

Academe

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

MUSIC BUSINESS CONCENTRATION

Huntington University's Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in music business is designed for those students interested in operating a commercial music enterprise such as a retail music store or private lesson studio, or in working in the sound recording or commercial music industry.

As a music business major at Huntington University, students study alongside musicians seeking conservatory-level training within the context of a rich liberal arts education. Students develop their knowledge of music and their business skills, and ultimately expand the depth and breadth of their creative energy and expression for the glory of God.

Students also have an opportunity to participate in the Contemporary Music Program of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. Located on Martha's Vineyard, this semester-long program offers intensive hands-on instruction. Students help create and market a recording of original music.

MAKING IT IN THE MUSIC BUSINESS

Isaac Thompson took the scenic route to Tinseltown. Stops along his educational journey included Huntington, Ind., and Martha's Vineyard.

Today, the 2006 Huntington University alumnus and aspiring music industry executive works in Los Angeles, Calif., for Azoffmusic Management, a company that represents many high profile artists such as Nick Lachey, Christina Aguilera, Jewel, Kenny G, the Smashing Pumpkins, the Eagles and Journey.

"We are responsible for overseeing every aspect of the artists' careers," says Isaac, a music business major. "We work extensively with the image of the artists and how they are portrayed to the public. I have the opportunity to work with the artists, managers and their record labels to ensure everyone is on the same page."

Isaac maintains artists' Web sites and assists with publicity, tours and albums in addition to office tasks.

"Some of the biggest challenges of this job are how fast-paced it is, the amount of tasks that need to be done simultaneously and the pressures to perform," Isaac says. "In this type of atmosphere, all you can do is keep your cool, remain confident in your skills and stay professional."

Huntington University gave Isaac tools and experiences that have helped him excel in his high pressure, demanding work environment.

"I grew so much during my time at Huntington, not just academically, but spiritually and in maturity," Isaac says. "I was given the knowledge I needed to work in my field and was given chances to gain experience in real-life situations. One such example was the opportunity to organize, book and manage the Preeminence tour during the summer after my sophomore year. What better way to learn than by doing!"

In addition to his work with Preeminence, a traveling group of student musicians who tour the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions throughout the summer, Isaac spent a semester at the Contemporary Music Center located on Martha's Vineyard. The CMC is a program designed specifically for aspiring recording artists and future music executives.

A job shadowing course Isaac took during January Term of his junior year also proved to be beneficial. He worked at the



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Honeywell Center in Wabash, Ind., a 1,500-seat theater offering a variety of programming, as well as an art gallery, catering services, meeting rooms, a gym and a skating rink. There, he learned more about concert production and promotion.

Huntington's small size contributed to Isaac's positive experience. He acknowledges the faculty-to-student ratio and the tight-knit campus community as significant advantages.

"A smaller institution allows professors to invest more in their students," Isaac says. "You never have to worry about just being a number. Huntington University cared about who I was, not just about giving me an education. The size also allows students a chance to really get to know a major portion of the student body. It's great to have that positive community during the college years. You just don't have that atmosphere at large institutions."

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Dr. Tom Bergler**, associate professor of ministry and missions, will deliver the Forester Lecture Series Faculty Lecture at 7 p.m. on Feb. 8 in the Zucher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. His presentation, titled “No More Slow Dances with Jesus: Using Contemporary Worship Music Responsibly,” will identify the strengths and weaknesses of contemporary praise and worship music by evaluating it in light of biblical teaching on worship and Christian discipleship. Finally, it will suggest steps that individual worshippers, worship leaders and songwriters may take to foster a sound, biblically grounded spirituality through singing.

• **Dr. Dave Rahn**, professor of youth ministries, visited LeaderTreks on Nov. 2 where he shared the importance of student leadership development to a gathering of youth workers from the Chicagoland area. At the Student Leadership Summit, youth workers joined in a

discussion with Rahn about the best practices for equipping student leaders. Youth pastors, volunteers and LeaderTreks staff learned about different models of leadership in youth ministry as well as the importance of equipping leaders. After sharing with the staff and youth workers, Rahn sat down with Matt Schulte, director of Youth Pastor Resources, and shared his thoughts on student leadership development. Rahn’s thoughts may be seen and heard on the Dec. 12 edition of the LeaderTreks video podcast at www.leadertreks.com/yp_resources.asp.

