A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

Hesston College’s nursing program is truly remarkable in its high achievements, loyalty of alumni, reputation with health care employers and as a premier program in the state of Kansas.

Year after year, our first-time pass rate on the national licensure exam is one of the highest in the state. How do we account for this? I have a few theories.

First, our faculty members, led by Bonnie (Kauffman) Ac65, ’67 Sowers, are excellent teachers and see nursing as a divine call as well as a profession. They embody the best of the ideals of educating and nurturing each student in Christ-centered community. Students know they are loved and prayed for, and many succeed because they come to believe in their ability to learn and serve.

Second, our nursing faculty members have a kind of genius about them that combines very high standards and rigorous learning with caring support. It is not only rigor, and it is not only love – it is both, in the doses that each student needs.

Third, the nursing program enjoys the respect and support of the entire campus. There is a sense of genuine pride in the achievements of the program and its students. In many ways, it is a bit presumptuous of a small two-year private college to even attempt to have a nursing program. In its early years, President Laban Peachey sometimes heard from other presidents that it was a little much for Hesston to think it could do this. Well, yes we can.

Several years ago, I listened to the site visitors of the Kansas State Board of Nursing give their final oral report. I had never, and likely never will again, hear and see such respect from an accrediting body for a program. Thank you for your continuing support of this program and of Hesston College.

Dr. Howard Keim ’71, President
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Coming soon to Hesston College
Awards for outstanding care and patient satisfaction line bookshelves and walls at the Progressive Home Health and Hospice corporate office in Wichita, Kan. Glimpsing the drive and professionalism of president and CEO Dorothy (Gathungu) ’89 McPherson, it’s no wonder – she’s not one to back down from a challenge. In fact, she’s likely to search for new challenges, which explains the success of her 18-year-old business.

Providing the perfect symmetry of a nursing degree and a business degree, Progressive is a testament to the passion with which Dorothy approaches life. It’s also a far cry from anything she imagined when she arrived at Hesston College from Nairobi, Kenya, in the spring of 1984. Yet she used the obstacles she encountered along the way as an opportunity to learn, improve and, ultimately, thrive.

“I can’t explain how all of this came about,” Dorothy said. “It has all just been a part of God’s plan. But the good thing about the journey of life is that it always makes you stronger, smarter and better.”

Dorothy’s plan started to unfold when she was a young adult working in a bank in her East African nation’s capital city. She wanted to come to the United States to study business and began searching for colleges. Along with Hesston College, she also applied to Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College and a college in Buffalo, N.Y. International admissions counselor Dave Osborne Ac64, ’66 was quick to reply to her Hesston College inquiry, and before she knew it, everything fell into place for her to start at Hesston.

After a while, paying for school became difficult, and Dorothy left Hesston without graduating. She remained in the area and began working as a CNA, a choice that inspired her to return to Hesston in the nursing program.

“Hesston’s nursing program was exactly what I like – it was a challenge. The instructors were no-nonsense and made me work, but they also coached me, encouraged me, supported me and made me feel at home.” — Dorothy (Gathungu) ’89 McPherson

When finances again became tight, nursing program director Bonnie (Kauffman) Ac65, ’67 Sowers made a
phone call to Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita and found a scholarship for Dorothy with a commitment of one year of work following graduation.

“Everything worked out,” Dorothy said. “I was able to finish school, and when I graduated, I knew I had a job waiting for me.”

Dorothy worked in the medical-surgical unit at St. Francis before moving on to Via Christi Riverside Hospital (Wichita) to a position in the intensive care unit. After her first daughter was born, she began working part time in home health, and the seeds of her own business venture were sown.

“I worked for a small, privately owned home health company, and I realized if they could make it work as a business, I could, too,” she said.

Dorothy partnered with her husband, Shawn, and a friend, who was also an R.N., to found Progressive Home Health and Hospice in 1995. Shortly after establishing Progressive, Dorothy recognized the potential for success and earned a bachelor’s degree from Tabor College (Hillsboro, Kan.) in business administration in order to more efficiently deal with the company’s business aspects.

Progressive started small, working primarily in home health care for patients with acute conditions who had recently been released from the hospital. In 2002, they added pediatric home care, followed by hospice care in 2005. Over the years, the company has grown to include more than 200 employees working from seven locations – three in Wichita and one each in Newton, Kan., Hutchinson, Kan., Salina, Kan., and Omaha, Neb.

The company’s rapid and successful growth is a reflection of Dorothy’s own competitive nature and drive for success.

“After I master something I need a new challenge,” she said. “There is also a large demand for these kinds of services as more people prefer to stay in their homes instead of going to a hospital, and the competition is plentiful.”

Looking back on all the surprises and opportunities she has encountered along the way, Dorothy is grateful for her start at Hesston in a program that set high standards and demanded the best.

“I believe that if you give the best and strive for excellence all the time, you can go anywhere,” she said.
A GLIMPSE AT HESSTON COLLEGE NURSING

Hesston College nurses can be found across the country and around the world. As one of the college’s most sought-after programs, Hesston College Nursing’s name and reputation precede it.

The Hesston College nursing program began in 1966, and it continues to be one of the strongest programs in Kansas with an overall pass rate on the national NCLEX-RN exam of 99 percent over the last 47 years.

The program has 56 spaces available for students per class level for a total of 112 nursing students at Hesston each year. Those spaces – and the waiting lists – fill up quickly. Many students have families and balance a job with school work, and many commute from a distance in order to benefit from such an outstanding program.

Students put their classroom learning to practice in hands-on clinical settings in two on-campus nursing simulation labs and 13 health care facilities in the local area. Because of the high standard of excellence Hesston nursing students portray at off-campus clinicals, their experiences often turn into job opportunities as they earn their degree and R.N. license. In fact, nursing graduates who have sought a nursing position have found a job 100 percent of the time.

After completing Hesston’s program, some students continue their education to earn a four-year B.S.N. degree and higher. During the 2012-13 year, the program established articulation agreements with two four-year institutions, University of Kansas School of Nursing (Lawrence) and Bethel College (North Newton), to streamline the transfer process for Hesston nursing graduates to earn their B.S.N. degree. Credits easily transfer to any public or private four-year institution where a student chooses to continue.

