

# Academe

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



## REACHING GOALS, REACHING PEOPLE

### MINISTRY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Ministry Leadership program exists to prepare graduate students for healthy and balanced pastoral leadership and to prepare them to equip, teach, mentor and lead others to grow and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Master of Arts degree in ministry leadership is recognized by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ as the basic standard for ordination. Some of the program's goals include helping students to develop strategies and skills in reaching out to the unchurched and assimilating them into the church family, to understand the process of how to teach people at various levels of development and in different contexts to put Jesus' teachings into practice, and to create and design discipleship and teaching strategies based on how people learn, grow and develop. For more information, log on to [www.huntington.edu/graduate](http://www.huntington.edu/graduate).

Stuart Kruse's goal was to enter the field of pastoral ministry. As he searched for a graduate school, one of his cousins gave him a brochure about the Huntington University Graduate School, thinking Stuart would enjoy its format of two full class days per month.

Stuart did some research, and says, "After my own investigation, I was impressed with the structure and offering of courses, so I enrolled."

By the time he earned his master's degree in pastoral ministry in 2004, he had been hired as the associate pastor at County Line Church of God in Auburn, Ind., where he continues his ministry today.

Stuart's responsibilities at County Line range from giving counseling, to overseeing adult and family ministries, to baptizing new believers, to running a library ministry. He also preaches every other week. He believes that his education at Huntington helped him prepare for the day-to-day challenges of ministries.

"My goal for pursuing graduate education was to become better equipped to handle the everyday intricacies of ministry," says Stuart. "The graduate program exceeded my hopes



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because of the practical application that was emphasized by every professor." Stuart believes this was the most beneficial aspect of his education at HU, saying, "Each professor in the graduate program wanted to make sure that all assignments could be used to better our real-life ministry goals."

Stuart's education has garnered other benefits in addition to learning new skills. "The fact that I was enrolled in HU's program gave the church leaders and congregation confidence that I was taking my role at County Line seriously. After I completed my degree from the HU graduate program, my church raised my salary beyond my expectations."

# FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Dr. Timothy Smith**, assistant professor of history, has been commissioned by the BBC Radio World Service to write an article about the British involvement in the First Vietnam War 1945-54. The article will

be translated by the BBC into Vietnamese for publication later in the academic year.

• **Prof. Jody Davenport**, instructor in physical education, has been appointed a two-year term on the Indiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Council for Higher Education and the Research Council. Council members are responsible for assisting council leaders and designing programming for IAHPERD members.

• **Dr. Mark Fairchild**, professor of Bible and religion, was asked by the Society of Biblical Literature and the Review of Biblical Literature to examine and critique the book “The Coins and the Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine Economy of Palestine,” *The Joint Expedition to Caesarea Maritima Excavation Reports, Vol. VI*, by Jane DeRose Evans. To read Fairchild’s critique,

log on to [www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=6191](http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=6191).

• **Dr. Matthew Ruiz**, assistant professor of applied exercise science, recently attended the 23rd annual conference of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology in St. Louis, Mo. He also was selected to serve on the Finance Committee.

• **Prof. Jody Davenport, Prof. Twyla Lee and Mrs. Kay Schwob** represented Huntington University in the LIVE UNITED 2008 Team Mini-Triathlon on Oct. 5. The event served as a fundraiser for United Way of Huntington County. Davenport, instructor in physical education, swam; Lee, associate professor of social work, biked; and Schwob, director of the Enterprise Resource Center, ran.

• **Mrs. Julie Goetz** has transitioned to a full-time position as the coordinator of online programs. For the past three years, she has worked part-time at the university with the online Master of Arts in youth ministry leadership program. As coordinator of the online programs, Goetz oversees and manages all distance learning courses as well as develops policy and strategic planning for the advancement of the online

programs. She will manage and review course content, evaluate the programs, and train and review faculty. Her other responsibilities include collecting and reporting administrative data and developing the learning management systems used by the online courses.

• Huntington University will host the visual arts faculty exhibit from Oct. 15 through Nov. 16 in the Robert E. Wilson Gallery of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. The artists’ reception will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 16. The exhibit will feature works by four full-time visual arts faculty as well as adjunct faculty. For details, visit [www.huntington.edu/news/0809/visual-arts-faculty-exhibit.htm](http://www.huntington.edu/news/0809/visual-arts-faculty-exhibit.htm).

