Transformation: Seen and Unseen

This is a transforming place. It is constantly changing – sometimes rapidly, sometimes slowly, but always evolving into the kind of campus that serves its students in new ways. There are the obvious changes on our campus visible to the eyes and ears. We hear the carillon bells, added this fall. We enjoy the trees planted as part of our 75th anniversary. We see the new signs and park in the new, spacious entry lot. We marvel at the new space created in Northlawn for performing arts education.

Programs change too. We started the Nursing and Aviation programs in the late 60s and early 70s. We now graduate more than 50 nurses a year and have more than 100 graduates flying for major airlines. Foundation Studies was a wonderful innovation for a period of time, but has given way to more rigorous work within disciplines and transfer-ready courses. For 10 years we enjoyed hosting students from Central America and the Caribbean through the Peace Scholarship Program. Many programs have been started and later modified or discontinued. We are always transforming.

We plan, believing a new initiative may be transforming, but we only recognize transformation in looking back. Some of our most profound endeavors are least visible at the time. Getting our first regional accreditation in the 1960s, planting trees in the 1980s and measuring quality in the 2000s are prime examples. All of these serve the transformation that is far more eternal and profound but least visible to the eye – the transformation of the person. This is our real work – helping students connect with their past while seeing the future with new eyes. We help students to value their own culture while learning from the cultures of other students. We wrestle with real world problems while developing the faith and hope that motivates us to make the world a better place. We study salvation history to connect ourselves with God.

Our students see this to some degree while they are here, but they see it far more clearly when they look back. As you read this issue, I hope you are reminded of the transformations of the college, but even more of your own transformations. Thank you for your support and prayer for this transforming community.

Dr. Howard Keim ’72, President
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For 86 years, Green Gables stood on the Kansas prairie as a visual marker for Hesston College and the first physical realization of the college’s founders’ dreams. For alumni through the mid-1990s, it was a place of growth, antics and memories that define the Hesston Experience. In 1995 the historic building was torn down due to deteriorating conditions, but in 2015, Green Gables made a return to the Hesston College campus to acquaint new and future generations of students with its history.
Before Green Gables was torn down in June 1995, Mel Diller Ac66, ’68 (Hesston), a hobbyist woodworker, had the foresight to collect photos and measurements of the building in the event that he would someday build a scale model. He even went so far as to have his pilot son, Aaron Diller ’95, take him up in a Cessna 150 to get pictures of the roofline.

For 14 years Diller’s research sat unused, until the summer of 2009 when Dallas Stutzman ’76, director of Alumni and Church Relations, contacted him about building a model of Green Gables for the college’s centennial celebration that fall. Diller agreed to the project but said it might be the following spring until it would be completed.

“When I agreed to the project, I didn’t know what the finished product would or should look like,” said Diller.

As planning and construction commenced, the scope of the project increased – both in the sense of the details involved and in what it meant to Diller personally.

Over its lifetime, Green Gables went through a series of transformations to fit the changing needs of Hesston College and its students. Diller decided to recreate Green Gables in its original 1909 form – which excluded features such as fire escapes – in 1/24th scale. Blueprints from the original construction no longer existed, but vibrant descriptions from John Sharp’s ’73 centennial history, *Hesston College 1909-2009: A School on the Prairie* (Cascadia Publishing House, 2009), helped Diller create the building to mirror its earliest days.

“What took the most time was figuring out how to make to scale 95 windows that operate, almost 2,500 sections of wood shingles, siding, flooring, five panel doors and transoms for the first floor, a lighting system, stairways and porch railing,” said Diller.

The porch railing, columns and floor were created from original salvaged wood. As Diller and his wife Norma collected material prior to the demolition, they discovered on the paper beneath the siding near the front doors, a large heart with two names inscribed in it. Even that Valentine lives on beneath the model siding, now bearing the Dillers’ names.

Diller also completed the interior of the first floor and basement to reflect the original layout – a challenge since so few photos exist of the original interior and numerous renovations had been done over the years.

Over the six years and hundreds of hours of work of the model’s construction, the project took on more significance for
Diller than just a woodworking project.

“Green Gables holds so much importance for the start of Hesston College, but as I worked on the building, I came to realize it was just that: a building, built to suit the needs of Hesston College at that time,” said Diller. “More importantly, it was and is the people that make Hesston College what it is.”

Helping Diller to reach that realization was the photo that appears on the cover of A School on the Prairie. Pictured there are the first students, faculty and staff of Hesston College in 1909 outside of the newly constructed Green Gables – yet unnamed – but the only physical presence of the brand new school. Leaning against the porch railing are John and Henrietta Cooprider, the building’s first caretaker and cook, and Diller’s great-grandparents. Their children were among some of the first students and faculty, and they began a legacy that, to date, spans five generations of Diller’s family.

“This is just part of the fabric that makes Hesston College what it is today as a growing, vibrant and varied institution,” said Diller. “Each person’s stories and experiences are what make Hesston College so special.”

As the model was unveiled in its new home in the front lobby of Northlawn during Homecoming Weekend 2015, alumni reminisced on their own memories and stories of Green Gables – many of which, noted Diller, took place on the missing fire escapes. Those who lived in the building pointed out the windows of the rooms in which they lived and shared stories with one another of the antics and growth that took place within the building’s walls.

During commencement weekend 1995, more than 100 alumni and friends gathered to say farewell to Green Gables. Orpha Zimmerly, matron and dean of women in the building from 1946-53 (and in Erb Hall from 1964-71) presented a monologue giving Green Gables a first-person voice:

“I’m only a building but in the providence of God [I] have been a specific building for a specific cause for a specific time. … Tucked within me are millions of secrets, prayers, visions, dreams and commitments. … I would feel very honored to have good pictures of me framed to grace appropriate places on campus.

Perhaps a full model will suffice.”

