

# G. Blair Dowden

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## Education

### Doctor of Education

May 1981                                      Ball State University                      Muncie, Indiana  
▪ Major field in Education Administration, cognate in Higher Education. GPA – 4.0

### Master of Arts

May 1978                                      Ball State University                      Muncie, Indiana  
▪ Major in Student Personnel, Administration in Higher Education. GPA – 4.0

### Bachelor of Arts

June 1974                                      Wheaton College                              Wheaton, Illinois  
▪ Major in Political Science with honor. GPA – 3.56

## Professional Experience

1991 - Present                                      Huntington University                      Huntington, Indiana

### President and Professor of Business and Education

- Chief Executive Officer for the University
- Member of Faculty
- Member of Huntington University Board of Trustees
- Member of Huntington University Foundation Board
- Member of President's Advisory Council on Excellence
- Member of Huntington University Alumni Board
- Director of Education for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ

July 1984 - June 1991                                      Houghton College                              Houghton, New York

### Vice President for Development

- Chief institutional advancement officer and provided leadership in constituent relations and general college promotion
- Member of the faculty, administrative committee (senior administrative officers), President's Advisory Board
- Chairman of External Affairs Council and administrative liaison with External Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees
- Director of the \$13.5 million Campaign for Houghton
- Officer of the Willard J. Houghton Foundation
- Director of the Houghton College Radio Corporation

July 1981 – June 1984                                      Taylor University                              Upland, Indiana

### Special Assistant to the President and Assistant Professor

- Assisted president in fulfilling responsibilities in public/community relations, fundraising, legal affairs, liaison work with campus constituents, special projects planning, legislative issues, and institutional research

- Member of the President's Administrative Cabinet (senior administrative officer's Advisory Council, Budget Committee, Grants Task Force, Long-Range Planning Committee, Computing Assistance Program and Advisory Board)
- Supervise the Information Systems and Services Department (i.e. academic and administrative computing)
- Chairman of the Technology Planning Committee
- Title IX Coordinator/Affirmative Action Officer

Fall 1983 Ball State University Muncie, Indiana

Adjunct Professor

- Taught upper level graduate course titled, "Seminar in Theory of Educational Administration" for the Department of Educational Administration and Supervision at Ball State University.

September 1979 – June 1981 Taylor University Upland, Indiana

Director of Testing

- Management of the standardized testing program (i.e., CLEP, AP, URE, freshman test battery, English proficiency tests)
- Administration and coordination of the student course evaluations (CAFETERIA Course/Instructor Appraisal System)
- Design and implementation of testing policies and publications
- Performance research in institutional testing

March 1977–September 1979 Taylor University Upland, Indiana

Director of Financial Aid and Instructor

- Management of financial aid programs
- Student counseling regarding financial and personal problems
- Design and implementation of financial aid policies and publications
- Chairman of Financial Aid Committee and Student Grievance Committee
- Faculty advisor to Student Government Organization

September 1974–1977 Taylor University Upland, Indiana

Admissions Counselor

- Student counseling and interviewing
- Planning, organization, and implementation of student recruitment efforts in a specific geographic region
- Design, organization, and management of the Taylor Admissions Representative Program

## Related Experience

2007	Facilitator, Leadership Development Institute, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities
2005 – Present	Peer Reviewer, The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
2004 – Present	Chair, Lenawee Christian Ministries Board
2003 – 2004	Chair, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities Board of Directors
2003 – 2005	Board Member, United Christian College Fund
2002 – 2005	Member, NAIA Council of Presidents Administrative Committee
2002	Commencement speaker, Jamaica Bible College and Community Institute, Mandeville, JA, June 20, 2002.
2002	Workshop speaker for Anderson University Board of Trustees, Anderson, Indiana, April 30, 2002.
2001 – Present	Consultant-Evaluator, The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

