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Spotlight on Mathematics Education

As mathematics education majors, students receive rigorous training in mathematics while gaining comprehensive experience in a series of courses, field experiences and, of course, student teaching during their senior year.

But student teaching will not be their first experience in the classroom. At Huntington, students gain specifically designed skills for mathematics education majors that will give them hands-on, practical experiences every semester. They will complete a three-week, full-day practicum in a multicultural school in Fort Wayne as well as observation and participation hours in the actual classroom before they ever begin student teaching.

Mathematics students are prepared to help future students develop skills in problem solving, logical reasoning, and the application of modern technology. At Huntington, students experience the individual attention normally associated with small liberal arts colleges with the educational opportunities and research-active faculty normally found only at major universities.

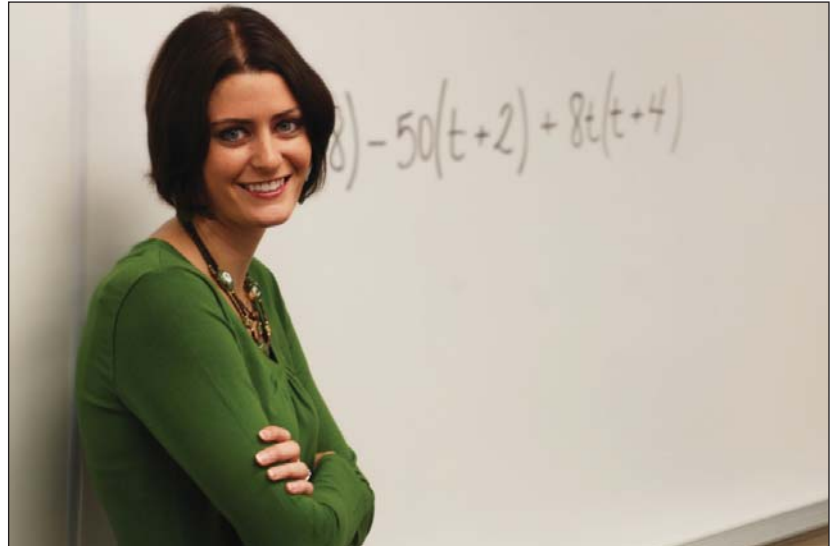
SUMMING UP SUCCESS

Pulling from various experiences gained throughout her college career, Dawn Lauer enjoys teaching math to seventh and eighth grade students at Woodside Middle School in Fort Wayne, Ind. She earned her bachelor's degree in math education from Huntington University in 2006.

Before becoming a student at Huntington, Dawn was struck by the aesthetics of the university's campus. "I loved the small class atmosphere and the personal contact I saw between professors and students," she said. "I also loved the campus. The beauty of it overwhelmed me."

Taking advantage of the university's small size, Dawn interacted with her professors regularly one-on-one, giving her insight into both classroom and life experiences. "My professors had an open-door policy and wanted to help each student," she said. "They knew my name, and they were people I could converse with outside of the classroom, too. These professors were willing to work with me and listen to my concerns."

Reflecting on her educational experience, Dawn recognizes that she was well prepared for her career. Through her student teaching experiences, she worked with others and learned how to collaborate, a skill she uses on a daily basis. She also expanded her knowledge on what to look for in a school's



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teaching environment as a means of evaluating potential places of employment.

Dawn valued her teaching experience as well as professional development opportunities such as job fairs and mock interviews. "I truly believe all the interview preparation at Huntington played a large role in my job offer," she said. "I believe I was ahead of many others in experience with interviewing."

Not only was Dawn active in the classroom, she also participated in extracurricular activities during her time at Huntington. She was a member of the tennis team and a volunteer with Campus Life.

Huntington's holistic approach to education gave Dawn opportunities to grow spiritually. She cited Ekklesia, a student-led weekly worship service, as one of those influential activities. ■

Faculty & Staff

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Dr. Norris Friesen, vice president and dean of the university, was honored with the Window of Hope award for 20 years of service to the Huntington

County Habitat for Humanity. He received the award on Aug. 15 at a celebration of the organization's 20th anniversary. Friesen serves on the board of directors and has been involved with Habitat since it was established in Huntington County. "He is a committed volunteer and 20-year member of the board of directors," said Habitat volunteer Michelle Crone. "We found he was the nail on many occasions that held everything together."

