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Huntington J-Term sparks alum's future

Joshua Miller has traveled a winding road to settle where he is today. From a trip to Israel, to ministry in New York, and now graduate studies in Kentucky, Josh has committed to following God's calling in his life, wherever He leads.

A 2001 alumnus of Huntington College, Josh majored in Bible and Religion with a minor in Educational Ministries. After graduation, he and wife Andrea headed to Liverpool, N.Y., beginning a three-year stint in youth ministry at a Free Methodist Church.

"I did everything from youth ministry to short-term mission trips to assistant pastor duties," says Josh, who is currently studying at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. "Now I'm working towards a master's degree in Biblical studies with the goal of eventually teaching in higher education."

When asked what prompted his decision to return to school, Josh instantly knows the answer. "Calling," says Josh quickly. "That's basically what it was. I felt called to go to Liverpool and be in ministry for awhile, but even during and before that time, I believed God was leading me to a vocation of teaching. I knew graduate school was somewhere in my future."

A Huntington College January-Term trip to Israel during Josh's sophomore year sparked his calling to teach biblical studies. He encourages other students to use that opportunity to expand their global vision. "Don't limit yourself during January Term" says Josh. "Use it as a means to get out and see different cultures and parts of the world."

Now that Josh is once again taking up his textbooks in graduate school, he has a better perspective on the value of his academic preparation at Huntington College. He originally chose Huntington because of its highly touted youth ministry program and now, after his experience in the ministry field and at the graduate level, realizes those praises were well-deserved.

"I feel that there's nothing lacking in my undergraduate education that makes me ill prepared to study at Asbury," says Josh. "I've even been able to waive some classes, and I have confidence in my skills to complete this program."

A J-Term trip to Israel during Josh's sophomore year sparked his calling to teach biblical studies. He's now pursuing that call in graduate school.

Huntington College professors not only prepared Josh academically to take the next step in his career, but they also provided the valuable advice he sought in making that important decision.

"I know that my choice to go to Asbury and to even consider other schools was a direct result of conversations with my previous professors," says Josh. "I know I wouldn't have come to Asbury specifically if I wouldn't have had some long, in-depth conversations with some people back at Huntington."

"Professors were a huge part of my education at Huntington," continues Josh. "Not only did they care about you as a student in class, but outside of class you were able to know them on a personal level."

One professor that especially influenced Josh during his time at Huntington was Luke Fetters, assistant professor of ministry and missions. "He brought to the classroom some genuine and earthy experience in what he was teaching," says Josh. "It made his teaching especially honest, down-to-earth and insightful. It carried weight because it was immersed in reality."

Along with personal interaction with professors, Josh cites smaller class sizes and the college campus as important aspects of his all-around education at Huntington. "You had a voice in class and could ask questions and make helpful contributions," says Josh. "Also, the size of the campus gave me a healthy sense of accountability, kind of like growing up in a small town. It keeps you true to who you are and helps you be who you want to be."

Defining that sense of a small-town campus can be a challenge, but Josh sums up the unique Huntington atmosphere as a community of people with a spiritual honesty. "You definitely find genuine people at Huntington and genuine faith," reflects Josh. "These are people who seek God and try to do the best with their lives."



Josh Miller is currently in graduate school pursuing a calling he received during a Huntington College January-Term trip to Israel.

Faculty/Staff News & Notes



Dr. George Killian conducted the 50th anniversary community celebration performance of Handel's *Messiah*.

• This year's *Messiah*, performed in December by the Community Festival Chorus, Huntington College Concert Choir and Huntington College Orchestra, featured soloists from the Huntington College music faculty including **Dr. John Thompson**, assistant professor of music, singing baritone; **Mr. Ben Kendall**, instructor in music, singing tenor; and **Mrs. Joni Killian**, adjunct professor in music, singing soprano. **Dr. George W. Killian**, professor of choral education, conducted the 50th anniversary community celebration.

• Abingdon Press has appointed **Dr. John Sanders**, research professor of theology and religion, to the editorial board for its new Evangelical Theology Series. In addition, Sanders and **Dr. William Hasker**, professor emeritus of philosophy, were the keynote speakers at the American Theological Society in Chicago, Ill.

• **Dr. William Bordeaux**, **Dr. Patrick Eggleton**, **Dr. Wayne Priest** and **Dr. Cindy Steury** attended the 24th annual Lilly Conference on College Teaching at Miami University. The conference featured many nationally

and internationally known speakers and included sessions on active learning, assessment, course design, curriculum development, critical thinking, diversity/multiculturalism, faculty development, student learning, the scholarship of teaching, testing, and technology.

