

ACADEME

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



Alum's ministry turns full circle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 11-13

Pippin

Nov. 18

Forester Lecture

Nov. 19

Sarah Masen concert

Dec. 3

Canticle of Christmas

In 1996, Joe Webb made a commitment to the Lord to go into full time ministry. Eight years later, Joe watched several of his youth members make the same commitment at the very place he heard God's calling.

In those eight years, Joe graduated from high school, earned his bachelor's degree from Huntington College and became Associate Pastor of Student Ministries at North Anderson Church of God. In early 2004, he was one of only 20 ministry leaders across the nation to be invited to the National Council for Faith-Based Youth (NCFBY).

Joe was the youngest invited guest at the first-of-its-kind NCFBY Conference in Washington, D.C. Established at the urging of some key leaders in Washington, the Council serves as a liaison of relationship and action regarding the issues affecting youth within the faith community.

"At the conference, we talked about several key issues affecting teens throughout the United States, such as drugs, violence, divorce, family issues and more. We were challenged to stand up as Godly leaders and work collaboratively to bring the country back to where it needs to be,"

Joe explains. "Being a member of the Council has expanded my horizons and challenged me to step up my ministry leadership."

Joe's ministry and opportunities today are a key testament to the education he received at Huntington College.

Once Joe felt the call to full time youth ministry, he knew there was no other place to go but Huntington College.

"If you are called into the ministry, Huntington College is the place to be," Joe says. "It is the only college that offers the highest quality classes in leadership, youth ministry, cross-cultural and worship-leading. No other school does that with the demand that Huntington does."

Though the classes were challenging and the demands intense, Joe says it was very rewarding to share in the knowledge and wisdom of his profes-

sors. He claims his ministry would not be what it is today without care and instruction from professors such as Dave Rahn, Karen Jones, Luke Fetters and Tom Bergler.

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"One thing I loved about the professors at Huntington is that they always treated me as an adult. They treated me as though I worked alongside them as a fellow worker in ministry. I loved that. They always saw great potential in me as a student and made me aware of it," Joe says.

Joe says the biggest key to his ministry development was his mandatory seven-month PRIME (Practical Research through Immersion and Ministry Evaluation) internship. During his PRIME experience, Joe was able to put his skills and knowledge into practice and adapt to an unfamiliar setting. He and his wife, Kristi, moved from their local church of 180 people to a church in Knoxville, Tennessee, with over 3,500 members. For seven months, Joe was one of four interns at the church.

"PRIME was the best experience to equip me for my future ministry," Joe explains. "Once I got into the internship, the practical knowledge I had gained from my classes and professors gave me an edge over the other interns."

Because of Joe's Huntington College experience, he is well equipped to impact the lives of his youth, a job he truly takes to heart. "I'm not only supposed to teach the youth how to be great Christians, but I'm also supposed to make them aware of what is out there in the world, giving them a heart for the world and a heart for ministry. I want them to learn to work with a servant's heart and always look for opportunities to do that."

As Joe watches the members of his youth group begin to understand what God has created them to do, he is humbled by the position God has entrusted to him.



Joe Webb was one of 20 ministry leaders across the nation chosen to serve on a national ministry council in Washington, D.C.

Faculty/Staff News & Notes



Dr. Gary Newton was a featured presenter at several conferences in October.

• **Dr. Gary Newton**, professor of educational ministries in the Graduate School of Christian Ministries, presented at several workshops and conferences during the month of October. He led a workshop for youth ministry leaders at Mount Vernon Nazarene University

and presented a research project with his son, Joel Newton, on "Why Some Pastor's Children Choose to Enter the Pastorate," at the North American Professors of Christian Education Conference and the American Youth Ministers Educator's Conference. Newton also led a workshop at the "Day of Healing" Conference in Wabash, Ind.

• **Ms. Rebecca Coffman**, associate professor of art, presented *Contemporary Ceramics* in the Weaver Gallery of the Everest-Rohrer Chapel/Fine Arts Center at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind. The exhibit was on display throughout the month of October.

• **Dr. Gary House**, assistant professor of educational ministries and director of the M.A. in pastoral ministries, recently presented three seminars in the areas of evangelism and hermeneutics at the annual fall conference of the Wisconsin Christian Home Educators Association. He also attended the biennial meetings of the Conference on Faith and History at Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

• **Dr. Jeffrey B. Webb**, associate professor of history, has written the introduction for the forthcoming reprint of Winston S. Churchill's *Age of Revolution, vol. 3 of History of the English-Speaking Peoples* (1959, reprint Barnes & Noble Press, 2005). In addition, he chaired and provided comment on the panel, "Religion in Colonial America," at the Conference on Faith and History at Hope College.