The above photos show the progression of the scale model’s construction. Photos provided by Mel Diller.
SEE WHAT’S NEW: NORTHLAWN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION

**Top left and right:** The front entry of the Northlawn Center for Performing Arts Education is an addition to the existing building, providing a welcoming entrance and access to the lower level. The glass front lets natural light into the building and offers an expansive view of campus.

**Bottom left:** Finishing Northlawn’s lower level doubled the usable space, and now houses the Campus Worship Center in honor of Marion Bontrager; Mininger Classroom in honor of former faculty members Jim Ac61 and Virginia Mininger; the Rodgers Piano Lab made possible through the generosity of Pearl (Hershberger) Ac44, ’45 Rodgers and music faculty member Ken Rodgers ’85; practice rooms; theatre green rooms and storage space; a kitchenette and lounge space for gathering and studying.

**Bottom right:** A view of the lower level from the Campus Worship Center in Honor of Marion Bontrager.

**Opposite page:** Practice rooms in the lower level contain sound and are individually temperature controlled.

Jeremy Delly ’16 (Port-Au-Prince, Haiti) performs a monologue for Homecoming guests in the Helmuth Studio Theatre named for donor Jon Helmuth ’91.

Men’s and women’s theatre dressing rooms give student performers adequate space to prepare for shows.

The Bel Canto Singers warm up on their first practice of the year in the Sauder Vocal Music Room named in honor of Partners Myrl and Freida Sauder and Maynard and Carolyn Sauder of Sauder Manufacturing Co., Archbold, Ohio.

The Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Rebecca Schloneger, rehearses in the Mabee Instrumental Music Room named in honor of the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla., which provided a substantial grant to the project and has helped fund several Hesston College campaigns over the years.

Casey Perez ’16 (Kalona, Iowa) has a voice lesson with music faculty member Matt Schloneger ’92. Faculty offices all contain elements to improve acoustics.

Students lead and participate in weekly Campus Worship in the Campus Worship Center in honor of Marion Bontrager. Bontrager ’57 helped start Campus Worship in the early 1970s and taught Bible and ministry courses for 40 years before retiring in May 2014.
What better way to explore ministry than to dive in and do it.

That’s what Michele (Schrock) ’81 Hershberger thought when she gave her students in Exploring Ministry the year-long assignment of the Missional Discipleship Initiative – a model of intentional and relational discipleship that takes to heart the Great Commission’s command of “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

The model on which the assignment is based was developed for church congregations by Mennonite Mission Network personnel Marvin Lorenzana and Hershberger’s husband Del, in an effort to grow and train church leaders through relational discipling.

“The Bible shows that discipleship is very intentional,” explained Lorenzana during a September visit to campus to help the class launch the assignment. “Fifty-two sermons a year does not make disciples.”

The implementation includes each of the 11 Exploring Ministry students inviting two others not in the class to participate weekly in a small group meeting, or triad, where they read and discuss scripture, share their lives, create accountability and pray with and for one another.

At each weekly meeting, the same five questions are to be asked to help lead discussion and to keep group members mindful of their actions and responsibilities:

• Where have you seen God at work this week?
• What did you hear God say to you this week during your prayer time?
• Did you finish reading the assigned portion of Scripture for this week?
• How have you shared the love of Jesus with others this week?
• Where have you fallen short this week?

“The goal is that the groups will disciple each other and grow,” said Hershberger. “Students are learning how everyone has something to give them. They feel supported and held accountable to read their Bibles weekly. They are having new thoughts about God.”

For many of the students, the assignment has pushed them outside of their comfort zone while at the same time teaching them new ways of spiritual and ministerial leadership.

“I was a leader in my youth group, but this is a much more intimate level of leadership and I was nervous,” said Exploring Ministry student Rachael East ’17 (Larned, Kan.). “The groups are smaller than traditional Bible studies, so you can’t leave without talking and being open and vulnerable.”

The result is 33 students growing in their faith and learning to be vulnerable together.

“Cool things are happening with the girls in my triad group; we’re talking and growing,” said East. “I overheard one of the girls telling a prospective student about the group and she was genuinely excited about this thing she’s involved in.”

In congregational settings, after a year the groups disband and each person is to form a new group with new people to continue to spread the intentional discipling. Hershberger and East are both hopeful that Hesston College can continue the practice from year to year as well, even incorporating faculty and staff into the student groups.

“It’s a deeper way of doing ministry,” Hershberger said, “– with others instead of to them.”

“Cool things are happening with the girls in my triad group; we’re talking and growing.”

– Rachael East ’17 –

Rachael East watches a role play interaction during Exploring Ministry class.
Karli Rodriguez ’16
Harker Heights, Texas

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KARLI’S STORY
I spent the first part of my life being raised by my grandma because my parents were not together and my mom is in the military. When my grandma died, I had to live with my dad who was not good to me; he was careless. Because of my mom’s military career, we moved a lot – I’ve lived in Colorado, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Korea, Texas and Kentucky. We also didn’t have a lot of money, so we learned to take care of ourselves. My sister always says, “We grew each other up.” My high school years were a rough time in my life. I was picked on and I didn’t have a solid group of friends. I started playing volleyball to be closer to my sister, but I didn’t think I was a very good player.

DISCOVERING HESSTON
I never planned on going to college. I was going to work for the rest of my life. Then Jessica Cleveland contacted me about playing volleyball. She told me she believed in me. Even though I thought I was terrible she told me that I could do it. She didn’t even know me and she believed in me. I owe a lot to her. If it wasn’t for her, I wouldn’t be in college.

When I visited Hesston, everyone made me feel like I already belonged here. I went to one of Kevin Wilder’s classes and he treated me as if he already knew me. I loved it.

A GROWTH TRANSFORMATION
Hesston has given me so many opportunities that have made me feel like I’m enough. When I was asked to be a Norma I felt honored to know that even people I didn’t know very well saw me as a leader on campus and recognized my sense of humor. I applied to be a First-year Experience Scholar because I wanted to get better at public speaking. I now believe that I am smart and I am able to better understand things presented to me.