As is clear in hearing about the experiences of Hesston College nursing students, the instructors in the program are key to each student’s growth and success. The college is blessed with highly professional and caring individuals in the nursing program, and each one of them – director Bonnie (Kauffman) Ac65, ’67 Sowers; Becky Bartell; administrative assistant Marilyn Unruh Flaming; Ruby (Chupp) ’73 Graber; Joyce Huber; Sondra (Wedel) ’80 Leatherman; Travis Nickelson; Rita Peters; Jean Rodgers; Gregg Schroeder ’86; Carla Stephens; and Sharon (Ross) ’90 Wedel – is deserving of the praise they receive.
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PURPOSE THROUGH PAIN

Chad Jones ’14 (Halstead, Kan.) realized he had to make a life change when he found himself in the hospital with health concerns due to long work hours and job stress. He knew his situation was critical, yet he was frustrated by the grim prognosis he received.

“I didn't appreciate the way I was treated in the hospital,” Chad said. “My nurse told me I was going to die, so for a few days I believed it. Then I realized that I just had to change my lifestyle.”

Chad bounced around from job to job for more than 10 years after graduating high school, not really knowing what he wanted to do. Though he was always successful in his jobs – topping out the pay scale or earning management status – he was never really fulfilled.

Shortly after returning to his construction job from his hospital stay, Chad was laid off. Taking his unemployment as a sign to begin making that necessary change, he decided to start nursing school – taking prerequisite classes while working to support his family.

“The people are what make Hesston College Nursing so successful.”
— Chad Jones ’14

“I didn’t want other people to be treated the way I had been in the hospital,” he said. “I decided that by becoming a nurse, I could make a difference.”

Chad knew about Hesston’s nursing program from its local reputation and friends who had graduated from the program.

“Hesston looks good on paper with the high pass rate, and its reputation is well known,” he said.

He applied to three nursing schools, including Hesston College, and was placed on a waiting list for all of them. He reapplied the following year and was accepted into Hesston’s program.

That’s when he began to realize there was more to the program than what he read in promotional materials.

Chad applied for a CNA position at the Axtell Clinic in Newton, Kan., and when the nurse manager saw he had applied to Hesston’s nursing program, he landed the job.

As he progresses through the program, Chad knows he is finally doing something he loves.

“It has not always been easy, but I have an amazing group of people personally and at Hesston – both with my classmates and instructors,” he said. “I read about the personal attention instructors offer, but until I was receiving that help, I didn’t realize how important it was. My instructors offer help before I have a chance to ask for it. That alone makes the challenges well worth it.”

Despite the program’s outstanding reputation and outcomes, Chad says he has received more than he expected.

“The people are what make Hesston College Nursing so successful. Instructors and even the staff in financial aid and the business office that you don’t see every day give you the tools you need to succeed. There is so much more to the program than what is on the brochure.”

After graduating from Hesston College, Chad plans to continue studying for his B.S.N. through the online bridge program established between Hesston and the University of Kansas School of Nursing (Lawrence), with the ultimate goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.
Dr. Tom Clemens ’71 is in the remodeling business. He doesn’t bother with buildings and other structures; rather, he works primarily with bones. As a professor and Director of Research in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at The Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Md.), Tom and his graduate students conduct research that plays a part in discovering drugs and treatments to repair and rebuild bones for conditions like osteoporosis.

It’s fitting that he is a guiding voice for students as he knows personally how influential teachers can be. Tom’s path to the research lab was not straight, but he credits passionate and effective instructors for helping him find his way.

Looking back on his life and journey, Tom remembers being interested in biology from a young age.

“I was born a biologist,” he said. “Science is about discovery, and for me that was the attraction. There is no other job like it.”

Thanks to the influence and tutelage of instructors he encountered along the way, Tom took the road that allows him to make a difference.

“I believe that teachers can have a strong influence on students – both good and bad,” he said.

As a high school student at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School (Lansdale, Pa.), his path seemed so unclear that a guidance counselor suggested he not go to college. Tom had other ideas. Thanks to the influence of beloved high school art and biology instructor, Roland Yoder, he started at Hesston College as an art major, but soon realized it was not what he loved.

As a freshman, he found a job as a student lab technician under biology instructor Vincent Krabill, and spent the next 40-plus years focused on biology and becoming increasingly familiar with lab work.

“Hesston College gave me my start,” he said. “I connected with Vincent – he took me under his wing and I realized how much I liked biology.”

That early interaction set him on a path that led him through doctoral work and into the education field as a professor.

Research in an academic setting means independence – both in what to study and how to fund the work. Tom’s proficiency at writing research reports and funding proposals is critical to his ability to continue researching and making a difference. It’s a skill that he credits Hesston College for developing.

“Good writers are important in any field,” he said. “Gerry Lichti, my writing instructor at Hesston, was the first to show me how to write an effective essay, and that makes all the difference in my work today.”

Those who benefit from the work and research that Tom and his colleagues conduct in the lab can also be grateful for the start that helped him navigate a twisting and challenging path.

“Hesston College has professors who are outstanding at what they do – there is a commitment to service, students and concepts that’s not found at a lot of places,” Tom said. “The path I took after Hesston was really hard, but I was prepared.”

Tom earned a B.S. in biology from Goshen (Ind.) College followed by a M.S. in pharmacology from Pennsylvania State University – Hershey, a Ph.D. in biochemistry from The University of London (England) and did post-doctoral work at Massachusetts General Hospital through Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.). He has taught at Columbia University (New York, N.Y.), The University of California – Los Angeles, The University of Cincinnati (Ohio), The University of Alabama – Birmingham and has been at The Johns Hopkins University for almost five years. His wife, Priscilla (Wyse) ’72 Clemens, is a Hesston College nursing alumna.
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— Dr. Tom Clemens ’71
THE FACE OF HEALTH CARE
Nursing is the largest health care profession with about 3.1 million R.N.s in the country. A career in health care – in nursing – requires lifelong learning because things change so quickly within the field.

PASSION FOR NURSING
The public rates nurses as the most honest, ethical and trusted of occupations. Patients want to be cared for by a friendly, caring, empathetic team. They trust us to keep them safe from medical errors and infections. I believe in my heart and soul that it is the nurse who is responsible at the end of the day. That is why it is so important that nurses know how to connect with and get to know their patients. When I was a new nurse, I didn’t realize the impact I had on patients, and that communication – verbal, nonverbal and listening skills – was a primary factor in effective care. Nursing administrators look for employees with both excellent clinical and communication skills because those are the people who are able to effectively care for the many aspects of the whole person.

THE VIEW FROM EVERYWHERE
After graduating from Hesston, I completed my B.S.N. at Goshen (Ind.) College while working in the local hospital’s emergency room, and then completed my M.S.N. at the University of South Florida (Tampa). I am working on a doctorate in health care leadership from Florida State University (Tallahassee) which I am projected to finish in May 2014.

