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Upcoming Technology Upgrades for 2019

Not much longer than a century ago, the “horseless buggy” began replacing the “horse and buggy” as a means of transportation. Advancement in automobile manufacturing did not come without both a sense of inventiveness and monetary cost. Consider the thousands of minds involved in improving the multiplicity of parts that constitute the modern automobile—tires, glassware, plastics, metals, electronic gizmos, engines, etc. No automobile manufacturer could survive without staying current. To stay current implies two things: adopting advancing technology and experimentation. Otherwise, to remain a step or two behind risks the loss of opportunity, if not extinction.

In many ways, the story of distance education has parallels with the auto industry, but its story is even older. The apostle Paul engaged in distance learning when he wrote epistles to several congregations. Written communication prevailed for centuries. In more recent times, electronic advancement enabled both synchronized (real-time) and non-synchronized (anytime) connections with students. Making use of the opportunities is relatively easy. Keeping pace with the industry is more challenging. Failure to keep up with advancements means obsolesce. For example, consider the challenge of finding a machine that can play an old wire recording or a computer that can handle a floppy disk!

NationsUniversity is a pioneer in the true sense of the word. In its earliest days (the late 1990s), the only way to reach students in most African nations was by postal mail, coupled with personal visitation. NU used this technique in launching its educational outreach. But when e-mail became available to many, a switch was made to this form of communication. The time requirement in reaching students was reduced greatly and delivery became more reliable. A few years later, the Internet began to become accessible and affordable throughout the world. In 2008, NU adopted the Internet as the primary delivery means for teaching students.

What does this mean for the NationsU students? NU is upgrading the Student Information System (SIS) and classroom interaction. The new SIS dashboard will allow students to track academic progress, enhance support for individual needs and goals, and quickly learn how to access important resources: i.e., transcripts, graduation deadlines, and payment portals will all be available to the student through the dashboard. Furthermore, they will know when they are academically at risk and where to go for assistance.

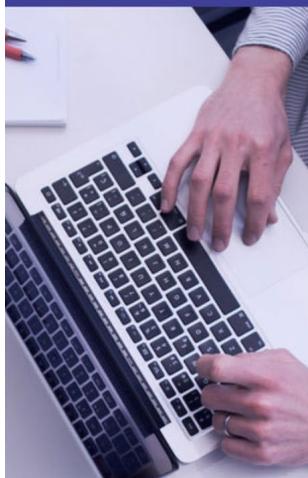
The dashboard will also help advisors and staff with the outcome metrics and performance indicators they care about the most along with the capability to ensure that every student will succeed. Students will be able to see this progress too. The new SIS will keep track of how long it's been since staff last contacted a student personally, so they can reach out through email or text right from the system. There are many other back-end features creating easier flexibility that enables a more personalized approach to each student's learning style and skill levels.

The improvements to the “classrooms” will be significant too. The classrooms will be better optimized to work across multiple platforms, e.g., tablets and cellphones. Interfacing will be easier for the student and organization will be enhanced. Another change will be the URL from www.nationsu.net to elearning.nationsu.edu.



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What's Next?

Anyone who has taken a class at NationsUniversity has experienced the quality of the course material. The depth and breadth of the courses, though perhaps a little overwhelming for our newer students, fulfill God's desire that we preach and teach the whole counsel of Scripture. Each course is filled with biblical facts, theological richness, and cultural relevancy.

It is into this academic legacy of Dr. Mac Lynn that I have ventured as the new Chief Academic Officer. To say that such an undertaking is challenging would be to understate sorely the reality. Words like "intimidating" and "daunting" are the first words to jump to mind. But shortly thereafter come words such as "blessing" and "exciting." Walking alongside and learning from a man such as Mac Lynn is an experience that myriads upon myriads of educators and ministers would count as a great joy. I surely do.

Of course, such a transition begs the question, "What will the future bring?" The answer to that question is two-fold. First, the future is securely in the competent hands of NationsUniversity's Chancellor and C.E.O. Dr. Mac Lynn. Mac will remain at the helm of NationsUniversity with Marty Lynn right beside him. Their unwavering commitment to the work and their vision for the future of NationsU will remain the lens through which all future plans will be examined.

Second, NationsU's commitment to quality biblical education has not, and will not, change. One of my goals, one shared by both Mac and the Regents, is to continue expanding both our course and degree offerings. However, the focus will remain solidly centered on biblical instruction. Courses that provide more in-depth study of congregational leadership, pastoral care, and Christian education are currently under consideration. All of them will be built upon biblical foundations and strong Christian principles of learning, or they simply won't be developed. That is my commitment to quality biblical education.