Another way Hesston College has transformed my life has been through the friendships I have created. Unlike my growing up years, the friendships I have made here are long-term. I never expected to find people that I could rely on. My teammates are my sisters. I have friends from all over the world. My own struggle with knowing how it feels to be alone has helped me to be conscious of being friendly.

For me, transformation means becoming something new by learning from your experiences and doing things people said you couldn’t do or be, but doing it anyway.

WHAT HER COACH SAYS
“Karli is a kind young lady with a positive spirit. The minute she got to Hesston College, she claimed it as her home, and people on campus made her feel at home. She works hard for her future and every choice and action reflects that. Although she had a season ending injury, she stayed invested and continued to contribute to the season’s success. God sent Karli into my life to teach me more than I could ever teach her.”

– Jessica Cleveland ’06, head volleyball coach
Go Everywhere
Alumna Profile

Beemnet Tilahun ’08
Wichita, Kan.

Major: Pre-Pharmacy
Career: Pharmacist and pharmacy manager

An Academic Path
I grew up in a Christian home in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. I had become familiar with Hesston College and [international admissions counselor] Dave Osborne Ac64, ’66 through others in my church who had attended here, so when I decided to look at colleges in the United States, Hesston was on my list. Dave made the process to get here so fast and simple. Hesston was the first college to help me get all the documents I needed, so Hesston is where I started.

I was the first in my family of four children to leave the country. I remember Dave meeting me and my mom at the airport in Wichita. Once we arrived on campus, people already knew my name. I was surprised at how friendly everyone was, and they made me feel at home right away.

I studied pre-pharmacy at Hesston, and after graduating I transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) (Richmond) where I earned my bachelor’s degree in bio-chemistry and, most recently, a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in August 2015.

Career Discovery
When I was 16-years-old, my father passed away after he was given the wrong medication. It was then that I knew I wanted to become a pharmacist. In Ethiopia, students don’t get to choose which career to pursue. The government decides what jobs have the most need and assign students to study in those fields. I had been assigned to study engineering. I suppose since my father was a chemical engineer and my mother is a civil engineer, the government thought that would be a good fit, but it was not for me. That’s when I decided to leave the country so I could pursue my dream of becoming a pharmacist.

Transforming Experiences
Hesston College provided me with the best foundation on which to achieve my career goals, as well as grow spiritually and personally. All of my courses challenged me, from CollegeWriting with Dave [Osborne] to Hugo Boschmann’s classes to Bib Lit. Because I was able to have one-on-one interactions with my Hesston instructors and ask questions, I knew how to study hard at VCU, and I graduated with honors from both my undergraduate and doctorate degree programs.

Serving as a RA gave me good leadership experience. Christine (Kaufman) ’94 Schweitzer [resident director] guided me in becoming a leader, dealing with different situations and understanding people who are different from me. That experience allowed me to be a RA for 120 coeds at VCU, where I was awarded RA of the Year. I still use my RA experiences on resumes and have been asked about it in interviews.

Beemnet’s husband is a Group Practice Manager for the U.S. Air Force, stationed at McConnell Air Force Base. They have an infant daughter, Bellen.
LEADERSHIP AND PASSION TRANSFORM WOMEN’S SOCCER

by ANDREW SHARP ’99

Talent, leadership, sacrifice, team chemistry, coaching, timing: all these and more factor in to successful intercollegiate athletics campaigns. Watching the 2015 Hesston College women’s soccer season unfold, it’s clear the Larks possessed many of these coveted traits.

It was a record-breaking season filled with numerous individual feats. The Larks shattered individual and team records of the nine-year-old program.

There were several instances of players becoming something they were not for the betterment of the team, – a defender making a move to the offensive side of the field, a field player making the transition to keeper – and the net effect was a team whose players were willing to lose their previous soccer identity in order to gain what any competitive team wants most: a successful season.

Reviewing results from a preseason Myers Briggs personality test he’d given his players, fifth-year head coach Bryan Kehr was taken aback at what seemed to be a roster imbedded with an inordinate amount of raw leadership skills. Kehr was excited. Perhaps the Larks were in for a special season, he thought.

A special season, indeed.

The momentum started with a 2-0 blanking of Region VI foe Cowley College on Aug. 22. As the season reached its midpoint, several team and individual marks had fallen.

Midfielder Mika Matsuda ’17, Kyoto, Japan, surpassed the career assist record with her 13th helper in a win over Northwest Kansas Tech on Sept. 15, and finished the season among the nation’s leaders in that category. Five days later, a win over Goshen (Ind.) College JV gave the program 39 season goals, eclipsing the record 37 goals scored by Kehr’s 2012 team.

On the receiving end of several of Matsuda’s assists was forward Mikaela Zook ’16, Millersburg, Ind., a converted defender, who flourished in her new role. Zook’s prodigious scoring, including a pair of four-goal matches, put her into the Hesston annals as the all-time single-season scoring leader with 23, and the career leader with 28.

On the defensive end, new-to-the-net goal keeper Jaymee Bowers ’16, Goshen, Ind., used her athleticism and willingness to learn to help power the Larks’ defense, setting a career record for shutouts (8) along the way.

The team chemistry is perhaps best encapsulated by defender Enneliese Alcantar ’16, Garden City, Kan., known affectionately to her teammates as “Chief.” Alcantar epitomizes a selfless team-first mentality. Her passion for the game and motivation to play for her teammates helped push the program to new heights.

“Anyone who knows our team knows you can’t talk about our success without mentioning Chief,” Kehr said. “We’ve had a ton of positive leaders who have been willing to step up in a variety of roles and it’s been gratifying to watch our kids buy in and compete for each other.”