I work as the Nursing Administrator at Sarasota Memorial Hospital and as a coach for Studer Group, which works with health care organizations to improve outcomes, including patient satisfaction scores, employee turnover rates and making health care a better place in general. Overall, I have more than 30 years of experience in patient care, medical staff relations and nursing administration.

EDUCATE AND NURTURE
Hesston College did and continues to do a very good job of holding true to its mission statement. I have fond memories stemming from the college’s commitment to “educate and nurture each student,” and of the vision to be a “transforming community” – it was for me, and I know it continues to be for others.

As a student in the nursing program, I felt so much support and nurturing. I had one-to-one contact with professors who gave me confidence and made me want to learn and get better. The experience and education I got at Hesston is one I could never have gotten at a lot of universities. My career has been years in the making – starting with Hesston College – and I know that every day I have to be better. I haven’t gone everywhere yet, but I have the capacity to…

Pam Beitlich presented a continuing nursing education seminar on “Passion and Purpose in Nursing” during A Hesston College Homecoming 2013.
HESSTON EXPERIENCE
I was a 2012-13 resident assistant. Nursing keeps me busy, so I have to limit my involvement.

THE RIGHT CHOICE
For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to be a nurse. When I got to Hesston, I began to question my decision to study nursing. I enjoy relating to people and connecting with them on a deeper level, and I realized there were several careers that would allow me to do that. Being in Hesston’s nursing program and interacting with my instructors has reaffirmed my decision to become a nurse. Nursing is more than physical care; it allows me to be encouraged by patients. I hope I can be an encouragement to them as well.

NOT AFRAID OF A CHALLENGE
The nursing program is very challenging, which I love. Being challenged makes you think critically and stimulates the mind. The instructors are really what make the program, though. They are wonderful people who are always ready to help, encourage and inspire.

QUIET MOMENTS
Nursing keeps me very busy. Between class, studying and clinicals there are times when I feel like I am going nonstop. During one of those times, I was feeling the need for quiet time. That week at a hospice clinical I worked with a patient who was near death. Even though she knew she would soon die, she was at peace, inspiring and an encouragement to me. She talked about how she always had Bible study on Thursdays, so for about a half-hour we read the Bible together. It was exactly what I needed that week – just a little time to be still. It was a critical moment for me in my nursing career and showed me the mutual impact between nurse and patient.

ABOUT JESSICA
“Jessica shows enthusiasm in working with people. She has a great curiosity that will carry her throughout her entire career.” — Rita Peters, nursing instructor

GO EVERYWHERE
After Hesston I will probably go to Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Va.) to work on my B.S.N. while working part time. With my future career, I ideally see myself working as a hospice or oncology nurse. The end-of-life process intrigues me. People have very profound moments during that time as they reflect on their life. I feel like that is where I would best be able to connect more deeply with patients, hear their thoughts and, I hope, be a healing presence for them.

Jessica Graybill ’14
GAP, PA.

PARENTS: James and Donna (Denlinger) ’84 Graybill
MAJOR: Nursing
When asked to describe her schedule at Hesston College, sophomore guard Makayla Ladwig, Wichita, Kan., describes a full plate, one teeming with relationships, challenges, opportunities and faith formation that intertwine with her commitments as a student athlete. Ask anyone who knows Ladwig and they will tell you that she goes about her day with a grace and maturity well beyond her years. Her well-roundedness, above all, has endeared her to the Hesston College community.

Ladwig is visible on the Hesston campus in many ways. As a resident assistant she mentors and engages other students in the dorm. As a member of Hesston’s Inclusion and Diversity Council she seeks ways to nurture relationships across campus. As a nursing student immersed in clinicals and labs she is moving rapidly toward her career goals, and as the top returning scorer and rebounder on the women’s basketball team she is being counted on to lead this year’s squad.

In all of these areas, relationships are the common denominator that turns a busy schedule into a rewarding and life-changing college experience, Ladwig says.

“Makayla is an incredible person,” said Rebecca Eichelberger ’14, Geneva, Neb., Ladwig’s freshman year roommate. “She’s dedicated to bettering herself in her coursework, basketball and her daily walk with God. Makayla is a good listener who cares about people and will do anything to help. She has been an inspiration to me.”

“Makayla’s desire to know and learn from people from all backgrounds is evident in every interaction she makes,” said Jill Schlabach, resident director. “She cares deeply for people and sees their potential.”

“It’s my job to make sure the students in my dorm are included and have opportunities to get involved with campus life,” Ladwig said. “I sought the RA position because I wanted to be in a leadership role – one that extends my circle of interaction and gets me more involved outside of nursing and basketball.”

So why start at Hesston?

Introduced to Hesston through the college’s summer basketball league, Ladwig was impressed by the nursing program’s credentials and head coach Dan Harrison’s ’79 recruiting pitch.

“Makayla is a special individual who happens to be a gifted athlete,” Harrison said. “She came to Hesston to pursue her call of service as a nurse and was attracted to our approach of making basketball part of a balanced life that encourages our players to pursue their dreams both on and off the court.”

An all-region honor mention pick a year ago, Ladwig averaged 8.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per game on last year’s 15-win season. She is part of a deep sophomore class that Harrison will lean on in the coming months.

Beyond the classroom, dorms and basketball court, Ladwig finds time for campus activities, campus worship and other peer interactions. At the mid-point in her Hesston Experience, she is still looking for opportunities to engage the campus community.

Having a full plate has been rewarding yet stressful at times. Each of Ladwig’s responsibilities carry a natural ebb and flow that, when all converge, make for a seemingly unmanageable schedule. Support from family, friends and college staff keep her grounded. Most of all, her faith keeps her afloat.

“Trusting in God is the only reason I’m able to juggle being an RA, basketball, nursing and the rest of my college life,” Ladwig said. “He has taught me what it means to take up my cross daily and follow him; to trust him with each moment and know that he is with me and within me. Through the struggles of my difficult days, my faith in God and motivation to do more has grown.”

Harrison recognizes how special Ladwig is to his team and the campus. “We’re blessed to have her representing Hesston College as a student athlete and a servant leader preparing to make a difference in the world as a follower of Christ.”

