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Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



CHEMISTRY PROGRAM

At Huntington, students have opportunities which are not available at larger universities. Importantly, classes at Huntington are not taught by "graduate assistants," but rather by exceptionally credentialed full-time professors. As chemistry majors at Huntington University, students have ready access to high-tech equipment and well-stocked labs. They have opportunities to study off-campus, partner with their professors on important research projects, or land an internship at one of the Midwest's leading chemical or pharmaceutical research labs. Undergraduate chemistry majors may take foundational coursework in all five branches of chemistry at Huntington University. Students majoring in chemistry who are interested in industrial or research careers may choose to minor in a related area such as biology, environmental science, mathematics or physics.

EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER

Abby Gaier started her career in chemistry education at Huntington University and has continued her studies at Purdue University's graduate school. She is finishing coursework at Purdue so that she can begin full-time research, aspiring to a career in higher education.

"When I first arrived at Purdue, I wasn't sure how I would compare with the other chemistry students," says Abby, a 2007 Huntington graduate. "However, I soon realized that I was more than prepared to be at Purdue. HU helped me by giving me several practical experiences."

Abby's best preparation came from hands-on learning. She says, "Tutoring and lab assisting at HU prepared me for the future, whether that would be as a chemistry teacher or as a graduate student." Abby is currently a teaching assistant for two organic chemistry labs at Purdue where she grades papers, answers questions and helps students complete labs.

"Before starting my first semester of graduate school, I spent the summer researching with one of the professors at Purdue," Abby says. "It exposed me to some newer topics in chemistry and gave me the chance to become familiar with the campus."

Huntington's small size gave Abby the opportunity to develop relationships with her professors as well as fellow students. It also helped her academically. "I spent a significant amount of time working one-on-one with my professors," says Abby. "This gave me the opportunity to learn so much more. Having smaller classes, especially my chemistry classes, forced me to be more responsible for my own learning than I would have to be in larger classes."

During a January Term course, Abby had the chance to travel to Camp Michindoh in Hillsdale, Mich., with Dr. Bill Bordeaux, one of her chemistry professors. Her group acted as cabin leaders and taught science concepts to sixth-grade students. She says, "I had a great time and was able to develop some teaching skills that I would use later in my student teaching and even now as a teaching assistant at Purdue."

Abby is grateful for the extracurricular activities she participated in at Huntington. "Being a chemistry major is tough work, but being part of the choirs and ensembles in the Department of Music provided me with a way to relax." Despite her course load, Abby found time to be a member of Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, Handbell Choir and Concert Choir during her four years at Huntington.



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Huntington also gave Abby the opportunity to develop her faith. She says, "HU was a great place to grow and learn more about my faith. I could attend chapel, floor Bible studies, and listen to others talk about their own faith." In addition, faith was a part of the classroom. "One of my favorite parts of being at HU was having the ability to talk about my faith in the classroom. My professors would talk with us about how to be a Christian and a scientist. I have come to see that it is almost impossible to see the things that I see everyday in the lab and not believe in the Creator God."

Abby advises any students who are interested in chemistry education to consider Huntington, saying, "The chemistry professors, as well as the rest of the Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, are truly great people and will amply prepare any student for a career in the sciences."

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Dr. Terrell Peace**, professor of education, recently was elected to a three-year term of leadership in the Association of Teacher Educators. He will take office as president-elect at ATE's annual meeting in

February 2009 in Dallas, Texas, and will begin serving as a voting member of the board of directors. In February 2010, he will take office as president at the annual meeting in Chicago. As president, it will be Peace's responsibility to lead the board of directors, to establish a theme and coordinate planning for two national conferences, to appoint commissions to research issues important to the field of teacher education, and to work with the ATE executive director in maintaining the vitality and health of the organization.

• **Dr. Karen Jones**, associate professor of ministry and missions, served as the project coordinator and worship speaker for a two-week International World Changers project in Ayorou, Niger, in June 2008. Niger is currently designated as the poorest country in the world, and it is also one of the hottest, with temperatures topping

135 degrees each day of the project. Despite the primitive conditions, 33 college and high school students from eight states served with Jones and her husband, Dennis, leading children's camps, participating in door-to-door surveys and Bible teaching, distributing Bible story tapes in four tribal languages, and conducting nightly drama performances on the life of Joseph. Their project supported the ministry of Emily Elliott, a single, "20-something" missionary with the International Mission Board who lives alone in Ayorou.

