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## Peer and Alumni-led Student Support

*-Some questions and answers and testimonies to introduce the PASS program*

Studying is hard to do at times. Have you ever wished to have someone by your side coaching you, encouraging you, and helping you along to climb the academic mountain of studies? Read on; this is what the P.A.S.S. and mentoring programs are about.

### What is the P.A.S.S. program?

The acronym pass stands for Peer and Alumni-led Student Support. It started in early 2022, intending to have interactive, Alumni-Led coaching sessions to support, encourage and mentor new and existing students through their academic journey.

### Who is the P.A.S.S. program for?

It's for all students. New students will learn what to expect from studying at NationsU and have focused Questions and Answers with other students and Alumni. Existing students will also benefit from Q & A and receive support and guidance through academic issues.

### When does it take place?

Students may attend P.A.S.S. Coaching Sessions on the 1st Saturday of every quarter, 4 per year: February, May, August, and November. This takes place via Zoom online. Students are reminded by Email of the date and time the session takes place. There are two sessions on the same day, so the students can choose the most appropriate time for attending.

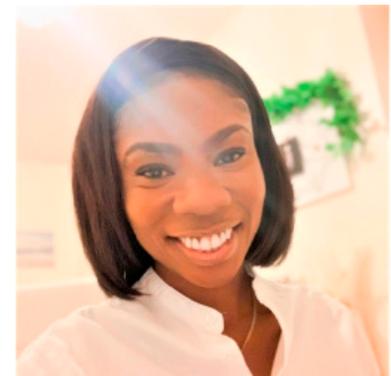
### What is the P.A.S.S. mentoring program?

In one of the P.A.S.S. sessions, students express the desire and need to have accountability partners and mentors. Thus the mentoring program was conceived to provide support, counsel, prayer, ideas, and encouragement to the students one-on-one. God bless all the NU Alumni who have volunteered to mentor students.

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## What will you receive if you sign up for the NationsU Mentorship Program?

One-on-one guide to study. Essay writing and exam tips. Prayer and Spiritual assistance. Academic targets and course completion.

Sign up by clicking this link and answering a few questions:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMrAuwRS-4kVbHbRjknpgXstftkGkNTx36HE2eHoSxRxyGnQ/viewform>

## Testimonies from the Mentoring program:

*I am so thankful that I could be part of this program. It has been a great source of encouragement and has helped me progress in my studies. In those meetings, we discuss different topics, and my mentor patiently answers all my questions, explaining everything clearly and basing his answers on Biblical passages. The time together is very encouraging and always wonderful and blessed. This program helped me because my family and I were going through a difficult time, and my studies were feeling the brunt of it but having someone to encourage me, ask how my studies are going and monitor my progress in a small way helped. Thank you so much for this opportunity and the effort and time you put in to help and support me. Student, Germany*

*The mentoring experience affirms that NationsU is more than just an online platform for learning Theology and the Bible. This is already excellent, but the mentor and mentee are part of a larger family of brothers and sisters through mentoring. We pray for one another; we help one another. For those with more experience, we share what we have learned with those on the beginning journey of studying. We give God the glory for bringing us together as the body of Christ. Alumni, Thailand*

*I have been made to understand the opportunities ahead of me, especially with my desire to impact the lives of many, both within and outside of my local congregation. I was able to complete two courses in less than seven weeks. I have been able to learn some writing skills from the mentor, most especially in the use of "references" and "in-text citations." With these, I would like to encourage the mentoring program to continue.*

Student, Cameroon

*My mentee has an infectious fire for the things of the Kingdom, loves God, loves serving, and loves teaching. As a mentor, listening to and being inspired by my mentee's journey of faith and how NationsU courses have supplemented her knowledge has been so encouraging. I thank God for the opportunity to support my mentee in their journey further.*

Alumni, U.K.

**If you have questions about the P.A.S.S. or mentoring programs, please write the PASS team: [PASS@NationsU.edu](mailto:PASS@NationsU.edu)**

## Upcoming Calendar Events!

- **February 4 – P.A.S.S. – Peer and Alumni-led Student Support Quarterly meeting - All NU Students Welcome To Attend these Quarterly Academic Coaching Sessions! 2 Times for those in Different Zones, 3am and 10am U.S. CST, New Orleans Time**
- **February 10 – M.A.P.S. Meeting**
- **February 21 – President's Day--U.S. Holiday**
- **March 10 - M.A.P.S. - Monthly Ambassador Prayer with Students (Seeking God's Direction from All over the World)**
- **March 15 – Apply with Advisor for May 1st Graduation**
- **March 27- 31 – NationsU Spring Break**

# Happy New Year!

## May the Lord Our God Extend the Right Hand of Blessing to You

All of the faculty and staff at NationsUniversity wish all of our students around the world a Happy, Blessed, and Prosperous New Year! It is the time of year when we take time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, we want to let you know how grateful we are to our students You make a difference in our lives, this year, we hope we have made a difference in a few other's lives as well.

