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## Working With Children & Orphans Around the World

*Meet Maline Carroll, a Haitian-American Graduate student*

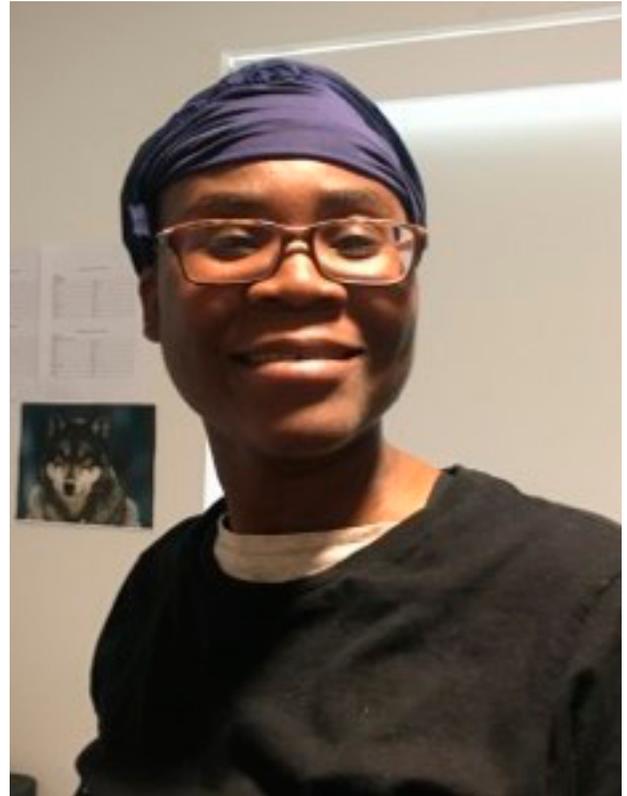
Maline Carroll is a Haitian-American who works with children and orphans from all around the world. She graduated from NationsUniversity in 2017 and found the degree program to be uplifting and inspiring. Currently, she resides in Massachusetts with her spouse, daughter, and five-year-old Border Collie.

She spent several years studying at NU pursuing her Master's in Religious Studies and was elated when she received the diploma and transcripts. Her dream to be the holder of a Masters's degree had come true.

Getting a degree in religious studies has helped her work with her clientele more efficiently. She is an adoption consultant, and her job description is unique in the adoption world. She does not encourage adoption but encourages family preservation when possible.

Maline says, "James 1:27 speaks clearly about caring for the widow and child/orphan, and the adoption world has instead focused on the child's needs, not understanding the long-term implications of separating a child from its mother. My job is to bridge the gap between adoptive parents and biological parents. I want to raise awareness about racial and cultural mirrors the child will need in the new home if they were already adopted, and find ways to help a child stay with its family if the mother is considering putting the child up for adoption. Working with adoptive parents has been a challenge but I have been extremely successful in my pursuit of helping prospective adoptive parents better understand the need for family preservation."

It is her dream to create a foundation that encourages adoptive parents and biological parents to work together to raise the children instead of separating the children completely from their families.



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## NationsUniversity October Graduates

### Certificate In Biblical Studies

Miandry Fifaliana Rakotoarison, *Canada*  
Peter Kahindi Nzai, *Kenya*  
King William W. Saydee, *Liberia*  
Karomo Benjamin Kazila, *Namibia*  
Abel Eyibio Umoh, *Nigeria*  
Travis W. Adkins, *United States*  
Steven Grimm, *United States*  
Elijah Hagen, *United States*  
James Manning, *United States*  
Louie Salemi, *United States*  
Daniel Shjandemaar, *United States*  
Craig Aaron Simon, *United States*

### Bachelor of Religious Studies

Miandry Fifaliana Rakotoarison, *Canada*  
Michael Yaw Tano, *Ghana*  
Victor Miller, *United States*  
Craig Aaron Simon, *United States*  
Kholwani Dube, *Zimbabwe*

### Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies

Samuel Osei, *Ghana*  
Haydn Michael Primrose, *Hong Kong*  
Roger O'Neil Alvado Shaw, *Jamaica*  
Erick Kiprono Rotich, *Kenya*  
Xavier Simões Massingue, *Mozambique*  
Augustine Uzoma Nkwo, *Nigeria*  
Hembaor Ephraim Terkaa, *Nigeria*  
Vimbayi Trust Ngidi, *South Africa*  
Wesley Brammier, *United States*  
Chris Howard, *United States*  
William Jerome Myers, *United States*  
James Wilbur, *United States*  
Dennis Chibelo, *Zambia*

### Master of Theological Studies

Paul Nolan, *Australia*  
*Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology,*  
*Hope College, Australia*  
Akpobome Diffre-Odieta, *Nigeria*  
*B.R.S., NationsUniversity*  
Tadeusz Juliusz Godera, *Poland*  
*B.A., Okanagan Bible College*  
Kenneth Virzi, *Turkey*  
*M.S.Sc., Yasar University*  
Stephen Rigatti, *United States*  
*M.S., Engineering Management, Drexel University*  
Ryan Salim, *United States*  
*Studied Pre-law at Ohio State University*

### Master of Divinity

Ngulefah Ivo Nkwetta, *Cameroon*  
*M.T.S., NationsUniversity*  
Mwenge Mufuzi, *South Africa*  
*M.R.S., NationsUniversity*



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**YES! The date for the NUA Ambassadors meeting is January 22, 2021**  
*All alumni are welcome!*



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# NU Students, I Need Your Help!

## *The Director of Communications & Giving Tuesday*

NationsUniversity needs your help for this year's Giving Tuesday on December 1, 2020. Giving Tuesday is a global generosity moment. The event was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good.

Since then, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. NationsUniversity has participated in this event for the last five years. Last year was our biggest year ever and I want to exceed that. I can only do that with your help.

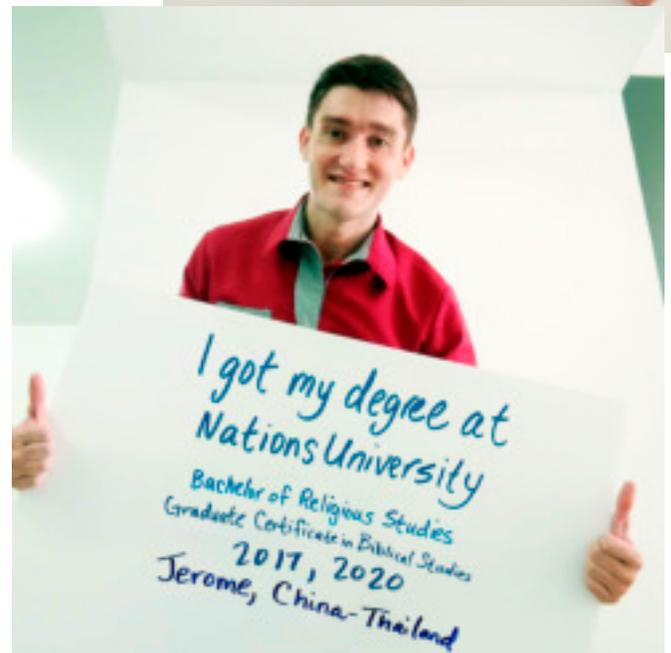
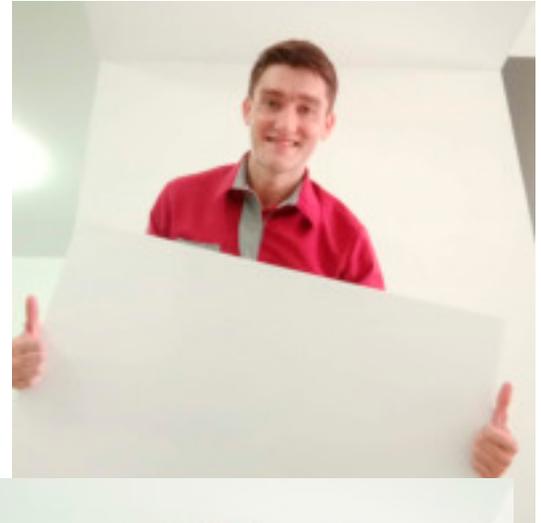
I need you to make a homemade sign and have your picture made like the example below! We want our Partners to know that they are changing folk's lives around the world! Many universities depend heavily upon alumni support and NationsU is no different. The University needs you to help spread the word and invite your friends to this event.