• Recipients of the Huntington University Peer Award for the month of September were **Mr. Paul Nalliah** and **Mrs. Denise Brauchla**. **Mrs. Sharon Woods**, director of financial aid, passed the Peer Award to Nalliah. Nalliah is administrative systems administrator and has been with the university for 11 years. **Dr. Timothy Smith**, assistant professor of history, passed the Peer Award to Brauchla. Brauchla is learning center secretary and faculty secretary for Loew Brenn and has been with HU for 31 years.



Ayiesha Woods

Huntington University will host the Conference on Christianity, Culture and Diversity in America on Nov. 14-16 with pre-

conference events on Nov. 13. The conference is sponsored by the university, the John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development, Inc., and Salter McNeil and Associates, LLC. The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C., is also supporting the event.

The Conference on Christianity, Culture and Diversity in America will address the growing issues of diversity in America, which range from race, ethnicity, gender, culture and religion, to age and the physically challenged—all from a Christian worldview. Given this, the plenary speakers and other presenters will share research that embodies the themes of Christianity, culture and diversity. Opportunities for networking and ongoing dialogue will be offered and

## HU TO HOST DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

### *Event to focus on Christianity, culture, diversity*

encouraged with an emphasis on practical application and advancing diversity on Christian campuses.

Speakers include John M. Perkins, one of the founders of the John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development, Inc., an organization established for the sole purpose of supporting the mission of advancing the principles of Christian community development and racial reconciliation throughout the world. Another presenter is Brenda Salter McNeil, president and founder of Salter McNeil and Associates, a Christian company that partners with organizations to transform them into reconciling communities. Pastor Keith Reynolds, the director of post-high school ministries and spiritual formation and the director of urban discipleship at Fellowship Missionary Church in Fort Wayne, Ind., and the Rev. Joe Johns, director of missional living at Fellowship Missionary Church, also will share their vision and insight.

One of the conference highlights will be a concert by contemporary Christian music

phenomenon Ayiesha Woods at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 15. This 26-year-old New York-born artist won the 2004 Producer of the Year Award at The Caribbean Gospel Music Awards (also known as The Marlin Awards). She also was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2006 for Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album. Woods gained national recognition with her debut album “Introducing Ayiesha Woods” by Gotee Records and has recently released her sophomore album, “Love Like This.”

The conference’s research will expand the pool of existing knowledge on diversity, and the event’s Web site, [www.huntington.edu/ccca](http://www.huntington.edu/ccca), will post conference materials and research. In particular, the Conference on Christianity, Culture and Diversity in America will provide a forum for faculty, administrators and students from CCCU schools and Christian educators at private and public universities to share research and network among each other.

# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

**Cross Country:** For the first time this season, the NAIA 8th-ranked men's cross country team had a chance to run on its own home course Oct. 4, and the Foresters made the most of their opportunity putting six of the first seven runners across the finish line to win the event. The Forester women also ran well putting three in the top five finishers.

**Golf:** The Foresters were second after round one of the Bethel College Classic and backed it up with another solid round to finish second with a score of 611 on Sept. 27.

**Soccer:** During Homecoming weekend, the men's team rallied behind a boisterous crowd to earn the 1-1 tie against MCC foe, Taylor University, on Oct. 4. The same day, Bethany McGraw matched her career high with four goals in the Foresters' 7-0 win over Taylor University Fort Wayne.

**Tennis:** Playing in their regular season finale, the men's team dropped another close one 5-4 against Goshen College on Sept. 30. The women's team completed its MCC conference schedule with a 7-2 win over the University of St. Francis on Oct. 3, giving the team a fourth place finish with a 5-3 record.

