

# Academe



## EDUCATION PROGRAM

### OVERVIEW

Huntington University helps students become effective stewards of priceless young minds and hearts.

Accredited by the State of Indiana and accredited with conditions by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the Education Department offers programs for students who desire to become teachers at the elementary or secondary level. All-grade majors will be licensed to teach art, music, or physical education/health. Huntington also offers a major in special education. Teacher education programs include a planned series of courses, a series of field experiences, and student teaching during the senior year. A new Master of Education program helps practicing teachers extend their professional knowledge and skills and update their licenses.

## SHARING THEIR PASSION

They both graduated from Fairfield High School in Goshen, Ind., attended Huntington University, majored in education, earned honors as multi-sport athletes, graduated from college in 2000, found teaching and coaching jobs in their hometown, and picked up a master's degree in education along the way. No, they aren't twins. But Brodie and Amy (Bechtel) Garber could almost have twin resumes. This married couple shares a mutual passion for education and athletics that led them both to Huntington University.

Finding the right college can be difficult enough without throwing athletics into the mix. Outstanding athletes get buried under an overwhelming pile of recruitment letters. For Brodie, his college choice became clear when he met the faces of Huntington University.

"I had a list of about four Christian colleges I wanted to attend and Huntington's people made the difference," recalls Brodie, an assistant basketball coach and varsity baseball coach at Fairfield High School. "The professors, staff, coaches, and students made the decision very easy for me."

Amy first learned of Huntington when she was recruited to play basketball and volleyball. A visit to the Huntington campus also became the selling point that confirmed her decision to attend.

"When I toured the campus and became more acquainted with it, I felt at home there," Amy says. "I loved the atmosphere and liked the fact that Huntington is so Christ-centered. I just felt like this was where God wanted me to be."

Along with athletics, the excellent reputation of Huntington University's education department was a draw for Amy and Brodie. Amy, a first-grade teacher at Benton Elementary in Goshen, Ind., says Huntington did an excellent job preparing her for the education world. "I feel very confident in my ability as a teacher and also confident in knowing how to integrate my faith into this profession."

Both Brodie and Amy cite the in-depth practicum, observation, and student-teaching experiences they received at



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Huntington as invaluable to their learning.

"Huntington made my transition to the 'real world' so much easier," says Brodie, a junior high Social Studies teacher at Fairfield Jr./Sr. High School. "The hands-on experiences I had in my education courses made me more comfortable when it came time to actually teach. And by putting me in a real classroom so much, Huntington equipped me with the tools I needed to be a successful educator."

The small class sizes and personal interaction with professors also made it easy for Amy and Brodie to make the most of their Huntington education. "I got to know my professors on a level that most colleges would only dream of," Brodie says.

And those professors, Amy says, provided valuable insights into both academics and their faith. "I felt like I had a personal relationship with them, and they were so open to speaking from a Christian perspective."

# FACULTY & STAFF NEWS & NOTES



• **Prof. Mike Burnett**, chairman of the Department of Theatre Arts, has been awarded a Huntington University Research Fellowship. Burnett plans to visit several well-established, professional Christian theatre companies to study how they manage their seasons, artist relations, audience development, and budgets. With that information, he hopes to help Huntington University “become one of the finest Christian theatre-training institutions in the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.”

• **Prof. Twyla Lee**, director of social work, and **Prof. Carla McDonald**, assistant professor of social work, attended the Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference in Austin, Texas, in November, 2005, where they met with representatives from the Council on Social Work Education and networked with many faculty members who teach in bachelor of social work programs.

• **Dr. Bruce Evans**, professor of biology, presented lectures at Northwest State Community College in Archbold, Ohio, on Thursday, December 1, 2005. Evans gave the inaugural lectures in a series titled “Controversies in Science.” The topic for both lectures was “Controversy in Life’s Origins.”

• **Dr. Gary House**, assistant professor of pastoral ministries and director of the M.A. in pastoral ministries, attended The National Outreach Convention in San Diego, Calif., November 2-5, 2005. House received training primarily in the areas of postmodern outreach and outreach strategies.