“Several of the sophomores made it clear at the beginning of the season that this team would be united and we would play for each other,” said Meredith Spicher, a converted high school field hockey player whose school didn’t offer girls’ soccer. “It’s been awesome to celebrate each other’s successes, which was one of the underlying goals Chief and the other leaders put in place at the beginning.”

The team reached a milestone on Oct. 11, with its 9-0 drubbing of Southwestern Adventist University (Keene, Texas), earning the program’s 10th win of the season, breaking the standing record for season wins. The team finished the season 15-6, falling to eventual district champion Butler Community College (El Dorado, Kan.) in a playoff match.

Regardless of wins and milestones reached, the team achieved so much, and the players received an education on how a community can come together to do great things. They played with passion, they fielded a competitive roster, they supported each other, they embraced the concept of team play and they learned valuable life lessons as the season progressed.

“For a coach at a small Christian school, the developing stories within the season are what it’s all about,” Kehr said. “This is what we hope for at the start of any new season. I expect our kids will always remember the impact they had on each other in 2015.”

Enneliese Alcantar drives the ball up the left sideline in the playoff game vs. Butler County.
Financial aid is a key element in allowing students to attend Hesston College. I don’t have any family support to help me financially, so I am relying completely on myself and financial aid. The largest portion of my financial aid comes from Hesston College and the generosity of its supporters.

Thus far, my experience at Hesston College has been one of great enrichment and growth. I have been able to apply my faith and ambitions into one stream and I am only at the beginning of where this will lead me.

I also have had the privilege of working for Development as a Student Development Officer calling alumni for Phonathon. This is one of the most sought after campus jobs because word got out about how much fun it is to talk to alumni and hear the stories of their own Hesston Experience. I get to hear some of the most amazing stories – from how love blossomed to times where difficulties were overcome by the college’s commitment to working together as a community.

When people ask why they should give to Phonathon, I return with another question: “What has Hesston College given you? Wouldn’t you like to offer that to future students, too?”

Billy Bass ’17, is studying communications and is the news editor for the student newspaper The Horizon

PHONATHON 2015

This fall, 28 students are serving as Student Development Officers, phoning alumni and friends across the country for the annual Phonathon effort to reach the goal of raising $100,000 for student financial aid. Phoning runs through late November, and as of this writing, more than $40,000 has been committed. If you’ve already talked with a Student Development Officer, thank you for the few minutes you spent sharing a bit of your story. If you made a gift to Phonathon as well, thank you for your support of the student experience. Every gift and every amount makes a difference to students who choose to start here.

Did you miss our call? Please consider giving online at hesston.edu/give.
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 the fall of 2014.

HESSTON COLLEGE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship was established by nursing faculty member Joyce Huber, who has served Hesston College for more than 40 years, with funds from the estate of her parents, B. Landis and Anna W. Huber, in honor of their interest in and support of the Hesston College Nursing program. It will be awarded to students pursuing either an associate or bachelor’s degree in nursing upon entering the third semester of nursing course work. Recipients of the scholarship must reflect the program’s mission of a tradition of service and a commitment to care.

THE LARRY AND DONNA MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Larry Ac56 and Donna (Bontrager) Ac56, ’58 Martin’s relationship with Hesston College spans 60 years and counting. After meeting and marrying at Hesston College, the Martins returned to Larry’s home state of North Dakota, but Hesston remained an important part of their lives. Their sons, Kendall ’81 and Kirby ’85, both graduated from Hesston, and Larry served as a member of the Alumni Advisory Council and as a member of the Board of Overseers from 1984-92. In 1999, Larry started working for the college as a development officer and served in that role until his retirement in 2013. He was diagnosed with glioblastoma – an aggressive brain cancer – in June 2015, and passed away Aug. 15.

Larry was at home working in Development as he loved meeting people and hearing their stories. He was also passionate about the work and mission of Hesston College, and his support extended across campus, including frequenting Lark athletic events.

The scholarship was established with funds from the third annual Student Scholarship Golf Benefit on Sept. 24, as well as donations from friends and family.

THE DAVE AND SENA OSBORNE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dave Ac64, ’66 and Sena (Miller) ’68 have given many years of selfless service to Hesston College and have been important supporters and mentors to international students. Dave has served for more than 35 years as International Admissions Counselor and advisor and English as a Second Language and writing instructor. Sena retired in 2014 after 29 years of service in Food Service and as post office manager.

In total, Hesston College has enrolled more than 1,300 international students from 84 countries – 80 percent of whom came to Hesston during Dave’s tenure.

The scholarship was established with funds from the second annual Student Scholarship Golf Benefit in 2014, as well as donations from friends and family. The Osbornes affirm that the scholarship fund is a way of honoring those at the college and in the local community who have provided an education and a home for international students. The scholarship will be awarded to second-year international students who demonstrate academic effort and make positive contributions to the college community.

HABEGGER-HARDER SCIENCE/MATH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Long envisioned by the math and science faculty, the scholarship fund was realized when a significant initiating amount was donated by the estate of the father of Environmental Biology faculty member Lorna Harder, who retired in 2014 after 25 years of service to the college. Contributions from math and science faculty members and other donors have also supported the fund. Continuing contributions are welcome.

The scholarship will be awarded through a competitive application process to students who demonstrate high academic achievement and a passion for a major in science, math or computer science.
Opposite page: College and City of Hesston officials participate in the ribbon cutting for the college’s new campus entry Sept. 25. More than 350 alumni and friends of the college helped celebrate the completion of the new campus spaces throughout the weekend. Pictured from left are Ken Kabira ’81, Board of Directors member; Roger Yoder ’79, Board of Directors member; Alumni Association President; Tonya (Hunsberger) ’94 Dettweiler, vice president of Advancement; Jason Jones, City of Hesston Chamber of Commerce President; Dave Kauffman, City of Hesston mayor; Kelvin Friesen ’73, Board of Directors chair; Virgo Handojo, Board of Directors member; Dale Beachy ’66, Board of Directors secretary; Rince Longo Kabondo ’16 (Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo); Linda Miller ’16 (Hutchinson, Kan.); President Howard Keim ’72, Tami (Birky) ’72 Keim and Paul Mullet ’70, president of Excel Industries, Inc.