2001 – 2004	Member of the Executive Committee, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities
2001 – 2002	Chair of the Board Development and Membership Committee, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities
2001	Vice Chair, Huntington County Chamber of Commerce Community Education Collaborative
2001 – 2002	Chair, NAIA Council of Presidents
1999 – 2005	Member, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities Board
1999 – 2002	Chair, Indiana Conference for Higher Education Nominating Committee
1999 – 2004	Member, Huntington County Chamber of Commerce Board
1998 – 2006	Member, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities
1998 – 2005	Member, ICI Foundation Standing Committee
1997 – 1999	Chair, NAIA Mid-Central Conference Council of Presidents
1996 – Present	Speaker/Mentor, Coalition for Christian Colleges & Universities Presidential Institute, Frisco, Colorado, June 1996. Topics: <i>Developing A Vision and Strategic Plan, Fund Raising Expectations of the President, Strategies for Institutional Renewal</i>
1996 – 1999	Board Member, Fort Wayne Christian Schools Council of Reference
1995 – 2005	Board Member, NAIA Council of Presidents Administrative Committee
1993	Member, Host Committee for Center for the Study of the Presidency 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Conference
1992 – 1995	Member, National Lilly Advisory Committee – Christian College Coalition
1992	Chair, Christian Stewardship Association Program Committee
1991 – 2004	Member, Christian Family Foundation Board
1991 – 2005	Member, Independent Colleges of Indiana Foundation Board
1991 – Present	Member, Independent Colleges of Indiana Board
1991 – 1997	Member, Norwest Advisory Bank Board
1991 – Present	Presidential Representative to the NAIA Regional Management Committee
1991	Speaker, National Religious Broadcasters Convention Fundraising Seminar, January 26, 1991
1990 – 1993	Board member, Christian Stewardship Association
1990	Chairman, Christian Stewardship Association 1992 Program Committee
1990	Speaker, Annual Meeting of the Christian College Coalition, Topic: <i>Increasing Fundraising Effectiveness in Christian Colleges</i> , January.
1990	Outside Scholar/Reader, Doctoral Dissertation, State University of New York at Buffalo, Spring
1989 – 1991	Coordinator, Fundraising Effectiveness Study, Christian College Coalition (funded by Lilly Endowment)
1988 – 1991	Faculty, Christian Stewardship Association Annual Convention, March 1988, September 1990
1988 – 1991	Member, Town of Caneadea Economic Growth Steering Committee
1988	Consultant, Council for Advancement and Support of Education Consulting Network
1988	Speaker, American Free Methodist Educational Institutional Workshop at Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, New York
1988	Member, Finance Committee, Billy Graham Crusade, Rochester, New York
1984	Instructor, Leadership Development Workshop, Marion, Indiana (March)
1982 – 1984	Vice Chairman, Marion (IN) American Red Cross Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President and Director, Upland (IN) Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Member, Grant County (IN) Leadership Development Program</li> <li>• Board and Grant County Chamber of Commerce Editorial Committee</li> </ul>
1981	Consultant and presenter – Christian College Coalition Admissions Workshop, October 27, 1981, Fort Wayne, IN
1980 – 1981	Consultant, Admissions Office, Sterling College, Sterling, KS
1976 – 1979	Financial Aid consultant to several small colleges
1974 – 1994	Speaking engagements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huntington University Board of Trustees Retreat</li> </ul>

- Huntington University chapel semi-annually
  - Huntington Community Lenten Breakfast
  - Business and Professional Women's Association, Huntington, IN
  - Taylor University chapel services
  - Parent/student orientation sessions
  - Christian Businessmen's committee breakfast
  - Taylor and Houghton Club meetings
  - Radio/newspaper interviews
  - Donor recognition dinners
  - Community dinners
  - Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy
  - Workshop speaker – Admissions Workshop sponsored by the Christian College Coordinating Council, Chicago, IL (1976)
- 1972 – Present Classroom lectures at Huntington University, Taylor University, Houghton College and Ball State University Graduate School of Education

