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LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST

MINISTRY & MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW

The Huntington University Department of Ministry and Missions offers concentrations in missions, family and children's ministries, educational ministries, youth ministries, and worship leadership. Its mission is "to develop thoughtful and faithful leaders who will equip others for effective ministry." The program is disciple-ship-based in its approach.

Huntington University is home to the Link Institute for Faithful and Effective Youth Ministry. This think-tank is devoted to a single purpose: improving the practice of youth ministry.

The department also has strong affiliation with one of the most effective Youth for Christ chapters in the country. In Huntington and Fort Wayne, students gain the knowledge, skills and commitments necessary to lead others toward increasing maturity and faithfulness in their relationship with God.

A unique part of the program is the PRIME Experience. During this seven-month internship, students are mentored by effective ministry leaders. PRIME experiences are offered in churches and para-church ministries throughout the United States and around the world.

After five years of influencing Huntington County's teens as Campus Life Director of Huntington North High School, Dave Ramseyer left the senior class with one intriguing thought; "Cherish life: what it means to be as opposed to what it means to do."

Dave, a 2000 youth ministry graduate from Huntington University, shared his message at the 2005 baccalaureate program for Huntington North High School before he ventured to Colorado to begin a new opportunity as National Campus Life Director at Youth for Christ, International. His time spent at Huntington University and with Campus Life allows Dave to realize that, "young people have taught me what it means to live life to the fullest."

Reflecting on his years as Campus Life Director at HNHS, Dave expresses the importance of his role in the lives of youth. "I spent my days building relationships with students, teachers, parents, and other adults in the community that I might first show them that Jesus has changed my life. The goal is to share life together so much that they begin to see the difference Jesus is making in my life each day. As I develop a deep enough relationship with these people, I can share specifically what Christ has done for us. It is a matter of sharing life together and then helping them to see that real life starts when Christ is part of the equation."

Sometimes choosing a college can seem like an equation, filled with the mind-boggling variables of financial aid, majors, location—the list goes on and on. For Dave, a native of Wooster, Ohio, the answer to the college equation became clear when he visited Huntington University.

As a youth ministry student, Dave says the most valuable aspect of Huntington's program was its ability to provide real world experience. In addition to volunteering with local ministries during college, students also get the chance to work in a ministry of choice during their senior year, through a seven-month internship experience called PRIME.

"I really felt like I hit the ground running in youth ministry," Dave says. "I definitely didn't know it all nor will I ever know it all. However, I had a great chance to learn about ministry in the classroom and then turn around and put it into practice through ministry experiences."



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Today, Dave builds friendships with un-churched teenagers. He also has the task of mobilizing ministry teams and raising funds to enable ministry. Dave is grateful his Huntington education prepared him to juggle this wide array of responsibilities.

"Huntington University really pushed me to understand how my faith practically applies to everything in life," Dave recalls. "The University helped me prepare to work with people, prepare for ministry, prepare to take care of my finances, and even prepare me to have a disciplined work ethic. The people at Huntington helped me develop a well-rounded worldview that daily effects how I live."

Having reaped the benefits of a youth ministry degree at Huntington University, Dave highly recommends HU to future students.

CAMPUS NEWS & NOTES



• For the 11th consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Huntington University as one of the nation's best comprehensive colleges in the Midwest. The magazine's 2006 guide to *America's*

Best Colleges listed Huntington as 15th among 107 institutions in the Midwest Comprehensive Colleges category and third among the Indiana schools listed in the same group.

• Huntington University welcomed six new faculty members for the 2005 fall semester. Steve Leeper and Bryan Ballinger head up the new Digital Media Arts program while Robert Myers is the point man for the new Worship Leadership program. Carla MacDonald joins the Social Work Department. The Music Department welcomes Scott Hippensteel, and Jule McKanna fills the role in Exercise Science.