Dr. Matthew Ruiz, assistant professor of exercise science, presented "Wellness Meets Faith at Huntington University: The Faith-Career Integration Blogs" at the Christian Society for Kinesiology and Leisure Studies Annual Conference Pre-Conference Workshop in Ottawa, Canada, on June 11-14. Ruiz is also serving on the Awards Committee for the Christian Society for Kinesiology and Leisure Studies. In addition, he was invited to participate in the McGraw-Hill Personal Fitness Symposium in New York City on Sept. 24-25. On Oct. 16, Ruiz will present a paper at the Indiana Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Regional Workshop at Indiana Wesleyan University. His paper is titled "Preliminary Findings from the KidFit Pilot Study," and 2009 graduate Nick Johnson will serve as a co-presenter.

The Rev. Michael Thompson, adjunct instructor, presented the paper, "Messianic Enthronement and the Fire of God: Apocalyptic Imagery in Ascension and Pentecost," at the London School of Theology New Testament Conference in September.

On May 3, **Mrs. Nancy Barnes**, Music Department secretary, was awarded the 2009 Community Music Service Award given by the Children's Choir of Huntington County. The children's choir accepted nominations for the award from children and adults who wanted to honor their favorite music teacher, advocate or supporter in the field of music education. Barnes was nominated for the award by Huntington

University music student Tana Denning for Barnes' support of the music program, students and faculty as the secretary of the Huntington University Department of Music for seven years. Barnes also has offered support to other music programs in the community including the children's choir and her church music program.

Dr. Tom Bergler, associate professor of ministry and missions, presented a paper titled "Youth and the Battle for the Future of African-American Christianity during the Civil Rights Movement" at the Society for the History of Children and Youth conference in Berkeley, Calif., on July 11.

Dr. Karen Jones, professor of ministry and missions, served on the leadership team for an International World Changers mission project in Penang, Malaysia, on June 17-July 2. While there, the team of college students from five states led English classes and hosted cultural exchange events with children, youth and college students. Their ministry focus was with Tamil Indians and Chinese students. Jones also served as the project coordinator for a World Changers mission project in San Diego, Calif., from July 17-26. The 136 high school students and their leaders, from six different states, refurbished homes for low-income families and did construction work for several new church plants.

Dr. Steve Holtrop, Dr. Rick Upchurch and Mrs. Susan Frantz each gave presentations at the annual conference for the Christian Adult Education Association on Aug. 4-7 in Orlando, Fla. Frantz's presentation, titled "Can You Lead an Adult to Education?," explained how to find adult learners and what motivates them to complete their college degree as well as what they are seeking through the educational process. Holtrop and Upchurch co-presented about a curriculum enhancement system Upchurch has developed. Using Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, the tool consists of charts for planning the alignment of goals and assignments as well as formulas for keeping track of course expectations such as student reading and homework hours. Their presentation was so well-received that Upchurch will share the system through webinars this month.

HOMECOMING 2009

"We Are HU!"

Friday, October 2, 2009

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Peter Yee Photography, Art Exhibit

4 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Spring Arbor University

5 p.m.
Homecoming Parade

5:15 to 6:45 p.m.
All Campus Picnic on the lawn (\$7.50)

6 p.m.
Coronation

7:30 p.m.
Denver & the Mile High Orchestra Concert

9 to 10 p.m.
Reception following Concert

Saturday, October 3

8 a.m.
5-K Run/Walk sponsored by Alpha Gamma Pi

8:30 a.m.
Klopfenstein Classic Golf Outing

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
HU Bookstore will be open

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Peter Yee Photography, Art Exhibit

10 to 11 a.m.
Powder Puff Championship Football Game

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Homecoming Registration

10:30 a.m.
E. DeWitt Baker Invitational

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
5-Year Class Reunions

11 a.m.
Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Davenport University

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
All School Lunch (\$6.15)

1 p.m.
Softball Exhibition Game

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Social Work Department Reunion

1:30 to 3 p.m.
History Department Reunion

1:30 to 3 p.m.
Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences Reunion

1:30 to 3 p.m.
Graduate School Reunion

1:30 to 3 p.m.
Tours of the Department of Nursing

2 p.m.
"Broadway on the Dock"

2 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Marian University

2 p.m.
Disc Golf Tournament

2 to 4 p.m.
Carnival Games & Snacks for all ages - FREE!

5 p.m.
Alumni Awards and Family Dinner

5 p.m.
Alumni Baseball Game

5 p.m.
Volleyball Alumni Game

7 and 9:30 p.m.
Davis Hall Follies

For a complete Homecoming schedule, visit www.huntington.edu/alumni.