• Bible & Religion professors, **Dr. Chaney Bergdall**, **Dr. Mark Fairchild**, **Dr. John Sanders** and **Prof. Beth Felker-Jones**, attended the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature in November. The meetings took place in San Antonio, Texas. Felker-Jones presented the paper, "Body as Icon and Beauty Transformed," at the American Academy of Religion meeting.

• **Dr. Gary Newton**, professor of educational ministries at the Huntington College Graduate School of Christian Ministries, recently contributed a chapter to the book *Children's Spirituality*, published in August 2004 by Cascade Books. Research for the chapter "Ministering to Unchurched, Urban, At-risk Children" was completed in the fall of 2002, in collaboration with students in Newton's Family and Children's Ministry class.

• **Professor Susie Burson**, instructor in education, attended the National Science Teachers Association from November 4-6, in Indianapolis. Keynote speakers, professional development workshops and exhibits were included in the daily activities.

• **Dr. Jeffrey Webb**, associate professor of history, recently delivered a public lecture at the December meeting of the Fort Wayne Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. His lecture was titled "Alexander Hamilton and the Politics of Public Memory." Webb has also been elected Vice President of the Huntington County Literacy Coalition for 2005.

• **Dr. Ann McPherran**, professor of business, has been elected President of the Board of Directors of the Huntington County United Way for 2005.

• **Drs. Steve Holtrop** and **Norris Friesen** have been asked to present at the Higher Learning Commission's pre-conference Self-Study Workshop on April 9. The title of their presentation is "Surprised by Quality: Confidence Boosting through Self-Study and Reaccreditation." They had proposed to present this session at the HLC Annual Meeting General Sessions, but the conference staff requested that they present for the preconference workshop designed to assist institutions just starting the Self-Study process. Twenty-one presentations were chosen for the pre-conference workshop. About 800 individuals are expected at the workshop. In November, Holtrop presented a poster session at the IUPUI Assessment Institute in Indianapolis. The title of the session was "Doing More Assessment Than We Realized."



FOCUS ON...

Alum promoted at international company

Greg L. Hoover, a 1982 Huntington College history graduate, is starting 2005 on a high note. He was recently promoted to Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at the Evansville, Indiana based Atlas World Group.

Atlas World Group is the holding company for Atlas Van Lines, Inc., a nationwide interstate motor carrier. Atlas is the second-largest carrier of household goods and specialty products, and is the fastest growing major mover in the industry.

According to the company's chairman and CEO Michael Shaffer, Hoover's promotion was a strategic move to create consistency in sales, marketing and outreach opportunities, and grow an already identifiable brand, something Hoover knows is important for continued growth.

"As we leverage our opportunities, current and future customers will know that we offer a very diverse palate of services," said Hoover. "With a broad perspective and the ability to pull from our various strengths and successes, we can capitalize on marketing opportunities across the entire brand."

Hoover credits his experience at Huntington College with helping him develop skills he uses today. "I was involved in student government at Huntington. A lot of what I learned in terms of leadership directly relates to my work now," he said. "I think Huntington was unusual because it gave students a big voice in how the college was run. They gave a lot of credibility, voice, and leadership opportunities to the students. It helped me develop confidence and leadership ability that I could use down the road."

A native of Mentone, Indiana, Hoover has 16 years in the van line industry, serving as President and COO of A.B.C. Moving & Storage, an Atlas agent based in St. Louis before joining Atlas in 1999. He is active with the American Moving and Storage Association (AMSA), and the Employee Relocation Council (ERC), and is a member of the Atlas Board of Directors Advisory Group.

Atlas Van Lines is the largest subsidiary of Atlas World Group, an Evansville, Indiana based company that posted record revenues of more than \$600 million in 2004. Atlas employs more than 700 employees throughout North America. More than 600 Atlas agents in the United States and Canada specialize in corporate employee relocation and in the transportation of high-value items such as electronics, fine art and new fixtures and furniture. Visit www.atlasworldgroup.com for more information on the company and Atlas agents.

Sports Highlights

All-American Scholar Athletes: Eight fall-sport Foresters earned the prestigious NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete honor including soccer players Joy Bamford, Kara Fultz, Ashley Gonterman, Christi Shook, Benjamin Gayed, Chad Pryor, and Scott Samson and volleyball player Jami Fusselman.