Luanne (Yoder) ’81 Southern pays tribute to Dwight Roth at a ceremony honoring new faculty emeritus.

The Straight A’s, a folk/pop band from Goshen, Ind., perform at a coffeehouse in the Campus Worship Center in honor of Marion Bontrager. Members from left are Ryan Wengard ’11, Ana Loucks ’10, Hannah Livengood and Michael Genau.

Chris Alliman ’95 talks with friend.

Students, faculty and staff ended the Northlawn and Campus Entry Dedication Ceremony with a flash mob. Pictured are students Micah Reber ’16 (Millersburg, Ohio), Olivia Copsey ’17 (Goshen, Ind.) and Hannah Miller ’17 (Parnell, Iowa).

Members of the College Class of 1975 catch up with one another during Saturday afternoon class reunions.

This page: David Eigsti ’10 and Omar Reyes ’10 greet each other at the Friday evening family festival and tailgate picnic.

Cory Rychener ’10 and Kelsey Gardiepy enjoy lunch at the annual Partner Luncheon where Austin Mitchell ’15 and Grant Walker ’15 shared their Hesston Experience story. Mitchell and Walker became friends as members of the men’s basketball team and are now roommates and playing basketball at Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.).

Matt Schloneger ’92, music faculty member and Fjaere Harder ’05 Nusbaurm perform “Anything You Can Do” from Annie Get Your Gun at the Performing Arts Showcase. Harder Nusbaurm is a television and music theatre actor. Other performers at the event, emceed by Andrea Springer ’80, were the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, Chorale and the Chamber Orchestra and The Sunflower Trio, comprised of music faculty members Matt and Rebecca Schloneger and Ken Rodgers ’85.

Emily Kaufman ’16 (Pettisville, Ohio) thanks the Bertha Bontrager Rhodes (Goshen, Ind.) family for their many years of financial support to the college. A plaque was placed on campus in their honor at a spot where all the buildings to which they have contributed over the years can be seen.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE NEW CAMPUS ENTRY OR NORTHLAWN RENOVATION?

Caleb Schrock-Hurst ’16, Harrisonburg, Va.
I really like the fact that the Northlawn classroom (Mininger Classroom named in honor of Jim Ac61 and Virginia Mininger) gets the building connected to the whole student body, not just the music students like me.

Eleya Raim ’16, Oxford, Iowa
Instead of walking in and feeling overwhelmed by all that I need to do, I step into Northlawn and feel refreshed by the beauty of the building and excited to make music in the acoustically beautiful rooms.

Olivia Copsey ’17, Goshen, Ind.
Although I was not here before Northlawn’s renovation, I really like the open space that the front windows provide. I see them as a way to not only let sunshine in, but music out. The windows show how music can travel out to the community, and I really like that architectural aspect.

Irenea Soetjoadi ’16, Depok, Indonesia
Taking Music Theory I, Chamber Orchestra, Chorale and piano classes has given me many opportunities to use and explore Northlawn. My favorite part is the practice rooms because it’s relaxing to watch people walk by and leaves falling while I practice.

Adrienne Derstine ’16, Harleysville, Pa.
I like the flower pots that add beauty to the front of the building.

Kevin Wilder, Psychology and Youth Ministry instructor
The Marion Bontrager Center for Campus Worship room and the new glass entry.

Michele (Schrock) ’81 Hershberger, Bible and ministry instructor
The green room because every theater department everywhere needs a green room and magical things happen in the green room.

Carlota Ponds, Alumni and Church Relations staff
People may not include this in their thinking about the renovation process, but I believe the carillon chimes are a campus enhancement that came along with the renovation. I only visit Northlawn a few times weekly and I usually walk to work, so I don’t often use the new campus entry, but I hear the chimes daily, even when I’m not on campus. People I speak with in the community – many of whom never come on campus – say they enjoy them also, so this improvement benefits the campus and the larger Hesston community.
Angie (Martin) ’99 Brockmueller ’13, Assistant Registrar

I have enjoyed watching the baby grass come in to settle the beautiful new construction for good!

Andrea (Pankratz) ’11 Schrag, Admissions staff

I selfishly love the new entry parking lot because there’s always a place to park no matter how late you arrive. Also, I love the variety of spaces in Northlawn that Admissions can use for open houses and events.

Randy Toews, Campus Facilities staff

I think it’s great that the lower level of Northlawn is more opened up and that it’s actually being used again. It was always sad to see a great space like that just sit there unused. Now on the other hand, since this is one of the buildings I’m in charge of cleaning, the extra trash and cleaning has been something to adjust to. Well worth it for the students though!

Amy (Bachman) ’01 Birdsell, Aviation instructor

The super quiet practice rooms.

Forrest Miller ’85, Campus Facilities staff

My favorite part of the renovations is the model of Green Gables in Northlawn. The building and parking lot are very nice but I love that model because it reminds me of when I was a student here!

Rachel Jantzi, Theatre instructor

I appreciate the functionality of the whole Northlawn renovation, but I love that we now have more costume storage. Also, the new dressing rooms and green room were needed, and are a space the actors can really appreciate and call their own.

Jim Mason ’75, Director of Campus Facilities

It’s a building and entry that is super user-friendly and has a certain attractive curbside appeal to visitors and prospective students. Very functional, too! A major upgrade!

Jim Yoder ’62, Science instructor

The carillon!

Stephanie Swartzendruber ’11, resident director

My favorite part about the new Northlawn is the quality of the practice rooms. Because the sound doesn’t bleed as much, my practice sessions are interruption-free!

