



A Word from the Chancellor

Mac Lynn

I bring you greetings from all those who work with NationsUniversity to make it a reality. This includes helpers from all over the world—from the U.S., China, Israel, Kenya, South Africa, Brazil, and countless other locations.

In this column and elsewhere in the *NU Student Newsletter* we will update you on what is happening. At the head of the list is our effort to become accredited. We thought you would like to know about the procedure.

In substance, accreditation means that an institution conforms to the standards set forth by the accrediting agency. It is not a simple matter to accomplish all the things that an accrediting agency asks. A school must have a mission statement and clearly obtainable goals. It must have a faculty, staff, and curriculum to provide the instruction necessary to reach those goals. It must have adequate finances. And it must present evidence that those goals are being reached. Hundreds of questions await answers, countless procedures have to be put into place, and academic and student services standards must be satisfied.

We have done a first draft submission of a year long Self-Evaluation Report and have had it critiqued. We are in the process of re-submitting that report with fuller explanations and clarifications. After that, each program and each course will be scrutinized by personnel representing the accrediting agency.

There are some standards that we find interesting. For example, in course development, the standard calls for the course developer to state the target age of the students. In most campus-based universities, the “common” student is just out of secondary school, is 18-22 years of age. Half are male and half are female. They are in college to find a mate and prepare for a secular job. They meet in a common classroom and socialize together in the student center. But in NU’s case, the students range in age from 18 to 80. They reside in 133 countries and never see one another. Most are already employed. Males outnumber the females. A large number enroll for enrichment purposes and not to find a mate or employment. A large number are incarcerated. They cannot afford the \$15,000-\$30,000 per year it takes to attend an American institution of higher education. Instead of collecting money from students, in large measure, we give the student a hefty gift each year. To say the least, meeting the standards for accreditation is taking some ingenuity.

Your letters of encouragement mean a great deal to us. Expressions of gratitude make us want to do an even better job of serving you and the God who loves us. Thanks for taking the journey with us.



Did you know . . .

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Country Leaders

Marty Lynn

If you have an e-mail address, you will likely be contacted by your assigned country leader. If you do not have an e-mail address, we strongly encourage you to get one. Country leaders are volunteers, most of whom have taken courses through NationsUniversity. This means they are acquainted with the electronic system and familiar with the struggles common to students.

With a small internal staff, NationsUniversity has been able to service about 2,000 students. With the current enrollment getting close to 4,000 students, it becomes necessary to decentralize and delegate tasks in order to provide the service that you deserve.

Country leaders are now in place to reduce the workload for the regular university staff. This allows a prompt response to student inquiries. Essentially, they act as a filter and in many cases can resolve issues and problems without being sent up the chain of command.

Country leaders are mainly advocates and facilitators for both the student and the university. They are available to assist you with questions and problems in general university matters. Country leaders are not authorized to grant transfer credit, assign curriculum, or to accept your documents. Those official tasks are assigned to student.services@nationsu.org.

If you have not been contacted by your country leader, please write to martyl@nationsu.org.

Reminders from the Registrar's Office

All exams turned into NU should have **ACROSS THE TOP OF EXAM** the following: Student Name - Student Username - Exam Identifier - Date

The Exam Identifier (BRS16.6-3D) consists of the course number (BRS16.6), the module number (-3) and the version letter (D). All these components are important to identify which exam key should be used for grading your exams. If you are an undergraduate student, use only the BRS part of the identifier. If you are a graduate student, use only the MRS identifier.

Exams Answer Sheets have space for the exam identifier, not the titles. Please **CIRCLE** the correct answers on the sheets. Make the circle dark enough so that it can be read when the exam answer sheet has been faxed or scanned and sent to us. When multiple choice and essays are included in an exam, please keep all of the exam answers together.

E-mailed Exams should be sent to exams@nationsu.org. Do not send exams to multiple e-mail addresses. Please save the exam attachment named with the "Student Username" and "Exam Identifier." This means it is best to make a different document for each exam. In addition to naming the document, you should include the student and exam identifier within the document as stated in the beginning paragraph. When you type exam answers directly on the e-mail message, please state the Username and Exam identifier in the subject line of the message.

