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M.ED. PROGRAM: UPGRADING YOUR FUTURE

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Huntington University's Master of Education program is designed to help students develop professionally, fulfill teaching license renewal, or earn a master's degree – while they continue to teach.

Dynamic, relevant courses are taught one night a week during the school year, with two-week sessions in the summer when school is out. In less than two years, students can earn a master's degree and be on their way to accomplishing new goals.

Master of Education degrees are available in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary Reading, Early Adolescent Education, and Adolescent and Young Adult Education.

The master's program is aligned with the conceptual framework of the teacher education program that views the teacher as an effective steward or manager of knowledge, learner development, environment and instruction.

Huntington, Ind., native Jill Johnston is a 2002 graduate of Huntington University with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. Post-graduation, Jill began her teaching career giving little thought to continuing her education with a master's degree.

After two years of teaching, though, she began to consider the possibility.

"I started to realize that I might want to further my education," Jill said. "I talked myself out of it because I thought I would have to travel to Fort Wayne to attend a secular school or take online courses. Neither of these options appealed to me."

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— Jill Johnston ('08)

After hearing about Huntington University's Master of Education program, Jill was intrigued and became one of the first students to take part in the program.

"I knew that if they started a program," Jill said, "it would be the place for me because I truly valued my four years of undergraduate work there."

Jill was excited about the prospect of returning to classes but nervous about balancing teaching and her own coursework. In conversations with fellow co-workers concerning their master's program experiences, Jill kept hearing negative comments which worried her. But she was pleasantly surprised by her HU experience.

"My courses at Huntington were very challenging," Jill said, "but I appreciated the opportunity to grow professionally in my career."

In May of 2008, Jill graduated with a Master of Education



degree in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, and she considers herself a better teacher as a result of the experience.

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"It is obvious that they care about you as a person," she added. "They want you to succeed in your career."

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Dr. Jeffrey Webb**, professor of history, presented a paper at the 6th Biennial Conference of the Society of Early Americanists on March 5 in Hamilton, Bermuda. His paper was titled “Plowmen, Clowns, and Louts: Rusticity and Civility in Early Pennsylvania” and argued that Benjamin Franklin’s early writings on civility were influenced by 17th and 18th century Quaker ideas about plainness, sincerity and virtue. The paper was included in a panel of papers on the subject of “Stupidity in Early America,” which is the subject of a forthcoming book by panel organizer Michael Householder of Southern Methodist University.

• On Feb. 15-18, **Dr. Terrell Peace**, professor of education, attended the Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas. At the conference, Rowman & Littlefield introduced a newly published book to which Peace was a contributor. The book is titled “Affective Teacher Education: Exploring Connections Among Knowledge,

Skills, and Dispositions.” Peace co-authored a chapter titled “Examining Teacher Candidates’ Perceptions of Teachers’ Professional Dispositions” based on research done with Huntington University education students and those from two other schools. During the conference awards ceremony, Peace received a certificate and was honored as an ATE Laureate for 20 years of continuous membership in the organization. At the closing session of the conference, Peace received a gavel lapel pin and officially became president-elect of ATE.

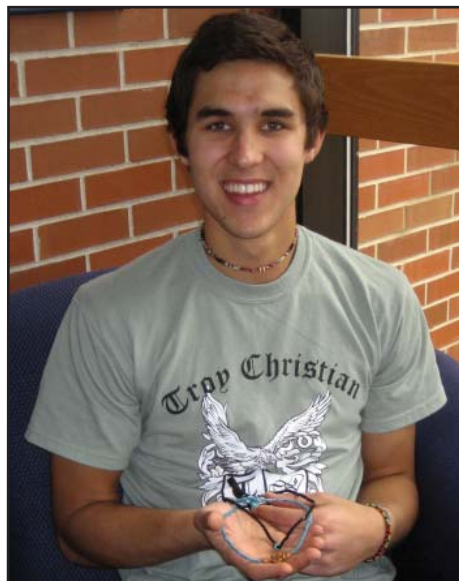
• On March 21, **Mr. Tom Ayers**, vice president for business and finance, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Anthony Wayne Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

• **Dr. Bob Myers**, assistant professor of worship leadership, presented a paper at the Pietist Impulse in Christianity Conference held March 19-21 at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn. His paper was titled “A Comparison of Spiritual Impact and Meaning in Devotional Songs from Early Lutheran Pietism and Late Twentieth Century Evangelical Worship.” The focus of the presentation was to explore differences in

cultural milieus in order to discern meaning in similar song texts.

