

# HU Highlights

## STUDENT & ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

### MATT REYNOLDS NAMED NEW PROVOST

Last September 2024, Matt Reynolds was named the next Humphreys University Provost. Matt has been a member of the Humphreys community for over 10 years in various academic roles within the law school. Matt will remain as the Dean of Laurence Drivon Law School and continue to represent Humphreys as the institution's WASC ALO. Matt graciously answered a few questions about his future goals with the University.



#### ***What is one accomplishment you would like to achieve in your first year as Provost?***

There are many things I would like to accomplish during my first year as Provost, but I think one of the most important is to thoroughly familiarize myself with each of the academic programs at the University and the personnel who make up those programs. Humphreys University is a unique and varied institution, which means there is a lot to learn, but it is also a small institution, which means I can learn about people as individuals and not just job titles.

#### ***How would you describe Humphreys University to students who are considering attending?***

Humphreys University cares about its students, every single one of them, and wants them to succeed. The definition of success will vary by program and by individual, but student success, student engagement, and a commitment to student advising underscore everything that we do as an institution.

#### ***What does it mean for you to have a commitment to diversity?***

At a basic level, a commitment to diversity means an effort to have the institution's student body, faculty, and staff reflect the diverse nature of the community in which the institution operates. For generations, Humphreys University's student body has been ethnically and socio-economically diverse, reflecting the communities of San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. Pursuing diversity in this sense has become a broader and more complex question as online education has become more normalized and students have begun to live farther and farther from campus. A commitment to diversity is also a commitment to meeting students where they are, by being open to their perspectives and experiences. This is something an institution should work on continuously, and I believe Humphreys University does, through its personalized advising processes, for example.

#### ***Before you were in academia, did you practice law? How has that experience shaped you for the Provost position?***

I did practice law for about ten years before I moved into academia full-time. Being knowledgeable about the law and the practice of law is useful for thinking about ideas in terms of best-case and worst-case scenarios. It's also useful for problem-solving generally. Practicing law helps develop an appreciation for process and time. All of that is helpful to me in my work as Provost. I do think law school alters a person's brain chemistry slightly; you never think about the world exactly the same way once you've gone through it.

#### ***What is something that you learned from a student that has helped you grow professionally or personally?***

I recently ran into a former student at a community event, a student I had not seen in ten years. She not only remembered me and the class I had taught, but she remembered very specific concepts that she had learned from me and very specific idiosyncrasies that I have as an instructor (I am bad at drawing, for instance). She was able to convey all of this to me off the top of her head in a conversation that was two minutes or less. Catching up with her was fun and humbling. It also was a reminder to me that what we do as instructors and educators is important, that we affect people's lives, and that they remember how we affect them. What we do is important; helping people to learn and to achieve their goals is important. This is something I know, of course, but sometimes it gets lost in the day-to-day of my work. I appreciate that this former student helped me re-center that important purpose of education or of being an educator. I am thankful to her.

#### ***Do you have any words of advice for students?***

Appreciate your time in school. Education is valuable in-and-of-itself; every class provides you with an opportunity to learn something new, to meet new people and make new connections. Work hard to get the most you can out of your program.

#### ***What was the last book you read that changed the way you think?***

I think all the books I read change the way I think, at least a little bit! The last book I read was *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. I had never read the book before and did so on the recommendation of a colleague at WSCUC's Accreditation Leadership Academy. The key to the book for me was its adept demonstration that heroism does not require perfection, that a person can be heroic and successful not in spite of their imperfections, but because of them. I found that concept deeply thoughtful. Accepting our own faults is hard, but it's important.

#### ***What would faculty and students be surprised to learn about you?***

I have more than twenty tattoos.

#### ***What else would you like the Humphreys community to know about you?***

I'm proud of our University, its students, faculty, and staff. I'm excited about my new role and looking forward to the challenges ahead.

# CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS (CALCPA) (SAN JOAQUIN CHAPTER) 2024 STUDENT NIGHT

Jason Wolins, Business Department

On November 20, 2024, the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA) (San Joaquin Chapter) held its annual Student Night in Manteca, California.

Three Humphreys University students - Patrick Tschabold, Joshua Garcia, and Ahmed Othman - attended along with Business Department chair Jason Wolins.

Accounting students and faculty from the University of the Pacific, CSU Stanislaus, San Joaquin Delta College, Modesto Junior College, Columbia College, and Merced College also attended.