Following these procedures will help expedite the processing of the exams. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and hope to serve you better.

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Current Enrollment

* Statistics as of May 31, 2009

Total Students: 3,853

Male - 3,038

Female - 815

Undergraduate -3,189

Graduate -664

Internet Students - 2,037 = 53%

E-Mail Students - 586 = 13%

Postal Students - 1,230 = 32%

Prison Students - 452

Total Countries: 133

Top Five Countries:

United States 837

Iran 395

Kenya 217

South Africa 213

Nigeria 202

Languages

Farsi 392

Arabic 224

Spanish 139

French 101

Student News



Hank Davis, Director of Public Relations

Each of you - as NationsUniversity students - are special and valuable to those of us who work here at this "School Without Walls". I do want to take this opportunity to tell you about two new students who have registered recently.

Donovan lives in South Florida but was originally from Jamaica. He is a young man of 31 years and registered a short while ago in our Masters program. He has completed 7 modules towards his MRS - all with grades that averaged in the 80's, mostly 90's. On the third course "The Church from 120-209 C.E." his average was 98. I am quite sure I could not have accomplished such a feat. His e-mail about this achievement said "I am so tired. I have sat up from evening until morning (7 PM to 7AM some nights) for the past week and days. That is how I completed the 18 core course credits." That is what I call a committed student as he also tutors at a university and holds Business Administration and International Business degrees.

The other student is very different in that to date he has been unable to get into the courses at all. His name is Peter; he is 47 years old; and he is from South Africa. I should say he was from SA but he has recently moved to work in industrial management and as a missionary for three years in the Pacific island country of Papua New Guinea to work in the capital. He will be a part of a work among Churches of Christ that was started 25+ years ago and has reached many for Christ in that country, which

is not nearly as advanced as South Africa. Who knows that in the future he may point others from that country to the course of study we know as NationsUniversity.

Fortunately, English is the common language among all these countries so communication of the Gospel and Biblical studies is made easier than it would otherwise be.

Please know whatever your circumstances, we hold you in our prayers as we ask you to do for us - for we serve a GREAT God.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is there any way to get the results of my exams?

Yes. Your grade is posted on your individual user report within six hours of taking an exam online. E-mailed and posted exams must be processed manually and can take up to two weeks.

2. After I complete an exam, can I see the questions that I missed?

No. At this time, students are unable to review exams and see their incorrect answers. However, this is something that the NU staff is looking to improve in the future.

3. Where can I review all of my grades?

Grades can be viewed anytime by visiting our website, www.nationsu.org, and following these steps:

a. Click on "NU Courses" in the Quick Links box at the lower left of the page.

b. Log in

c. After logging in, a link will appear at the top left of the page (below the logo) -- "Users Report"

d. Click the "Users Report" link. You will open a page that shows all of your grades for both completed courses and courses in progress. By clicking on "Transcript" at the far right of this page, you can view all of your completed courses, your transfer credits (if any), and your G.P.A.

A Student's Story

I wanted to tell you how happy I was to get my diploma. It's the best feeling I've ever had!

I am from the mountains of eastern Kentucky. There were six kids, and my mom raised us alone. We didn't have an inside bathroom, and we had to carry water in milk jugs. I quit school at 14 years old because I got work to help my mom feed us.

First the counselors told me I had to get my G.E.D. and signed me up for daily classes. I told the warden to give me four months until my next 120 day review. I sat in my cell with G.E.D. books and took the test after three and half months and passed. Then NationsUniversity was sent to me by God!

Before my mom died, she was so happy that one of us kids actually got a degree. My best memory of my mom is the smile on her face the day I told her I got an associate's degree from NationsUniversity. And now I'm about to get my Bachelor of Religious Studies!

