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FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

With a major in educational ministries and a concentration in family and children's ministries, students combine core ministry courses with specifically-designed classes in family and children's ministries. Classes are taught by professors who have served in such roles within the church or para-church organizations. The mission of the Department of Ministry and Missions is to "develop thoughtful and faithful leaders who will equip others for effective ministry." Discipleship-based in the approach, faculty help students implement Biblically sound strategies for ministry. Opportunities to learn and serve abound at Huntington University. Through extra-curricular activities such as the student organization Global Vision, the Joe Mertz Center for Volunteer Service, and spring break and January Term short-term mission trips, students gain the knowledge, skills and commitments necessary to lead others toward increasing maturity and faithfulness in their relationship with God.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH CHILDREN

A distinctive degree program and family connections led Jalonna Jones to choose Huntington University as her college. She graduated from Huntington in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in educational ministries and a concentration in family and children's ministries.

As the elementary coordinator for Discovery Land, Jalonna leads a ministry involving 1,200 children at Appleton Alliance Church in Appleton, Wis. Her responsibilities include writing curriculum, coaching leaders, organizing events and leading programs.

"My interactions to date have not brought me across the path of any others in my field who have a similar degree," she says. "Many of them have more generalized ministry degrees. I am grateful that HU offers this distinctive degree."

Jalonna points to her PRIME experience as the most significant off-campus opportunity she had at Huntington. PRIME, or Practical Research and Immersion through Ministry Effectiveness, is a seven-month internship that all Bachelor of Science ministry majors must complete. Jalonna was placed at a church of 3,000 people in Carlsbad, Calif.

As part of her experience, she helped lead a one-month trip to Egypt that included assisting with a children's ministry conference and a sports camp. At the church, Jalonna worked with a preschool through sixth grade children's ministry, leading and coaching volunteers as well as teaching children.

Practical experiences and liberal arts courses gave Jalonna a strong foundation for her ministry.

"My education at Huntington was well-rounded," she says. "From courses in curriculum development to relationships in ministry to Bible to evangelism, I had the opportunity to not only learn but also apply what I was learning through projects, small class interactions and internships."

While Jalonna continues to apply what she learned in her courses, she also reaped the benefit of another Huntington distinctive – personal relationships with her professors.

"They knew my name and what my ministry passions were,"



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she says. "They knew how I thought and what my struggles were. Through this, they were able to teach and train me in ways that were best for me."

Huntington offered Jalonna numerous opportunities to grow spiritually. She credits her family and church with giving her a solid spiritual background that she could build on during her time at HU.

"I believe my college years were very formative educationally and spiritually," Jalonna says. "My friendships, resident assistant mentoring experiences and exposure to an even broader Biblical worldview helped strengthen and solidify my faith even further."

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Prof. Jim O'Donnell**, associate professor of business and executive-in-residence, has authored a new book titled "The Shortest Investment Book Ever: Wall Street Secrets for Making Every Dollar Count." For details, visit

www.shortestinvestmentbook.com.

• **Dr. Silvia Choi**, assistant professor of Spanish, presented a paper at the 18th Conference of the International Association of Hispanic Women's Literature and Culture sponsored by Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Ga., on Oct. 16-18. The title of her paper was "La mujer y la realidad social Mexicana en Morena en rojo de Miriam Laurini."

• The Historic Forks of the Wabash Museum named the Department of Education as the "Volunteer Group of the Year." **Drs. Evelyn Priddy and Paul Worfel as well as Prof. Kathy Turner** worked with elementary education majors to create a written curriculum that will accompany traveling exhibits of artifacts. Classroom teachers may request the exhibits and

the lesson plans for use in their social studies instruction. Recognition also was given to **Dr. Lance Clark** and to students in the Department of Communication who recorded and edited narrations for exhibits in the museum. The CDs provide interpretations for visitors as they tour the main museum displays.