Todd Lehman, Campus pastor

I love the open feeling walking in the entrance to Northlawn and how connected the lower level feels to the main level.

Phyllis (Miller) ’70 Weaver, Development officer

My favorite part of the new Northlawn/campus entry renovation is walking into Northlawn and feeling like there is plenty of space to mingle and to see how the light comes in, making the entire building seem larger and brighter. My second favorite is being able to find a fairly close parking space.

Joyce Huber, Nursing instructor

I really like Northlawn’s new entrance and lobby. It feels much more welcoming.
President Howard Keim ’72 announced to the college community Oct. 22, that he will conclude more than 11 years of leadership as the college’s eighth president on June 30, 2016.

“It has been my honor to serve in this role,” said Keim. “This decision is the result of several years of discernment and my desire to leave at a time that is optimal for the entry of a new president. I am confident in the administrative team, the board and all of the employees, and I believe Hesston has a bright future.”

During Keim’s tenure, the college has made great strides in areas that affect the student experience. In a September meeting, the Board of Directors approved a new set of strategic priorities for the campus community to continue making improvements as it moves into the future.

In the academic realm, important changes to general education curriculum and course transferability, as well as the addition of several high-demand programs of study and extracurricular activities help meet student needs and workforce demands.

Likewise, the college began measuring, evaluating and improving course standards, academic challenge and faculty instruction as seen in Hesston’s outstanding results from the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) and Individual Development and Education Assessment (IDEA) survey. Student satisfaction rates continue to climb as faculty respond to feedback in student learning.

Under Keim’s careful and visionary leadership, the campus has undergone several transformations, and he helped the college recover from budget deficits, gain financial stability and increase the endowment.

The college has also seen an increase in student diversity, emphasized by a formal Inclusion and Diversity Council charged with evaluating inclusionary practices for students from all backgrounds. Physical campus changes include the addition of a new campus entry, one new building and renovations to four others.

Starting with the 2015-16 year, Keim implemented a re-organized Student Development department which includes Residence and Campus Life, Campus Ministries, Student Success and Athletics. Student retention has increased over the last several years and the new structure is a response to maintain and further increase those efforts.

“Howard has served the college well,” said Kelvin Friesen ’73, Board of Directors chair. “He has given tirelessly of himself to advance this institution. It is evident that he has viewed his role here as a steward, and that he has seen his work not as a job, but as a mission. He has served with distinction and the board is deeply appreciative of his work.”

A search for the college’s next president will begin as a search committee is finalized. Ken Kabira ’81, Board of Directors member, will chair the search committee. Other members will include board members Marie (Schuessler) ’79 Morris and Luke Roth-Muller ’99, members of the Mennonite Education Agency Board, faculty, staff and representatives from the wider Mennonite church and local community.
ADVANCEMENT WELCOMES NEW TALENT

The Advancement department, consisting of Development, Alumni and Church Relations and Marketing and Communications welcomed new team members over the last few months.

**Lindsey Mason** is a development officer for Indiana, Michigan and northwest Ohio, and also focuses on planned giving. She holds a bachelor's degree from Goshen (Ind.) College, and previously served at Hesston as a resident director from 2011 to 2014.

**Mike Zucconi** started as director of Development during the summer. He meets with alumni and donors in south central and eastern Kansas as well as eastern states and manages the daily Development happenings. He holds a bachelor's degree in communication and history from Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Va.) and a master's of education degree in sports administration from Wichita (Kan.) State University.

**Beth Hess** began as director of Marketing and Communications in September. She holds a bachelor's of science in design degree from the University of Cincinnati (Ohio) and worked as a graphic designer and communications professional for many years throughout several departments at UC.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Several new faculty and staff appointments were publicized in the Summer 2015 issue of the Hesston College Today. The following individuals were welcomed to the community after production of that issue had already commenced.

**Duane Miller** joined the nursing faculty. He earned a bachelor's of science in nursing degree from Eastern Mennonite University and a master's in nursing education with a community health focus from Oregon Health & Science University (Portland).

**Terena Ronan** joined the Food Service staff.

**Kaitlin Schmidt** is horticulturist and grounds manager at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains. She earned a bachelor's degree in natural sciences from Bethel College (North Newton).

**Kathleen Schroeder** serves as art faculty. She holds a bachelor's degree from Bethel College (North Newton) and a master's degree from Wichita State University.

**Kendal Slabach ’15** is a flight instructor intern with the Aviation program.

**Courtney Spitz** joined the baseball team as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. He holds a bachelor's degree from Drury University (Springfield, Mo.).

**Karla Stauffer** joined the nursing faculty. She holds a bachelor's of science in nursing degree from Bethel College (North Newton) and is completing a master's in nursing leadership and administration from Wichita State University. She is also a critical care RN.

**Kate (Branam) ’99 Swartley** teaches Spanish. She holds a bachelor's degree from Goshen College and a master's degree from Bowling Green (Ohio) State University.

**Madison Wiles** served the women's soccer team as goal keeper coach. She holds a bachelor's degree from Bethel College (North Newton), where she played soccer for the Threshers.

**Juli (Meadows) ’85 Winter** serves as director of Campus Life, which oversees residence life and campus activities. She holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Bethel College (North Newton) and a master’s degree in social work from the University of Utah (Salt Lake City).
During Homecoming Weekend, Sept. 25, 12 former faculty members were honored as new faculty emeritus at a celebration service and reception. Faculty members must meet three requirements to earn faculty emeritus status: have at least 15 years of service at Hesston College, be retired from teaching and be at least 60 years old. Those honored include:

- John Blosser, Goshen, Ind., 1978-99
- Marion Bontrager ’57, Hesston, 1973-2014
- Hugo Boschmann, North Newton, Kan., 1978-2014
- Maria Day, Hesston, 1995-2015
- Star Gipson, Hutchinson, Kan., 1975-96
- Lorna Harder, Newton, Kan., 1983-86 and 1989-2014
- Dottie Beachy Hathaway, Dalton, Ohio, 1977-95
- Art Mullet, Hesston, 1980-2011
- Dwight Roth, Hesston, 1973-2010

Brent Yoder ’98, vice president of Academics, noted that the group represents 348 collective years of service.