I thank the Lord everyday for NationsUniversity. I would have never been able to afford a degree without NU. Even though I may never get out of prison, I keep a smile and am thankful to God everyday.

Wiley Toler

Graduates Since the Last Newsletter

Certificate in Religious Studies

Gina E. Tomas, Philippines
Beruk Tesfay, Ethiopia
Charles Phillips, United States
Juliet M. Caulker, The Gambia
Edward Poelnitz, United States
Samuel Salomon, Haiti
Camillus Nnaemeka Onah, Nigeria
James Backman, United States
Jeremy Garth Anderson, United States
Daniel Amoretti, Argentina
Gemechu Bedada Demisachew, Ethiopia
Madestin Wooseny, Haiti
Pedro Delgado Rivera, United States
William Thomas, United States
Johnny D. Mabra, United States
Thomas J. Jaopatchire, Malawi
Dereck Chitete Ryson Robert, Malawi
Oloo Otula Johnson, Tanzania
Monday Usung Urua, Nigeria
Salim Hamat, Algeria

Associate in Religious Studies

Effiong Bassey Oku, Nigeria
Darlington Maxwell Besa, Botswana
Jesse Carmona, United States
Charles Anunda Nyaega Mogaka, Kenya
Hasson Tilliib Hawkins, United States
Clayton Edwin Spires, United States
Mark L. Cook, United States
Maram Akbari, United Kingdom
Thomas J. Saopatchire, Malawi
Daryl McCullough, Australia
Jermain James, United States
Daniel J. Pero, United States
Demissie Kebede, Ethiopia
Charles Ray Phillips, United States
John Bennett, United States
Daniel Ukaufu Uzoma, Equatorial Guinea
Emmanuel Odike, Nigeria

Diploma in Religious Studies

Nesson Celestin, Cote d'Ivoire
Sheila DeNard, United States
Christopher O. Ubani, Nigeria
Emmanuel Odike, Nigeria
Shawn B. Donahue, United States
Dereck Chitete Ryson Robert, Malawi

Bachelor of Religious Studies

Benard Maina Gichohi, Kenya
Samson Edem, Nigeria
Demissie Kebede, Ethiopia
Jose Manuel Arcia Colon, Colombia
Owen Nyahore, South Africa
Moses Odhiambo Ok'Kali, Kenya
Maryam Akbari, United Kingdom
Boniface Erick Othiambo, Kenya
Demissie Kebede, Ethiopia
Joseph Honto, Zambia
Ira W. Redding, United States
Wiley Toler, United States
James Adeolu Isayode, Cameroon
Jeremy Garth Anderson, United States
Robert Bridges, United States

Master of Religious Studies

William Walton Hayes, United States
B.R.S., NationsUniversity
Frederic K. Buford, United States
B.S., University of Phoenix
Samuel Duarte Gomes, Brazil
B.S. Th.

Faculdade de Teologia Filandelfia International

Yabibal Teklu Senbetu, Ethiopia
B.S., Addis Ababa Bible College
Mark Anariko Onunda, Kenya
B.A., Daystar University

M.R.S., continued

John D. Gibbs, United States
M.S., Florida State University
Kieu Cong Hien, Viet Nam
B.R.S., NationsUniversity
Teshome Ayela, Ethiopia
B.Th., Evangelical Theological College
Edward Pitchford, United States
B.S., Oklahoma Christian University
Lucas Wilhem Kruger, South Africa
B.S., University of Pretoria
Owen Nyahore, South Africa
B.R.S., NationsUniversity
Jacob Alvin Brittell Sianugu, Zambia
B.Th., African Christian College

Juliet M. Caulker, Gambia
Higher Teacher's Certificate
University of Sierra Leone

Master of Ministry

Lazarus Munetsi, South Africa
M.R.S., NationsUniversity
Robert Teel, United States
M.R.S., NationsUniversity

Agbor Boniface Etta, United States
B.Th., Full Gospel Bible Institute

Master of Divinity

Mark Anthony Graham, United Kingdom
Ph.D., University of Oxford

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