



Announcing the 2021 NationsUniversity Alumni Award Winners

Since the founding of the NUAA in 2020, the faculty and staff have selected outstanding alumni for special recognition. Choosing a superlative student is not an easy task! NationsUniversity is proud to have so many students worldwide expanding God's kingdom. We know these students will not boast about their accomplishments, so we are pleased to boast for them. This year it was challenging to determine who would win the award. In a unanimous agreement, the faculty and staff decided that recognizing two winners for both the Alumnus of the Year and the Change Your World Distinction is appropriate. May the Lord continue bless their endeavors.

NationsUniversity Alumni of the Year

Gladys Williams - United Kingdom



I do not come with a compelling story about my background, struggles, or achievements in my Kingdom service. I will not amplify my experience in the name of favour, as I am sure there are far more deserving students than I.

So here it is: I became born-again at the age of 7, but only really grasped its meaning after my undergraduate studies. After briefly flirting with the possibility of a life with no God, I quickly realized my life had a great purpose in Christ, and I chose to follow Him fully. I've since served as a Sunday school teacher. I'm an active member of a ministry that has a sole focus on evangelism, missions, and preparing the world for the second coming of Christ.

One thing has been constant throughout my ministry: my perpetual desire to know my Maker better. So in 2018, I made

Marc Gresset - France/Thailand



The verse "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things" (Mat. 25:21) may characterize my service in God's kingdom. My life hasn't been marked by great achievements but by faithfully serving and ministering to others, witnessing to individuals, and helping those in need. I would almost feel ashamed by looking at what I have done compared to the greatness of Christ's love and giving to me. In this predominantly Buddhist country, I was privileged in 2021 to lead to the Lord two of my English students and to start having regular Bible classes with them. I relish the thought that God specializes in using small things and small people to bring growth in his own time and place. NationsU and its education and formation have been instrumental in helping me discover, teach the Bible, and

Mac Lynn
Chancellor
macl@nationsu.edu

John Baxter
President-Chief Executive Officer
johnb@nationsu.edu

Herman Alexander
Vice Chancellor
hermana@nationsu.edu

Mary Virginia Mabery
Registrar & Admissions Director
registrar@nationsu.edu

David Srygley
Chief Academic Officer
davids@nationsu.edu

Gail Heiderich
Director, Student Services
gailh@nationsu.edu

Randi Baxter
Director, Prison Services
randib@nationsu.edu

Lindsey Sullivan
Registrar Assistant
lindseys@nationsu.edu

Glenn Beville
IT Administrator
glennb@nationsu.edu

Allen Thyssen
Chaplain
chaplain@nationsu.edu

Richard Youngblood
Dean of the Faculty
richardy@nationsu.edu

Jon-Roy Sloan
Director of Communications
& The VON Editor
jonroy@nationsu.edu

NU Announces Credit for Prior Learning

As NationsUniversity continues to expand its course offerings and programs, it continues to look for ways to facilitate a student's education. One such way of doing this is expanding the opportunity for students to get more credit from prior learning experiences. (Credit for prior learning and credit for life experience are not the same. NationsU does not offer credit for life experiences.) One of the easiest ways to receive credit for prior learning is to send CLEP and AP scores to the Registrar. These two "credits by exam" methods will allow students to complete undergraduate degrees even faster. NationsU is now accepting Cambridge International A-level scores, which may also benefit our international students. Students can find information and NU's institution codes in the course catalog.

Of course, transfer credits from other institutions have always been available to students. However, that opportunity is expanding at the beginning of 2022. Effective January 1, 2022, NationsUniversity® will begin accepting ACPE-accredited Clinical Pastoral Education Units for transfer credits into the M.T.S. or M.Div. program. Students with previously earned CPE Units may be able to receive three graduate credits for each Level I/II Unit, up to a maximum of 4 units or 12 credits.

NationsUniversity® has always used a self-paced, rolling enrollment model to expedite students' learning experience. Its students are often already active in work and ministry. They need more ways to accomplish their goals quicker and more efficiently—these new ways of providing credit for prior learning work well with its current model.

CPE Units Now Graduate Credits!

Effective January 1, 2022, NationsUniversity® will begin accepting ACPE-accredited Clinical Pastoral Education Units for transfer credits into the M.T.S. or M.Div. program. Students with previously earned CPE Units may be able to receive three graduate credits for each Level I/II Unit, up to a maximum of 4 units or 12 credits. For more information, contact the Registrar or Director of Student Services.

NationsUniversity Alumni Association

The next Ambassadors meeting for 2022 is scheduled for February 11th, 11am CST.

Please mark your calendars if you are an Ambassador.

If you would like to run for an Ambassador position,

there will be spots open for election February 8th and 9th, 2022

Please let us know if you are interested in running in the next NUAA Ambassador election.

Gladys, continued from page 1

a commitment to study Theology, but life and work got in the way, and I lagged. Yet, in March 2020, the UK instituted a national lockdown following the global pandemic. It was then the Holy Spirit reminded me: "Gladys, what about that course in Theology you committed to doing?" So I heeded, I researched, and I located Nations, and this has been the best decision I have made to date.

For me, my experience simply boils down to this: Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart (Psa. 37:4). I am neither the brightest nor the most knowledgeable person in any room, by far. However, I am an example of what God can do through anyone who diligently seeks Him. God gave me the desire to do this course. He granted me my heart's desire to complete the course, and my prayer now is that as Nations has impacted my life, I will in turn, impact others and be the light everywhere I go.

Marc, continued from page 1

discipling others. Pray that He will open doors in the city I just moved to preach the Gospel effectively.