Makayla Ladwig ’14 balances a busy schedule and manages to be a leader and encouragement to many on campus.
WHY WE ARE HESSTON COLLEGE PARTNERS

Eric ’85 and Melody (Short) ’85 Short-Miller

The list of reasons we value Hesston College is quite extensive but the overarching theme is the experience that it provides to students in all aspects of life. We are more than just physical beings—we’re also emotional, mental and spiritual. Hesston does a marvelous job of addressing all aspects of a person and is committed to the growth of the whole of an individual.

Hesston does a great job in helping students move from a faith based on their childhood and/or their parents’ teaching to a faith that they claim as their own. The curriculum for all students challenges them to break away from the easy Sunday school answers and think critically. We found, both for ourselves when we were students, and with our children who have and are attending Hesston College, that the faculty and staff are involved in providing support for making that crucial step of continuing a faith journey. It allows for questioning and provides support for the student to develop the answer.

In our own experience, we found Hesston’s classes challenging, and we felt well prepared as we transferred to a large state university to continue our education. Hesston’s quality of teaching and concern of the instructors is unparalleled in our view.

It’s not just the mental and spiritual aspect that Hesston nurtured, but also the emotional. We were able to participate in choir and student life, and formed friendships that have lasted. Hesston does a great job of getting students involved immediately. As parents, we were impressed watching our children make immediate connections during Opening Weekends and see how the college always strives to involve every student in meaningful, fun ways.

The experiences we have and continue to observe have inspired us to support an institution that we hope and pray will continue to shape future generations.

Eric and Melody (Bellingham, Wash.) are parents to Mara ’12, Rachel ’15 and high school junior Jonah. Pictured from left are Jonah, Mara, Melody, Rachel and Eric.
HONORING LEGACIES, HELPING STUDENTS

Institutional scholarships are vital to the 99 percent of Hesston College students who receive institutional aid. These scholarships are awarded to students who have particular interests, qualifications or financial need. The following scholarships have been added to the list of endowed scholarships since fall of 2012.

CAROLE KING JEFFERSON ENDOWED EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
Carole King ’63 Jefferson spent 34 years working as an educator at Valley City (N.D.) State University. The scholarship was established by her family following her death in December 2011 as a way to honor her passion for education and to help students pursuing education meet their goals. Recipient priority will be given to students intending to major in education.

BARBARA K. REBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Barbara Reber spent a life committed to ministry. While her husband, Don ’49, was a student at Hesston College, Barbara worked for Hesston College Food Service. Barbara and Don spent 15 years in Japan with Mennonite Board of Missions. Barbara also held Bible classes in their home and founded Mennonite Association of Retired Persons, which became Service Opportunities for Older People. She passed away in January 2012.

The scholarship will be awarded to Pastoral Ministries students.

KENNETH STEIDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Kenneth Steider ’49 served Hesston College as librarian and part-time English instructor from 1955 to 1966, where he helped establish the Mary Miller Library. He then spent 27 years serving and teaching in Taiwan. Upon retiring in 1993 Kenneth returned to Hesston where he volunteered at the college, providing tutoring support and serving as a mentor and resource for international students.

The scholarship fund was set up by Steider’s family following his death in September 2011 and benefits international students, honoring the places and people he held dear.

THE GENE ZAID AND JIM YODER SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP
Najib “Gene” Zaid ’71 left his home in Palestine’s West Bank for Hesston College where his interest in chemistry and physics was fueled in part by his chemistry instructor Jim Yoder ’62. This became Gene’s starting point for founding the multi-million dollar enterprise, JACAM Chemicals in Sterling, Kan.

The scholarship will be awarded to sophomore students who demonstrate an aptitude and passion for a career in chemistry or the sciences.

DEVELOPING KINGDOM SERVANTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
The scholarship was established by David and Karen Seehusen in appreciation for the excellent academic and spiritual enrichment their daughters Suzanne Seehusen ’91 and Karri (Seehusen) ’95 Larson received as Hesston College students. The scholarship will be awarded to students who exhibit Christian leadership potential.

HESSTON COLLEGE INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP
The changing profile of race and ethnicity within Mennonite Church USA and the college’s ongoing work with inclusion and diversity was the inspiration for the Hesston College Inclusion Scholarship, established in the spring of 2013 by Annette (Steider) ’83 Brown, who is also a member of the Hesston College Board of Directors, and her husband, Greg.

The scholarship will benefit students from underrepresented groups within Mennonite Church USA.
The Hesston College community and Homecoming Weekend guests gathered for Friday chapel with speaker and nursing alumna Lisa Harrelson ’09. About 500 guests were on campus for the weekend activities.

Opposite page, bottom left: Gloria (Balzer) ’80 Solis, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A. hugs nursing faculty member Joyce Huber after presenting her with a gift during Gloria’s Holistic Health symposium keynote address, “The future of nursing: It’s in our hands.” Gloria is Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Operating Officer at St. Luke’s East Hospital in Lee’s Summit, Mo. Alumni working in the nursing and health care fields presented on industry changes and trends during the symposium.

Opposite page, bottom right: Sharay Capring Lee ’12 shares about her “everywhere experience” as a nurse during the Saturday evening alumni banquet.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING 2014
SEPT. 25 TO 28
EACH OTHER’S LIGHT: A MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

Top left: Mischa De Jesus ’14 (Kalona, Iowa) paints Ayaka Seno’s ’14 (Kanagawa-ken, Japan) face during the Friday evening Family Festival. Other Family Festival events included men’s and women’s soccer games, a volleyball match, a barbecue picnic and activities for the whole family.

Top right: Children enjoy a barrel train ride around campus during the Family Festival.

Bottom left: Amanda Yoder ’08 shares with classmates during the Class of 2008 reunion Saturday afternoon. Also pictured from left are Erica Stoltzfus, Caleb Miller and Janell (Maust) ’09 Mast.

Bottom right: Vice President of Advancement Yvonne (Yoder) ’71 Sieber, President Howard Keim ’72 and Director of Alumni and Church Relations Dallas Stutzman ’76 present Ida (Hartzler) Slagell with a certificate as an honorary member of the class of 1941 at the Partner Appreciation Luncheon. Ida attended Hesston College for six weeks in the early 1940s before returning home for a family medical emergency, but has remained a loyal supporter.
Before the Hesston College campus welcomed guests for Homecoming 2013, 68 golfers hit the links at the Hesston Golf Park for more than a friendly competition. Alumni and friends of the college as well as local business representatives and charitable contributors golfed to support Hesston College student scholarships.