• **Dr. Pat Zezula**, professor of physical education, along with 24 students, recently attended a Midwest AAHPERD Conference Workshop at Pokagon State Park in northeast Indiana. The physical education department has recently started the physical education program for home schoolers with over 79 students attending. The 19 students in PE231 plan and teach the seven-week curriculum for home schoolers.

• **Dr. Wayne Priest**, associate professor of psychology, attended the Christian Association for Psychological Studies' Midwest Regional Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 1-2. The conference focused on forgiveness and wholeness in a fragmented world.

• In November, **Dr. Mark Fairchild**, professor of Bible and religion, will teach *Understanding Islam and Christianity*, a fall Gateway course in the Huntington College EXCEL Program. *Understanding Islam and Christianity* will explore the origin of Islam beginning with the prophet Muhammad and will trace the religion's development and diversity up to the present.

• **Dr. Jack Heller**, assistant professor of English, along with students **Rebekah Nimitz** and **Katherine Chilcoat**, attended the professional meetings of the Mideast Conference on Christianity and Literature at the University of Dayton on October 22-23.

• The Folger Shakespeare Library has created a web site that stems from the 2003 NEH Summer Institute, in which **Dr. Dwight Brautigam**, professor of history, participated. Brautigam's article on the Duke of Buckingham can be found in the "Parliament" section at www.folger.edu/institute/swimdesign/index.htm.



FOCUS ON...

Huntington College to become a university

The Huntington College Board of Trustees voted in mid-October to change the name of the institution to Huntington University. The change will take place before the beginning of the 2005-06 school year.

"I enthusiastically welcome the trustees' decision to change our name to Huntington University," said Dr. G. Blair Dowden, president. "The move reflects what we have already become and what we yet will be. The new name celebrates our heritage and positions us well for the future."

The campus will continue to operate as Huntington College for the next several months, Dowden explained. A task force will be appointed to manage the transition to the new name, which will probably occur in mid-2005.

"Huntington will continue to be an institution that stresses the Christian faith and the liberal arts as foundational for our educational program," Dowden said. "Our name may change; our mission will not."

The decision comes after a year-long study. In October 2003, the Board of Trustees appointed a task force to explore the possibility of a change from college to university status. Throughout the past year, the task force surveyed current students, faculty, staff, parents, prospective students and representatives of the regional community. Most constituents were supportive of the change, some enthusiastically so. The task force also examined trends in higher education and studied the experiences of other similar insti-

tutions which had recently transitioned from college to university.

A similar study was undertaken by Huntington College in 1995. At that time, trustees decided against a move to university status. However, since that earlier study, the institution has expanded its enrollment and added new graduate and professional programs. With the addition of seven new programs last spring, Huntington College has increased its academic offerings to over 70 undergraduate and graduate degrees and concentrations.

Huntington College has long conferred masters' degrees in Christian ministries, and has recently added a graduate program in counseling ministries. A new master's degree in education is currently being developed, and an undergraduate program in nursing is being studied. In addition, Huntington College offers associate's and bachelor's degrees to working adults through its EXCEL Program.

The task force found that nearly all constituent groups were in favor, and some strongly in favor, of the proposal to become a university. Students, faculty, staff, and members of the Alumni Board, Huntington College Foundation Board, Parents Council, and President's Advisory Council on Excellence all endorsed the change.

Task force members indicated that as the campus continues to grow and develop, it will remain focused on its heritage and mission.

More details about the name change can be found online at www.huntington.edu/hcnews/0405/huntingtonuniversity.htm

Sports Highlights

Women's Soccer: The Foresters finished with an 8-9 overall record and added a first-ever win in the MCC Tournament in the young program's history. Freshmen Sarah Kaufman, Hannah Kaufman and Heather O'Keefe were named to the All-MCC team.



Joseph Waitihira and Cody Hannie led a successful Forester cross country squad this season. They each earned All-MCC honors while Hannie also earned All-Region honors.

Men's Soccer: Under the direction of new head coach, Russ Lawson, the Foresters tallied a 7-9-2 overall record. Seniors Courtney Hamilton and Luke Caldwell earned All-MCC honors.

