

Dear NU Family,

What would you do if you found a \$100 bill and nobody was around to claim it? Even the best of us might pause to consider our many financial needs, and remember the old adage, "Finders keepers..." Without anyone around to keep us from doing otherwise, we might pocket the bill, and some of us might even (falsely!) consider it an unexpected blessing from God to help us out.

This past week, Dr. Dan Tomandl, one of our science professor here at NU, shared this exact story with me. Except, in this case, one of his Physics students found a \$100 bill on the floor by her seat, and she *didn't* pocket it. Instead, she approached Dr. Tomandl, told him what happened, and turned the bill over to him. Dr. Tomandl was able to return it to its rightful owner, who was a *very* thankful person.

What this student demonstrated was that our actions in private show our integrity and character just as much, if not more, than our actions in public. It is one thing to do the right thing when people are watching, perhaps *because* they are watching, but it is another thing to do the right thing because *God* is watching, and because we desire to follow His will. The difference between having the appearance of character and actually having character lies in training our hearts to delight in what is right at all times. 2 Peter 1:5-7 says, "Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love". In this verse, Peter reminds us of a truth that is so easily lost in the modern world: we develop our character not to receive recognition, but as an act of love.

### COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Mon, Feb 13** | Chapel: Janet Dubois | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20AM

**Mon, Feb 13** | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30PM

**Mon, Feb 13** | "13th" Film Showing & Discussion\* | HSC 104, 6:30PM **\*Spiritual Life Credit Offered**

**Wed, Feb 15** | Chapel: Dr. Castleberry | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20AM

**Wed, Feb 15** | Share Our Stories w/ ISS and CELE\* | HSC 231, 4PM **\*Spiritual Life Credit Offered**

**Thurs, Feb 16** | Courageous Conversations **\*Spiritual Life Credit Offered**

**Fri, Feb 17** | Chapel: Christian Dawson | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20AM

**Sat, Feb 18** | Non-Traditional Student Chapel | Butterfield Chapel, 10:15AM

**MONDAY**  
Film Showing & Discussion  
6:30-8:30pm • HSC 104

**WEDNESDAY**  
"Our Stories" Panel Event with ISS & CELE  
4-5:30pm • HSC 231

**THURSDAY**  
Courageous Conversations:  
Disabilities Awareness Panel  
7-8:30pm • HSC 102

**FRIDAY**  
Social Justice Student Showcase  
10am-4pm • HSC Lobby  
End of Week Celebration  
4-5pm • HSC Lobby

**Multicultural Education & Awareness Week**

**FEB. 13-17**  
#MEAWatNU

**Throughout the Week:**  
Stop by the Student Development office to get your polaroid picture taken & added to the "Humans of NU" Wall

This week is Multicultural Education & Awareness Week on campus, and there are many great events for you to participate in you. On Monday, there will be a movie showing and discussion of the film "13th", about race in the United States criminal justice system. On Wednesday, International Student Services and CELE program participants will share their stories. On Thursday, Courageous Conversations will center on the experiences of people with different abilities, and will feature a panel of NU students and staff.

There are many other events happening this week, and I hope that you actively engage in at least a few of them, because it is a great privilege to learn from one another in this community.

In Christ,

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