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Date:

This January I have been selected to go on a short-term-Animation/Cultural-immersion trip to Estonia. This trip will include a short visit to Vilnius (the capital of Lithuania), a road trip through Latvia with a stop-over in the capital Riga, and an extended stay in Tallinn, Estonia at the Joonisfilm animation studio. Steve Leeper (Associate Professor of Animation) will lead for the duration of the Estonia visit and Latvian studio tours. Nethercott (Missionary/Filmmaker-In-Residence at HU) will be handling travel arrangements and co-leading the trip to Lithuania.

I can't wait to go on this trip! In Riga, the capital of Latvia we will be visiting one of the most productive animation centers in the Baltics. We will be touring studios and meeting internationally acclaimed animators and filmmakers. The majority of our time will be spent in historical district of Tallinn, Estonia as guests at the Joonisfilm Studio. There we will spend 5 days immersed in Estonian culture, engaging with prominent animation filmmakers, touring studios and partaking in workshops.

The vision is to give us students an immersive cross-cultural experience while we learn about various story and animation techniques that can connect with audiences across cultural boundaries. Before the trip we will meet as a team watching films, reading and discussing articles on the rich legacy of Baltic animation. I will also receive 4 hours of cross-cultural mission training from David Kline, the Associate Director of Global Ministries of the United Brethren in Christ. During the trip I will keep a sketchbook/journal documenting my experiences. Afterward I will write a reflection paper as to how this trip has affected my own path as an artist and ambassador of Christ in an increasingly global culture. I am confident that this experience will influence my work as an animator and give me perspective as how to better impact the world.

I need \$3,300 to cover travel, housing, food and animation workshops. Please consider investing in me! Because this trip is a project of Huntington University, your gift is tax deductible. In order to receive a tax deduction for your gift make your check payable to Huntington University. On the memo line you may write "Estonia Trip."

And, please pray that God will spiritually prepare me and that He also will grant us safety in our travels. Thank you for allowing me to share my excitement with you. Your care, interest, and prayers are much appreciated! May God bless you!

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**Estonian Animation/Cultural Immersion Trip Support Card January Term
2017**

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