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This past year has extended Hunter's excellent record. This year Hunter completed two research programs that were heavily dependent on student efforts. His survey of zooplankton in Lake St. Clair, funded by Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund, Department of Environmental Quality, featured work by his graduate student Katherine Simons, which they presented at three conferences. His study of a 7,500-year-old Holocene drowned forest in Lake Huron, funded by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Coastal Management Program, relied on the participation of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Hunter's service contributions blend seamlessly into teaching. Much of the present-day biology curriculum has felt the stamp of his efforts in his eight years as chief academic adviser and 27 years on the curriculum committee (including eight years as chairman) – an effort that continues this year with his leadership to upgrade the freshman laboratory experience.

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