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The Artist's Brush



Like the impressionist paintings of the 19th century, my first impressions of NationsUniversity are broken brush strokes that are beginning to come together to paint a beautiful picture of this new adventure in my journey with God. Even though I have just begun as a full time employee, I have learned a great deal over the course of working here part time for the last six weeks. For me the NationsUniversity painting comes together like this...

As a staff, we support one another and work together on a team with great leadership. Chancellor Mac Lynn has a good sense of humor while very wise, kind, and good. Marty Lynn is a motivator and has high expectations of others as well as herself while also extending grace and patience to those around her. They both constantly beseech God for Him to work through NationsU to reach those who do not know Him and teach those who do. Joe Sloan is a gentle, attention-to-detail kind of guy. He keeps all things financial running smoothly and always has a smile. Jackie is a sweet and quiet servant willing to help out in any way she can. Anastasia can get things done faster than you can turn around. She cares for the environment and she depends upon God through the ups and downs of living in a host culture and speaking a language that is not her heart language. Jon Roy can talk to anyone about anything. What a joy to have his creative and visionary mind, big personality and his technical problem-solving skills.

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. Proverbs 24: 3-4

The board members, advisors and professors at NationsU are excellent, highly qualified volunteers seeking the heart of God. I have met a few board members and heard about many of the others and they seem to be discerning men of many talents and professions. After meeting with the advisors, I can see why God has brought them to such a place as this. They are intelligent and prayerful and they care about the success of each student. I have only met a couple of the professors so far, but each contact I have with them shows their desire to develop in their students integrity, a hunger for God's Word and a respect for the truths and mysteries in His universe.

And you the students... Each country is beginning to show its own personality. I can see the beauty in our cultural differences and the knowledge gained through differing perspectives both Christian and not from all over the world. One thing our students have in common is appreciation. Our students are appreciative of the gifts that God gives through this place. I am realizing that God's work here at NationsU is much bigger than I had originally thought. And we are all a part of a larger work of art in the Kingdom of God because whether we know it or not we are united under His mission. What a blessing to be a part of something so much greater than myself, greater in strength and goodness than all of us combined and better than any Renoir or Monet!

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Current Enrollment

Current through 6/1/12

Total Students: 5,010

Male - 4,110

Female - 902

Undergraduate - 4,412

Graduate - 600

Total Countries: 140

Top Ten Countries:

United States	2,265
Ethiopia	387
South Africa	270
Nigeria	245
Kenya	174
Iran	129
Egypt	118
Cameroon	103
Malawi	83
Ghana	79

Policy Changes & Recommendations for Prison Students

John Casteel, Director of Prison Enrollment

Summer is upon us and it is my prayer that anger, frustration, and strife do not rise along with the temperature where you live. I continue to act as full time caregiver for my wife, but she is getting better daily. Recently, she has progressed from a walker to a cane and this is a big step in her recovery. I ask that you continue to hold her and other stroke victims up in your prayers.

As many of you know NationsUniversity has been in a constant state of change for the last two years. Much of this change was brought about by growth; we now have over 1300 prison based students. That is 800 more prison based students than we had two years ago. To say the least it has become impossible for me to give personalized service to students all of the time. Your letters are read and I then send requests to prison services for materials to be sent. Or, in some cases I email an answer or grades to your proctor.

What I am attempting to do now as far as contact is to work through your proctor as much as possible. We now require all proctors to have email so we can communicate with them on your behalf. Many of the proctors have taken advantage of email and are now receiving answers for their students very quickly, often on the same day.

For those of you in the Federal Prison System with email access through CorrLinks, I have a new email address you can use to contact me: jac.nations@gmail.com. I have had to make a few changes this time around to keep from running into the same problem I had before. The main change is, I will not accept any request from someone that is not a current student. I have also paid for the Premier Account which allows the messages to go directly to me instead of just a notification that I have a message waiting online for me to read. I pray this goes more smoothly than it did before.

Announcing New FaceBook Page

We are pleased to announce that we now have a presence on FaceBook. Over the months we have received numerous requests from students asking if we had a page on Facebook. Well, now the answer is a resounding yes! Visit our FaceBook page and click "Like." For those wanting more security and privacy, we have another page as an option. We at NationsU realize that we are leading the mission field in the twenty-first century. This is just another effort in our mission to spread the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We hope you will now take the opportunity to share this mission with your friends.



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Staff Spotlight



Jon-Roy Sloan, Director of Communications

I grew up in a Christian family where hard work, devotion to family, and charity were emphasized. I graduated from Lipscomb University with a Bachelor of Arts in history and later earned a Master of Arts in history from the University of Memphis.

I have been married for over twenty years to Maria and we have three outstanding children – Anastasia (21), Remington (17), and Sterling (10). We have raised our children with a strong belief in Christ, the conservative values of faith in God, devotion to family, and the virtues of hard work.

My daughter has been on various mission trips to Canada and Australia, and while she was in high school we went to Mississippi on Hurricane Katrina relief work. My son, Remington, has done volunteer work with the Boy Scouts, our church and with his school. All my children are active in sports. Sterling survived a fight with E coli poisoning last summer. He has fully recovered and is very active in sports - he loves to run!