The evening featured dinner and speed mentoring where students rotated among tables and met with members of the accounting profession.

Representatives from the California Board of Accountancy also attended and reviewed students' transcripts to ensure students' courses matched the CPA licensure education requirements.



## CalCPA (San Joaquin) Student Night

November 20, 2024

Manteca, California

## Humphreys University Contingent

**Left to right: Ahmed Othman (Humphreys University student); Ned Leiba, CPA, and CalCPA (San Joaquin) member; Patrick Tschabold (Humphreys University student); Jason Wolins (Humphreys University faculty). Not in photo: Joshua Garcia (Humphreys University student)**

## Open Workshops

Thursday, January 9 5:15 PM ONLINE IN MOODLE Effective Business Communication Techniques Presented by Dr. Kerry Moquett \*This workshop is a recorded video available 5:15 p.m. to 11:55 p.m.

Thursday, January 23 5:30 PM VIRTUAL PRESENTATION ECE Panel Discussion: Impact of the Pandemic on Young Children Starting School (Language Development Focus) Presented by the ECE Department Chair & Instructors \*This workshop is only available at 5:30 p.m. using the Zoom link in Moodle.

Thursday, February 20 5:15 PM ONLINE IN MOODLE A Celebration of African American Authors Presented by Dean Cynthia Becerra \*This workshop is a recorded video available 5:15 p.m. to 11:55 p.m.

Thursday, March 6 5:00 PM VIRTUAL PRESENTATION Program Showcase: Master of Business Administration (MBA) Presented by Professor Jason Wolins, Business Department Chair \*This workshop is only available at 5:00 p.m. using the Zoom link in Moodle.

## Quarter Academic Calendar

Quarter begins.....	Monday, December 30, 2024
Instruction begins.....	Monday, December 30, 2024
New Year's Day (campus closed) .....	Wednesday January 1, 2025
Last Day to Register or Add Classes.....	Friday, January 3, 2025
Last Day to Withdraw Without Notation on Transcript...Friday, Jan. 10, 2025	
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (campus closed).....	Monday, January 20, 2025
Last Day to Withdraw with Partial Refund.....	Friday, February 7, 2025
Last Day to Withdraw.....	Friday, February 14, 2025
Presidents' Day (campus closed).....	Monday, February 17, 2025
Final Exams.....	Week of March 10, 2025
Quarter Ends.....	Friday, March 14, 2025
Spring Break-No Classes.....	March 15-March 30, 2025

# ANTOINETTE DURAN: LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS FEATURED IN THE SJCBA MAGAZINE

Antoinette Duron is an alumni of Drivon School of Law. She earned her juris doctor in 2017 and a master's in legal studies in 2023. Antoinette currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Humphreys University. She has graciously promoted the law profession and Humphreys University at several college and career events in the community.

**What do you love the most about your job?**

I love representing clients in the courtroom. This is when I feel the most passionate about my job.

**Why did you choose to pursue a career in your field?**

I remember my parents insisting that I be an attorney one day because I would always have something to say, no matter what the circumstances were. I think it was intended to be a sarcastic joke, but for me it was a seed that got planted and never stopped growing. There were plenty of bumps in the road that led me to believe this dream might not come true, but I refused to stop pushing through. During Law School, I interned at the Public Defender's office for one year, and once I got a taste of that experience along with my experience working in collaborative courts, there was no turning back. I was sure this is what I wanted to do for the rest of my career.

**What career advice do you live by? Who gave it to you?**

"Fake it till you make it!" Many people gave me this advice. I live by it because there are plenty of times when I get nervous, but I trust the process, and I remind myself that I will survive.

**Who is someone that made a big impact on your life? Why?**

My mom had the biggest impact on my life for sure. She was my biggest fan. She inspired me to pursue my dreams, and she was the hardest working woman I know. While raising my brother and me, she worked full time, and she always had a positive attitude. At a very young age. I remember going to work with her and wanting to grow up to be just like her.

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**SJCBA Board Buzz QandA**  
MEET ANTOINETTE DURON ...  
Attorney and Board Of Governors Secretary

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# NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AT STOCKTON PD WAS DANE HIB, HU ALUMNI

THE FOLLOWING POST WAS FEATURED ON SPD INSTAGRAM PAGE



Congratulations to Officer Dane Hib for being elected as Employee of the Month for November 2024! Since joining Stockton Police Department on October 16, 2018, Officer Hib has shown dedication and professionalism.

