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LEARNING TO LEAD WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

As worship leadership majors at Huntington University, students develop an understanding of true worship from a biblical and theological base – to worship in spirit and in truth. Huntington's program is comprehensive, exploring traditional to contemporary to emerging worship styles. Students learn how to lead and facilitate meaningful corporate worship experiences that are both culturally sensitive and theologically grounded. Huntington's worship training program offers a unique combination of ministry leadership preparation and specialized skill development in such fields as music, multimedia, communication and theatre. Students learn the foundational skills and knowledge for serving God and the community of faith through the spiritual discipline of worship.

From planning a worship set and directing rehearsals to leading a worship team and developing sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance, Matthew Hann says Huntington University prepared him for his position as associate pastor of worship and care/visitation at Jerusalem Chapel Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Churchville, Va.

"My worship leadership classes have proved to be invaluable to my ministry," the 2007 graduate says. "I learned the importance of prayer and strategic planning when I put together a set list of songs for a worship gathering. I learned that you cannot just rush into the presence of God through music."

Matthew says his courses in leadership provided him with practical leadership skills and materials that he uses daily. This includes the art of leading with boldness and sensitivity.

"I say 'boldly' because if God is telling me to lead the worship ministry in a new direction, then I need to realize that not everyone is going to be OK with change," he says. "I say 'sensitivity' because my church is experiencing transitions, and I realize that coping with changes will take a great deal of prayer, patience and understanding."

Matthew's practical experiences as a student gave him the confidence to lead worship full-time. For six months, he served in a church leading worship, preaching sermons and teaching Sunday school through his PRIME (Practical Research and Immersion through Ministry Effectiveness) internship. "It truly opened my eyes to what ministry life is like," he says. "My experience with the PRIME internship reinforced the decision that I made to go into full-time ministry."

In addition, Matthew was the worship coordinator for Joyful Noise, the university's chapel worship team, an experience that helped him develop stronger musical, leadership and relational skills. "I felt a good connection with the students in the auditorium when the worship team and I were up on stage. With HU being a smaller school, I felt like I could look out and see a large group of friends praising God with me rather than a sea of faces that I didn't know."

His strong relationships also included faculty. "Dr. Bob Myers and the other ministry professors truly did care about me, and they did whatever they could to connect me with full-time ministry opportunities after graduation."



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Matthew is grateful that the Ministry and Missions Department faculty stressed a central aspect of ministry: caring. "Several of my professors frequently emphasized the importance of caring for the people in our future congregations," he says. "Ministry is really all about people. Through Jesus, we have a message to share with people. As ministers, we are called to come alongside of those people to encourage them, to lead and equip them, and to do everything that we can to help them live a life that is surrendered to our God."

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Dr. Jerry Davis**, director of the graduate counseling program and professor of counseling, presented a three-hour seminar titled "Doing Integration: From Presuppositions to Practice" in Fort Wayne on June 7. The presentation, sponsored

by the Fellowship of Christian Counselors, focused on how mental health providers can integrate Christian faith into their practices. The Taylor University Fort Wayne campus hosted the presentation, which featured a lecture, a question-and-answer session, small group activities and discussion. Davis presented some of the material that he teaches in his class on integration.

• **Dr. Silvia Choi**, assistant professor of Spanish, presented a paper at the 28th Cincinnati Conference on Romance Languages and Literatures sponsored by the University of Cincinnati on May 8-10. The title of her paper was "Mujer y novela policial: la evolucion de la figura femenina en cinco autoras hispanas y latinoamericanas."

• The Indiana Arts Commission has selected **Steve Leeper**, assistant professor of digital media arts, as a recipient of an Individual Artist Program Grant. Leeper will use the \$2,000 grant for the completion of his short animated film,

"Moonboy and Shadow." "The film is about a young boy, his new camera and a fascination with moonlight," Leeper explained. "He sneaks out at midnight with his cat Shadow to capture their likeness in a late-night portrait aided by the light of the moon. Unknown to the boy – but suspected by his cat – the Moon is watching with great interest."

• The Association of Teacher Educators Program Committee has accepted a proposal by **Dr. Cindy Steury**, professor of education, for a presentation titled, "Teaching Minds, Hearts, and Wills Through Literature." Steury will give the presentation at the ATE 2008 Summer Conference in Washington D.C. on Aug. 2-6. The conference theme, "The Global Imperative: Educating and Assessing the Whole Child, Teachers, and Community," is designed to appeal to all professionals involved in the education of the whole child.