• The Huntington University campus community offers prayers and tangible assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Huntington University students and personnel are raising funds and collecting supplies for a variety of relief organizations and churches serving storm-stricken areas. Huntington University is organizing volunteers to assist with clean up and recovery. Plans are being made to send work teams to the Gulf Coast region in October, January, and March. A special fund has been established to support these volunteer efforts. Interested donors should contact the Advancement Office, or direct their gifts to Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, Huntington University, 2303 College Avenue, Huntington, Indiana 46750.

• The Huntington University Foundation is pleased to welcome Patricia R. Miller as its speaker for the Foundation Dinner. The annual event is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2005. Appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels, Miller is the first Secretary of Commerce and Chief Executive Officer of the new Indiana Economic Development Corporation. She is also co-owner and co-founder of Vera Bradley Designs in Fort Wayne.

• The Huntington University EXCEL Program celebrated its recent expansion to Columbia City with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 13. The ceremony was held at Peabody Library in Columbia City. Columbia City Mayor Jim Fleck cut the ribbon. He was joined by Norris Friesen, vice president and dean of Huntington University; Patricia Hatcher, executive director of the Columbia City Area Chamber of Commerce; and Janet Scank, director of Peabody Library.

• Christian music pioneers Bill and Gloria Gaither top the list of lecturers for the Forester Lecture Series. They will present "Christian Worship: Past, Present, Future" on Monday, October 3, 2005. Free tickets will be available to the public in late September.

• Taking part in the Volunteer Plunge has become a rite of initiation for new students at Huntington University. For the past 12 years, Huntington University's new students have participated in the Joe Mertz Center Volunteer Plunge. This year, 18 teams of freshmen and transfer students volunteered at various places in the Huntington community.

HUNTINGTON BECOMES A UNIVERSITY

Campus celebrates with ribbon-cutting ceremony



Huntington Name Change Facts:

The campus opens in 1897 as Central College, named for its central geographic location within the various conferences of the United Brethren Church.

In 1917, the institution changes its name to Huntington College.

After much growth in programs and students, Huntington College becomes Huntington University on September 1, 2005.

Huntington College officially re-opened on the first of September as Huntington University with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and special chapel service. While the name change process began in June, the Christian college marked this milestone in its history with a ceremony at the campus entrance.

Miss Indiana Susan Guilkey, a 2005 Huntington University graduate in communication studies, cut the ribbon assisted by President Blair Dowden, Board Chairman Ed Souers, and Student Senate President Ryan Darr. Huntington Mayor Terry Abbett, United Brethren Bishop Ron Ramsey, Huntington University Foundation President Dennis McNeely, and additional members of the Student Senate participated in the platform group.

"Huntington's growth – in size, complexity and prestige – makes the move to university status the natural next step in the institution's development," President Dowden said. "Over the past 10 years, Huntington's student body has grown by more than 53 percent. In the same time period, we have begun to offer associate and bachelor degrees specifically designed for adult students, and we have developed new master's degrees in

ministry and education, and additional programs could be on the horizon. A feasibility study for a bachelor's program in nursing is currently underway."

"While the name of the institution will soon change, many things will stay the same," Dowden added. "For example, Huntington will always be an institution that stresses the Christian faith and the liberal arts as the foundations of its educational program. We will always challenge students to integrate faith, learning and service. Similarly, we never want to lose the warm and friendly character of our campus community. While our student body has grown significantly over the past few years – and will continue to grow – we will remain a caring, student-focused campus. Students here will never be just a number. In short, our name may change, but our mission will not."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was followed by a special chapel service at 10:00 a.m., in Zurcher Auditorium of the Merrillat Centre for the Arts. President Dowden interviewed alumni and students about their life-changing experiences during college. More than 700 students, faculty, and guests were in attendance to celebrate the heritage and future of Huntington University.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Volleyball: The Forester volleyball team began the season with an impressive 6-2 start, including a thrilling win in the MCC opener against Grace College.



Marissa Scheiber was key for the Forester volleyball team in its successful 6-2 opening campaign. The next home match is on September 28 at 7 p.m.