In March 2021, Officer Hib responded to an incident involving an agitated individual who was anti-police. Officer Hib responded to the scene and peacefully mitigated the call for service without using force.

In October 2021, Officer Hib responded to a juvenile attempting to take his/her own life. Being the first to arrive on scene, the juvenile was unresponsive with visible contusions consistent with self harm. Officer Hib checked for breathing and a pulse but found neither. He began administering CPR until the Fire Department and Paramedics arrived to transfer care. Officer Hib then followed up with family to provide emotional support and ensure information was communicated seamlessly to the medical staff. Officer Hib's quick actions gave the juvenile a fighting chance to survive.

Officer Hib has been a role model for positive attitude throughout his career. He embodies what it takes to be a Stockton Police Officer with his resiliency and emotional intelligence. He brings his best every day and brings out the best in the people around him. Thank you for being part of our team and serving our community!

Congratulations, Officer Hib!

# MANAGING YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND HOW TO AVOID CONSEQUENCES



Chia Xiong, Student Account Specialist

As a college student, managing your finances can feel like a balancing act. While you are focused on assignments and exams, your student account might be piling up with tuition, fees, and other charges. Unfortunately, if these balances are not paid on time, they can lead to serious consequences that could impact your ability to continue your education or even your credit score. It is essential to be informed of what happens when you have an unpaid balance, including registration holds, service charges, and the possibility of being sent to collections—and most importantly, how you can avoid these issues.

## 1. Registration Holds: Do Not Let Unpaid Balances Stop You from Signing Up for Classes

### How it works:

If your tuition is not paid by Friday of finals week, a registration hold is automatically applied to your student account. That means you will not be able to register for upcoming quarters until the balance is paid to lift the hold.

### The Impact on You:

A registration hold can disrupt your academic schedule, potentially delaying graduation if you are unable to sign up for the classes you need. If you rely on certain courses being available at specific times, you might find that your options are limited. Worse yet, if you cannot register on time, you may fall behind on your degree plan.

### How to Avoid It:

Stay on top of your account balance by regularly checking your Populi account. Set up payment reminders or automatic payments to ensure you do not miss deadlines. If you are struggling to pay, reach out to your Student Account Specialist for help.

## 2. Service Charges: Do Not Let Your Balance Grow Unnecessarily

If your balance is not paid by the tuition deadline, a quarterly service charge of \$25 is tacked onto your balance.

### The Impact on You:

Late fees can add up quickly, increasing your debt and making it even harder to pay off the balance. If you are living on a tight budget, these fees can quickly pile on top of your other financial commitments, adding stress and financial strain.

### How to Avoid It:

To avoid service charges, always pay attention to your tuition payment deadlines. If you're struggling to pay the full amount, contact your Student Account Specialist.

## 3. Sent to Collections: The Last Thing You Want to Happen

If your balance remains unpaid for an extended period, your student account will be sent to collections. This is a big deal and can have serious consequences for your credit and your future finances.

### How it works:

Once your account is sent to collections, the school hands the responsibility of collecting the debt over to a third-party collection agency. You will start receiving frequent calls, letters, and notices about your debt. On top of the amount, you already owe, collection agencies typically charge their own fees, meaning the total amount you owe will grow even more.

### The Impact on You:

Being sent to collections can damage your credit score and prevent you from re-enrolling to complete your degree at Humphreys University.

### How to Avoid It:

The best way to avoid your account being sent to collections is to stay in touch with your Student Account Specialist if you are having trouble paying. Do not wait until it is too late—once your account is sent to collections, the financial hardship will be much greater to resolve.

## 4. Tips for Managing Your Student Balance

While it can be easy to ignore your student balance, staying on top of it is key to avoiding these negative consequences. Here are some practical tips for managing your finances and keeping your account in good standing:

- **Check Your Populi Account Regularly:** Log into your student portal frequently to check your balance.
- **Set Up Payment Reminders:** Set digital reminders for payment deadlines.
- **Apply for Financial Aid:** Don't leave money on the table—apply for scholarships, grants, and financial aid to help cover your tuition and fees. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application every year to ensure you're getting the maximum amount of aid.
- **Explore Additional Aid Resources:** If you face an unexpected financial emergency, talk to your Student Account Specialist about additional grants, scholarships or private student loans that might be available to you.
- **Talk to Your Student Account Specialist:** If you are falling behind, do not wait until it is too late. Reach out as soon as you realize you need help.