• Recipients of the Huntington University Peer Award for the month of December were **Mr. Paul Hirschy** and **Dr. David Woodruff**. **Mrs. Cindy Geders**, administrative secretary to the president, passed the Peer Award to Hirschy. Hirschy is a development officer and has been with Huntington University for one year. **Dr. Del Doughty**, professor of English, passed the Peer Award to Woodruff. Woodruff is associate professor of philosophy and has been with Huntington University for six years.

• **Dr. Gary House**, assistant professor of pastoral ministries and director of the M.A. in pastoral

ministries, presented a paper titled “Jeremiah Lanhier and the Layman’s Prayer Revival: The Event of the Century” at the biennial meetings of the Conference on Faith and History at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., Sept. 20-23. He also presented a paper on “Teaching to Educate a ‘Person’: A Theory of Knowledge and Learning” at the annual conference of the North American Professors of Christian Education in Denver, Col., Oct. 19-21.

• The Huntington University worship leadership program offered a seminar titled “Pastor/Worship Leader Roles” taught by **Dr. Bob Myers**, assistant professor of worship leadership. The seminar was presented Nov. 28 and explored the relational dynamics between the senior leader of the church and the worship leader.

• **Dr. George Killian**, assistant professor of music, served as conductor for Huntington University’s 52nd presentation of Handel’s “Messiah.” The Huntington University Concert Choir and Orchestra joined forces with the Community Festival Chorus for the performance, which took place Dec. 1 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Huntington.

Meet Crystal Hippensteel Director of First Year Students and Volunteer Service



Mrs. Crystal Hippensteel began at Huntington University as director of first year students and volunteer service in the fall of 2006.

Hippensteel served at Crestview Middle School for 12 years as a language arts teacher. She is a graduate of Taylor University and has a master’s degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University. Her husband Scott serves in the Department of Music as professor of instrumental music. The Hippensteels have two children, Alexandra and Logan. Hippensteel was the original director of the Joe Mertz Center for Volunteer Service.

HUNTINGTON MAKES THE GRADE *University chosen for President’s Service Honor Roll*

The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll has recognized Huntington University for volunteerism locally and in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

In October 2005, 25 Huntington students traveled to Mississippi and Alabama to assist with Hurricane Katrina clean-up efforts. During January Term 2006, a group of 37 people including students, faculty and staff went to Biloxi, Miss., to give out food, clothes and supplies in addition to cleaning up a cemetery and the Jefferson Davis home. In April 2006, 15 student teachers spent their spring break serving in the Gulf Coast region where they provided classroom resources.

“Part of the mission of Huntington University is to involve students in acts of service to others,” said Crystal Hippensteel, director of first year students and volunteer service. “The university’s desire is for students to follow Christ’s example of putting others first through acts of service. The Joe Mertz Center for Volunteer Service helps to provide opportunities for students to help others and to develop a passion for service that will last far beyond their years at Huntington University.”

The JMC is a student-directed organization founded in

1992. More than 70 percent of resident students are involved in some form of volunteer service, and more than 10,000 hours of labor are contributed by the Huntington University campus community each year.



More than 500 colleges and universities applied for the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, which recognizes and promotes outstanding community service by institutions of higher education across the country. Universities are chosen for the honor based on hours of service, types of service provided to the community and to other communities. Specific communities of interest for this honor were those devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

The program, which began in 2006, is cosponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation.

For more information about the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, log on to www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher_ed_honorroll.asp.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Basketball: The NAIA Division II top-ranked Huntington University men's basketball team (16-2) had no trouble handling Siena Heights University (3-10) as they downed the Saints 100-67 on Dec. 30. Huntington turned a 20-19 lead at the 13:16 mark of the first half into a 38-23 advantage with an 18-4 run over a five-minute span to take command of the game. Another 14-4 spurt over the final six minutes of the half gave the Foresters a 56-32 lead at the break, and they never looked back. The two teams traded baskets over the final 10 minutes of the game leading to the 33-point victory for the Foresters.