• **Dr. Kevin Miller**, associate professor of communication, contributed to the book "Understanding Evangelical Media: The Changing Face of Christian Communication," released in July 2008. Miller addresses standards evangelicals use to evaluate the media, and the need to leverage social networking sites and new information technology to foster Christian community. For more information, visit www.understandingevangelicalmedia.com/.

• **Dr. Tom Bergler**, associate professor of ministry and missions, gave two presentations to the Servants of the Word Theologians Group meeting in Chelsea, Mich., on Aug. 23. They included "Understanding Classic and Contemporary Church Growth Movements"

and "Understanding the Missional Church and Emergent Church Movements."

• **Mr. Rich McConnell**, senior director of gift planning, is featured in a slideshow on the Fort Wayne *Journal Gazette's* Web site as part of The Company Singers. The group plays instruments Union soldiers no doubt played (guitar, mandolin, harmonica, fife, snare drum, button accordion, penny whistle, ocarina, tambourine), and their performance uniforms are identical to those worn by Federal troops on the battlefield. To view the slideshow, log on to www.journalgazette.net/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080727/SLIDES03/611461253.

• In the fall of 2008, four new members joined the Huntington University faculty. **Prof. Lee Shortridge** accepted a position as assistant professor of art. **Prof. Michael Slane** began as assistant professor of theatre. **Mr. Jonathan Krull** accepted a one-year appointment as visiting professor of philosophy, and **Mr. Jay Duffer** accepted a one-year appointment as visiting professor of theatre. For complete biographies, log on to www.huntington.edu/news/0809/new-faculty.htm.



Mike Perkins, director of the Parkview Huntington Hospital Foundation (far right) presents a \$75,000 grant to Troy Irick, Huntington University's vice president for advancement. (left to right) Dr. Margaret Winter, director of the university's nursing program; Sonya Foraker, financial operations analyst for Parkview, and Stephanie Dooley, a sophomore nursing major from Zeeland, Mich., also participated in the ceremony. Dooley is the president of the Student Nursing Council.

Also pictured is Suzie S. Smith, the Department of Nursing's life-size, vinyl plastic manikin that features moveable joints.

PARKVIEW AWARDS \$75,000 GRANT *Nursing program receives additional support*

In a presentation Sept. 2, Parkview Huntington Hospital awarded a \$75,000 grant to Huntington University's nursing program.

"We greatly value our partnership with Parkview Huntington Hospital and are so pleased that Parkview has chosen to invest significantly in our new nursing program," said Dr. G. Blair Dowden, president of Huntington University. "We appreciate not only the hospital's financial support but also Parkview's desire to impact the lives of our students. We know the hospital will play an integral role in helping us train the next generation of nurses."

This gift is in addition to a \$100,000 grant the hospital gave the university in February 2006 and a \$75,000 grant presented in May 2007.

"Huntington University's new Bachelor of Science Nursing program will help to address the ever-growing national need for more healthcare workers," said Darlene Garrett, chief operating officer of Parkview Huntington Hospital. "We are proud to be able to contribute to this important educational opportunity."

The grant funds were used for the construction and equipping of the main lab/classroom in the Nursing Department located in the lower level of the university's

Science Hall. The room is named in the hospital's honor as the Parkview Huntington Hospital Lab/Classroom.

"The Department of Nursing at Huntington University is thankful for the generosity of Parkview Huntington Hospital in providing the grant for the education of future nurses," said Dr. Margaret Winter, director of the nursing program. "This generous financial support will assist not only with the equipping of the practice lab for current nursing students, but the education of many students in the years to come. An essential part of nursing education for the students is to practice the necessary skills and procedures in a state-of-the-art skills facility and then to transfer this knowledge into the clinical setting. Parkview Huntington Hospital is providing both of these opportunities with their financial support and in offering the hospital environment for student clinicals. It is our desire to continue this collaboration with Parkview Huntington Hospital by providing educated nurses for the hospital and the Huntington community."

The university applied for the grant through Parkview Huntington Hospital's Community Health Improvement Program.