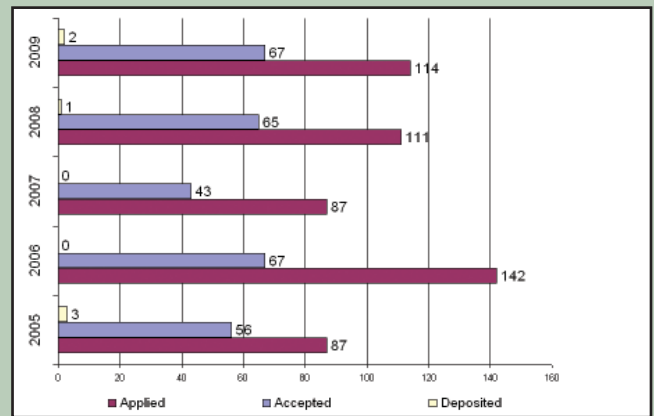
**Volleyball:** On Oct. 1, the Marian College Knights defeated the Foresters in four games (25-18, 22-25, 15-16, 25-21) to keep them winless in the MCC at 0-3.

For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit [www.huntington.edu/athletics](http://www.huntington.edu/athletics).



Raelynn Althoff

## 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

October is filled with a number of activities relating to the work of a Christ-centered university. The Advancement staff has just come off a very busy weekend related to the events of Homecoming. In addition, the fall meetings of the Board of Trustees will commence next week as will the annual fall student phonathon and the HU Foundation Fund Drive. Along with these annual fall events, the Advancement staff continues to work through the leadership phase of *The Campaign for Huntington University*. As always, the support provided to the mission and ministry of the university is greatly appreciated.

## AROUND CAMPUS...

- Huntington University will commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a week-long observance from Oct. 15-22. Information tables will be set up in the Habecker Dining Commons and the Huntington Union Building. Student, faculty and staff volunteers will distribute information and pink ribbons. In addition, luminaries in honor of or in memory of friends, family and acquaintances who have battled any type of cancer – not just breast cancer – will be sold for \$1 each. Proceeds will benefit the Young Survival Coalition, an organization offering support to young women coping with breast cancer. A luminary lighting and prayer vigil will be held at 8 p.m. Oct. 22 on the central mall. Students, faculty, staff and the general public are welcome to attend. Luminaries may be purchased at the event. A panel discussion about breast cancer will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 in Hiner Hall of the Science Hall. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, log on to [www.huntington.edu/alumni/bcaw2008.htm](http://www.huntington.edu/alumni/bcaw2008.htm).

- The Edward M. and Mary McCrea Wilson Foundation, administered by National City Bank in Fort Wayne, has awarded the Independent Colleges of Indiana \$15,000 for five scholarships of \$3,000 each. Dedicated to helping students who need financial assistance to remain in college or to control their college debt, these scholarships are designated for

students at five Fort Wayne-area independent campuses: Huntington University, Indiana Tech, Indiana Wesleyan University, Taylor University Fort Wayne and the University of Saint Francis.

**Elizabeth Hope Waldfogel**, a senior educational ministries major at Huntington University, was one of the recipients. Waldfogel is from Fort Wayne, Ind.

- David A. Anderson will present the Adams Tribute Lecture at Huntington University on Oct. 9. Anderson's lecture will be held in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts at 7 p.m. His Forester Lecture Series presentation will include themes from his recent book, "Gracism: The Art of Inclusion." Anderson's current ministry seeks to build a multicultural evangelical fellowship of believers.

- Huntington University inducted 29 new members into the Indiana Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi in a convocation held Friday in the Merillat Centre for the Arts. Students were recognized for their superior academics and exceptional character. For details about these students, visit [www.huntington.edu/news/0809/alpha-chi.htm](http://www.huntington.edu/news/0809/alpha-chi.htm).

- The Huntington University student body crowned its Homecoming king and queen Friday evening during a ceremony in the Huntington Union Building. Senior **Patrick Harding**, a music business major from Avilla, Ind., was

named king while senior **Megan Kiehl**, an elementary education major from Van Wert, Ohio, was crowned queen. For photos and details, see [www.huntington.edu/news/0809/homecoming-court.htm](http://www.huntington.edu/news/0809/homecoming-court.htm).

- On Oct. 4 during Homecoming weekend, Huntington University dedicated Livingston Hall and the Paul R. Feters Chapel. Approximately 200 people attended the event. Speakers included **Dr. G. Blair Dowden**, president; **Dr. Nellie Birdsall**, resident of the original Livingston Hall; **Cristi Bushnell**, resident director for Livingston Hall; **the Rev. Bob Henry**, assistant director of campus ministries; and **Dr. Paul Feters**, professor emeritus. Bushnell also gave tours of the new residence hall.