Men's Basketball: The nationally-ranked No. 8 Foresters currently post a 14-6 overall record and a 6-1 MCC record. Over the Christmas holiday, the Foresters knocked off No. 3 Cedarville University in double overtime. Alex Kock leads the Foresters in points per game and rebounds per game, averaging 17.8 and 7.8, respectively.

Women's Basketball: The women's basketball team currently posts a 7-10 overall record. Sophomore Amy Berry leads the Forester scoring, averaging 14.7 points per game, while teammate Betsey Bean caroms 7.4 rebounds per game.

Track & Field: The indoor track and field season is soon to get underway for the Foresters. They will host their first meet of the season on January 15 in the Merillat Complex field-house.

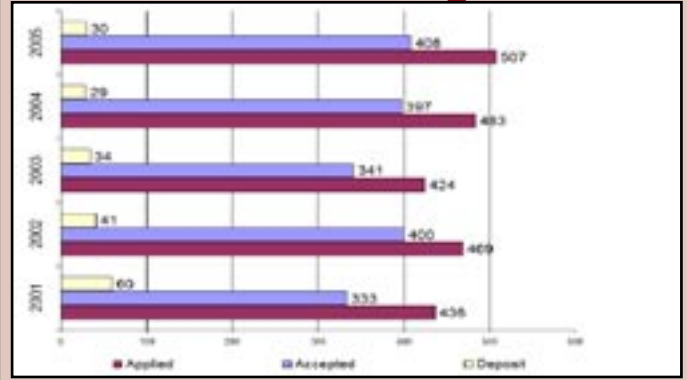
Spring Sports: The Forester baseball team is in winter conditioning, awaiting a February 24 opening game in Tennessee, while the softball team will host its first game of the season against Spring Arbor on March 9.

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



Sophomore Seth Lochmueller has helped spark the Forester basketball team to a 14-6 overall record.

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

As you are faithful with the resources that God has entrusted to you, we are thankful that you chose to make Huntington College a priority in your financial giving during 2004. Your gifts, along with your prayer support, helped Huntington College continue to fulfill its mission to educate men and women to make an impact on our world for Jesus Christ.

Around Campus.....

- The Huntington College Peer Award was passed on to two new individuals for the month of December. November recipients, **Dr. Linda Urschel**, professor of English, and **Mr. Joe Bickel**, electrician in the Maintenance Department, passed their awards along to **Dr. Jerry Smith**, professor of physics and chemistry, and **Dr. Paul Fetters**, professor emeritus of practical theology, respectively.

- Dr. Bruce Evans**, associate professor of biology, along with students **Emily Padilla**, **Andrew Jackenheimer** and **Mike McKinney** attended the Argonne Symposium for Undergraduates in Science, Engineering and Mathematics at Argonne National Labs in Illinois on November 5. McKinney presented the latest data on Evans' ongoing research in the field of cognitive neuroscience. His presentation, "Gender Bias in Assessing Body Image Plasticity," built on the work of graduates Becky Harness, Kelli Sorg and Anna Gensic. Jackenheimer was co-author on the abstract.

- Sophomore English education major **Brittany Fillman** won this semester's Forester Speak-Off on December 9, that was held in the Recital Hall of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. Runner-up honors were awarded to junior music business major **Isaac Thompson**. For their efforts, Fillman and Thompson were awarded exemption from the final exam in Public Speaking.

- Students in Dr. Ann McPherrin's Not for Profit Management class presented the findings of their

semester long study, *Educational Needs in Huntington County: Assessment and Recommendations* to representatives from the Board of Directors of the Huntington County United Way and Life Long Learning. Their project was aimed at helping the United Way and other community leaders determine a direction for the community grant initiative of the Lilly Endowment.

- Approximately 1700 individuals participated in educational programs at Thornhill this past fall. HC Outback was held at Thornhill for the first time and the incoming freshmen reported having a wonderful experience.

Three new programs were added for elementary age students. Four HC classes were held at Thornhill including: Sophomore Practicum in Education, Leadership in Challenge Education, Environmental Science Lab, and Astronomy. The partnership between MindScape and the Huntington County Community School Corporation continues to thrive and several schools from the Fort Wayne area are taking advantage of the many educational opportunities available.

- January-Term is currently in session at the College. This intensive three-week interim between semesters, in which students take one course, offers several unique on- and off-campus opportunities.