• **Dr. Jeffrey Webb**, associate professor of history, has released a new book, “The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Exploring God” (Alpha Press, 2005). The book examines the development of concepts of God within the major world religions.

• **Mr. Bob Myers**, instructor in worship leadership, returned to Sioux City, Iowa, December 1-4, 2005, to conduct the Eighth Annual Living Christmas Tree held at the Central Baptist Church. Myers started the program eight years

ago with the intention of establishing an annual community tradition that would draw audiences to hear the Gospel. More than 90 percent of the performances have been sold out, and the audience travels from as far away as 100 miles. The program includes music with a 65-voice choir, a 20-piece orchestra, as well as Biblical and contemporary casts and story lines. More than 200 people participate in the production of the annual program which has a budget of nearly \$50,000. Anticipated attendance for this year’s event was 5,000 people for the eight scheduled performances.

• **Dr. Beth Felker Jones**, assistant professor of Bible & religion, has an article featured on “The Christian Century’s” Web site. Felker Jones wrote about unexpected lessons in “Unsafe Sex: Still Watching ‘Sex in the City.’”

• **Dr. Del Doughty**, associate professor of English, presented the fall colloquium, “Focus on Excellence,” on Monday, November 21, 2005. His focus was writing and haiku poetry. He also read selections from his book “Flow,” published last year. Doughty became interested in haiku after he read an essay on imagery by former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass.



## Facts about literacy program

**Contact:** Mike Frame, head coach

**Connection:** Shortstop Thad Frame and pitcher and outfielder Levi Sell tutor at Northwest Elementary where they attended grade school.

**Links:** <http://www.verizonreads.net/>

<http://naia.collegesports.com/champions-character/news/HuntingtonUniversity.htm>

**Support:** The team will donate \$300 to each school for literacy resources.

## FORESTERS MAKE READING FUN

### *Baseball team hits homerun with literacy program*

Reading has become more exciting in Huntington County elementary and middle schools. With the help of a new grant, Huntington University’s baseball team is tutoring students in reading skills once a week at 10 schools throughout the county.

Former HU baseball player Lance Chrisman, now a vice president for Verizon, initially contacted Forester head coach Mike Frame about getting the team involved with Verizon’s national literacy program. Founded in 1999, the Verizon Reads program has contributed millions of dollars toward literacy programs nationwide.

“Lance contacted me to see about our interest in being involved,” Frame said. “We applied for a grant through Verizon and were approved.”

Starting November 8, twenty-seven players began volunteering at Andrews, Roanoke, Lancaster, Flint Springs, Lincoln, Horace Mann, Northwest, and Salamonie elementary schools.

They also tutor at Crestview, Riverview, and Salamonie middle schools. The grant money allows the team to donate \$300 to each school for literacy related resources.

Each of the players has committed to tutoring one hour per week, working on reading skills with students in first through eighth grade. Frame hopes his players see the importance of reading skills and also have the opportunity to impact their community.

“Our kids are not high profile athletes that you see on TV, but they can be role models in the local community,” Frame said. “If a college baseball player has made a commitment to help students with their reading skills, it will hopefully reinforce the importance of reading skills to these students. Our hope is that we can build some bridges to possible greater involvement down the road.”

Forester players are excited about the opportunity to give back to the Huntington community.

“We are so blessed to be a part of a community that both supports the college and the baseball team,” said Josh Clark, a junior pitcher and English education major from Archbold, Ohio. “This is a great way to show our appreciation. This is also a great experience for me personally because it gives me more exposure to the classroom. I am looking forward to going every Friday, and just hanging out and reading to the students.”

# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

**Basketball:** The NAIA 7th-ranked Foresters (11-3) scored the first four points of the game and never trailed as they cruised past the Fighting Saints of St. Francis 93-81 on Saturday, December 10, 2005.

Down nine twice early in the second half, the Lady Foresters (6-5) used their defense to hang around long enough to steal the 64-63 win on the road over the Titans of Indiana University South Bend on Saturday, December 10, 2005.