• **Dr. Jack Heller**, assistant professor of English, gave the keynote address at Wheaton College's Shakespeare Institute, "Word and Ritual in Select Shakespeare Plays," on June 6. He presented a paper he wrote on Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" titled "Your statue's spouting blood: Julius Caesar, the sacraments and the Fountain of Life."

• **Dr. Paul Michelson**, distinguished professor of history, has been asked to serve on the editorial board of a new journal, *East and Europolis*, being

published by the Center for Political Analysis at the Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj in Romania. In addition, an article by Michelson has been published as "The Triple Revolution and the Birth of Modern Times," in *Biserica, societate, identitate. In honorem Nicolae Bocsan* (Cluj-Napoca: Editura Presa Universitara Clujeana, 2007), pp. 639-648, dealing with the transitions of the 18th and 19th centuries.

• **Dr. Linda Urschel**, professor of English presented a paper titled, "The Forgotten Majority: Female Students at Christian Colleges" at the CCCU "Conversations toward Wholeness" conference on gender issues in Christian colleges and universities. Representatives of CCCU schools met at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego on April 9-11. The conference was the first ever CCCU meeting recognizing gender issues, and the CCCU is planning more conferences on the issues raised at this session.

• **Dr. Tom Bergler**, associate professor of ministry and missions, attended the "Catholicism in the American Century" conference sponsored by the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame in April. In addition, Bergler spoke on the topic "Youth Culture Trends in the United States" to the Kairos international youth leaders' meeting held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on May 7-9.

Polly Roush



"Polly's wit, wisdom and love of nature impacted me and so many others. I loved hearing her tree-climbing stories from her growing-up years on the farm, anecdotes from the campaign trail and priceless family memories from escapades in Washington, D.C. She lived an incredible life as wife, mother, teacher, community leader and valued friend. Her insights, helpful ways, exuberance, energy, and delight in God's creation will be greatly missed."

-- Chris Dowden,
First Lady of Huntington University

REMEMBERING POLLY ROUSH

University loses integral part of campus community

Marjorie Pauline (Borton) Roush, or "Polly" as she was so fondly known, passed away July 13 at the age of 86. An integral part of Huntington University, Roush served as a member of the Huntington College Women's Auxiliary and on the boards of directors for the Huntington College Foundation and alumni organization.

Her husband, J. Edward Roush, served as a U.S. Representative for 16 years and was known as the father of the nationwide 911 emergency system. He passed away on March 26, 2004, at age 83.

"Polly Roush's impact on Huntington University cannot be overstated," said Dr. G. Blair Dowden, president of the university. "She was a trusted friend, a wise advisor and an ardent supporter. She will be greatly missed."

In 2001, the university recognized Roush with an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree for her longtime volunteerism both to the college and the community. She was among 100 notable individuals who were selected to receive the Huntington College Centennial Medallion in 1997.

Roush was active in the Huntington College Auxiliary for more than 50 years in a variety of roles including president, secretary and chairwoman of the ways and means committee. "I don't think there's any position she didn't serve," said Ruth Weber, secretary of the auxiliary.

"Over the past 60 plus years, I've known Polly first as a student at Huntington College and then as a friend, neighbor and colleague," Weber said. "She was always a very fun-loving, resourceful, hard-working, talented person. She gave herself untrudgingly to the work of her church, Huntington University, and in support of her family. Polly has been a loyal supporter of the Huntington University Auxiliary since I've known her. Her contagious smile and encouraging comments will be greatly missed by all who knew her."

As a member of the Huntington College Foundation board of directors, Roush emphasized the importance of scholarships. She and her husband established the J. Edward and Polly Roush Family Scholarship for Huntington County residents attending Huntington University.

"As a board, we are each leading the way by contributing to the foundation's scholarship fund before we ask others to join us," she said in a 1997 interview. "We also are stressing the importance of having a great college in our community and the benefits it brings to all of us living here. I graduated from Huntington College and know what it is to have high-quality professors and administrators, and to learn in an institution that enlarges students' faith in God and in themselves, and also requires high academic scholarship."

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Basketball and Soccer

Three Huntington University media guides recently received national honors from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics-Sports Information Directors Association for the 2007-2008 season. For the fifth year in a row, a Forester media guide won best cover in the country with this year's honors going to both men's soccer and men's basketball. Two of the guides also placed in the top 10 for content. The women's basketball guide was fourth, and the men's basketball guide was sixth in both basketball brochure divisions. This is the seventh time in as many years that Huntington University has received national recognition in the NAIA-SIDA Publications Contest. **Julie Babb**, assistant director for creative services, designed both of the award-winning covers. **Lori Culler**, sports information director, and **Marjorie Brumm**, public relations student assistant, along with Babb, were responsible for the content, layout and design of both the men's and women's basketball guides.