• **Prof. Carla MacDonald**, assistant professor of social work, attended the 26th Annual Baccalaureate Social Work Education Conference held March 18-22 in Phoenix, Ariz. The theme for the conference was “Bachelor of Social Work Generalist Practice: The Future Is Now.”

• From March 25-28, **Dr. Todd Martin**, associate professor of English, and three English majors attended the 2009 Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society Convention. During the convention, Will Braun presented his critical essay, “The Smelting of Faeryland: ‘The Man Who Dreamed of Faeryland’ and Yeats’ Process of Revision”; Caitlynn Lowe read her creative nonfiction piece titled “Moonshine”; and Stephanie Hollister chaired a session on author Kurt Vonnegut. Martin served as a panel member for a chapter sponsor workshop, sharing ideas of how to develop a thriving chapter.



Freshman Ben Swartz shows off some of the necklaces he has made for Necklaces for Change.

Huntington University freshman Ben Swartz is selling necklaces to raise money for orphanages overseas.

“I have known since I was 16 that God was calling me to care for the orphans,” said Swartz, a freshman nursing major from Botkins, Ohio.

NURSING STUDENT RAISES FUNDS *Necklaces for Change supports orphanages*

Swartz said he had been praying for some time for a way to raise money for this cause. Then one day someone showed him how to make the necklaces he currently sells. He started wearing them, and when others expressed interest in the necklaces, he decided to sell them as a way to raise money for orphanages.

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The funds raised from approximately 200 necklaces were given to CKS Ministries. This organization is building an orphanage in Kenya, Africa, and was founded by C. Kevin and Cheri Singer, a couple who attend Swartz’s church.

“I’ve been able to converse, meet and befriend so many awesome people who are feeding and caring for orphans and the least of society,”

Swartz said. “I know that the money we have given to the orphanage being built in Kenya will affect kids’ lives that we may never meet, and it is hard to grasp the affect that the money will have.

“I know that this has affected my life so much. Just to see the amount of people who believe in the dream that God has placed in my heart is incredible.”

For more information, log on to



Examples of necklaces available through Necklaces for Change

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Baseball: After taking two from Marian College on the road April 2, the Foresters earned their first four-game MCC sweep of the season by knocking off the Knights 10-1 and 6-4 on April 4.

Basketball: Norwood Golf Club will host a spring golf outing to benefit the Huntington University women's basketball program on May 9 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person or \$300 per foursome and includes green fees, cart rental, lunch, two 2009-10 season tickets, a Fort Wayne Freedom football ticket and door prizes. For more information or to register, contact Coach Lori Culler at (260) 359-4213.

Softball: Ashley McCann provided five hits and five RBIs while Lauren Ward and Molly Long supplied solid performances on the mound to help the Foresters sweep the University of St. Francis 6-2 and 7-3 in MCC play on April 1.

Track & Field: The Foresters competed in the Manchester College Invitational on April 4. The women dominated the meet, winning 13 of the 19 events to capture the team title while the men finished fourth.

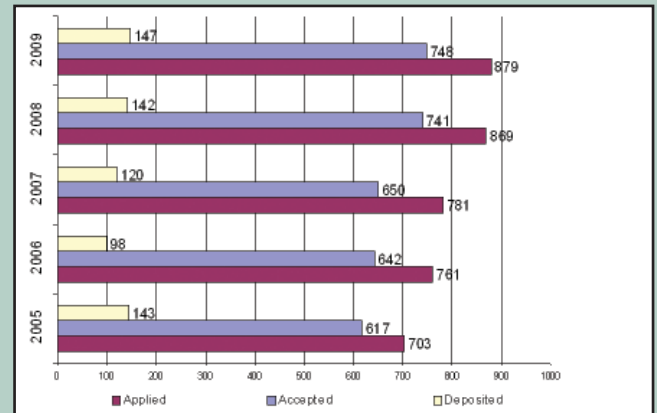
Recognitions: The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics recently announced the Division II women's and men's basketball awards for the 2008-09 season with four Foresters among the list of honorees. Senior Lauren Davenport was a Third Team NAIA All-America selection. Davenport, who was equally adept in the classroom, joined junior Brittney Bateman, junior Kevin Kyle and senior Geoff Scheetz on the list of All-America Scholar-Athlete honorees.