Several students are studying in Europe in a class titled *England, France, Italy - England to Emperors* while a number of others traveled to Brazil, South America for a cross-cultural outreach. State-side, some interesting on-campus classes include *Globalization & World Trade*; *A Life of Freedom: An Introduction to the Spiritual Disciplines*; *Introduction to the Apocrypha*; *Grandma & History: Writing Oral Family History*; *The X-Files: Quest for Truth*; *Martin & Malcolm: The Civil Rights Leaders*; *Hogwarts & Huntington: Christians & Harry Potter*; *Understanding Chinese Culture*; *The American Woman in Sport*; *Understanding Emotions*; and more.



Theatre professor Mike Burnett brought a special surprise to the children of Kids' Kampus when he dressed up as Santa Claus. He and Mrs. Claus let the children sit on their laps and tell them their Christmas wishes.

Campus Calendar

January/February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			12 W Basketball/7 pm (H)	13	14	15 Track & Field/10 am (H) W Basketball/1 pm (H) M Basketball/3 pm (A)
16	17 Martin Luther King Commemoration Service/11:15 am	18	19 Final Day of J-Term	20 Board of Trustees/8 am	21 Board of Trustees/8 am	22 Board of Trustees/8 am Orientation/8 am W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/3 pm (H)
23 Orientation/8 am	24 Second Semester begins	25 M Basketball/7 pm (A)	26 W Basketball/7 pm (H)	27	28 Artist reception/6 pm	29 W Basketball/1 pm (H) M Basketball/3 pm (A) Guerilla Theatre/9 pm
30	31	1 M Basketball/7 pm (H)	2 W Basketball/7 pm (A)	3 Forester Lecture/7 pm	4 Honors Convocation/ 11 am Cheri Keaggy concert/ 7:30 pm	5 Track & Field/11 am (A) W Basketball/1 pm (A) M Basketball/3 pm (H)
6	7	8 M Basketball/7 pm (A)	9 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:30 am Art exhibit opens/9 am W Basketball/7 pm (H)	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

From the President's Desk

According to a recent survey of the nation's independent colleges and universities, tuition rates rose by an average of 6% last year. Economic uncertainty, lower returns on investments, and diminished fundraising are contributing to the projected increase. Additional factors, such as the rising costs of insurance premiums, energy, and information technology, are also driving up the price of higher education.

The situation at the nation's public, four-year institutions is even more serious. Average in-state tuition at public universities rose by a projected 10.5% last year, according to the College Board.

While the rapid rate of tuition increase is worrying many American families, Huntington College is quietly bucking the trend. Recently, the Board of Trustees approved a 0% tuition increase for 2005-2006. Although we face many of the same financial pressures as other colleges and universities, Huntington College is holding the line on price.

We believe it is imperative to make certain that a high-quality, Christ-centered, higher education is accessible to students of modest means. While our typical rate of increase is a low 4%, the Trustee's decision to have no increase for 2005-2006 represents a strong commitment to keep Huntington College affordable.

Essentially, a good buy got even better. Huntington is

already recognized as a high-value institution, with a competitive price for high-quality academic programs. For ten years running, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Huntington among the best in the Midwest. Our tuition is about \$2,000 less than the national average for private, four-year institutions. Here in Indiana, Huntington's tuition ranks 19th out of the 32 independent colleges and universities.

Approximately 90% of Huntington College students receive financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, loans or work-study assistance. Scholarships of up to \$8,500 per year are available to qualifying students. The strong philanthropic support of community leaders, alumni, and friends helps keep the actual cost of attendance far below our "sticker price."

Our 0% increase for 2005-2006 will be welcomed by Huntington students and their families. However, many HC students are already accustomed to flat tuition rates. We were the first (and to my knowledge, the only) Indiana college or university to offer a tuition-freeze program. Developed in the early 1990s, the Huntington Plan allows students to lock their tuition rates early in their academic career. The unique program provides guaranteed savings for students and their families.

As Jeff Berggren, vice president for enrollment and marketing, recently told the *Huntington Herald-Press*, "Private



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Huntington College President

colleges like Huntington are not just for wealthy families. In fact, 40% of Huntington College freshmen report a combined annual household income under \$50,000. Our financial aid programs and the tuition freeze help keep Huntington within reach."

As Huntington College prepares to become Huntington University in mid-2005, we are holding the line on tuition to make our programs even more affordable for a greater number of students.