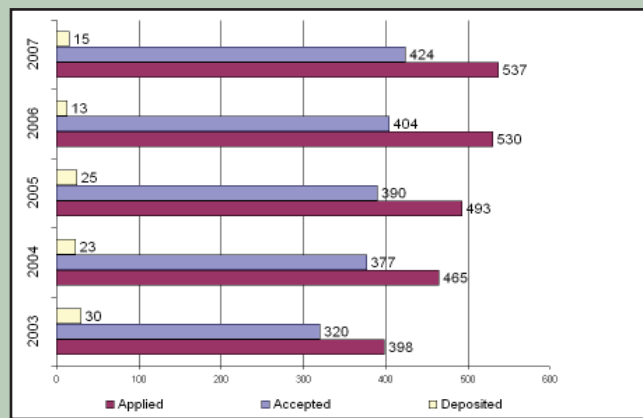


Women's basketball senior Jessah Brumbaugh earned Athlete of the Week honors for her outstanding efforts during the week of Dec. 11-17. Brumbaugh helped lead Huntington to an important win over a tough 9-3 Malone College squad.

After going one for 13 from behind the arc in the first half, the University of St. Francis, Ill., Saints (9-7) used a barrage of three-pointers to overcome a 13-point half-time deficit and hand the Forester women's basketball team (7-5) an 85-81 loss in the opening game of the St. Xavier Christmas Tournament on Dec. 27. The Foresters (8-5) bounced back from the opening round loss to defeat Siena Heights University (9-5) 81-67 on Dec. 28. Junior Kendra Stahl scored a career-high 17 points on 8-12 shooting to lead the Foresters (9-5) to a 60-40 win over Spring Arbor University (4-11) on Dec. 29. With the victory, Huntington won the consolation bracket of the St. Xavier Christmas Tournament.

For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit www.huntington.edu/athletics.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2007 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

December contributions still are being processed, but gift receipts prior to Christmas break are encouraging. A number of donors have responded to requests for both restricted and unrestricted giving to the university during the last month of the calendar year. As 2007 begins, the Advancement office wishes to thank everyone who partnered with Huntington University during 2006.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- The 2007 edition of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 20 students from Huntington University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. These students join an elite group of students from more than 2,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934. Students named this year from Huntington University include the following: **Robyn Ann Althoff, Molly Margaret Andrews, Rachael Ann Boersma, Katherine Patricia Brautigam, Emily Joy Caley, Andrew David Clay, Kelly Ann Daniels, Katherine Nicole Dinkens, Kylie Nicole Edmonds, Brittany Brooke Fillman, Ashley Michelle Gonterman, Jessica Linn Gundy, Rebekah Gene (Bachman) Liston, Kimberley Annette Moore, David James Nearpass, Harmony Rose Peace, Tracy Ruth Schwerin, April Michelle Snider, Lillian Marie Theiss and Eric Throne.**

- Huntington University senior social work

majors enrolled in the Social Work Practice III class conducted a community needs assessment for the Huntington County Council on Aging as a part of their course requirements to acquire skills needed in Macro Social Work. They presented their findings through a written and oral report at the council's board of directors meeting on Nov. 27. Students involved in the project included **Diana Hochstetler** of Wawaka, Ind.; **Kimberly Kilander** of Huntington, Ind.; **Emily Risser** of St. Thomas, Pa.; **Beverly Rutan** of Huntington, Ind.; **Sheena Sharpe** of Huntington, Ind.; and **Chynna Wright** of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

- The Huntington University Foundation will present **Jim O'Donnell's** "2007 Economic Forecast" for the Columbia City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Wells County Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 4. O'Donnell serves as associate professor of business and executive-in-residence for Huntington University. The Columbia City event will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Parkview Whitley Hospital Auditorium, 353 N. Oak St., Columbia City. Breakfast will be served, and there is no charge. RSVP to the Columbia City Area Chamber of Commerce at (260) 248-8131. The Wells County event will begin at noon at the Arts, Commerce & Visitors Centre on 211 W. Water St. in Bluffton. The cost for the luncheon is \$8. Sponsors include Huntington University and the

First Bank of Berne. RSVP to the Wells County Chamber of Commerce at (260) 824-0510.

- The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles released a newly redesigned special recognition license plate for Huntington University on Jan. 1. The 2007 design features the university's athletic logo, an "H" with an ax in the middle. An authorization form is needed to purchase the special recognition plate from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles office. To obtain the form, log on to www.huntington.edu/plate.htm. Specialty plates are available for a number of organizations within the state, and all require some additional fees. The Huntington University plate is being offered with the minimum required \$15 administrative fee assessed by the BMV. No extra fee will be collected by Huntington University. "We appreciate the support of all those who will proudly display a Huntington University plate on their vehicle," said **Troy Irick**, vice president for advancement. "Thank you for showing your Huntington pride!"