The first Hesston College Student Scholarship Golf Benefit, sponsored by the college’s neighbor and loyal supporter, Excel Industries, Inc., with help from Hesston Golf Park manager Floyd Sowers ’71, was Sept. 26 and the kickoff event for Homecoming 2013. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Jim and Belle Boyts Scholarship Fund, given in honor of long-time college supporters Jim Ac52 and Belle (Stoltzfus) Ac52 Boyts.

The average Hesston College student receives more than $14,000 per year in scholarships and grants. This includes institutional scholarships and grants that come from the Hesston College Annual Fund and endowed scholarships. The financial aid is raised in a variety of ways – about 80 percent of the Annual Fund is given by Partners who commit to give $500 or more annually to the college. The annual Phonathon raises another portion, and 159 endowed scholarships – established with directed honorary or memorial funds – are awarded to students who have particular interests, qualifications or financial need.

Golf benefits have been part of the college’s fundraising efforts for 26 years. Three annual golf benefits provide an opportunity to golf for student scholarships. The National Golf Benefit is every spring in the Phoenix area and draws participants from across the country; the Nebraska Golf Benefit is held in June in Milford, Neb.; and the new Hesston College Student Scholarship Golf Benefit replaced the Kansas Golf Benefit in 2013 – an event organized by Orvin Ac55 and Peggy (Brunk) ’58 Miller for 25 years.

“Golf benefits are a fun way for Hesston College supporters to connect with one another while helping provide important financial aid options for students,” said Yvonne (Yoder) ’71 Sieber, vice president of Advancement.

Faithful supporters, like Excel Industries, sponsor and organize the tournaments on behalf of the college so all of the funds raised can be reserved specifically for financial aid. In 2012-13, the college’s three golf benefits raised more than $31,000 for student scholarships.

Golfers receive more than recognition for their charitable donation. They are also eligible to win exciting prizes, like the Big Dog lawn mower manufactured and donated by Excel for the September event.

“We are so grateful for alumni, donors and sponsors who recognize the need that exists for educating future leaders and are willing to support the college while participating in a hobby they enjoy,” Sieber said. Harold Winsinger won the Big Dog mower given by Excel Industries at the first Hesston College Student Scholarship Golf Benefit. Winsinger returned the mower, and it was put up for auction and purchased by Norm Yoder ’69. Pictured from left are Bob Mullet Ac63, ’65, vice president of Excel; Paul Mullet ’70, president and CEO of Excel; Yoder and Winsinger.

2014 GOLF BENEFITS

April 12, 2014 – National Golf Benefit at Raven Golf Club at Verrado, Buckeye, Ariz.

June 16, 2014 – Nebraska Golf Benefit at Thornridge Golf Course, Milford, Neb.

Sept. 25, 2014 – Hesston College Student Scholarship Golf Benefit at Hesston (Kan.) Golf Park

For more information on golf visit hesston.edu.
What do you most value about the nursing program?

I chose nursing because I want what I do to make a difference in someone’s life.

All of the instructors in the nursing program are so supportive. Not only do they spend the extra time to help us understand the subject material, they care about us outside of the classroom, too. My instructors and classmates have become like family.

My favorite thing about the nursing program is the simulation lab with Gregg Schroeder. He makes learning fun by being outrageous and taking the fear out of nursing.

I really appreciate all of the nursing instructors. They truly care about us students and work hard to make sure we succeed.

The nursing staff all work together to give us the best education possible. Each professor cares for us as individuals and is genuinely concerned with how we are progressing as a nurse.
FALL BREAK SOCCER MATCHUPS SPLIT

The Hesston College men’s and women’s soccer teams traveled to sister institutions, Bluffton (Ohio) University and Goshen (Ind.) College, during fall break Oct. 13 and 14 for friendly competition with the schools’ junior varsity teams.

Both the Lark men and women split their games with their competitors. The women lost to Bluffton’s JV team and defeated Goshen’s JV team while the men defeated Bluffton and lost to Goshen.

CROSS COUNTRY KEEPS STEADY PACE

The men’s and women’s cross country teams, coached by veteran Hesston College coach Gerry Sieber ’64, proved to be steady competitors during the 2013 season, as has been the case since the program’s inception in 2011-12.

The women’s team was led by four returning sophomores and strengthened by three freshman. The men’s team looked to five returning sophomores for leadership and four freshman rounded out the team.

Both teams traveled to Colorado during fall break Oct. 11 to 15 for altitude training, team building and sightseeing.

MEN’S BASKETBALL ENVISIONS BRIGHT SEASON

Sixth-year men’s basketball coach Dustin Galyon ’04 is eager to unleash a roster he expects will bring excitement and energy to Yost Center. Nine new faces complement five returners from last year’s 21-win team that fell an overtime period short of the Region VI championship game.

The Larks feature a stout schedule, including eight non-region contests versus in-state NJCAA Division I opponents and a 10-game Region VI slate that features traditional powers Johnson County CC (Overland Park, Kan.) and Brown Mackie College (Salina, Kan.), last year’s Region VI tournament winner.

“This group has the potential to be the best defensive and rebounding team that I have ever had,” said Galyon. “We have an incredible non-region schedule, and I believe we’ll be a tougher and more focused team because of it.”
HESSTON COLLEGE'S 104TH YEAR UNDERWAY

Hesston College kicked off the 2013-14 year with Opening Weekend Aug. 16 to 18 and the first day of classes Aug. 19. Traditions like Opening Celebration, freshman games, a campus-wide picnic, Mod Olympics and volleyball and men’s and women’s soccer scrimmages helped welcome students and their families to the Hesston College community.

Official fall enrollment numbers for the year are 449 students from 32 states and 17 countries. A wide variety of cultures, countries, backgrounds and experiences are represented with 64 new and returning international students making up 14 percent of the total enrollment. Students from Kansas comprise 44 percent of the student population, with 42 percent coming from other states.

“Hesston College has a long tradition of attracting students from across the country and around the world, which ultimately enriches the experience for each student,” said Rachel Swartzendruber '00 Miller, vice president of Admissions and Financial Aid.
EXTENDING HOME

The college’s campus-wide theme for the 2013-14 year is Extending Home: Stories of Migration and Transformation, inspired by the common read book *Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman’s Quest to Make a Difference* (Spiegel & Grau, 2009) and spearheaded by First Year Experience seminar.

“Extending home changes everyone,” said FYE co-director Karen Sheriff LeVan. “The concept of extending home harkens a relationship between long-time residents and new members that is inclusive and transformative, with mutual reciprocity intended. Yet as *Outcasts United* depicts, such mutuality is rarely comfortable and is consistently challenging. It does not come quickly or easily.”