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FORMER FACULTY RECEIVE EMERITUS RECOGNITION

This fall, the pleasant chiming of bells and music joined the repertoire of sounds from campus when a carillon system was installed, enhancing the auditory and spiritual atmosphere.

Designed by Schumerich Carillon Co. in Quakertown, Pa., the carillon system is a digital system of regular clock chimes that are used throughout the day, along with a music selection each day and ending at the close of the evening.

“The alumni relations department is pleased to be able to add this significant and quality auditory instrument to campus as part of the recent campus transformation, and for the Hesston community’s enjoyment as well,” said Dallas Stutzman ’76, director of Alumni and Church Relations.

The idea for a carillon system has been a topic of discussion since the college’s centennial celebration in 2009. With the development of the north campus entrance, the college decided it seemed appropriate to give the campus a symbolic auditory element to the visual change of the new north entrance.

The carillon system can also be used to broadcast campus alerts for emergency preparedness.
FALL 2015 ENROLLMENT SHOWS INCREASE IN RETURNING STUDENTS AND HIGHER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

A greater percentage of students returned to Hesston College in the fall of 2015 for more of the Hesston Experience as compared to returning students a year prior. Hesston College’s official fall 2015 enrollment numbers show higher than anticipated fall to fall retention by about 10 percent in nearly all primary areas.

Hesston students also continue to perform better academically as the average GPA for new students is 3.30 compared to 3.19 for new students in 2014, and the average ACT increased 1.1 points.

“We believe that the strong retention numbers are indicative of the high-quality experiences that our students are having at Hesston College,” said Rob Ramseyer, vice president of Student Development.

There are 295 students living in the dorms, or about 72 percent of the total student population.
**FIRST BSN CLASS**

Hesston College Nursing marked a historic moment Aug. 20, with the first class period for the first bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) course, Holistic Assessment I taught by Gregg Schroeder ’86. Bonnie (Kauffman) Ac65, ’67 Sowers, Nursing Program director, welcomed the 21 students and reflected on the significance of the moment. Brent Yoder ’98, vice president of Academics, congratulated the nursing faculty and staff for the work that went into launching the program and thanked the students for choosing to be part of the first BSN nursing class. Charles Hostetler ’89, who recruited many of the students, also greeted the group. Sowers offered a prayer of dedication to close the celebration and officially launch the new program.

**STUDENTS SERVE COMMUNITY**

Hesston College students participated in Community Involvement Week Sept. 8 to 14. Led by the First-Year Experience course, about 150 students were involved in more than 15 service projects throughout the local area, including activities with elderly residents at neighboring Schowalter Villa, serving meals at the Lord’s Diner in Wichita, picking up trash along the highway and participating in recreational art projects at Youthville – a secure care facility for girls in Newton.

Students and staff sort and package books for Ethiopia Reads, a program that collaborates with communities in Ethiopia to build schools, plant libraries, train educators and boost literacy.

**BESTSELLING AUTHOR SPEAKS TO PACKED HOUSE**

About 700 people gathered at Hesston College Oct. 5, completely filling the Hesston Mennonite Church sanctuary, to hear *New York Times* bestselling author Regina Calcaterra share her story of child neglect, interaction with the foster care system and how small acts of caring make a difference to a child in need. Led by the college’s First-Year Experience course, Calcaterra’s memoir *Etched in Sand* has served as the community read for the college and greater community during the fall 2015 semester. Along with the college community and many interested individuals, groups participating in the community read included book clubs from the Hesston Public Library, Newton Public Library and the Moundridge High School senior English class.
ATHLETICS NEWS UPDATES

VOLLEYBALL TEAM CHALKS UP 20+ WIN SEASON
The Hesston College Volleyball team and coach Jessica Cleveland ’06 enjoyed a 20+ win season and post-season play for the second consecutive year. The Larks picked up several big wins in the regular season, including a victory over 15th-ranked Kansas City Kansas Community College in September. Throughout the season, individual athletes were included in the top 25 stat leaders nationally, and in the top 10 rankings among all two-year Kansas programs. The Larks ended the season Nov. 7, with a loss to seventh-ranked Coffeyville Community College and a record of 21-12. Setter Casey Perez ’16 (Kalona, Iowa) and outside hitter Christy Swartzendruber ’16 (Shickley, Neb.) received first team All-Region honors, while middle hitter Kortney Cunningham ’17 (Almena, Kan.) was named second team All-Region.

MEN’S SOCCER ENDS SEASON WITH MOST WINS IN 11 YEARS
Under second-year coach Michael Armstrong ’05, the men’s soccer team ended the 2015 season with a 7-13 record, the most wins for the program since 2004, which also recorded seven wins. Keeper Oliver Wiseman ’16 (Prineville, Ore.) and forward Guershon Safari ’17 (Boise, Idaho) were major contributing factors to the team’s success throughout the season. This year’s 21-man roster included players from 10 states as well as four international students from three countries.

SIEBER INDUCTED INTO SOCCER HALL OF FAME
Gerry Sieber ’64, a multiple-sport coach for almost 50 years, was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Soccer Hall of Fame this fall. Sieber got his coaching start at Tabor College (Hillsboro, Kan.) in 1966 before coaching men’s soccer at Hesston for 23 years where he compiled a 247-128-27 record, including 11 regional championships. During his Hesston tenure, he also coached track (eight years) and men’s basketball (five years) and served as physical education department chair and athletic director (seven years). From 1994-2006 Sieber coached men’s soccer at Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) and started a women’s soccer program which he led for three years. He also coached track for five years and cross country for two years. In 2009 he returned to Hesston to help launch men’s and women’s cross country programs in 2010, for which he continues as coach.
**ALUMNI NEWS**

**1940-49**

Minerva (Yoder) Ac58, former staff and Emil, former staff, Yoder celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sept. 5, at Glencroft Retirement Community in Glendale, Ariz.