• Five faculty members from the Department of Education, **Dr. Terrell Peace, Dr. Cindy Steury, Prof. Kathy Turner, Prof. Susie Burson and Ms. Kathy Rhodes**, attended the 61st Annual Fall Teacher Education Conference on Oct. 25-26 in Brown County, Indiana. The theme for this year's conference was "Educational Climate in Indiana: Navigating the Cultural, Political, and Economic Maze." The event, co-sponsored by the Indiana Association of Teacher Educators and the Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, addressed issues and policy related to education and teacher education in the state. **Dr. Terrell Peace**, recently elected president of the national branch of the Association of Teacher Educators, presented comments at the opening dinner. He will serve his term in 2010-2011 and also will serve as a national board member the year prior to and the year following his

presidency. A number of awards and honors were presented at the conference. Among them was a research grant awarded to **Prof. Susie Burson**, which will be used toward expenses related to her doctoral dissertation study. Burson will share the results of her study at next year's state conference where she will serve as a session presenter.

• Oct. 18-19, **Dr. Steve Lee**, professor of psychology, was the keynote speaker at a marriage and parenting conference at Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren in Christ Church in Churchville, Va. Lee's presentations included "Parenting in the Image of God," "Understanding and Living with Teenagers" and "What Makes a Marriage Christian?"

• **Prof. Michele Mallett**, adjunct faculty for the Huntington University Graduate School, presented at the Lilly Conference for College and University Teaching in Traverse City, Mich., on Sept. 20. Her presentation was "Millennials: Leading by Example." The conference was for college and university professors across the country.



Kay Schwob

Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded a \$375,000 grant to Huntington University to sustain the university's Enterprise

Resource Center

and expand career development diagnostics and techniques to assist students to focus on their major.

"We are grateful for Lilly Endowment's support of experiential learning opportunities for Huntington University students," said Kay Schwob, director of the Enterprise Resource Center. "The ERC allows us to focus energy and attention on experiential learning. Without Lilly Endowment funding, the university couldn't offer as many experiential learning opportunities as it does. We're touching students during their freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years."

The Huntington University Enterprise Resource Center identifies, implements and evaluates experiential learning opportunities in the area community. The ERC acts as a "connector"

LILLY AWARDS GRANT TO HUNTINGTON

Funds to sustain Enterprise Resource Center

between the university and area businesses, not-for-profit organizations, social service agencies, churches and local governments. The ERC provides meaningful, "real-world" experiences for Huntington University students with a wide range of majors and interests while helping community entities to grow and prosper.

Schwob and Dr. Ron Coffey, vice president for student development, wrote the grant proposal for the endowment. The proposal included plans for new ERC programs, including Career Peers, a group of students who have completed an internship and who will be hired to promote experiential learning on campus. The ERC also will provide more opportunities for students in their freshman and sophomore years, including training in résumé writing, job search techniques and interviewing skills.

One stipulation of the grant is that the university also will invest in the program. Huntington will establish the Enterprise Resource Center Endowment with \$75,000 from the endowment's \$375,000 grant.

"The institution is truly committed to providing experiential learning opportunities for our

students and is putting funds toward the ERC as well," Schwob said.

In the last three years, 486 traditional undergraduate students have graduated from Huntington University. Of those graduates, 451 have reported their post-college employment status, 204 of which were employed in Indiana, and 105 completed some type of experiential learning during their college career at Huntington.

"One of our goals is to provide students with a better understanding of employment opportunities in Indiana," Schwob said. "Hopefully, many will obtain a position in Indiana after graduation and stay."

The Enterprise Resource Center, launched in 2004, was established with a \$750,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. Since then, the ERC has worked with more than 400 different companies, including more than 300 in Indiana. During the 2007-2008 academic year, 84 new companies established a relationship with the ERC, 53 of those in Indiana. The ERC has served approximately 800 students who have completed some type of experiential learning.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Baseball: Mike Frame, coach of the Huntington University Forester baseball team, will be inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in January. In the spring, Frame will begin his 25th year as head baseball coach at Huntington. The Foresters have compiled a 575-464 record during his tenure. The team has captured the Mid-Central College Conference title or conference tournament title 10 times during Frame's previous 24 seasons.



Mike Frame

Basketball: With two wins from the Huntington University Classic, the women's basketball team moves to 3-0 to start the season. After dropping their first two games of the season on the road, the men's team (1-2) completely dominated Ohio State University Mansfield for the 121-61 victory on Nov. 8.