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



Eric Randel got the complete-game victory for HU against Marian College on April 2. He allowed one run on three hits and two walks while striking out two.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2009 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

The Advancement staff continues to contact a number of donors in an effort to solidify University Fund gifts during the last quarter of the fiscal year. Total unrestricted gift income through March is down 8 percent from last year; however, total gift income (before estate gifts received) is up 10% over last year – news for which the university is extremely thankful given these difficult economic times. Of special note, parents of current HU students are giving unrestricted gifts at a rate 5% higher than last year and on pace for the second highest amount in the last five years.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- Huntington University's EXCEL Adult Degree Programs recently had more than 40 full-time and adjunct faculty present for an EXCEL faculty development experience. Held on two dates to allow greater participation, those who attended received an update on the EXCEL program as well as workshops featuring **Dr. Steve Holtrop** and **Dr. Terrell Peace**. Holtrop presented on faith integration and EXCEL. He shared about the recent meetings which were conducted by a task force composed of full-time and adjunct faculty to examine what faith integration should look like in adult degree programs. Peace's workshop was on creative questioning. He led those present in discussions about classroom teaching techniques based on using creative questions. This faculty development was the first of a series of workshops which will be conducted annually to enhance faculty preparedness and instructional quality.

- Whitney Abbott, Will Braun, Caitlynn Lowe and Chris Sutton** represented Huntington University at the National Convention of Alpha Chi National Honor Society held April 2-4 in Indianapolis. They were accompanied by chapter sponsors, **Dr. Paul Michelson** and **Mrs. Jean Michelson**. Abbott, a senior psychology major, presented a paper on "Transition from Prison to Real Life: Future Social Support Systems for Previous Offenders"; Lowe, a junior English major, gave a paper on "Love is Hell: The

Legend of Dido"; and Sutton, a senior history major, gave a paper titled "'Rather Thin': The Complicated and Telling Decolonization of Cyprus, 1929-1960." Lowe and Sutton competed for Region V scholarships and were the chapter's nominees for National Alpha scholarships. The Huntington chapter also was invited to give a poster workshop on chapter activities. Dr. Paul Michelson serves as Region V vice-president of Alpha Chi; both he and Mrs. Jean Michelson chaired student presentation panels at the convention.

- This summer, the Huntington University Department of Theatre Arts will host its fourth Summer Theatre Youth Camp. From June 29-July 25, campers entering grades kindergarten through 12 in the fall will learn basic theatrical training from theatre professionals and perform a fully-produced musical theatre production. This summer's performance will be "Fiddler on the Roof Jr.," and every camper will have a part. The camp will run Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Huntington University Merillat Centre for the Arts with performances on July 25. Cost is \$175 per camper with a late registration fee of \$25 after May 1. Space is limited to 50 campers. Brochures and registration forms were distributed to area elementary and middle schools and are available at the Merillat Centre for the Arts Box Office. For more information, call the university's Theatre Office at (260)

359-4257. To obtain a registration form, call the Merillat Centre for the Arts Box Office at (260) 359-4261.

- Huntington University students, faculty and staff embarked on mission trips over spring break to the Dominican Republic; Costa Rica; Benton Harbor, Mich.; and Boston, Mass. The Dominican Republic team ministered to families and children in Redemption Village. The group that went to Costa Rica participated in a street-feeding ministry and "Club," a program similar to Vacation Bible School. The Michigan group partnered with Habitat for Humanity doing cleanup, landscaping and construction work. The team that traveled to Massachusetts took on various service projects around the city and learned about Boston's culture. For details and photos, log on to www.huntington.edu/news.