The author of *Outcasts United*, Warren St. John, a journalist and former *New York Times* reporter, was on campus Sept. 19 to share about his experiences researching the book, which focuses on the challenges and rewards of refugee resettlement and creating community in an atmosphere where people do not seem to have much in common.

STUDENTS GIVE A WEEK OF SERVICE

Students enrolled in the First Year Experience had the opportunity to serve in various ways on campus and in the local community during Service Week Sept. 3 to 7. Service projects included spending time with elderly residents at neighboring Schowalter Villa and the Hesston Area Senior Center, helping with the Dyck Arboretum’s annual plant sale, painting and cleaning at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter in Newton, serving meals at the Lord’s Diner soup kitchen in Wichita and packaging books for the Ethiopia Reads project.

*Top left:* Mod 1CS works to untangle themselves during Opening Weekend 2013’s Mod Olympics.

*Bottom left:* A brother and sister mod group pass a hula hoop around the circle as quickly as possible during Mod Olympics. Pictured from left are sophmores Austin Brinkman (Bloomington, Ill.), Megan Go-odrich (Buchanan, Mich.), Emily Taylor (Buhler, Kan.), and freshmen Savannah Sizer (Littleton, Colo.), Raivon Smith (Plano, Texas), and Taylor Drew (Wylie, Texas).

*Top right:* Warren St. John, author of *Outcasts United*, speaks to the campus and local community during a Sept. 19 campus visit.

*Bottom right:* Misaki Murakami ’15 (Osaka, Japan) fishes with Schowalter Villa resident Allen Bitikofer Ac38 at Lake Vista as part of Service Week.
COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

New faculty and staff members for the 2013-14 school year include: Kyle Albrecht ’12, aviation flight instructor; Jessica Alexander, co-director of campus activities, snack shop and Larks Nest manager; Becky (Friesen) ’05 Armstrong, director of international student services; Suzanne Burch, aviation administrative assistant; Donna Diener, library assistant; Myron Diener ’78, tennis coach; Sheri Esau, Advancement administrative assistant; Jeremy Ewy ’92, campus facilities; Jan Gattis, bookstore clerk; Kathryn Glanzer, English instructor; Heidi Hochstetler ’00, student support services, Writing Fellows co-director, College Writing instructor; Ethan Koerner, theatre lighting designer; Mark Landes, vice president of Finance and Auxiliary Services; Jasmine Martin ’09, co-director of campus activities; Kaitlyn Mast ’10, admissions counselor; Brent McNeil, assistant baseball coach; Bethany Miller ’08, admissions counselor; Marelby Mosquera ’04, science and English as a Second Language instructor; Dan Muhwezi, sociology instructor; Stacey Mumaw, assistant cook; Carlota Ponds, Alumni and Church Relations administrative assistant; Brett Prothro, Dyck Arboretum staff; Zac Remboldt, graphic designer; David Rudy ’13, aviation flight instructor; and Megan Tyner, theatre technical director.

Marelby Mosquera ’04 teaches an Introductory Chemistry class.

REFER A STUDENT

Do you know a high school student who should know more about the Hesston Experience? Send us their name and contact information so we can be in touch soon!

Send to Admissions Office
Hesston College
Box 3000
Hesston, KS 67062
or email admissions@hesston.edu

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City, State, ZIP ____________________
Phone ____________________________
Current year in school ______________
1930 to 1939

DEATHS

Dorothy (Schweitzer) '39 Ac33 Vogt, Hesston, Kan., Sept. 20, 2013
Levi Yoder Ac38, South Hutchinson, Kan., Nov. 11, 2012
Menno Diener Ac39, Ephrata, Pa., June 7, 2013

1940 to 1949

DEATHS

Gladys (Schweitzer) ’42 Sommerfeld, Hesston, Kan., Sept. 20, 2013
Ardith (Johnston) Ac43 Chupp, Milford, Ind., Jan. 16, 2013
Norman Teague Ac44, ’48, Avoca, Va., April 3, 2013
From Copley, Ohio, April 2, 2013

1950 to 1959

DEATHS


1960 to 1969

DEATHS

Richard Kauffman ’66, Goshen, Ind., works full time at Christian Century magazine, based in Chicago, Ill.
Thomas Lichti ’68, Waipahu, Hawaii, began as system analyst at Aloha Air Cargo in Honolulu in August 2013.
Anthony “Tony” Brown ’69, faculty, Albuquerque, N.M., received the 2013 Culture for Service Award from Goshen (Ind.) College on Oct. 4 for his work as an international peacemaker through music.

1970 to 1979

DEATHS

Mary Lou (Swartzendruber) ’73 Farmer, Washington, Iowa., completed 12 years as administrator of Crooked Creek Christian Camp in August 2013 after 19 years working in various capacities at the camp.
Shirley (Ficke) ’78 Heim, Asheville, N.C., is attending Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (Asheville, N.C.) and studying medical office administration with a projected graduation date of May 2014.

1980 to 1989

DEATHS

Wanda (Zehr) ’70 Doig, Plain City, Ohio, Aug. 30, 2013
Robert Ulrich ’70, Eureka, Ill., Feb. 15, 2013
Harold Kauffman ’77, Mifflintown, Pa., May 14, 2013

1990 to 1999

DEATHS

James Lewis ’80, Houston, Texas, Jan. 8, 2013
Beth (Grieser) ’83 Neuenschwander, Archbold, Ohio, April 19, 2013

BIRTHS

Joe ’85 and Jesse Lehman, Black Mountain, N.C., Jonah Liechty, July 5, 2012

1970 to 1979

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DEATHS

Martin Kerekes, husband of Clara Claassen '94
Kerekes, Newton, Kan., May 24, 2013

BIRTHS

Wendell '92 and Marie Bontrager, Haven, Kan.: Micah Lane, Nov. 11, 2012

Amy (Beachy) '96 and Todd Skelton, Kalona, Iowa: Kinley Rae, Feb. 8, 2013


Correction: Travis '97 and Gini Trotter, Harrisonburg, Va., Nola Jean Shew, July 10, 2012

Bradley Schmidt '99 and Anna Förster; Leipzig, Germany: Caspar Elias Förster, May 14, 2013

2000 to 2009

Several Hesston alumni are leading Service Adventure teams around the country through Mennonite Mission Network. Service Adventure gives young adults, ages 17 to 20, a 10-month service assignment. Leaders mentor participants, focusing on faith formation and leadership development. Leaders include Renee Neufeld ‘00, Anchorage, Alaska; Ben '02 and Jill (Swiers) '03 Baker, Albany, Ore.; and Jeron '03 and Leah (Yoder) '04 Baker, Raleigh, N.C.