Cross Country: The men finished first out of nine teams while the women were eighth of nine at the MCC Championships on Nov. 8.

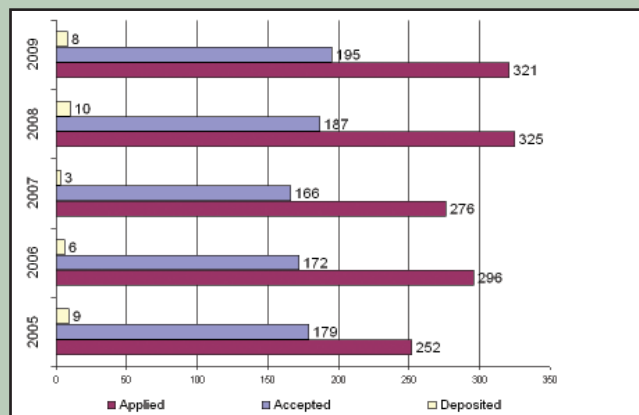
Soccer: The men's team concluded its season with a 6-11-2 record. The women's team ended its season with an 8-9-1 record.

Tennis: Gonzalo Vivas and his brother, Martin, upset the top-seeded doubles team from Indiana Wesleyan 9-8 (3) to win the MCC championship title. The women's team competed in the MCC conference tournament Oct. 9-11 and finished fifth with six points.

Volleyball: HU battled Taylor University on Nov. 5, but eventually succumbed in three straight: 25-12, 25-21, 25-13.

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 2009 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Advancement Office news includes a report to the Board of Trustees that to date, more than \$8.2 million has been pledged and/or received toward the capital campaign. Also to date, more than \$66,000 has been pledged by nearly 900 donors for the fall scholarship phonathon. Finally, Parent Weekend was held on campus Nov. 7-8 with more than 150 parents in attendance for activities that included a theatre production, sporting events, an ice cream social and karaoke.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- Christian music artist Ayiesha Woods will be in concert at Huntington University as a special part of the Conference on Christianity, Culture and Diversity in America. Woods will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merillat Center for the Arts. To register for the conference, which includes concert admission, log on to www.huntington.edu/ccda. For further details, contact conference chair Susie Burson, assistant professor of education, at (260) 359-4150. Tickets solely for the Ayiesha Woods concert are \$18 for reserved seating, \$16 for seniors and students, \$5 for Huntington University students, and \$13.50 for Huntington University faculty and staff members. To reserve tickets, call the Merillat Center for the Arts Box Office at (260) 359-4261.

- Venture Works named Alternative Fuel Solutions the \$10,000 winner of its second annual Huntington County Business Plan Competition on Oct. 22. The business plan was judged on the overall organization of the plan, the purpose and overall strategy of the business, the innovativeness of the idea, the marketing opportunity available, the management capability of the idea, the investment potential and the financial budget and forecasting of the business. Alternative Fuel Solutions, by Jason Hoffman, Hal Hoffman and Julia Hoffman, seeks to produce biodiesel for wholesale to customers utilizing used cooking oils.

- Oct. 22, Venture Works announced the winners of the Huntington County Business Concept Challenge for Huntington North High School and Huntington University students. The first place winner of \$750 dollars was Candy Creations by Amanda Kaiser. The second place winner of \$500 was Collegiate Cuisine by Molly Shirey. The third place winner of \$250 was Vivacious Veggies by Shelly Bradbury.

- Approximately 200 frogs invaded the Huntington University campus in October. Twenty students in an animation course created the frogs out of foam core and steel wire for a project inspired by a commercial for Sony's Bravia® high-definition TV. The commercial features rabbits formed out of a clay-like substance overrunning a city. The project came out of the university's digital media arts program. To view the footage, log on to www.huntington.edu/dma/?p=318.