I have over nineteen years of service in the Tennessee Army National Guard where I have worked in various areas as Public Affairs Officer, Safety Officer and Unit Movement Officer. My service gave me the opportunity to work in the Hurricane Gustav relief efforts in Louisiana and other flood relief efforts in Tennessee. I am a Scoutmaster with our local Boy Scout Troop and I enjoy the challenges that scouting brings.

For the last ten years I have taught history at the university level. I have experience teaching United States History, World History, and Tennessee History. Now I ply my skills with NationsUniversity. It is very exciting to be a part of team that puts serving the Lord first. I look forward to each new day and the inspiring letters I read from our students.

Encouragement from Our Students

“Thank you for the word of inspiration. I hope we will be able to pray for one and another to carry the gospel of our risen Lord.” Festus, Liberia

“My experience with Nations University has been overwhelmingly positive. I have found the coursework material equally rigorous and relevant. The support and encouragement of the administration, staff, and advisors are unmatched. It is simply awe inspiring that a group of well educated professionals selflessly give so much of their time and energy to their students.” J. McLaughlin, USA

“When I bow my head and pray for God’s help it’s faith that lets me know that He hears my prayer and He is in the process of taking care of me....Faith is keeping my focus on God and His kingdom so that I can serve Him in any way that He wishes, and believing in Him for everything else.” Prison Ministry Student, USA

Graduates Since the Last Newsletter

Certificate in Religious Studies

Christopher Omam, Cameroon
Mohammad Hossein, Cyprus
Duncan Ojiambo, Uganda
William Jay Geiger, United States
Cain E. Dell, Jr., United States
Dale Harris, United States
David Littleton, United States
Jeffrey Tucker, United States
Marcus Woods, United States
Jeffery Young, United States

Associate in Religious Studies

Nicolas Pagliucoli, Uganda
Cain E. Dell, Jr., United States
Robert Bennet White, United States

Bachelor of Religious Studies

Christopher Wazie Asongwe, Cameroon
Edet Henshaw Ejo, Cameroon
Ayuk Andreas Amainyu, Cameroon
Njembong Charles, Cameroon
Effiong Oku, Nigeria
Abutu Ogidi, Nigeria
Allen Carpenter, Thailand
Louis L. Edwards, United States
Cody Ludvik, United States
Mark Adam Tims, United States
Richard Wallace, United States

Master of Religious Studies

Anonymous for security reasons
Abraham Tiramo, Ethiopia
B.A., Unity University College
Bryan Andrew Watson, United States
B.R.S., NationsUniversity
Sharew Haile Woldesenbet, Ethiopia
B.S., Evangelical School of Theology
Niyigena Solange Nono, Rwanda
B.A., Casa Bible Training Center
Travis Hollon, United States
B.R.S. NationsUniversity
Mwenge Mufuzi, Swaziland
Universtiy of Zambia
Peter Taiti King'ori, Kenya
B.R.S., NationsUniversity
Duane Gregory Geis, United States
M.A., University of Houston

Master of Ministry

H. L. Humphries, United States
B.R.S. NationsUniversity

NationsUniversity Academic News

1. **The accreditation process.** NU personnel are currently making adjustments to courses as required by the accrediting body. This includes adding assignments, expanding the syllabi, and adopting more reading resources. This is taking considerable time, but the end result will be improved courses for our students. Once these upgrades are complete, they will be resubmitted to the Distance Education and Training Council. The target date for completing this task is early Fall. By December, we must submit an updated Self-Evaluation Report and current policy manuals. That means we are tentatively scheduling an on-site visit in February 2013, with hopes of completing the accreditation process by June 2013. Lloyd Woods is directing our efforts related to assessment and accreditation.

2. **How course upgrades affect students.** You will not be required to do new assignments for courses you have already completed. You are held responsible for all course requirements contained in the syllabus current at the time of your enrollment in each course.

3. **Proctored Comprehensive Exams.** Internet students are beginning to experience the proctored comprehensive exams (PCE). Please read the section on our home-page under Academics pertaining to PCE. Choose a proctor and ask him/her to register with NU and become certified to administer the PCE. As more prison proctors become certified, the comprehensive exams will be administered to prison students. If you have a certified proctor, then you will receive additional information through this proctor. Comprehensive exams follow BRS 3, BRS 19, BRS 22, BRS 24, ENG 1, M2 and M4.

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Impressionist paintings are also known to portray light and movement and God is definitely shining in and moving through NationsU. The Holy Spirit is showing His colorful brush strokes all over the world through NationsUniversity staff, faculty and students. They display: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. They are “broken” strokes and colors because they are made by Him through our brokenness. But seen together through spiritual eyes they paint the most beautiful picture of God’s impressions on His world. Great works of art are meant to be shared. I encourage you to share with someone today your own impressions of the brush strokes of God around you.

Mary Virginia Mabery, Registrar

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