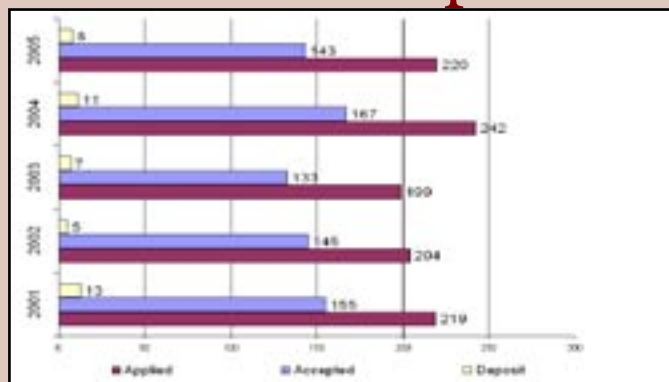
Cross Country: Sophomore Cody Hannie led the men's squad to a third-place team finish in the MCC Championships and a fourth-place team finish in the NAIA Region VIII Championships. He was honored with All-MCC and All-Region honors while teammate Joseph Waitihira earned All-MCC honors. The women's squad finished 9th at the MCC Championships and 11th at regionals.

Men's Basketball: The No. 3 preseason-ranked Foresters opened its season against two Division I teams, falling to IPFW and Valparaiso, 87-77 and 73-69, respectively. In the home opener, the Foresters topped Urbana University, 97-74.

Women's Basketball: During opening weekend, the Lady Foresters posted a 1-1 record at the St. Ambrose Tournament, falling in the championship game 80-72. Amy Berry and Jamie Grogg were named to the All-Tournament team.

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 College for the fall 2005 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

Advancement News

During the annual Fall Phonathon, student volunteers spent five evenings calling donors for support in student scholarships. A total of 635 pledges were received with gifts totalling approximately \$60,000. This number surpasses last year's phonathon total by 10 percent. Additionally, the Huntington College Foundation has local students calling area friends of HC for support of the Huntington County Grant program. These gifts allow the Foundation to offer grants and scholarships to Huntington County students attending Huntington College. If you desire to help either of these efforts, online giving is available at www.huntington.edu/advancement.

Around Campus.....

- **Devin Reed**, a freshman youth ministry major from Akron, Ind., was recently honored at the 2004 "Realizing the Dream" banquet in Indianapolis. Reed was one of 33 outstanding first-generation college students honored that night. He was given the opportunity to recognize a teacher that had inspired him to achieve success, both personally and academically. Reed chose his high school math teacher, Terry Screeton, from Tippecanoe Valley High School in Akron.

- **Rusty Eshleman, Dana Frick and Maria Rhodes** competed at the regional National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition at the University of Michigan in mid-October. The region consists of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario, Can. In other competitions, Rhodes and **Jolene Gipe** were announced winners for the Fifth Annual Concerto Winners Concert to be held on April 22, 2005.

- Several recreation management students recently completed internship experiences from all parts of the world including Fort Wayne Wizards Baseball Program; Huntington YMCA; Camp Living Waters in Luther, Mich.; Youth Works in New York City, N.Y.; Sports Outreach in Uganda and Rawanda, Africa; and an experience in Bogota, Columbia.

- The Huntington College Board of Trustees recently elected **Mr. Edward E. Souers**, CPA, managing partner of Christen Souers LLC, a local accounting firm in Fort Wayne, Ind., as Chairman of the Board. **Ms. Kelly Savage** was elected Vice Chair of the Board. Savage is

the Chief Information Officer for Altacor, the parent company of Amway, Quixtar and Access Business Group. **Mr. David Tinkey**, a commercial banking finance manager for Bank One in Indianapolis, Ind., was elected Secretary of the Board.

- The semiannual Huntington College High School Mathematics Competition took place on Wednesday, October 20, 2004, in the Science Hall at Huntington College. Ten area high school teams met to compete for individual and team awards for their demonstration of mathematical ability. The teams were comprised of Ayersville High School of Defiance (OH); Friendship Christian School of Andrews; KASH (Kokomo Area Schools at Home) of Kokomo; Marion High School of Marion; North Miami High School of Denver; Jimtown High School of Elkhart; Hamilton Southeastern of Fishers; Rochester High School of Rochester; South Bend Clay of South Bend; and Temple Christian School of Lima (OH).

- The Merillat Centre for the Arts will be a busy venue from now through the Christmas season. Upcoming events include the Huntington College Theatre Company production of *Pippin* (Nov. 11-13) and the Theatre Department's senior project of **Dan Olson** and **David Blaser** (Dec. 3-4). The Music

Department will host the All-Area Music Student Recital II (Nov. 17) and III (Dec. 1), **Drew Wutke's** senior recital (Nov. 20), and *Canticle of Christmas* (Dec. 3), while also participating in the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the community performance of Handel's *Messiah* (Dec. 5). The Art Department will showcase its Graduating Visual Arts Major Exhibit by **Christy Shoemaker** and **Nuria Bagley** (Nov. 19-Dec. 12) and a Christmas Show and Sale (Dec. 2-3). The Forester Lecture Series will feature Dr. Patricia Sullivan (Nov. 18). The Community Arts Program will host Sarah Masen in concert (Nov. 19) and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic's Holiday Pops (Dec. 12).