**Soccer:** Seven Huntington University soccer players recently earned the highest academic honor awarded to an individual within his or her respective sport. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics awards the All-America Scholar Athlete to juniors and seniors who display excellent achievement in the classroom along with outstanding skill on the playing field. Those individuals included:

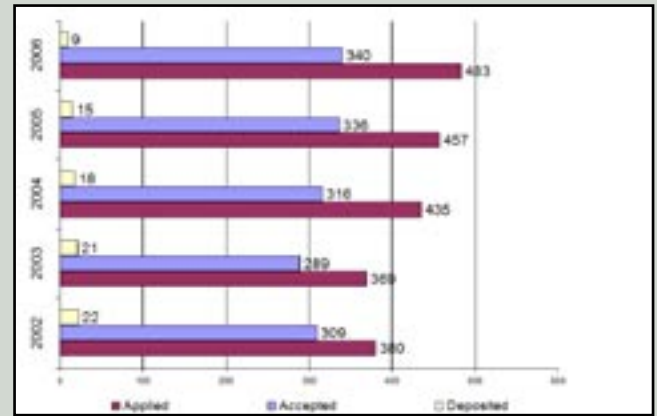
- **Robyn Althoff**, goalkeeper & junior elementary special education major
- **Joy Bamford**, forward & senior psychology major
- **Kara Fultz**, midfielder & senior biology education major
- **Ashley Gonterman**, defender & senior physical education major
- **Hannah Kaufman**, defender & junior biology major
- **Christi Shook**, defender & senior not-for-profit business major
- **Andrew Hulfish**, midfielder & senior elementary special education major



Betsy Bean earned Athlete of the Week honors for her performance against the University of St. Francis and Taylor University.

For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit [www.huntington.edu/athletics](http://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 2006 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

## ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

Year-end giving is in full swing for the Advancement Office. A number of donors continue to respond to the Lilly Endowment's current 1:1 matching gift program for gifts contributed to HU during the last half of 2005 and during 2006. Also, the HU Foundation Fund Drive is currently underway with donors' gifts going toward Foundation endowed scholarships, the Huntington County Grant program, or Community Arts programming. Finally, from the Advancement Office, we wish you all a blessed Merry Christmas.

## AROUND CAMPUS...

• The Bible & Religion Department of Huntington University now offers a minor in Biblical languages, recently approved at a faculty meeting. The University currently offers 16 credits of Greek and frequently offers six credits of Hebrew. With the approval of the 22-credit minor, courses in Hebrew now will be offered biannually. Current faculty will staff the new program. **Dr. Mark Fairchild**, chairman of the Bible & Religion Department, teaches Greek, and **Dr. Chaney Bergdall**, professor of Bible & religion, teaches Hebrew. The minor is effective this semester and can be pursued by students in any major, not just those in the Bible & Religion Department.

• Huntington University recently partnered with the Huntington County Council on Aging to help senior citizens make decisions about prescription drug coverage. State Insurance Health Assistance Program counselors Sheila Rethlake and Bill Hancher are offering sessions to assist Medicare beneficiaries with choosing a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan by using the Medicare Web site, [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). These sessions are a follow-up to the informational meetings held at Huntington's Senior Center. Huntington University provided the location for the first session of this program on Saturday, November 19, 2005, in the Science Hall. Volunteers assisting with this program included **Prof. Twyla Lee**, students from the social work program as well

as faculty and staff from other departments. The University also provided a technical services staff person and two student assistants. Other participating local organizations included United Way Agencies and the Huntington County Council on Aging board of directors.

• On December 1, 2005, Huntington University recognized the 18<sup>th</sup> annual World AIDS Day. Along with their peers at dozens of Christian colleges nationwide, Huntington students hosted activities throughout the day to raise AIDS awareness among students, faculty, and staff. The observance was planned by the student group, **Acting on AIDS**, an initiative of World Vision. Activities included handing out red ribbons, hosting a prayer meeting, raising funds, and sponsoring a project called "Hanging by a Thread." The student group placed collection boxes throughout campus to support the "Change for Change" fundraiser. Organizers hoped their fellow students would donate spare change to an organization involved with AIDS. At 6 p.m. students, faculty, and staff met on the mall for a time of community prayer geared toward the AIDS crisis. Students guided the prayer. Along with a moment of silence, there was a reading of the names of children affected by AIDS.