If you haven't taken advantage of NationsU's courses, either for personal enrichment or for a degree, I would encourage you to explore what NationsU has to offer. Our commitment to you is that you will learn, grow, and be transformed by your studies. Thousands already have; maybe it's your turn now.



David Srygley
Chief Academic Officer

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We look forward to hearing from you!

Out of the Inbox



I am a passionate believer who is seeking more knowledge concerning the Christian faith and most of my mentors either can't help me or don't know how, am hoping to learn more about God and grow in terms of my spiritual life and knowledge of God. -Zambia, new registrant

I read and understood the vision/mission of Nations University. The consideration and liberality offered to students from non developed countries are indeed appreciated. May God reward your labor of love here and hereafter in Jesus name. I passionately desire to study at the University. Thanks. -Nigeria, new registrant

NationsUniversity Travels

In August, Bob Nienstadt, a member of the NationsUniversity Board of Regent visited Zaporosia, Ukraine. It is a modern bustling city of one and half million inhabitants, just 27 years removed from dominance of Russia and communism. During his visit he met with orphans at a church teen center, preached a sermon, taught a Bible study class to a group at a refugee center and one to individual Christians.

One afternoon he and some Christians from the local church he was visiting spent an afternoon doing street evangelism. They set up a table on the sidewalk, loaded with Christian materials. It took less than two minutes before people stopped to look at the material, ask questions, and take the items they wanted. Children were delighted to get the colorful Bible materials. The people could not believe that religious material was all free, including Bibles. He was told the national Orthodox church charges money for everything they do, including praying for the people.

Another journey to a far away place was taken by Jon-Roy Sloan (NationsUniversity, Director of Communications) and his son Remington to South Asia. They are part of a team that has been working in the area for the past two years. Ten years ago there were no churches in the region they visited. Last year there were 140 churches and this year that number exceeded 400! They trained local church leaders in *Foundations for Emerging Leaders* during a weeklong workshop and registered a couple of new students in NationsUniversity.

Foundations is designed as a tool for long-term discipleship. When fully utilized it offers a basic introduction to the 'meta-narrative' of scripture. The student is taken through Old and New Testament surveys in an intense mentorship that teaches responsible, text driven hermeneutics. This is primarily done through telling the stories of the Bible, and asking a simple question, "What does the Bible Say?"

Foundations ensures emerging leaders are equipped to rightly handle the Word of Truth. Each *Foundations* workshop begins with and builds upon an overview of Old and New Testament survey. In a pattern of 'spiral learning' trainees are led through constant review of the meta-narrative of scripture to ensure a right understanding of context, biblical history and theme development across scripture. As churches multiply, simple models for lesson development, teaching and preaching are a must. *Foundations* seeks simplicity through highly intentional workshops for identified emerging leaders. Over 74 church leaders attended the workshop out of which 24 were women.

Mac and Marty Lynn participated in a commencement ceremony at the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. There were twenty-eight students from eight different universities in attendance and one NU student received an award presented by Dr. Mac Lynn.

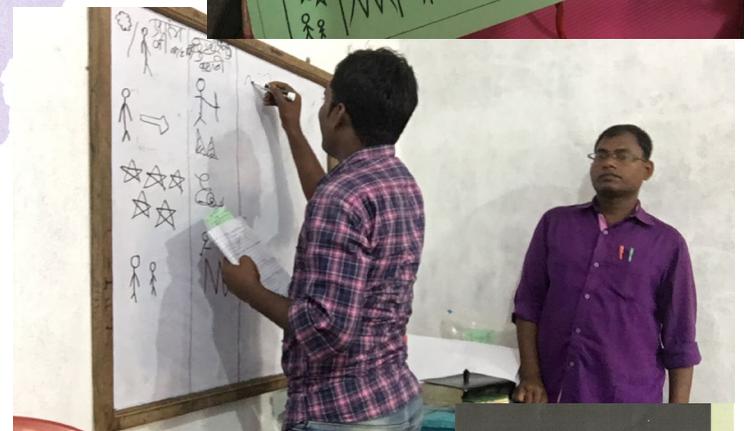
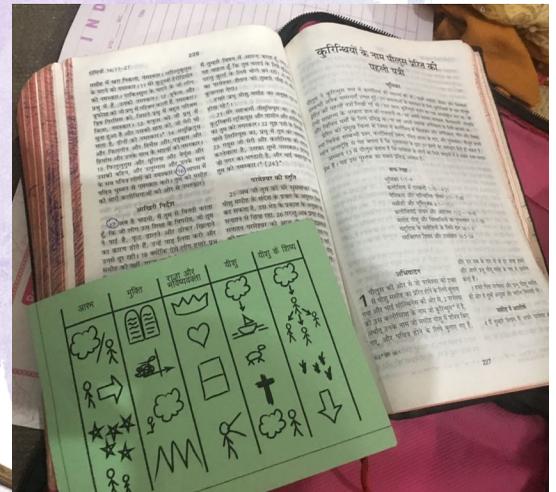
Dr. David Srygley attended the Harding University's Annual Bible Lecturship and spoke in a local church while he was there. Our staff travel far and wide to promote the University and to tell others about the available opportunities.