Cross Country: The men's cross country squad is ranked 25th in the pre-season NAIA poll. They opened the season with a team victory in a relay meet at Goshen College. Cody Hannie and Nick Johnson partnered together to finish first. Returning juniors Emily Sealscott and Molly Andrews will bring strong leadership and talent to the women's squad.

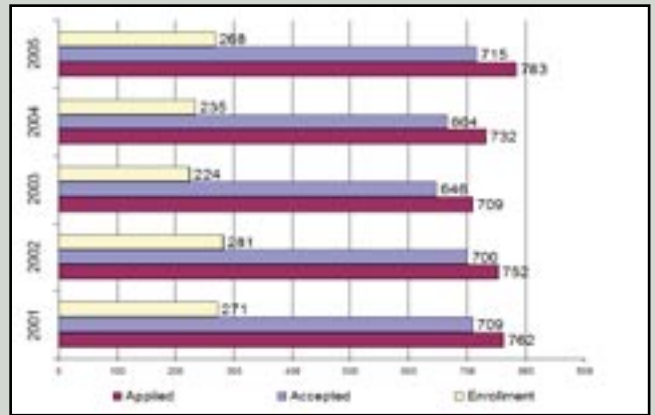
Soccer: The men's soccer team began its season with a 1-3 record, thumping Taylor-Fort Wayne, 4-1, in the fourth game of the season. Two of their losses came in overtimes. The women's squad posted a 1-1 record during its first week of play, losing the first game in double overtime and crushing Franklin College, 6-0.

Golf: Returning seniors Andrew Porterfield, Wes Knuth and Dan Knuth lead a young team of strong recruits for the 2005 season. In the opener at Meshingomesia Country Club, sophomore Patrick Davis posted a 78-78=156 to lead the Foresters to a 10th-place team finish.

Tennis: Led by freshmen Stephanie Strong and Kendra Ganz, the women's tennis squad opened its season with a 2-1 record. The men have posted a 1-1 early record.

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

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



As this publication goes to print, the final numbers for the fall of 2005 are being finalized. Early indicators point to a slight raise as compared to last year's numbers. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years. These numbers do not represent the final new student head count for the fall semester.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Ned Kiser vacated his position as Vice President for Advancement on August 30 to take a position with Asian Access, an international missions organization. Troy Irick has been appointed as Interim Vice President for Advancement. For the past three years, Irick has managed the day-to-day fund-raising operations at the institution, including major gifts, gift planning and relations with alumni, parents and the community.

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 am
Huntington University Alumni Art Exhibit, *Exploring Illustration* by Patrick Girouard, *Wilson Art Gallery*

11:00 am
Men's Golf Invitational, *LaFontaine Golf Course*

Alpha Chi Induction and Luncheon (invite only)

5:15 pm
Dinner through the line, *Habecker Dining Commons*

5:30 pm
Kick-off Ice Cream Social & Time Capsule Ceremony, *Main Campus Mall*

6:00 pm
Homecoming Coronation, *HUB*

7:30 pm
Fred Garbo Inflatable Theatre Co., *Zurcher Auditorium*

9:00 pm
Coffeehouse hosted by the Dowdens, *HUB*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 am
Klopfenstein Classic Golf Outing benefiting Forester Baseball, *Norwood Golf Course*

5-K Run/Walk sponsored by Alpha Gamma Pi, *MCPER*

9:00 am
Huntington University Bookstore opens

Alumni Star Walk of Fame (info at registration)

10:00 am
Parents' Association Brunch (RSVP only)

Powder Puff Football, *Front Campus*

Softball Round Robin, *MCPER*

Men's Tennis vs. Grace College, *MCPER*

Women's Tennis vs. Anderson University, *MCPER*

11:00 am
E. DeWitt Baker Cross Country Invitational, *HU CC Course (corner of Stultz & Gragg)*

Five-year Class Reunions ('45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00), *Habecker Dining Commons*

1:00 pm
Women's Soccer vs. Rochester College, *MCPER*

1:30 pm
Departmental Reunion, Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, *Science Hall*

