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## The World Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness

### In Case You Missed it, This Was an Email sent to the Student Body on April 2

With the increase of stay-at-home orders around the world to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, internet service providers and internet resources are being overwhelmed. In addition to the technical burden imposed by increased usage, many companies are having to furlough workers or reduce their work capacity. Also, for many students, internet access is only available at “community” sites, meaning internet cafes, libraries, and other now-restricted venues. To help you through these challenges, here are some tips you may wish to follow.

1. Download the syllabus for all courses in which you are enrolled. In the event that you cannot access the internet or one of NU’s learning platforms, you will be able to use the downloaded syllabi to continue reading in the course.

2. Download EBSCO material. You may download complete books for up to seven days or you may be able to save up to 100 pages of any book, depending on the author’s restrictions, to your computer. Consider your available time and download enough books from your courses to fill the time you have.

3. Work on writing assignments. Normally, it is best to complete all multiple-choice exams before attempting to write your essays. This practice is best when conditions allow. However, if you are unable to access the internet during this crisis, work on your essays using downloaded

resources (see #2 above). You can upload them at a later date when the internet is available.

4. In the event that you cannot access the classrooms.nationsu.edu site or EBSCO (Don’t forget to initialize EBSCO from the course page) but still have access to the internet, you are allowed and encouraged to discover other comparable educational resources for use in your courses.

5. Students who have internet access and who need to complete proctored exams should contact the Director of Advising at [gailh@nationsu.edu](mailto:gailh@nationsu.edu). She will help you make arrangements for video proctoring.

6. Graduation on May 1, 2020 will still happen. For those who are getting ready to graduate, these hardships have not disrupted our graduation process. All work must be completed by April 15, 2020 for graduation candidates.

NationsUniversity’s administration and faculty recognize the hardship that COVID-19 has placed on all of our students. We are dedicated to helping you overcome the obstacles you may face during this time. As such, we will be working to adapt our own policies and procedures to respond to students’ needs and circumstances. As always, we are keeping the health and safety of all of our students in constant prayer.

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## NationsUniversity: #SocialDistancing



Everyone around the world has been affected one way or another by the COVID-19 virus that started in China. Our student body is no exception and neither are the NationsU faculty and staff. Social distancing is easy for the faculty and staff because they are spread out across the United States. NationsU has staff in the following states: Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Tennessee, and Texas. The faculty are spread across too many states to list here. You might say we are the #socialdistance specialists.

In states like Tennessee, higher education distance learning has been exempted from the stay-at-home orders that have closed many businesses. Daily routine has changed very little for the staff, except for those who's spouses work in the medical field and have had to keep their school-aged children at home.

This period has prompted many past NU students to return from so many different places all over the world inboxes stay full. Admissions staff are juggling rolling admissions and transfer evaluations, returning and new student inquiries, keeping all student records up to date and upcoming graduation tasks.

### NU Staff Reflect on Social Distancing

For CEO John Baxter, the timing of the "stay-at-home" order has been helpful in focusing his thoughts as a Christian in the days and weeks prior to Easter. The time spent in isolation has been helpful in reducing distractions. He says, "I have missed the opportunity to worship with other believers and wanted to spend time with Christian friends. This has been a reminder that I am created as a relational being in God's image, and need more than anything to be in relationship with him."

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He goes on to say, "We often fast-forward from Christ's death to his resurrection when we think about Easter, and fail to consider the impact of his death on his disciples in the days before they learned he had risen. Their understanding of him and their sense of reality came crashing down when he was crucified. Similarly, we have been challenged as our sense of what is normal has been replaced by uncertainty and a sense of loss and even fear regarding the pandemic."

Before we "give up and go home" as the disciples on the road to Emmaus may have been doing, we can be reminded that our Lord is risen, our God is faithful, and the Spirit is an ever-present comforter. The disciples encounter with Christ on the road restored their sense of him as the center of their belief, and they began to walk in the understanding that he has conquered death and overcome sin.

We join with Christians throughout the centuries in celebrating this joy and hope, even in times of uncertainty and loss.



**YES! The date for the NUAA  
Ambassadors meeting is  
May 22nd.  
All alumni are welcome!**

## **Meet NU Student Alumni Association Ambassador Chris Malazarte - Philippines**

Chris works for a small real estate technology company in Cebu City, Philippines. He studied political science back during his college days and briefly got incarcerated for his anti-government stance. Later, over the next twenty years, he worked for non-government organizations and private organizations, which exposed him to technology and business process outsourcing.

His search for Biblical knowledge was triggered after having been through several denominations, which made him think that "There must be a better way to understand scripture."

For Chris, NationsU was the answer to this search. "While taking up the course, My mind was opened that to understand the richness of Scripture, it takes more than just reading the Bible." The subjects that he took gave him a better view of Christianity and Scripture in terms of its history and application.

Chris obtained his Certificate in Religious Studies and Bachelors of Religious Studies and is informally giving basic Bible study sessions to friends and colleagues. Sometimes he receives invitations to share God's Word in different church denominations.

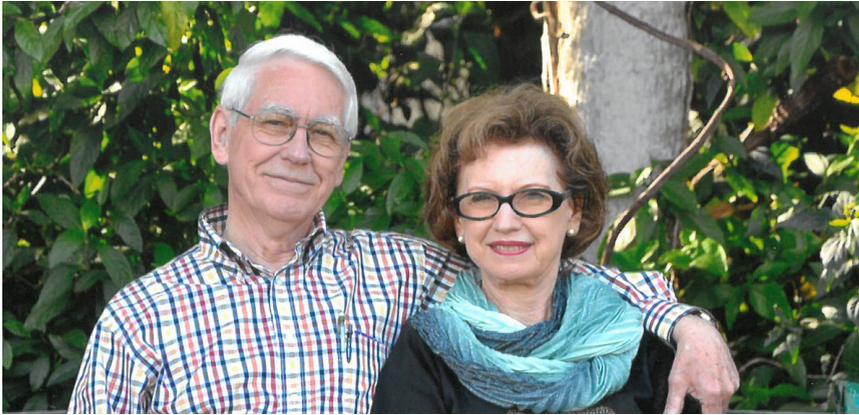
While suffering from a degenerative spinal disease, he is hopeful and happy nonetheless. Prayers are welcome. He is married to Marely, and both are blessed by their three children.



*"My search has never been this wonderful. And I thank the Lord for placing NationsUniversity for being an instrument to bless those who are in dire need to receive a formal Christian education in order to spread God's words to as many people in the different corners of the world."*

# Meet the NU Staff

## Mac & Marty Lynn



**Quick Facts:** Mac & Marty will celebrate 65 years of marriage on September 1, 2020. Mac began teaching at an academic institution back in September 1964. They share 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

For those of you who are unaware how our staff functions, we are spread over several states and countries. We want to recognize Mac as the NationsU Social Distancing Champ! Mac has worked from the comfort of home since 2013 while Marty goes daily to office (until recent events).

Mac reflects on how recent events have shaped their world .

*These are unusual times. Marty and I have both been pre-well confined to our home. Some matters to*

*which we would ordinarily give attention must wait until the government lifts restrictions on businesses allowed to open. Social distancing has kept us from freely visiting with friends. Church closures have kept us from church friends, but we have compensated with video conferencing and communion with family.*

*Food is delivered to the door, with a few items hard to find. But all in all, we have continued pretty well as usual. Our days are filled with NU activity, so we are not hurting for tasks to be performed.*

**New Date, Same Location  
Celebrating 25 Years!**

**Special Guest  
Al Robertson  
(Duck Commander)**

**August 22, 2020  
Rocketown  
Nashville, Tennessee**

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