Sara (Kauffman) '01 Mwagura, State College, Pa., works as a preschool teacher at a lab school at Penn State University (State College).

Lynette Nussbaum '02, Frankfurt, Germany, is a special education teacher for grades 6 to 8 at Frankfurt International School.

Roderick Miller '03, (above) Elkhart, Ind., graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Ind.) in May with a master of arts: theological studies degree with a concentration in biblical studies.

Derek Christophel '04, Cofradia, Honduras, left his job at Excel Industries, Inc. (Hesston, Kan.) to teach 7th to 9th grade math at a bilingual school in Honduras in 2013-14.

Audra Christophel '06, Tucson, Ariz., is the 2013 recipient of the Bill Emerson National Leadership Award for her work with anti-hunger and anti-poverty at the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona Community Food Resource Center.

Lou Gomez '06, Newton, Kan., and his wife, Elizabeth Raid, were appointed as the campus pastoral team at Mennonite Friendship Communities, a retirement and health care facility in South Hutchinson, Kan. They provide pastoral care for residents and staff across the campus.

Micah Loucks '06, Detroit, started in January as an innovation counselor at Michigan State University Extension Service. He works with small start-up businesses in Detroit.

Katie Sowers '06 and Liz Sowers '06, Kansas City, Mo., were members of the 2013 champion Team USA at the International Federation of American Football's Women's World Championships in Vantaa, Finland. Katie was named to the all-star team at defensive back. Katie and Liz both play for the Kansas City Titans in the Women’s Football Alliance.

Elisa (Schrag) '08 Milam, Winston Salem, N.C., graduated from Calvary Bible College (Kan) in 2011 with a B.A. in biblical counseling.

Kimberly Friesen '09, Madison, Wis., graduated from Goshen College in 2011 with a B.A. in art. She works as a chocolatier at Gail Ambrosius Chocolatier in Madison.

Kirsten Garver '09, Newton, Kan., began the Doctorate of Nursing Practice program at Wichita (Kan.) State University in August 2013. Upon completion of the program, Kirsten will be a nurse practitioner with a focus on family practice.

MARRIAGES

Mark Trout '01, former staff and Victoria Klingbeil, Minot, N.D., Aug. 3, 2013

Lance Friesen '02 and Lacey Graber '03, Freeman, S.D., April 28, 2012

Laura Bergey '04 and Jacob Wiebe, Chesapeake, Va., June 22, 2013

Adam Friesen '04 and Kelsie Miller, Goshen, Ind., March 30, 2013

Dustin Galyon '04, staff and Marissa Vermillion '13, Hesston, Kan., Aug. 31, 2013

Rachel Hochstetler '04 and Tim Balzer, Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 28, 2013

Daniel King '04 and Robyn Mast '05, Hutchinson, Kan., May 27, 2012

Rhoda Nisly '04 and Jonathan Phillips, Johnstown, Colo., Sept. 29, 2012

Kristi Wenger '04 and Ryan Stoltzfus, Steeles Tavern, Va., April 21, 2012

Kristin Yoder '04 and Johnny Trujillo, Denver, Sept. 14, 2013

Fjaere Harder '05 and Adam Nussbaum, Eau Claire, Wis., Sept. 14, 2013


Alex Roth '05 and Benjamin Lugibuhl, Portland, Ore.,
July 6, 2013
Amy Gerhardt ’07 and Donald Sunday, Topeka, Kan., Aug. 31, 2013
Denae Gigstad ’07 and Justin Lillie, Fort Dodge, Iowa, July 27, 2013
Brittany Roth ’07 and Nick Green, Santa Rosa, Calif., Aug. 24, 2013
CJ Unruh ’07 and Billy Byler, Wichita, Kan., June 1, 2013
Kimberly Friesen ’09 and Micah Kulp, Madison, Wis., June 16, 2013
Tiffany Friesen ’09 and Michael Simmons, Pucallpa, Peru, May 31, 2013
Janell Maust ’09 and Ethan Mast ’10, faculty, Hesston, Kan., June 29, 2013

BIRTHS
Jeremy ’00 and Erin (Nebel) ’00 Kempf, Glendale, Ariz.: Kyler Bram, Nov. 13, 2012
Patrick ’01 and Abbe Buller, Goshen, Ind.: Isaac Sidney, Sept. 12, 2012
Amanda (Unruh) ’01, ’03 and Kelly Ratzlaff, Lewis, Kan.: Lydia Jo, May 31, 2013
Matt Schmidt ’02 and Joanna Toews, Santa Fe, N.M.: Amalia Ruth, May 2, 2013
Stephanie (Jackson) ’02 and Justin ’03 Yoder, Hesston, Kan.: Braxton Michael, March 9, 2013
Justin ’03 and Ranee (Gingerich) ’03 Brokaw, Parnell, Iowa: Hudson True, June 26, 2013
Ben ’03 and Sarah Schlegel, Kokomo, Ind.: Joshua Benjamin, Sept. 21, 2013
Danae (Unruh) ’04 and James Kauffman, Hesston, Kan.: Eli Derek, Sept. 30, 2013
Daniel ’04 and Lauren Schmidt, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Jasiri Harrison, March 24, 2013
Nathanael ’04 and Audra (Hofer) ’08 Shue, Denver, Colo.: Skylar Katherine, Aug. 8, 2013

CD SALES BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIPS & LATIN AMERICAN BUSINESSES

The 2012-13 Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, under the direction of Bradley Kauffman, touched many audiences across the country with the program “Songs of a Wayfarer,” a moving depiction of the immigrant experience of sojourn, isolation and solace inspired by the 2012-13 common read Enrique’s Journey (Random House Trade Paperbacks, 2007) by Sonia Nazario.

The program was recorded to CD with sale proceeds being split evenly to provide student scholarships and, through Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA), assist small businesses in Latin America. Half of the proceeds will go to the Hesston College Inclusion Scholarship, which was created through the college’s ongoing work with inclusion and diversity. MEDA will use the other half to work with local partners in low-income countries to improve access to capital and markets for small and medium enterprises – often family owned – to grow their businesses and create jobs.