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			3 W Basketball/ 7:05 pm CST (A)	4	5	6 W Basketball/1 pm (H) M Basketball/3 pm (A)
7	8 January Term begins	9 M Basketball/7 pm (H)	10 W Basketball/7 pm (A)	11	12	13 W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/3 pm (H)
14	15 CLEP/DANTES/8 am	16 CLEP/DANTES/8 am M Basketball/7 pm (A)	17 CLEP/DANTES/8 am W Basketball/7 pm (H)	18 Board of Trustees CLEP/DANTES/8 am J-Term Jam/6 pm	19 Board of Trustees CLEP/DANTES/8 am	20 Board of Trustees W Basketball/1 pm (H) M Basketball/3 pm (A)
21	22	23 M Basketball/7 pm (H)	24 Final day of J-Term W Basketball/7 pm (A)	25	26	27 W Basketball/1 pm (H) M Basketball/3 pm (A)
28	29 Spring semester begins	30 M Basketball/7 pm (H)	31 W Basketball/7 pm (A)	1	2 Artist Reception/6 pm Senior Theatre Project/ 7:30 pm	3 Alpha Psi Omega Guerilla Theatre/9 pm
4	5	6 M Basketball/7 pm (H)	7 W Basketball/7 pm (A)	8 Forester Lecture/7 pm	9 Honors Convocation/ 9 am Senior Recital/7 pm	10 W Basketball/1 pm (H) M Basketball/3 pm (A)
11	12	13 M Basketball/7 pm (A)	14 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am W Basketball/7 pm (H)	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

"I expect that this will be a life-changing experience for both of us," says Mary Clark (EXCEL, 2004).

This month, Mary will travel to Ghana to help her husband, Lance (1989), film a documentary about the victims of the *Trokosi* slavery practice in West Africa. In the Volta region, young girls are sold to fetish shrine priests for the removal of curses or in payment for the sins of ancestors. Often as early as five or six years of age, these girls become *Trokosi*, or "slaves to the gods," and are forced into sexual servitude.

"When I first heard of the *Trokosi*, I was heartbroken," says Mary Clark. "Being a mother of two daughters, I couldn't help but be moved by these innocent girls who are sacrificed by their parents to become payment for others' sins. These Ghanaian parents are convinced by the fetish priest that a curse can be broken with the payment of an innocent virgin from their village."

The Clarks will be accompanied by 2006 graduate and filmmaker, Jeff Blossom, and Rody Rodeheaver (1966), president of I.N. Network USA, an international missions agency. "The heartbreak of a young life being given to the hopelessness of a lifetime of servitude and sexual exploitation is a tragedy that is being fought by the efforts of the International Needs Ghana staff," Rody says. "Their courageous work has resulted in the freeing of 3,500 of these women who are restored, educated and taught life-sustaining job skills. Our work continues as we strive to free more than 2,000 other women who remain trapped in this horrific *Trokosi* practice."

The documentary they produce will include contemporary Christian recording artist Nicole C. Mullin. The film will be used by churches and other organizations to raise awareness of the plight of the *Trokosi* slave women who are impoverished and victimized by the continuation of human slavery in Ghana, West Africa.

The documentary crew will be the latest in a growing number of Huntington University alumni joining the global fight against 21st century slavery. Alumna Beth Waterman (2004) returned to India this month to become the servant team coordinator of Word Made Flesh, an agency ministering to the women and children of Kolkata's red light district. Those who have seen the shocking documentary "Born into Brothels" will be familiar with the neighborhood where Beth is "serving Jesus among the poorest of the poor."

Amber Hirschy (2005) is working in Cambodia with World Hope International. Through a microfinance institution, she provides loans to help poor families start businesses and develop alternate sources of income. She also works with Chab Dai, a coalition of Christian organizations committed to ending sexual abuse and human trafficking in Cambodia.

The United States government estimates that 600,000 to 800,000 individuals each year are victims of human trafficking across international borders. Eighty percent are female, and the vast majority are sold into the sex trade.



Dr. G. Blair Dowden
President of Huntington University

In the 18th and 19th centuries, clergy and laity of the United Brethren Church were dedicated to the abolition of slavery in the United States. Their spiritual legacy is today finding new voices among the alumni of Huntington University.

Our students and graduates eagerly respond to needs they identify on our campus, in our community and around the world. With skills in filmmaking, business management, ministry and other academic disciplines, these men and women are truly impacting their world for Christ. I am very proud of them and thankful to have such caring and loving campus and alumni communities.