## Honors

NAIA, The 2007 Charles Morris Athletics Administrator of the Year Award (2007)  
 International Biographical Centre Leading Educators of the World (2005)  
 Kappa Delta Pi, Charter Member (1999-Present)  
 Who's Who Among Top Executives (1999 – 2000)  
 Who's Who in the Midwest (1998 – 1999)  
 Sterling Who's Who (1995 – 1996)  
 Who's Who Among Outstanding Americans (1994 – 1995)  
 Who's Who Worldwide (1994 – 1995)  
 Who's Who in Finance and Industry (1994 – 1995)  
 International Who's Who (1993)  
 International Directory of Distinguished Leadership 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (1989)  
 Student Senate Excellence Award in Administration, Houghton College, (1986 – 1987)  
 Outstanding Young Men of America (1978)

## Memberships

American Association for Higher Education  
 American Association of President's of Independent Colleges & Universities  
 College Park Church of the United Brethren in Christ  
 Christian Management Association  
 Christian Stewardship Association (Board Member – 1990 – 1993)  
 National Association of Evangelicals

## Publications and Presentations

Consultation with Senior Team at Pathfinder Services, Huntington, IN, January 8, 2009.

"Building Winning Teams," Wabash Leadership Luncheon, Wabash, IN, December 4, 2008.

"Nurturing a Culture of Generosity," Council for Christian Colleges & Universities Presidents' Institute, January 2008.

- "The Role of Presidential Spouses with Boards," Council for Christian Colleges & Universities Governance Institute, July 2006.
- "College in Balance," *College Faith: 150 Christian Leaders and Educators Share Faith Stories from their Student Days.* Ed. By Ronald Alan Knott. Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 2002.
- "Practitioners' Perspective" for The CASE International Journal of Education Advancement, November 2001.
- "The Special Relationship Between President and Board Chair," Council for Christian Colleges & Universities Governance Institute, July 2006.
- "Presidents: Effective Fundraising Leadership," *Advancing Christian Higher Education.* Ed. by Wesley K. Willmer. Washington, D.C.: Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities, 1996.
- "Outlines, Papers and Monographs of the Second English and Cultural Exchange Research Symposium." January 5 – 7, 1996. Sponsored by the English Language Program, Macau. Keynote address: "Reflection on a Liberal Arts Model of Education." Cheok Van Youth Retreat Center, Coloane Island, Macau, East Asia. Primary Focus: The Communicative Approach to Teaching English as a Foreign Language.
- "Development: Winning Strategies for Fundraising Success." *Winning Strategies in Challenging Times for Advancing Small Colleges.* Ed. by Wesley K. Willmer. Washington, D.C.: Council for Advancement and Support of Education, 1993.
- "Clear Out Some Room for Your Family." *UB Magazine.* January 1993.
- "Bettering Our Best." Excerpts from "State of the College" address. *Huntington College News and Views.* Spring/Summer 1993.
- "Presidents: Effective Fundraising Leadership." *Friends, Funds, and Freshman: A Management Guide to Christian College Advancement.* Ed. by Wesley K. Willmer. Washington, D.C.: Christian College Coalition, December 1990.
- "Stewardly and Taxwise Too." *The Milieu,* May 1987. Houghton College, Houghton, NY.
- "Motherhood, Apple Pie and..." *The Milieu,* June 1985. Houghton College, Houghton, NY.
- "A Lifetime of Joy." *The Milieu,* November 1984. Houghton, NY.
- "Effects of Freshman Orientation on Academic Achievement and Student Perceptions of the University Environment." Evaluative study, M.A. Thesis topic, Ball State University, 1978.
- Financial Aid Publications, Taylor University, 1977 – 1978. (Cited for excellence in spring. 1978 Financial Aid News, a publication of the College Board.)
- "The Taylor Admissions Representative Program Manual." Taylor University, 1976. (Manual has been sold to several hundred colleges and universities.)