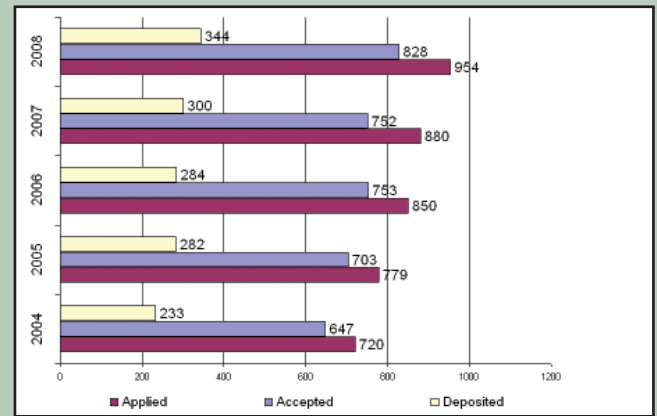
The award-winning cover of the 2007 men's soccer media guide

Track & Field

Tom King, coach of Huntington University's track and field and cross country teams, was chosen as the 2008 Region VIII recipient of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Coach of Character Award. He was selected for his accomplishments as a coach as well as his character in competitions and in the community. King has been a part of Huntington University athletics since 1970 and during his time, he has coached more than 20 All-American Scholar Athletes, and his athletes have earned more than 40 All-American Honors.

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 2008 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Employee giving to the University Fund is up 18 percent over last year, achieving its highest level since 2004. In addition, support from alumni and HU Foundation members increased an average of 4 percent over last year. Work in the leadership giving area of the capital campaign is in full swing this summer. Currently, proposals are being presented to HU Trustees as well as members of PACE. Leadership giving proposals for members of the HU Alumni Board and HU Foundation Board will begin next month. In addition to the groups noted, proposals (and commitments) from members of the Advancement Office and the Senior Leadership Team have been secured.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- Huntington University registered 229 first-time freshmen during Registration Weekend, topping the previous record set in 2006 by 28 students. Registration Weekend, held this summer on June 20-21, is an orientation to Huntington University for students and parents. Both attend seminars introducing them to faculty, staff and current students. Students can take placement tests, sign up for housing, have their student identification photo taken and learn about the university's wireless computer network. A highlight of the weekend is the HU Olympics, hosted by current students.

- The traveling theatre troupe from Huntington University will present "Godspell" for the last time at 7 p.m. on Aug. 8 in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merrillat Centre for the Arts. The show is free and open to the public. This summer, student actors and musicians presented "Godspell" at churches in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions. By the tour's end, the group will have performed more than 40 shows between June 8 and Aug. 8. For more details, log on to www.huntington.edu/godspell.

- The Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County will gain a new program, thanks in part to the work of **Ashley McCann**, a senior at Huntington University. McCann authored a grant proposal that was accepted by the Huntington County Community Foundation. The \$3,200

grant will supply the Boys and Girls Club with the funds needed to begin a new art program for the 2008-2009 academic year. McCann's involvement was the result of a grant proposal and fundraising course at the university, requiring her to write a grant proposal. McCann chose the Boys and Girls Club because she wanted to work on a grant that would affect children and teenagers. "For me, this was a whole new experience," said McCann, a recreation management major from Fort Wayne, Ind. "I have never written a grant before, and I was a little apprehensive about this project, but the more I met with Mandy (Reber), the easier this project was." The program is geared toward children who may not excel at sports or education, but that still have a talent and need an outlet for that talent, said Mandy Reber, director for the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County. Art majors from Huntington University will work with the children four to five hours a week.

- **Calvin D. Hawkins**, Lake Superior Court judge and Huntington University alumnus, recently launched his "It's Cool to Stay In School" program in Lake County, Ind. The effort is designed to encourage young people to remain in the educational arena and not drop out. For more information, log on to www.huntington.edu/news/0708/stay-in-school-program.htm or contact the court staff at (219) 398-2443.

- Huntington University professors **Rebecca Coffman** and **Ken Hopper**, along with other local artists, are showcasing and selling their pieces through the Art Depot in Huntington on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Art Depot, renovated by Shelly Schenkel of Huntington, is located in the train depot building at 11 West State St., Huntington. The building houses the work of local artisans including Coffman, potter; Hopper, painter/photographer; Jamie Stoffel, painter; Betty Heffelfinger, jeweler; Sharon Dalman, textile artist; and Victoria Dalman, muralist/decorative furniture maker. Coffman is professor of art at Huntington University, and Hopper serves as associate professor of art and department chair. In addition to the Friday hours, the Art Depot also is open by appointment. For more information, contact Jamie Stoffel at (260) 672-2754.