The Songs of a Wayfarer CD can be purchased for $15 through the Hesston College Bookstore by calling 620-327-8105 or going to books.hesston.edu.
Andy ’04 and Keli Wray, Beloit, Kan.: Langston Andrew, April 25, 2013
Heli ’05 and Belinda Chambi, South Bend, Ind.: Santiago Heli, July 13, 2013
Hananiel “Nathan” Gunawan ’05 and Yossy Imelda Sutjipto, Surabaya, Indonesia: Brightong Keysorzi Brandon ’05 and Megan (Yoder) ’06 Wengerd, Garden City, Mo.: Adeline Maybel, Aug. 8, 2013
Micah ’06 and Lucy Loucks, Detroit, Mich.: Lawrence “Rory” Wayne, June 18, 2013
Ben ’06 and Danielle Stutzman, Adair, Okla.: Jaxon Case, Aug. 2, 2013
Lindsay (Suderman) ’06 and AJ ’07 Smith, Evergreen, Colo.: Harrison James, July 4, 2013
Kevin ’06 and Rebecca Stoltzfus, Ketchikan, Alaska: Silas Joshua, Sept. 17, 2013
Grant ’07 and Julia (Klassen) ’07 Baker, Middlebury, Ind.: Jackson Grant, May 23, 2013
Eric ’07 and Karman ’07 Miller, South Hutchinson, Kan.: Grayson Dune, Oct. 19, 2012
Josh ’08 and Kyla (Yoder) ’08 Wiebe, London, Ky.: Allyson Renae, April 17, 2013
Evan ’09 and Marajane Heusinkveld, Severn, Md.: Brooklyn Natasha, July 25, 2013

2010 to 2013

Dmitry Bucklin ’10, Beloit, Kan., is music director at St. John’s Catholic School.
Ana Loucks ’10, Goshen, Ind., graduated from Goshen College in April 2013 with a degree in social work, women’s studies and peace, justice and conflict studies. She works as a skills trainer at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center in Goshen.
Darren Bontrager ’11, Vicksburg, Miss., began a 10-month internship with FEMA as a support team leader in July.
Kylie Goodell ’11, Lenexa, Kan., completed paramedic training and is employed as an emergency room RN at Research Medical Center, Kansas City, Mo.
David Tedone ’11, Wichita, Kan., is a reintegration social worker with St. Francis Community Services.
Taylor Funk ’12, Hays, Kan., is a CNA at Signature Nurses, Inc. (Phillipsburg, Kan.) and is preparing for nursing school.
Destavia Davis ’13, Nacogdoches, Texas, is a member of the women’s basketball team at Southern Arkansas University (Magnolia).
Jacob Landis ’13, Sterling, Ill., participated in Mennonite Church USA’s Ministry Inquiry Program during summer 2013 at Scottdale (Pa.) Mennonite Church before transferring to Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Va.), where he is a member of the cross country team.
Mollie Nebel ’13, Hesston, Kan., is the top women’s cross country runner at Goshen College. Mollie was an all-region volleyball player and Academic All-American at Hesston.
Elizabeth Miller ’10 and Michael Linscheid, Reedley, Calif., July 20, 2013
Paul Schrag ’10 and Andrea Pankratz ’11, Hesston, Kan., Sept. 14, 2013
Luci Eash ’11 and Matthew Miller, South Hutchinson, Kan., June 8, 2013
Sarah Lederman ’11 and Alex Roth ’11, Middlebury, Ind., June 22, 2013
Andrew Miller ’11 and Erica Graber, Newton, Kan., June 1, 2013
Laura Good ’11 and Vincente Sorrells ’11, Fisher, Ill., July 20, 2013
Laura Unruh ’11 and Jared Unrua, Newton, Kan., Aug. 31, 2013
Adam Weaver ’11 and Grael Miller, Goshen, Ind., June 1, 2013
Rachel Tippin ’13 and Chad Friesen, Omaha, Neb., May 26, 2013

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

13 Alumni/Community Basketball Night
15 to 16 Prospective student visit weekend
16 Campus Open House visit
21 Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts: JazzReach (at Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.)
28 to 30 Thanksgiving Family Weekend
28 Thanksgiving dinner buffet
   Amahl and the Night Visitors
   Thanksgiving Talent Show
29 Howard Hustle Two-Mile Run/Walk
   Music Program concert
   Student-directed one-act play
   Thanksgiving Classic Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament
30 Amahl and the Night Visitors
   Kinship Concealed book signing
   Thanksgiving Classic Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament
See the full Thanksgiving Weekend schedule online at hesston.edu.

DECEMBER

5 Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts:
   Wichita Chamber Chorale
   (Hesston Mennonite Church)
13 End of fall semester

JANUARY

8 Spring semester classes start
19 Tony Brown performs I Go On Singing
   in Goshen, Ind.
19 to 20 Prospective student visit weekend
31 Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts:
   Rachel de Benedet (Bethel College)

FEBRUARY

6 Tony Brown spirituals concert at at the University of New Mexico (Albuquerque)
9 Guest piano recital with Avguste Antonov
12 Tony Brown performs I Go On Singing
   in Chicago, Ill.
13 Bel Canto Singers and Hesston College Chorale concert Valentine event
   Tony Brown performs I Go On Singing
   in Chicago, Ill.
   Bel Canto Singers tour to Nebraska
14 to 16 Prospective student visit weekend
16 to 17 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series:
   Reading the Bible in an Instagram World
   Ted Swartz: church leader in residence
24 to 26 Spring play: Tartuffe
26 Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts:
27 Los Angeles Guitar Quartet
   (Hesston Mennonite Church)
28 to March 1 Prospective student and Leadership Scholars visit weekend
28 to March 2 Spring play: Tartuffe
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- Great for sophomores, juniors or seniors
- One-day visit (Saturday)
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- Dates include:
  › Nov. 16, 2013
  › March 1, 2014
  › April 26, 2014

VISIT WEEKEND
- Great for juniors and seniors
- Students hosted in dorms by student ambassadors
- One-on-one meetings with faculty, coaches, Student Life, Financial Aid and others.
- Features: auditions, tryouts, campus tour, weekend campus activities and sitting in on a class
- Opportunities to connect with future classmates
- Dates include:
  › Nov. 15 to 16, 2013
  › Nov. 28 to 30, 2013 (Little Siblings Visit Weekend)
  › January 19 to 20, 2014
  › February 16 to 17, 2014
  › February 28 to March 1, 2014
  › March 21 to 22, 2014
  › April 25 to 26, 2014
  › Or any date that works for you!

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