### A Short Message From an NU Alumnus

*"Do not be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." I do not know who the author of this quote is, and I really do not know how it came into my mind the other day from my dorm in college days. Perhaps, it came into my mind as I was thinking about the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023. However, it does speak to the time of the year. On one end, the phrase "do not be afraid" or like it, as some people say, is found over 365 times in the Bible. On the other end, the future scares many people. Because our God is the Eternal One, He has already seen every day of 2023 and can be trusted, allowing us to be brave as we trust 2023 to the God who has made Himself known through Jesus Christ.*

*Bledi Valca, Albania  
NU Alumnus & Student Ambassador*



## NationsUniversity and Accreditation

### We are asking our students, faculty, and partners for prayers



It is amazing how fast time can appear to fly by. I remember that over ten years ago, the question we heard most was, "When will you be accredited?" Our attempt at accreditation was a long, difficult journey with many obstacles. There were times when it felt as if accreditation would never happen. After much anxiety, prayer, toil and treasure, NationsUniversity attained accreditation in 2015. In 2018, NationsUniversity went through the re-accreditation process. That felt like a quick turnaround.

Now it is 2023, and we are going through re-accreditation again. This time we are better than ever. The accreditation process is a self-evaluation process. This arduous process refines our operations and systems. Accreditation makes every department and every program stronger. Those that benefit most are the students. And so, we turn to our students to lift us up in prayer, asking that we will be blessed by the process and be better than ever. Thank you for remembering us in your prayers!

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# NationsUniversity Graduates December 2022

## Certificate In Biblical Studies

Wonder Adosraku, *Ghana*  
Gloria Adosraku, *Ghana*  
Gabriel Lord Manu, *Ghana*  
Shepherd Malaki, *South Africa*  
Don Kenebrew, *United States*  
Samuel White, *United States*

## Certificate in Christian Ministry

Jaki Mabuka, *South Africa*

## Bachelor of Religious Studies

Raphael Dabo, *Nigeria*  
Kolton Blanda, *United States*

## Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies

Emílio Alfeu Quissanga, *Angola*  
Vivian Asimweny Ndely Molonge, *Cameroon*  
Paul Shaibu Ogbadu, *Cameroon*  
John Njoroge, *Kenya*  
Karomo Benjamin Kazila, *Namibia*  
Anthony Odey Oko, *Nigeria*  
Anthony Aguinaga, *United States*  
David B. Clevenger, II, *United States*  
Tygue Harris, *United States*  
K. Biays Jaeger, *United States*  
Steven Hugh Mathews, *United States*  
Kamau Samuel Muturi, *Zimbabwe*

## Master of Theological Studies

Samuel Odiwuor Okoth, *Kenya*  
*B.Th., Scott Theological College*  
Jacob Tivlumun Hundu, *Nigeria*  
*B.A., University of Maiduguri*  
Mukurarinda Dominique, *Rwanda*  
*B.A., North-West University*  
Jared Kang'anga Ruzige, *Tanzania*  
*B.A., Global University*  
Pureheart Irikefe, *Nigeria*  
*B.Div., Christian Leaders Institute*  
Larry R. Beard, *United States*  
*M.S., Florida State University*  
Michael T. Wilson, *United States*  
*B.A., University of Kentucky*



## Meet Allison Jones

### Associate Registrar at NationsUniversity

I grew up in a family of teachers and preachers, so it is no surprise that my career has been centered around teaching others about the love of Jesus. However, my career did not begin in ministry. I graduated with honors from Samford University with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Medicine. I worked in the medical field as a certified athletic trainer in an outpatient physical therapy clinic for several years, but I kept being drawn into education. I went back to school and received my Master of Arts in Secondary Education-Biology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. I taught in public and Christian high schools, junior colleges, and universities.

My husband and I began a family, and I decided to stay home with our three girls. Since I was already a teacher, I thought, who better to teach than my very own children? Being at home with my girls were the most meaningful years of my life. I will always cherish these special years with my baby girls. God has used these experiences to prepare me for the career I have today in teaching and ministry.

I am the children's minister at Westgate Church of Christ in Dothan, AL, and the associate registrar for NationsUniversity. I have come full circle to my roots in ministry and teaching. I spend my days teaching my youngest child, preparing curriculum and events to teach children to love learning scripture, following Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and helping students around the world learn so they can teach others about Jesus.

I have been working with NationsUniversity since March 2022. I have found that the faculty and staff at NationsU have a love for Jesus Christ and for helping people around the world develop a better knowledge and understanding of the scriptures so that they, too, can further the Kingdom. The students at NationsUniversity have touched my heart in an inexplicable way. Their contagious smiles, genuine happiness, and pure love for the Lord have been a blessing to me.

Who knows, maybe one day I will be able to travel to places all over the world to share the love of Jesus alongside students from NationsUniversity.



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