Huntington University has 38 students enrolled in the pre-nursing program with the first class of nursing majors set to graduate in May 2011.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Cross Country: Senior Nick Johnson paced the Forester harriers by winning the Hanover College Cross Country Invitational in 25:55.28 on Sept 6. He crossed the finish line 11 seconds ahead of the runner-up in the meet. The men tied for fourth out of 13 teams with a team score of 124, and the women were ninth of 11 teams with a score of 266.



Nick Johnson

Golf: The Foresters opened their fall season with a fifth place finish in a field of 16 teams at the Olivet College Lou Collins Invitational played at Bedford Valley GC in Battle Creek, Mich., on Aug. 30.

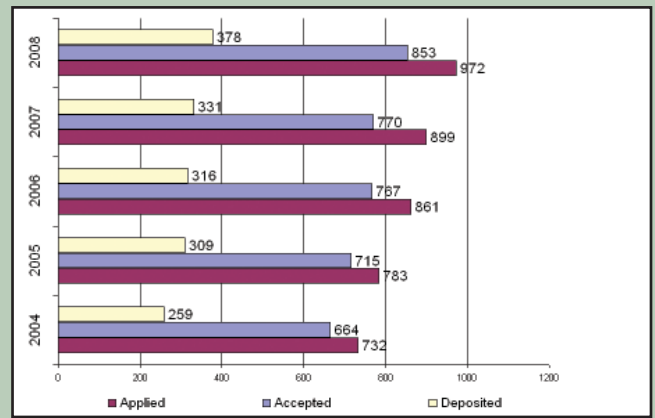
Soccer: The Warriors of Indiana Tech scored in the 10th minute of the first half and held off the men's soccer team over the final 80 minutes to edge HU 1-0 on Sept. 4. A talented Alma College squad took it to the Foresters knocking the women's soccer team off 4-0 on Sept. 4.

Tennis: The women's tennis team struggled in their MCC opener and fell 8-1 to Indiana Wesleyan University on Sept. 2. The men's team battled the heat, injuries and the Indiana Wesleyan Wildcats in their MCC opener and fell 8-1 on Sept. 2.

Volleyball: The Foresters headed west for a tournament over Labor Day weekend and split four games in the Las Vegas Blast. Brittney Smelser led the Foresters with 37 kills, 36 digs and 14 aces throughout the tournament. Alyssa Schroeder took team high honors with 107 assists.

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 applied and were accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2008 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years. A record-breaking 1,211 students enrolled this year.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

The beginning of a new academic year means a number of activities and events come back to life on Huntington's campus. For the Advancement staff, the fall involves kicking off a new series of HU Foundation breakfasts, welcoming PACE to campus for its semi-annual meeting, hosting Homecoming Weekend and planning for Parent's Weekend in early November. All of these activities are important to the overall work of the Advancement Office as the staff provides an opportunity to continue to build relationships with many different constituents.

AROUND CAMPUS...

- Huntington University will host its annual Homecoming celebration on Oct. 3-4 with the theme of "The Nature of HU." This year's events feature reunions, athletics, an art exhibit, theatre performance and a concert by One Generation. **Dr. Beau Dowden** ('98) will present "Christians Making a Difference in the Sciences" at 4 p.m. Oct. 3 in Hiner Hall of the Science Hall. The university's newest residence hall, Livingston Hall, will be dedicated at 11 a.m. on Oct. 4. For a complete Homecoming schedule, log on to www.huntington.edu/alumni/events/homecoming2008.htm.

- A record number of new students at Huntington University plunged into their college experience by volunteering at several places throughout the Huntington community on Aug. 23. For 15 years, the university's new students have participated in the Joe Mertz Center's Volunteer Plunge. This year, 28 teams comprised of more than 350 freshmen and transfer students, 28 mentor students, and 30 faculty worked on projects from 1 to 3 p.m. The Volunteer Plunge is a part-day of community service held each year in conjunction with Huntington University's comprehensive, three-day, new student orientation.

- Venture Works recently announced its second annual Huntington County Business Plan Competition. The winner will receive \$10,000.

The purpose of the competition, according to **Joanne Green**, Huntington University and Venture Works representative, "is to encourage local entrepreneurs to take the next step — whether it is the launch of a new venture or expansion of an existing one, the creation of a business plan will keep their project moving. The first prize of \$10,000 will go a long way to providing pre-seed funds for an incubating idea or business." For answers to questions about the Huntington County Business Plan Competition, contact Joanne Green at (260) 359.4310 or jgreen@huntington.edu. Applications and details about the competition may be obtained online at www.huntington.edu/erc.