### Stay On Top of Your Finances for a Smoother College Experience

While student balances and bills may not be the most exciting part of your college life, keeping them in check can prevent a lot of stress down the road. Registration holds, service charges, and the threat of collection agencies are serious consequences that can make your financial situation worse, but they are also avoidable. By staying on top of your balance, communicating with your Student Account Specialist, and exploring other options, you can keep your academic and financial life on track. Remember: paying attention to your student account now can save you a lot of hassle and financial strain in the future. Managing your balance is not just about avoiding penalties—it is about setting yourself up for success, both in school and in your financial future.

# A LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY CONTINUES

Carrie Castillon, Director of Administrative Services

Humphreys University was proud to participate in three different community donation drives during the holiday season. Staff, faculty, and students collected over 150 pairs of socks for the annual sock drive for St. Mary's Interfaith Dining Room and Community Services in downtown Stockton. Dr. Richard Chabot, community studies faculty, who recently retired, has managed and promoted the sock drive at HU for years. This is our second year of collecting toys for the Stockton Police Youth Activities League. Youth affected by violence will receive the toys. Duane McLaughlin, Criminal Justice Department Chair, spearheaded our campus drive. This was our first year partnering with the Adopt a Family Program at Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin County. Staff and faculty donated clothes, shoes, and toys to fulfill holiday wishes.

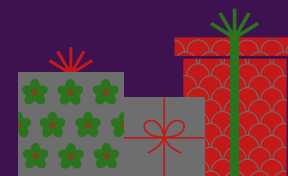
# HIGHLIGHTED COURSE: ADOLESCENT LITERATURE

Dr. Donna Roberts, ECE Department Chair & Associate Dean of Academic Administration

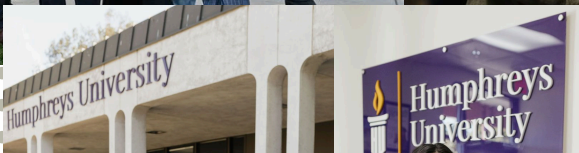
The ECE Department and Liberal Studies Department have teamed up to offer a highly engaging course for students this winter quarter: ECE 211/LIT 211 Adolescent Literature and Curriculum. This highly versatile course will utilize an asynchronous modality and be taught by Dr. Beverly Clark. It can fulfill an upper-division humanities requirement for students across departments as well as meet curriculum requirements for ECE and Liberal Studies majors. Students will delve into reading a variety of high interest adolescent literature novels and reflect on the literature experience through exposure to research-based adolescent strategies and meaningful learning experiences that can motivate all students. For example, students will explore dialectic journaling in response to the literature, examine KWL+L charts, survey a variety of story mapping strategies, and engage in specialized note-taking techniques. Students will then produce a number of Common Core standards-based lesson plans and learn how to effectively differentiate instruction to meet individual learning needs, strategically address second language learner needs, engage in formative and summative assessment practices, and understand how to seamlessly embed literature across content areas. Additionally, students will become more knowledgeable about selecting developmentally appropriate books as well as learn to identify quality literature for students from fourth through twelfth grade. The concept of developing an adolescent's creative, cognitive, social, cultural, and emotional growth is emphasized. It's an excellent choice for a variety of undergraduate students, particularly those planning to pursue an ECE permit or credential or a Liberal Studies major in the MSE concentration.



# Season of Joy



# HELPING YOU REACH HIGHER AT HUMPHREYS UNIVERSITY



**Humphreys University**  
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## OUR MISSION

To prepare students for meaningful careers and professions through an accessible, guided, supportive, and high-quality educational experience and directed to the specific and changing needs of students from diverse ethnic, cultural, economic, and educational backgrounds.

## OUR VISION

To be the community-recognized institution of choice, known for providing quality, student-focused, career-oriented, and affordable higher education that improves the lives of students and develops informed citizens.

## OUR CORE VALUES

- We are an opportunity school that accepts, teaches, and elevates anyone with a desire and motivation to learn and improve.
- We excel at delivering a personalized, affordable, and accessible educational experience.
- We provide career-oriented education, aligned with career and skill demands, integrated into the professional community, and delivered by dedicated practitioner-educators.
- We exhibit a culture of adaptability and innovation to meet the demands of the future in the service of our students.