• Huntington University's **Omega Psi Chapter** of Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, received an Achieving Chapter

Excellence Award at the society's recent International Convocation in Orlando, Fla. The ACE Awards program began in 1995 and recognizes chapters of the organization whose programming and service to students are exemplary and support the society's mission and strategic goals. Only 35 of the more than 600 Kappa Delta Pi chapters earned this award.

Eight members of Omega Psi attended KDP's 45<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convocation from November 3-5, 2005. Students attending were **Mandie Cline, Wes Knuth, Dan Knuth, Stephanie Hoekenga, Harmony Peace, Eric Throne, Connie Surface, and Josh Miller**. They were accompanied by **Dr. Terrell Peace**, chapter counselor and Education Department chairman, and **Prof. Kathy Turner**, instructor in education.



Members of Omega Psi and their faculty sponsors receive the ACE Award at Kappa Delta Pi's Biennial Convocation in Orlando, Fla. Only 35 of the more than 600 Kappa Delta Pi chapters earned the recognition.

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

# December/January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			14 Semester Exams/9 am	15 Semester Exams/9 am Dorms Close/5 pm	16 W Basketball/ 7:30 pm (A)	17 M Basketball/3 pm (H)
18	19	20 M Basketball/ 7:30 pm (A)	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 W Basketball/ 6 pm (A)	31 W Basketball/noon (A) M Basketball/5 pm (A)
1	2 Dorms Open/2 pm	3 J-Term Classes Begin/ 8 am M Basketball/7 pm (H)	4 W Basketball/7 pm (A)	5	6	7 W Basketball/1 pm (H) M Basketball/3 pm (A)
8	9 CLEP/DANTES/8 am	10 CLEP/DANTES/8 am M Basketball/7 pm (A)	11 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am CLEP/DANTES/8 am W Basketball/7 pm (H)	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit <a href="http://www.huntington.edu/calendar">www.huntington.edu/calendar</a>.</i>		

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

A chapel speaker recently opened his remarks by saying, “God Bless and Disturb Us.” He then proceeded to talk on Amos 5:10-13, which states: “People hate this kind of talk. Raw truth is never popular. But here it is, bluntly spoken: Because you run roughshod over the poor and take the break {bread} right out of their mouths. You’re never going to move into the luxury homes you have built. You’re never going to drink wine from the expensive vineyards you’ve planted. I know precisely the extent of your violations, the enormity of your sins. Appalling! You bully right-living people, taking bribes right and left and kicking the poor when they’re down. Justice is a lost cause. Evil is epidemic. Decent people throw up their hands. Protest and rebuke are useless, a waste of breath. Seek good and not evil—and live!” (The Message paraphrase)

At this time of the year, we tend to focus on God’s goodness and blessing. It is a time of gift giving and celebrating God’s love shown to us through the Baby Jesus. And yet for many, it is a time of strife. The chapel speaker stated that on Christmas Eve there is more domestic

violence and accidents than any other holiday. How can a holiday that is so full of goodness be so horrible for so many people? The mission of Huntington University is to impact the culture for Christ here and now, not later. Our goal is to get Huntington University students, faculty and staff into our community where needs can be met in large and small ways. We seek to cultivate new relationships and hopefully use existing contacts to expand our circle of influence.

God is also using students and faculty in a more global context. Paco Michelson, a recent graduate and son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Michelson, both of whom work at HU, is working with a Korean peace and reconciliation organization called THE FRONTIERS in Afghanistan. He was reassigned for a brief time to Pakistan to help with search and rescue and provide medical aid after the earthquake. Paco became burdened with the lack of adequate housing for evacuees and mentioned it to his parents and friends. Paul and Jean shared the need with their Sunday School class at College Park Church and a few others. In a short time,



Dr. Norris Friesen  
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

more than \$25,000 was raised to purchase tents for displaced Pakistanis.

I am thankful that God blesses and disturbs us. I am glad that God is using Paco in Afghanistan and the hundreds of students, faculty and staff who are touching lives in our community in lots of ways. I hope you have the kind of Christmas that challenges you and disturbs you.