- The Huntington University Women's Auxiliary fall semester breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. on Sept. 20 in the upper level of the university's Habecker Dining Commons. **Dr. Cindy Steury**, associate professor of education at Huntington University, will speak on "Teaching Hearts, Minds and Wills through Literature." This presentation extends to classroom teachers, busy mothers, children's club and church leaders, listening grandmothers, and to all. Music will be provided by Jaime Blosser, a Huntington University senior and vocalist from Fort Wayne, Ind. The buffet is open to the public, and tickets are \$5.50. Reservations may be made with **Pat Jones** by calling (260) 359-4061, with **Ruth Seilhamer** by calling (260) 672-8605, or with

Barbara Feters by calling (260) 672-8333. The deadline for registration is Sept. 17.

- When Attaboy launched its Rock Hop & Roll tour this month, three of the band members took their alma mater with them. The Huntington-based alternative rock group has partnered with Huntington University. From the university's standpoint, Attaboy offers access to thousands of teenagers and young adults who otherwise may have never heard of Huntington. The partnership involves co-branding between the band and the university — everything from Web site links to T-shirts to concerts at the university. The month-long Rock Hop & Roll tour kicked off Sept. 6. For more information, log on to www.attaboyonline.com.



Attaboy includes (left to right) Micah Beckwith ('05), Amos Caley ('05), Jeff Edgel ('04) and Chris Brumbaugh.

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28	29	30 M/W Tennis/3 pm (H) W Soccer/4 pm (H)	1 M Soccer/7 pm (A) Volleyball/7 pm (A)	2	3 HOMECOMING (www.huntington. edu/alumni/events/ homecoming2008. htm)	4 HOMECOMING Livingston Hall dedication/11 am
5	6 6th Annual Band Invitational/7 pm	7 M Soccer/3 pm (H) W Tennis/4 pm (A)	8 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am W Soccer/4:30 pm (A) Volleyball/7 pm (H)	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit http://my.huntington.edu.</i>		

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The school year is off to an exciting start at Huntington University! As I have shared with various groups over the past few days, we welcomed a record number of students to campus this semester. Our overall enrollment is 1,211, a 5 percent increase over last year!

The student body includes 978 traditional undergraduates—a new record—plus 130 students in the EXCEL Adult Degree Programs and a record 103 students enrolled in the Huntington University Graduate School – also a new record.

It is so rewarding to meet these new students and to experience their enthusiasm for beginning college. They have come to Huntington eager to learn, to grow in faith and to serve others.

I am very grateful that our new student residence, Livingston Hall, was completed in time for the beginning of the fall semester. With a record-breaking incoming class, Livingston Hall is already 97 percent full, and overall student housing is at 90 percent of capacity.

Managed growth will continue to be a major focus for Huntington University. A goal of our long-range plan is to increase enrollment to 2,000 students by 2016.

It is encouraging to see that our efforts to diversify the student body are beginning to be successful. This fall, U.S. ethnic minorities comprise 7 percent of incoming freshmen. In addition, there are 31 international students representing 17 countries. These individuals are strong students who bring a rich array of experiences and perspectives to our campus milieu.

The university continues to appeal to local students as well. Thirty-three of the new students on campus this fall hail from Huntington County. This is an increase of five students over last year. I am honored that these students have chosen to continue their education here in Huntington.

It is also an honor for the university to receive accolades from a number of national publications. Again this year, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Huntington No. 7 among the Midwest's "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" and No. 5 among the "Best Values" in Midwestern baccalaureate colleges. Additionally for 2009, *U.S. News* included the university on its list of top schools with students representing the greatest economic diversity among its students. The Princeton Review also named Huntington a "Best Midwestern College." In addition, *Forbes.com* placed Huntington University on



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its top 100 list of America's Best Colleges. Huntington was one of only five schools in Indiana to earn that distinction.

But above all, I am excited that our students have come to Huntington not only for a top-notch education, but for the opportunity to grow in their faith. Already this fall, through a variety of conversations with students, I can sense an earnest commitment to Christ and a heartfelt desire to serve others.

It is truly an exciting time to be at Huntington University!