Sports Highlights

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

The cross country team competed in the Goshen College Hokum Karem with the women winning the event and the men finishing third. Huntington won the women's race with a score of 12, followed by Goshen (13) and Trine (24). On the men's side, Trine took top honors with a score of 13 followed by Goshen (15) and HU (17). The Foresters' first regular meet will take place Sept. 12 at Defiance College.

The women's tennis team had little trouble with Goshen College as they cruised to an 8-1 win over the Maple Leafs on Sept. 2. The Foresters have an overall record of 1-2.

The men's tennis team clinched a 5-4 win

over the Maple Leafs of Goshen College on Sept. 2. The team has an overall record of 1-2.

The women's soccer team grabbed two wins at the Trine University Jennifer L. Siersma Classic over Labor Day weekend. On Friday, HU defeated Olivet College 3-1. The Foresters continued their winning ways on Saturday in a 5-0 shutout win against Trine University. With these wins, the team is 3-1. The Foresters will face Kalamazoo College at home today at 4 p.m.

On Friday night the men's soccer team defeated the Bearcats of Brescia University 2-1. On Saturday the Foresters easily

disposed of Shawnee State University 5-0. With these two wins, the team is 4-0. The Foresters resume action today at 7 p.m. against Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

The volleyball team defeated Indiana University-Southeast on Aug. 22 in four matches: 14-25, 25-20, 25-23 and 25-20. The Foresters, who have a record of 1-3, will take on Goshen College today at 7 p.m.



Around Campus

The 2010 *U.S. News & World Report* annual collegiate rankings has listed Huntington University as 6th among the Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the Midwest region, rising one spot from its 7th place ranking in the 2009 edition. Huntington also appears as No. 5 in the Best Values category for baccalaureate colleges in the Midwest. This ranking is based on the percentage of students receiving need-based grants, the average cost of tuition after receiving those grants and the average discount from the total cost. For more than a decade, *U.S. News & World Report* has consistently ranked Huntington among the Midwest's best colleges. The 2010 edition of the magazine's guide to America's Best Colleges marks the 15th consecutive year that Huntington University has been listed among the top-tier schools in the region.

For the second time, Forbes.com has named Huntington University one of America's Best Colleges. At No. 97 on the overall list, Huntington was fifth among Indiana public and private colleges and universities and the second highest-ranked member of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities. In addition, Huntington ranked No. 86 on Forbes.com's list of America's Best Private Colleges.

For the second consecutive year, Huntington University is one of the best colleges and universities in the Midwest according to The Princeton Review. The education services company selected the school as one of 158 institutions to profile in its "Best in the Midwest" section of its Web site feature, 2010 Best Colleges: Region by Region.

"We chose Huntington University and the other terrific schools we recommend as our 'regional best' colleges primarily for their excellent academic programs," said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review's vice president of publishing.

The Huntington University Foundation Annual Dinner is set for Monday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. with a reception at 5:30 p.m. in the university's Habecker Dining Commons. The featured speaker will be Melissa Montana, CEO/president of STAR Educational Media Network. Montana's presentation is titled "Embracing the Future with Hope and Promise." The public is invited to attend the event. The cost of the program is \$25 per person. Tables of eight may be reserved for \$160. To make reservations, contact Barb Baker at (260) 359-4069 or bbaker@huntington.edu. The registration deadline is Sept. 22. Payment should be sent to the Huntington University Foundation, 2303 College Ave., Huntington, Ind., 46750.

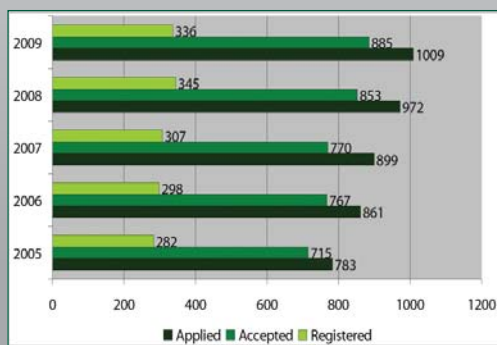
New students at Huntington University plunged into their college experience by volunteering at several places throughout the Huntington community on Aug. 29. For 16 years, the university's new students have participated in the Joe Mertz Center's Volunteer Plunge. This year, 25 teams comprised of more than 285 freshmen and transfer students, 28 mentor students, and 31 faculty and staff worked on projects. The Volunteer Plunge provides community service opportunities in conjunction with orientation weekend.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

