student and expect to graduate with my Masters degree from the program in late 2009.

As you can surmise from my day job I have always been a numbers kind of guy, however this program has allowed me to pursue other areas of interest different from my work responsibilities. I have taken courses as diverse as "*Owning the Book of Life*" which showed a view of molecular biology, patent law and philosophy in determining who owns our DNA, "*Oral History*" in which we did a in-depth interview of a person who was important to society and in our lives, to "*Drama in Performance*" in which we saw many performances and critiqued them with our new knowledge.

The diversity and the interesting courses are matched by the interests of your fellow students. You will have the opportunity to not only learn from the excellent professors at UD but also from your cohorts in class. Although the courses can be rigorous, they are also a lot of fun for folks that are seeking to learn new ideas and to have new experiences.

It may be time for you to think about the words of wisdom from our old friend, Ben Franklin, "**Hide not your talents. They for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?**"