Haley Neiderhiser reads the Bible to children in the Dominican Republic. Neiderhiser is a freshman youth ministries and Spanish double major from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			8 All-Area Music Student Recital/4 pm	9 Softball/3 pm (A) Baseball/4:30 pm (H)	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11 Track & Field/9 am (A) Baseball/1 pm (A) Softball/1 pm (A)
12 EASTER	13 Golf/9 am (A) M Tennis/3 pm (A) Softball/3 pm (H)	14 Golf/8 am (A) Baseball/3 pm (A) Softball/3 pm (H)	15	16 Baseball/1 pm (A) Softball/3 pm (A)	17 Golf/11 am (A) Softball/noon (A) Longaker Honors Recital/7:30 pm	18 Golf/9 am (A) Track & Field/9 am (A) Softball/10 am (A) M Tennis/noon (H)
19	20 Golf/10 am (A) Tennis/4 pm (H)	21 Golf/8 am (A) Softball/3 pm (H) Baseball/4:30 pm (H)	22 Baseball/4:15 pm (A)	23 Board of Trustees Spring Meeting Baseball/1 pm (A) Softball/3 pm (H)	24 Board of Trustees Spring Meeting Track & Field/MCC Championships	25 Baseball/4 pm (H) Track & Field/MCC Championships
26	27 Golf & Softball/MCC Tournaments W Tennis/4 pm (A)	28 Grandparents Day Baseball, Golf & Softball/MCC Tournaments	29 Softball/MCC Tournament	30 "A Night at the Movies"/7:30 pm Softball/MCC Tournament	1 Nursing Department Open House/1 pm One-Act Play Festival/7:30 pm	2 Track & Field/4 pm (A) One-Act Play Festival/7:30 pm
3	4	5 Forester Awards Night	6	7	8 Final Day of Classes	9 Track & Field/4 pm (A)
10	11	12	13 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit http://my.huntington.edu.</i>		

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

This past spring break, I traveled to the Dominican Republic with 12 students and two HU staff members to work with a group called "New Missions." David Dean, a Christian comedian, introduced me to New Missions and also went with us. David has been to the DR several times and has established a network of contacts through New Missions in and around the northern coastal town of Puerto Plata.

This is the sixteenth or seventeenth spring break I have taken with students. Each group and each trip has been different, but my goals have been consistent. Through these trips, I've hoped that students will experience another culture up-close and personally. I also want them to escape our usual routines and, thereby, experience life from a different perspective; to sense and experience God at work in another culture; to learn from others' experience of God; and to experience an intentional, Christian community with individuals brought together for a common purpose.

I was very impressed with this spring's group of students. Each one of them contributed to the project in a different way, and watching each of them interact with the children and adults was gratifying. Several of them spoke Spanish, which proved very helpful, and several of them jumped in with both feet to play with the children and to organize many different activities. All of us were

moved by the extreme poverty that we witnessed. We visited a community called Redemption Village. It is a housing project in which several Haitian and Dominican refugees live. The houses were built next to each other with very little space between them. We saw a lady making charcoal to sell on the street, and nearby, we saw a boy who was completely naked. We learned later that the boy had clothes, but his mother didn't want him to wear them out or get them dirty. One can't visit a place like Redemption Village and not be touched deeply.

Obviously, the major cultural difference is the language - Spanish. But if you didn't speak Spanish - as I don't - you smile a great deal and do lots of pointing. The food was different, too, even if not so dramatically. And the people were very friendly and demonstrative in their expression of friendship. We were welcomed with open arms and were offered food and beverages everywhere we went - even by people who had next to nothing themselves.

We visited several schools and participated in distribution projects organized by New Missions. We organized crafts, played lots of games, shared Bible stories and sang with the children. It was wonderful to see God at work in the DR. We worked beside dedicated missionaries, committed to doing God's work. New Missions had a significant relationship with every community we worked with,



Dr. Norris Friesen
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

and they will continue God's work long after we have gone.

I recently saw a T-shirt that read "Stereotypes are a real timesaver." My prayer is that we don't perpetuate our stereotypes to make life easier. Rather, I hope that each student has such a life-changing experience as some of us had in the Dominican Republic that stereotypes are replaced with authentic stories of the real people we met and got to know.