Dan Olson (pictured far right) will play a leading role in the upcoming Huntington College Theatre Company production of *Pippin*. He will then join fellow senior David Blaser for their theatre senior project on Dec. 3-4.

Campus Calendar

November/December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			10 Advising/8 am M Basketball/7 pm (H) Volleyball/7:30 pm (A)	11 Advising/8 am Pippin/7:30 pm	12 Advising/8 am W Basketball/6 pm (H) Pippin/7:30 pm	13 W Basketball/1 pm (H) Pippin/2 pm & 7:30 pm M Basketball/7 pm (H)
14	15 CLEP/DANTES/8 am	16 CLEP/DANTES/8 am W Basketball/6 pm (A) M Basketball/7 pm (H)	17 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Concert Series/4:30 pm M Basketball/7 pm (H)	18 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Forester Lecture/7 pm	19 CLEP/DANTES/8 am Art opening/9 am M Basketball/6 pm (H) Sarah Masen/7:30 pm	20 M Basketball/1 pm (H) W Basketball/2 pm (A) Senior Recital/3 pm Artist reception/6 pm Guerilla Theatre/9 pm
21	22	23 M Basketball/7 pm (A) W Basketball/7 pm (H)	24 M Basketball/7 pm (A)	25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	26 Thanksgiving Break	27 M Basketball/3 pm (H)
28	29	30 M Basketball/7 pm (H) W Basketball/7 pm (A)	1 Concert Series/4:30 pm	2 Christmas Art Show/9 am	3 Christmas Art Show/9 am Canticle of Christmas/ 7:30 pm Lab Theatre/9 pm	4 W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/3 pm (H) Lab Theatre/9 pm
5 Handel's <i>Messiah</i> / 7:30 pm	6 CLEP/DANTES/8 am	7 CLEP/DANTES/8 am	8 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:30 am CLEP/DANTES/8 am M Basketball/7 pm (A) W Basketball/7 pm (H)			

From the Desk of the Dean

I recently had the opportunity to address the Alpha Chi inductees and their families. I commended the inductees' accomplishments thus far, but also asked that they be careful; they must not let up in their efforts to excel academically, and they must continue to push themselves to achieve their maximum potential. These may seem like inappropriate words at a time of celebration for achievement, but when a goal has been met, it is easy to become lazy and focus only on the solutions and not the problems. When a goal is met, we sometimes fail to ask the question, "Why?" and accept answers without wondering how the answers were determined.

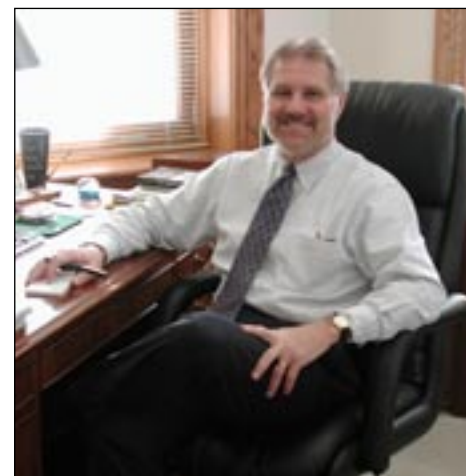
Author Max Lucado stated in an editorial several years ago, "The most deadly trick of Satan is not to rob us of the answers. It is to steal our questions." When we lose our sense of wonder and curiosity, we tend to become complacent – to live a life that goes through all the motions, but never asks the question, "Why?"

In an article used in College Life (our freshman seminar), the author, John Fisher, states "Asking is one of the hardest things we ever do because it assumes a position of need. We want to live in a closed system where every question has an answer and every problem has a solution."

By default, our answers become our God and we become guilty of worshipping our answers. Fisher goes on to say, "Many systems answer far more questions than God ever planned on answering." When answers become more important than God, then we find we don't really need God. More often than not, we learn more by looking for the answer than we ever do by having the answer. In order to search for the answer, we must become vulnerable and uncertain, and this is also when we discover God.

Noah benShea in his book, *Jacob the Baker*, tells the story of a teacher who took his student deep into the woods. Soon it became dark and the teacher extinguished the torch. The student asked the teacher if he was going to leave him in the dark. The teacher replied saying "No, I am going to leave you searching for the light."

Our intent at Huntington College is not to give students the answers. We hope when students graduate they have more questions than answers. Our Philosophy of Education states that we are not a refuge from the world, but rather a place where students encounter and engage the world and provide a thoughtful response to the questions raised.



Dr. Norris Friesen
Vice President and Dean of Huntington College

My prayer is that education for our students truly becomes addictive. The more students learn, the more they want to know and the more they want to know, the more they learn.