The beginning of a new academic year brings a number of activities and events back to life on Huntington's campus. On Aug. 25, the Campus Community Committee for the capital campaign hosted the annual faculty/staff picnic. This event, attended by more than 200 faculty, staff and guests, was an informal introduction of the campaign to the campus community. The fall also involves kicking off a new series of Huntington University Foundation breakfasts, welcoming PACE to campus for its semi-annual meeting, and hosting Homecoming on Oct. 2-3 and Parent Weekend on Nov. 13-14.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

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



Jeff Berggren (left) and Drew Clay help with Move-In Day.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dr. G. Blair Dowden
President of Huntington University

Continuing uncertainty in the global economy has resulted in many challenges for college campuses, including our own. But at Huntington University, we are weathering the storm and making significant forward progress on several key initiatives. We begin the 2009-2010 school year with a stable enrollment, a growing reputation for excellence, a distinguished faculty, a more diverse campus community, and increasing impact throughout the region.

This fall, we welcomed the second-largest incoming class in university history. We enrolled 260 first-time freshmen and a total incoming class (including transfer students) of 327. Our full-time undergraduate population is at an all-time high, and the total campus population—including graduate and adult students—is a record 1,243 students.

College rankings are often controversial; their methodologies and merits are subject to debate. However, recognitions from *U.S. News & World Report*, *Forbes.com* and *The Princeton Review*, coming back-to-back, suggest that we are doing the right things at Huntington University.

The reputation of any college or university is in large part based on the strength of its faculty. Teaching is the core of our enterprise. Our professors continue to provide outstanding teaching, and also are involved in scholarly publishing, artistic endeavors, and leadership of academic societies.

This fall, it has been very rewarding to see some significant results from our diversity initiatives. We have dramatically increased the gender and ethnic diversity of our Board of Trustees. The university has welcomed outstanding new faculty and staff members from a variety of cultural backgrounds, and we have recruited the first two cohorts of Horizon Leadership Program scholars. We also are continuing to champion diversity in the local community through the Harmony Initiative.

This year on campus, we will have a year-long emphasis on diversity as an outgrowth of our Christ-centeredness. Throughout the year, we will reflect on developing a “theological framework for diversity” through a variety of special events, including chapel services, lectures, theatre performances, book studies and small-group discussions. Our goal, as the Horizon Leadership

Program states, is to “cultivate a campus environment reflective of the Kingdom of Heaven where every nation and tribe, every tongue and people are fully embraced and represented.”

I am very encouraged by Huntington University’s increasing regional impact. Over the past year, we developed a loan-forgiveness partnership with the Questa Foundation for Education. Through this program, qualified Huntington University graduates may have up to 75 percent of their Questa college loans forgiven. It is an exciting opportunity for Allen County students. This year, Huntington enrolled more Questa scholars than any other college or university.

In addition, we forged a strategic alliance with Fort Wayne Christian radio station, STAR 88.3. Several of our university leaders will be on the board of directors of the new organization that was formed to purchase the station. We anticipate that the sale will be complete within the next month or so. The new partnership will be formally celebrated on Oct. 18 with a concert by the Newsboys at Memorial Coliseum. Our alliance with STAR 88.3 will create many new educational opportunities for students and will have significant impact on the greater Fort Wayne area through volunteer service and community-building initiatives.

It is an exciting time to be at Huntington University. I am grateful for the continued support of so many friends and partners, and I am very thankful for the blessings of our faithful Lord.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept./Oct. campus calendar			9 W Soccer/4 pm W Tennis/4 pm M Soccer/7 pm Volleyball/7 pm	10 Forester Lecture/ 7pm	11 Artist Reception/ 6 pm Volleyball/5 & 7 pm	12 Cross Country/10 am Volleyball/10 am W Tennis/10 am W Soccer/2 pm
13	14	15 M Tennis/3 pm W Tennis/3 pm M Soccer/4 pm	16 W Soccer/5 pm Volleyball/7 pm	17	18 Golf/10:30 am Cross Country/3:30 pm M Soccer/4 pm Volleyball/7 pm Fresh Faces/7:30 pm	19 Women's Auxiliary Breakfast/9 am Volleyball/10 am Golf/10:30 am W Soccer/1 pm
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4	5	6 Band Invitational/7 pm	7 W Soccer/4 pm	8 Phil Schurger/7:30 pm	9 Volleyball/7 pm	10 W Soccer/1 pm
11	12	13 W Soccer/4 pm	14 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am			