We are asking you to donate \$5 and ask your friends to do the same by creating a personal Facebook goal toward NationsUniversity for \$25 or \$250 or \$2,500 (in honor of this anniversary year).

Together we will spread education and expand God's Kingdom. All for His Glory, will you join me?

*JonRoy Sloan*  
*Director of Communications*

*Be like Jerome, send me a picture of yourself holding a blank sign and I will do the rest! I look forward to your support.*



## It's Official!

### *NUAA is now organized*

The 25 NU Ambassadors from 12 regions around the world, held a meeting in May and also in October. After just two meetings, the bylaws have been passed and **the NUAA is now an official organization!** A nominating committee was also appointed (Egozue Daniel, Charles Mungu, Bree Normandin, Stephen Muguro, Method Moyo, Mary Virginia Mabery and David Srygley) to prepare for the upcoming Officer Elections on November 2nd. So, by the next full meeting of the NUAA on January 22nd, 2021 the NUAA will have a President, Vice President and Treasurer/Secretary.

If you have any nominations for the *Change Your World Distinction* or the *Alumn of the Year* award, please send those by the end of the calendar year to maryv@nationsu.edu and these will be announced at the January 22nd meeting.

The NUAA is quickly becoming the support this University needs in everything from helping with social media participation to sending video testimonies and graduation signs for giving campaigns. What a great blessing to be part of such an international forward thinking group!

# Meet the NU Staff

## David Srygley, Chief Academic Officer

Dr. David Srygley currently serves as the Chief Academic Officer for NationsUniversity. David has worked with NationsUniversity since 2014 as the Compliance and Assessment Officer, helping NationsU navigate its initial accreditation process. David has been involved in higher education since 1999. He has taught courses in political science, public administration, sociology, and biblical spirituality in both virtual and traditional settings.

David holds a Doctor of Educational Ministry from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY), an M.S. in Biblical and Related Studies from Abilene Christian University (Abilene, TX), a Master of Public Administration and a B.S. in Sociology from Texas A&M University (College Station, TX). He also attended the Center for Christian Education (Dallas, TX) where he received a preaching certificate. David is also certified in Prepare-ENRICH Counseling and Family Life Ministry.

When asked about his educational philosophy, David stated, "The Word of God can penetrate heart, mind, and soul. However, we must open our hearts, mind, and soul to receive it. I believe I've been called by God to help people open their minds through in-depth biblical education."

Prior to coming to NationsUniversity, David was involved in local ministry for almost 25 years. He has served churches in several Texas cities and has done short-term mission work in Lithuania, Canada, and South Africa. He is currently working with the Northwest Church of Christ just outside of Corpus Christi, Texas, where he lives with his wife of 30+ years, Dianna. David and Dianna have three children, Kyle, MaKenzie, and Alli. David and his family love traveling, hiking, camping, and cycling, especially in the mountains.



*Celebrating Mother's Day with the family (pictured at top), On vacation with the family in Greece (pictured above).*

## Preparing Now for an Uncertain Future

In case you missed the event, NationsUniversity, along with *The Christian Chronicle*, 21st Century Christian, and Mission Alive, hosted a webinar to discuss how churches have successfully responded to the pandemic. Church leaders from all over the country presented ideas and recommendations on topics such as evangelism, leadership, youth and children, & worship. The full interviews will be made available on the NationsUniversity YouTube channel.

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