Dr. Nellie Birdsall reminisces about the old Livingston Hall at the dedication ceremony for the new Livingston Hall.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			8 W Soccer/4:30 pm (A) Volleyball/7 pm (H)	9 FLS: David A. Anderson/7 pm M/W Tennis/TBA (A)	10 "Divine Hours"/11 am W Soccer/7 pm (A) M/W Tennis/TBA (A)	11 Cross Country/11 am (A) Volleyball/noon (H) M Soccer/2 pm (A) M/W Tennis/TBA (A)
12	13 Mid-Semester Fall Break	14 Fall Break W Soccer/4 pm (A)	15 Breast Cancer Awareness Week M Soccer/4 pm (A) Volleyball/7 pm (H)	16 BOT Fall Meeting Breast Cancer Awareness Week	17 BOT Fall Meeting "Divine Hours"/11 am Breast Cancer Awareness Week	18 Fall Work Day Volleyball/noon (A) W Soccer/2 pm (H) M Soccer/4 pm (A)
19	20 Breast Cancer Awareness Week	21 Breast Cancer Awareness Week Volleyball/7 pm (A) M Soccer/TBA (A)	22 Breast Cancer Awareness Week All-Area Student Recital I/4 pm	23	24 "Divine Hours"/11 am Senior Recital/7:30 pm	25 W Soccer/2 pm (H) Cross Country/TBA (A)
26	27 M Soccer/3:30 pm (H)	28 W Soccer/3:30 pm (H) Volleyball/7 pm (A)	29 Community Prayer Service/11 am Athletes in Action/7 pm	30 Focus on Excellence Colloquium/7:30 pm	31 "Divine Hours"/11 am	1 M Basketball/4 pm (A) Volleyball/10 am (H) M Soccer/TBA (A) W Soccer/TBA (A)
2	3	4 W Basketball/7 pm (H)	5 All-Area Student Recital II/4 pm M Basketball/7 pm (A) Volleyball/7 pm (H)	6 The Music Man/ 7:30 pm	7 Parents Weekend W Basketball/6 pm (H) The Music Man/ 7:30 pm	8 Parents Weekend The Music Man/ 2 & 7:30 pm W Basketball/3 pm (H)
9	10	11 Blood Drive/11 am A Blast of Jazz/7 pm W Basketball/7 pm (A)	12 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am M/W Basketball/ 7 pm (A)	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit <a href="http://my.huntington.edu">http://my.huntington.edu</a>.</i>		

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

In a recent meeting with new faculty and student development staff, I shared a little of my story regarding how I ended up in higher education and what attracted me to work with students. I didn't set out with a goal that I would one day become vice president and dean of Huntington University. I think what intrigued me initially was the possibility of interacting with students and faculty and grappling with critical issues. Because I found learning to be invigorating and challenging, I found working in an environment where students and faculty were engaged with learning to be an ideal job.

Students obviously choose a university to obtain an education, and that is our business. But Huntington University offers more than classes that lead to a vocational choice. We actively look for ways to connect the discipline to the world we live in — to hopefully motivate and inspire our students to apply what they learn to making a difference in their circle of influence.

As a Christian liberal arts university, we also are seeking to understand how faith influences learning and how learning influences faith. In his book "Making the Most of College," Richard Light states that the two most important things a student can do in college are (a) to find a mentor and (b) to participate in out-of-class activities. I agree with Light's assessment, but I also think that community and worldview are essential. Huntington University provides a safe community to test ideas and interact with students and faculty, to understand different perspectives, and to learn how to think and reflect critically.

After more than three decades in higher education, I still find the collegiate environment ripe for discussion and dialog. My vision is that the hallmark of Huntington University will be its commitment to creating this kind of community. There is a little story in Noah benShea's book, "Jacob the Baker," that I think illustrates my hope. A teacher led his student deep into the woods in the middle



Dr. Norris Friesen  
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

of the night. At the darkest part of the forest, the teacher extinguished the torch. The student asked if the teacher was going to leave him alone without any light. The teacher responded saying no, that he was going to leave him looking for the light. Looking for the light is an important metaphor for us. It is my prayer that as members of the campus community we look for the light in everything we do and say.