- Huntington University's chapter of Kappa Pi International Art Fraternity recently inducted 17 new members into the organization. The Zeta Alpha Pi chapter was established at Huntington University to recognize and honor those who have excelled in the visual arts academically and creatively. It offers qualified art majors opportunities to become involved in activities, which further the goals of achievement in the visual arts and the purposes of the Department

of Visual Arts as well as assist faculty members in developing an atmosphere conducive to providing the highest quality visual arts education. For details about these students, visit www.huntington.edu/news/0809/kappa-pi-induction.htm

- The Joe Mertz Center for Volunteer Service at Huntington University held its annual Fall Work Day on Oct. 18. The event had 259 participants, including four faculty and two staff members. Volunteers served at various locations in the Huntington County community, including Kids Kampus, the Salvation Army, Love INC, Helping Paws, and the Boys and Girls Club. The JMC has more than 28 programs that serve Huntington and Allen counties.



(left to right) Danielle Miller, Caroline Wilson and Jessica Eckenrode clear weeds at Kids Kampus on Fall Work Day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			12 M Basketball/7 pm (A) W Basketball/7 pm (A)	13 CCCD Pre-Conference FLS: Brenda Salter McNeil/7 pm	14 CCCD Urban Plunge	15 CCCD Ayiesha Woods concert/ 7:30 pm Urban Plunge
16 CCCD Urban Plunge	17	18 M Basketball/7 pm (H) W Basketball/7 pm (A)	19 All-Area Student Music Recital/4 pm	20	21 Divine Hours/11 am	22 W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/3 pm (H) Senior Theatre Projects/7:30 pm
23	24	25 M Basketball/7 pm (H)	26 W Basketball/6 pm (H)	27 THANKSGIVING RECESS	28 THANKSGIVING RECESS	29 M Basketball/3 pm (H)
30	1	2 M Basketball/7 pm (H)	3 W Basketball/7 pm (A)	4	5 Final Day of Classes Celebrating the Light/7:30 pm Mr. Scrooge/9 pm	6 W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/3 pm (H) Mr. Scrooge/2 & 7:30 pm
7 Handel's Messiah/ 7:30 pm	8 Semester Exams	9 Semester Exams	10 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am Semester Exams	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit http://my.huntington.edu.</i>		

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The opening months of the 2008-2009 academic year have brought severe economic turmoil to our nation and our world. The headlines have been ominous: "Global financial meltdown." "International economic crisis." "Worst since the Great Depression!" Day after day, there have been dire warnings about the grim financial forecast. Stocks plummeted. Loans dried up. Fuel prices rose dramatically, then collapsed. Investment banks went out of business.

Higher education was not immune from these upheavals. Sallie Mae, a leading provider of student loans, made a startling announcement: "Because of the continuing turmoil and uncertainty in the credit markets, Sallie Mae has made the difficult decision to tighten the underwriting on all our private student loan products... We believe that this action will mean lower approval rates for these loans."

Meanwhile, three small Christian campuses announced plans to close: Cascade College in Oregon, Pillsbury Baptist Bible College in Minnesota and Taylor University Fort Wayne. All cited economic issues as contributing to the decision to close.

Many Huntington University parents, alumni, trustees and donors have been affected by recent

events. Their financial security and economic confidence, in turn, can have a significant impact on the university.

That is why in September, I met with the senior administrators about the economy. I asked them to identify key financial indicators. Together, these data points make up a "dashboard" to help us pilot the university through these turbulent economic waters. These indicators will help us anticipate challenges and develop appropriate responses. Currently, we are watching for any changes in:

- Second-semester student loan disbursements
- Approval of new alternative loans for students and parents
- Spring 2009 registration
- Exit interviews with students not planning to return
- Student tuition payments for Spring 2009
- Fall 2009 visit numbers and applications
- Access to cash and lines of credit
- Unrestricted gift income
- Response to Fall Phonathon and direct mail appeals
- Campaign pledges and special gifts

Thankfully, to date, Huntington University has not been seriously affected by the national



Dr. G. Blair Dowden
President of Huntington University

economic turmoil. But we are remaining diligent and are watching our "dashboard" closely. These data will help us continually monitor the national and regional economy and its potential impact on the university.

God has brought Huntington University through many challenging times in the past. If the negative economic winds should hit Huntington University, I am confident in this: He will continue to watch over this campus in the months and years ahead.