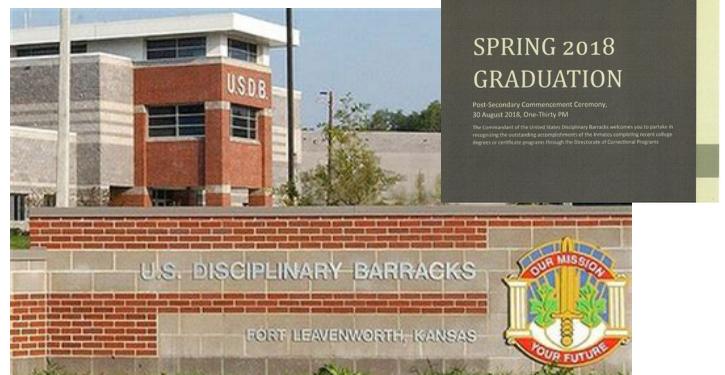
Bob's friends handing out Christian materials and sharing the Gospel with the citizens of Zaporosia.

A Bible in Hindustani depicting the pictures in the Foundations stories. (right)

A master trainer looks on as a student tells a story from the Old Testament. (below)



The entrance to the prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. (below)



Important Changes for 2019

NationsUniversity is making some important changes all students need to be aware of for upcoming 2019 school year. The NU Board of Regents approved all of the following changes at the August 2018 meeting.

Beginning January 1, 2019, a one-time initial registration fee of \$25 shall apply to all new students who reside in all countries. The purpose of this is to reduce the number of registrants that do little or no work in the system and allow staff to focus more time on students interested in earning a degree from NU.

Currently students residing in twenty-five countries pay tuition. This number will increase to thirty-five countries starting January 1, 2019. The countries are listed as follows:

Australia	Ireland	Saudi Arabia
Austria	Israel	Singapore
Bahrain	Italy	Slovenia
Belgium	Japan	South Korea
Brunei	Kuwait	Spain
Canada	Luxembourg	Sweden
Cyprus	Malta	Switzerland
Denmark	Netherlands	Taiwan
Finland	New Zealand	United Arab Emirates
France	Norway	United Kingdom
Germany	Oman	United States
Iceland	Qatar	

Tuition will increase from \$360 per academic quarter to \$450 per academic quarter. Existing students who registered prior to January 1, 2019, when the tuition rate was \$360 per academic quarter, may continue at that rate under the terms of their enrollment agreement.

NationsUniversity

September Graduation

Certificate In Religious Studies

John Tshifhiwa Ramukosi, South Africa
Christopher Jonas Matsva, Zimbabwe

Certificate In Biblical Studies

Joseph Mwongela Musau, Kenya
Siyabonga Nqodi, South Africa
Kevin Bliss, United States
Rodney Callahan, United States
Brian Dailey, United States
Charles Frazier, United States
Richard A. McGee, United States
Stephen Thomas, United States

Bachelor of Religious Studies

Charles Yambasu Mungu, Sierra Leone
Katrina G. Brookins, United States
Julio A. Ortiz, United States

Master of Theological Studies

Martin Thomas Wegener, United States
B.A., Financial Administration, Michigan State University

Prince Adolphus Onyemaechi Emedom, United States
B.Sc., Industrial Technology, California State University, Los Angeles

Ayodeji Michael Olumofe, Nigeria
B.R.S., NationsUniversity

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B.S., Economics, Brigham Young University

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B.A., Education, University of North Florida, Jackson

Maurice Muthembwa, Kenya
M.R.S., NationsUniversity

Rachel Ann Westley, United States
B.A., Social Science, Thomas Edison State University

Stanley Chukwuebuka Atueyi, Nigeria
B.A., Theology, West Africa Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity

Oghenethoja Monday Umuteme, Nigeria
B.Tech., Marine Engineering, River State University of Science and Technology

David M. Szeto, United States
M.T.S., Newman University



As I was on my missionary work, I visited a couple of very old married people whom we wedded some three years ago. Pictured are Mr. Joel Gangu and his wife Sarah, I am sitting between them. Both are more than 100 years old. They are happy because they accepted Jesus as their savior. Previously they had a shrine and they destroyed it.

Please pray for them, they always hope to meet their savior together at one time. Also their children are happy for their parents to get saved and in due course two of them have joined our church.

*God Bless,
Patrick and Hariet Ndabe*



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