To complete the NationsU Theological Studies' Master has been challenging in many ways: learning to formulate and write my thoughts and express beliefs in essays, (I dropped out of education at 18 year's old and went back at 60) From re-assessing my beliefs and way of living in light of the scriptures to encountering new ideas, thoughts, and ways to engage the scriptures and learning critical thinking.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to study with NationsU. It has been a life-changing journey, giving me a new start in my older age. May He prosper and empower all the students and faculty at NationsU to equip, train many, and bring God's love and salvation to the world.

NationsUniversity Change Your World Distinction

Method Moyo - Zimbabwe



I have been studying with NU since 2016 and I have completed all the courses at NU with enthusiasm and patience.

My NU education opened opportunities to serve in various ministerial works here in Zimbabwe. I have been a preacher and a Bible teacher at my church since 2018. I have also founded an organization called UThando Christian Missions, which is an organization dedicated to evangelism and charity work. Our purpose is to make Christ known in places where the Gospel has never been preached and to bring lost souls to Christ.

Furthermore, the UThando Christian Missions came from my M.Div. Service Project and is currently involved in charity work. UThando Christian Missions has distributed food parcels to more than 40 families since starting late last year. We hope to expand more if God opens his gates for us.

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

Jonathan Corrado - United States



The comprehensive education provided by NationsUniversity has established a sound theological foundation. It has bolstered a Kingdom service mentality in my life leading me to Christian pursuits that I would not have imagined achievable. Since graduation, I actively use the knowledge attained at NU by serving my local church as a youth leader, and as a creation scientist with several organizations.

My NU degree has opened opportunities for me to continue my theological education beyond the Master of Divinity and to carry on my pursuit and NU's mission of "building authentic faith." Quite clearly, Christ is at work at NationsUniversity. I'm only a volunteer, but I'll see if I can plant the seed. I write for the Institute of Creation Research and Creation Ministries International. I'll explore opportunities there as well. It's a blessing to serve in these vital ministries. Thank you for this fantastic honor!

NationsUniversity Graduates December 2021

Certificate In Biblical Studies

Alan M. Parra, *Argentina*
Patrick W. Mukuha, *Kenya*
Samuel M. Ndirangu, *Kenya*
Johana M. Njenga, *Kenya*
Rodgers O. Okonyo, *Kenya*
Sylvester K. Omondi, *Kenya*
Nicholas J. Toe, *Liberia*
Walekani M. Nyirenda, *Malawi*
James Kirwana, *Uganda*
Hans-Georg Hofe, *United States*
Joshua W. Mangum, *United States*
Joseph A. Myers, *United States*
James R. Painter, *United States*
Rebecca L. Smith, *United States*
Austin M. Wynn, *United States*

Certificate In Christian Ministry

Karomo B. Kazila, *Namibia*

Bachelor of Religious Studies

Granger Owino Omondi, *Kenya*
Karomo B. Kazila, *Namibia*
Fred A. Cordial, *United States*
Joshua M. Taylor, *United States*
Stephen Thomas, *United States*
Rebecca L. Smith, *United States*

Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies

Gustavo B. Massacrato, *Angola*
Mishael D. Ampofo, *Ghana*
Lucia K. Waithira, *Kenya*
Igwe T. Onyebuchi, *Nigeria*
Valery Ndagijimana, *Rwanda*
George Rugamba, *Rwanda*
Harri S. Ryynaenen, *Spain*

Master of Theological Studies

Benjamin M. Figueroa Arroyave, *Colombia*
B.Div., Christian Leaders Institute
Emmanuel Eduful, *Ghana*
B.A., Pan Africa Christian University

Igwe Thomas Onyebuchi, *Nigeria*
B.A., Imo State University

Gladys Williams, *United Kingdom*
B.S., Aston University

Dwayne Albert Godley, *United States*
M.S., California Southern University

Eric N. Velez, *United States*
M.A., InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico

James Scott Wilbur, *United States*
B.R.S., NationsUniversity

Master of Divinity

Sandiso Mzana, *South Africa*
B.A., North Luzon Adventist University
Jonathan Mubanga Mumbi, *Zambia*
B.A., ICI University



NationsUniversity Overcomer Award

Hannah Peek - Canada/Brazil



My name is Hannah Peek, and I am a 2021 graduate of NationsUniversity. Originally I am from Canada, but God has brought me to Brazil as a volunteer ESL teacher in a new English Immersion school. I am not just an English teacher, teaching vocabulary and grammar, but I am also responsible for the spiritual development of my students, who will be future overseas missionaries.

Not that long ago, I would have laughed if you had told me where I would be now, in the Amazon, pioneering an immersion school and holding a bachelor's in theology.

I never intended to study theology at all. I only applied to NationsU because I wanted cheap and easy credits to transfer to the University of Iceland to earn a degree in Icelandic. However, God closed that door, and I gave up on my studies for over a year.

Then during the pandemic, I decided to pick them up again to fill my unexpected surplus time with something useful. NationsUniversity has been more accessible for me than other universities I have explored because of the price, 100% online classes, and straightforward application process.

The staff and professors were always kind and quick to answer questions, wisely not engaging with my smart-mouth when I disagreed and wanted to argue. My

education at NationsUniversity has been nothing short of a blessing, even though God dragged me through it, kicking and screaming.

My dream for the future is to champion a greater discussion of mental and emotional health in the church and make the church more welcoming to people with disabilities, visible or invisible. Someday I want to write a book for teens with the information I wish I had had about Christianity and mental health.

Thank you for the opportunity you have given me and the alumni award. God bless!

The Voice of Nations

A Publication of
NATIONSUNIVERSITY®
650 Poydras St. Suite 1400, PMB 133
New Orleans, LA 70130



Like! Share! Follow!
Help spread the word
about NationsU!