The interior of the Art Depot in downtown Huntington

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			23 "Godspell"/7 pm (Forest Park UM Church) www.huntington.edu/godspell	24	25 "Godspell"/7 pm (Swiss Days) www.huntington.edu/godspell	26 "Godspell"/7:30 pm (Arts Place) www.huntington.edu/godspell
27 "Godspell"/6 pm (Lakewood Park Baptist Church) www.huntington.edu/godspell	28 EXCEL info session/ 6pm (SH 126)	29 "Godspell"/7 pm (Liberty Community Church) www.huntington.edu/godspell	30 "Godspell"/7 pm (Adeline Christian Camp) www.huntington.edu/godspell	31 "Godspell"/7 pm (First Assembly of God Church) www.huntington.edu/godspell	1 "Godspell"/7 pm (Morning Star Church) www.huntington.edu/godspell	2 Huntington Open 5K/ 8:30 am "Godspell"/7 pm (Peru H.S. Auditorium)
3 "Godspell"/7 pm (Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church) www.huntington.edu/godspell	4	5 "Godspell"/7 pm (Columbia City UM Church) www.huntington.edu/godspell	6 "Godspell"/ 7 pm (First United Methodist Church) www.huntington.edu/godspell	7 "Godspell"/ 7 pm (St. John Lutheran Church) www.huntington.edu/godspell	8 "Godspell"/ 7 pm (Huntington University) www.huntington.edu/godspell	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Women and Men's Alumni Soccer Games/ noon and 2 p.m., respectively
17	18	19 Faculty Workshop	20	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit http://my.huntington.edu.</i>		

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Over the past several years, the university has been working with the City of Huntington to promote the importance of ethnic diversity and to encourage the entire community in its continuing efforts to be welcoming to individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds. Such a welcoming environment is important to the university as we work to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of our own campus community. The city has been responsive to these initiatives, developing a mission statement that in part reads,

We recognize our citizens as our most valuable resource. We acknowledge the people who live and work in our city as our greatest assets. Their ethnic, economic and religious diversity provides the strength that holds our community together. The city of Huntington, Indiana, is a community of civility and inclusion, where diversity is honored and differences are respected.

Since January 2008, I have had the privilege of leading a task force of local civic leaders asked by city council to "operationalize" this mission statement. Our charge is to act within our spheres of influence to help Huntington become an even more welcoming community – particularly to those of different ethnic, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. We are calling our work the "Harmony Initiative."

Throughout the spring and summer, the group has met several times to talk about perceptions of Huntington, focusing on issues of civility and inclusion. By year's end, we hope to articulate a set of measurable goals and creative strategies. Our conversations have been upbeat, productive

and encouraging as we have shared positive experiences and creative ideas. Much of the work ahead will be coordinated by a number of subcommittees representing various sectors of our community. I greatly appreciate the leadership and commitment that each participant brings to this effort. The Harmony Initiative Task Force members are as follows:

Business Community: Mr. Bob Brown, chair (Huntington County Chamber of Commerce); Mr. Joel Jerabek (United Technologies); Mr. Mark Wickersham (Huntington County United Economic Development)

Church Community: Rev. Gary Dilley, chair (College Park Church); Fr. Ron Rieder (St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church); Mr. Terry Keel (United Technologies)

Educational Community: Mr. Jesse Brown, chair (Huntington University); Mr. Chuck Grable, Mrs. Trace Hinesley and Mr. Tracey Shafer (Huntington County Community School Corporation); Mr. John Paff (Huntington University)

Government: Mrs. Kathy Branham, chair (Huntington County Council); Mr. Brooks Fetters (Huntington City Council); Mr. Mark Wickersham (HCUED)

Large Organizations: Mr. Kyle Hamilton, chair (Our Sunday Visitor); Mr. Joel Jerabek, Mr. Terry Keel and Ms. Shellie McKinney (United Technologies); Mr. Mike Perkins (Parkview Huntington Hospital)



Dr. G. Blair Dowden
President of Huntington University

Media: Mr. Steve Kimmel, chair; Mr. John Paff (HU)

Non-Profit Organizations: Mrs. Pat Horoho, chair (United Way); Mrs. Trace Hinesley (HCCSC), Mr. John Niederman (Pathfinder Services).

We recognize that the tasks ahead are complex and will take time. However, I am very encouraged that these influential community leaders are involved in this important effort.

This is an important initiative and one in which the university can have an important and profound impact on the community.