STARLAB Planetarium first show, *Science Hall*

2:00 pm
Sure Thing - An Evening of David Ives Plays, HU Theatre Company, *Studio Theatre*

2:30 pm
STARLAB Planetarium second show, *Science Hall*

3:00 pm
Class of 1960 Reunion, *Habecker Dining Commons*

3:30 pm
Men's Soccer vs. Rochester College, *MCPER*

4:30 pm
Alumni Baseball Scrimmage, *Forest Glen Park*

5:00 pm
Alumni Family Dinner and Awards, *Habecker Dining Commons*

7:00 pm
Davis Hall Follies first show, *Zurcher Auditorium*

9:30 pm
Davis Hall Follies second show, *Zurcher Auditorium*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			14 M Tennis/3:30 pm (H) W Soccer/4 pm (A) W Tennis/6 pm (H)	15 M Soccer/4 pm (A) Foundation Dinner/ 5:30 pm	16 All Campus Off Campus Retreat/TBA Cross Country/TBA (A) Fresh Faces/7:30 pm	17 All Campus Off Campus Retreat/TBA M/W Tennis/10 am (A) W Soccer/1 pm (A) M Soccer/2:30 pm (H)
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9	10 Midnight Study Break/ 11 pm	11 W Soccer/3:30 pm (H) Band Invitational/7 pm	12 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am M Soccer/3:30 pm (H) HU Music/4:30 pm	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It was a pleasure last week to participate in a special ribbon-cutting ceremony as Huntington College officially re-opened as Huntington University. Although our name-change process had been underway for several months, it was meaningful to pause at the beginning of the new school year to celebrate this historic milestone.

Our name is not all that is changing. We have added a number of new academic programs to serve a more diverse student body. These include bachelor's degrees in digital media arts, economics and finance, political studies, social work, sports ministry, worship leadership and a new Master of Education degree. We have recruited new faculty members to teach in these programs, and remodeled campus facilities where necessary to support the expanded curriculum.

Change is taking place very rapidly in our society and our economy, and higher education is not immune from the forces of change. Here at Huntington University, we feel the winds of change through increased competition for students, declining grant aid from state and federal sources, tight budgets, and the financial challenges of recruiting and retaining expert faculty and staff.

These factors lead to one conclusion. In order to be healthy, growing, and productive as a University during the next decade, we need to continue to change. As I shared these thoughts with faculty and staff at the beginning of the year, I acknowledged that change can be threatening, hard, and uncomfortable. Change for all

of us is difficult. We like what we have and what we know. But the status quo is really not a viable option.

In today's world, change is continuous. Harvard professor Kotter says that will we no longer have the luxury of following the "20th century model of lengthy periods of calm and complacency...punctuated by shorter periods of hectic activity."

Of course, there are many things that will not change. Our mission, for example, will not change. We will not move away from our liberal arts emphasis, Christ-centered educational approach, or residential student-centered model.

But there will be many other changes ahead. Our strategic planning team – what we call the University Innovation Task Force – has begun to articulate areas in which change is advantageous. These could include:

- Developing a curriculum for the 21st Century.
- Serving both traditional and nontraditional students in traditional and nontraditional ways.
- Establishing alliances to achieve efficiencies, or developing enterprises to generate additional revenue.
- Strengthening our campus "culture of caring" in ways that deliver the best Christian college experience in the country.
- Investing in people – our Trustees, faculty, and staff – in new and innovative ways.



Dr. G. Blair Dowden
President of Huntington University

Changes in these areas will not be undertaken merely for the sake of change, but for the purpose of fulfilling our mission in a rapidly changing world. Our intent is to be recognized as a premier Christian liberal arts university, as reflected by increasing enrollment and highest quality instruction.

Our task in the next several years will be to make the changes at Huntington University appropriate to our mission and to the call that God has given us as an educational institution. We want to ensure that in the next decade we change a lot in programs, size, and structure, but stay the same in mission and focus.