**DEATHS**

Eileen Oswald, wife of Evan Oswald '48, former faculty, Glendale, Ariz., June 6, 2015

**1950-59**

Marion Bontrager '57, former faculty, Hesston, Kan., and his wife, Nancy Peachey Bontrager, served as hosts at Menno Hof, an Anabaptist/Mennonite historical and heritage center in Shipshewana, Ind., for the month of August. Menno Hof regularly hosts people from across the country and around the world.

Jerry Weaver Ac59, '61, former staff, Hesston, Kan., began as interim pastor at Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church (Harper, Kan.) in September.

**DEATHS**

Melvin Eyster, husband of Vivian (Reil) Ac53, '56 Eyster, Thomas, Okla., May 15, 2015

Bertha “Bertie” (Beachy) Ac55 Eby, Glendale, Ariz., July 19, 2015

Larry Martin Ac56, former Hesston College Board of Overseers member, former staff, husband of Donna (Bontrager) Ac56, '58 Martin, Hesston, Kan., Aug. 15, 2015

Arlan Smoker Ac57, husband of Donna (Johnston) Ac60 Smoker, Glendale, Ariz., July 14, 2015

**1960-69**

Ellen (Hernley) Ac63 Swanson, Edina, Minn., retired from a 46-year career as a certified holistic nurse. Her book, *Heart, Gut, Head: Creating a Healthier Hierarchy*, published in June, speaks to specific holistic philosophy concepts with professional and personal stories to illustrate the concepts. A free monthly newsletter supplements the concepts from the book. For more information or to subscribe to the newsletter, go to healingthehierarchy.com.

**DEATHS**

Eddie Kingsinger '70, Parnell, Iowa, Aug. 20, 2015

Frank Birky '77, Kalispell, Mont., June 24, 2015

**1980-89**


Susan Claassen '84, Hesston, Kan., Aug. 4, 2015

Troy Martin '84, Aumsville, Ore., Sept. 29, 2015

Jenny (Roht) '88 Wengerd, wife of Doug Wengerd '85, Goshen, Ind., Sept. 11, 2015

**BIRTHS**

Jared '87 and Marie Friesen, Wichita, Kan.: Micah Jake, Sept. 7, 2015

**1990-99**

Jeff Selzer '92, Thomas, Okla., was named lead pastor of Pleasant View Mennonite Church (Weatherford, Okla.) after serving for several months as interim pastor.

Kristine Detweiler '93, Clinton Mo., began a job with LifeChange Camp and Retreat Center as the kitchen manager and volunteer coordinator.

André Swartley '99, faculty, Newton, Kan., released his fourth novel, *The Wretched Life of Odetta Koop*, Oct. 31 — a personally-inspired story of Swartley’s “persistent terror” of the house in which he grew up — the home once owned by Hesston College and known as “The Elms.”

Swartley and his wife Kate (Branam) '99, Swartley, faculty, own the independent publishing company, Workplay Publishing, which has published eight books, including Swartley’s latest three.

**DEATH**

Kendra (Sieber) '97 and Lonnie Morford, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: Layth Kariem, Aug. 17, 2015

**BIRTH**

Tabiso Williams '92, Cape Town, South Africa, July 19, 2015

**DEATH**

Lonnie Morford, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: Layth Kariem, Aug. 17, 2015

**2000-09**

Jenna (McAnulty) '06 Lehrman, Newton, Kan., was promoted to director of nursing at Pine Village Continuing Care Retirement Community, Moundridge, Kan. Lehrman, RN, BSN, previously served Pine Village as the director of assisted living, behavioral health specialist and memory care neighborhood manager. She has led the facility in conversion of medical documentation to electronic records, reduced resident antipsychotic use from 39 to 14 percent and helped develop an outreach dementia education class.

Lisa Harrelson '09, Colwich, Kan., a critical care nurse at Wesley Medical Center (Wichita), was one of two recipients of the Kansas Hospital Association’s 2015 Health Care Worker of the Year Award.

**MARRIAGES**

Emily Kirk '05 and Ryan Stauffer '08, Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 29, 2015

Joella Garber '06 and Tyler Neff, Washington Boro, Pa., Sept. 12, 2015

**BIRTH**

Kendra (Sieber) '97 and Lonnie Morford, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: Layth Kariem, Aug. 17, 2015

**DEATH**

Tabiso Williams '92, Cape Town, South Africa, July 19, 2015
Josh Dean ’07 and Alana Mazurowski, Harrisonburg, Va., Aug. 28, 2015
Caleb Waidelich ’08 and Joilyn Zimmerly, Stryker, Ohio, July 25, 2015
Jacob Jeske ’09 and Corie Colosi, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 27, 2015

BIRTHS
Josh ’01 and Christa Smucker, Bird in Hand, Pa.: Alaythea Grace, Aug. 22, 2015
Heidi (Bowman) ’02 and Holden Byler, Harrisonburg, Va.: Kiara Grace, Sept. 6, 2015
Leslie (Miller) ’02 and Lyndl Duerksen, Hillsboro, Kan., Isaiah Kylan, born Sept. 11, 2015, and received for adoption
Justin ’03 and Ranee (Gingerich) ’03 Brokaw, Parnell, Iowa: Ezra Carpenter, July 20, 2015
Andy ’04 and Keli Wray, Hesston, Kan.: Irie Kate, Sept. 20, 2015
Tanna (Yoder) ’05 and Tony ‘06 Boshart, Kalona, Iowa: Raelyn Grace, Sept. 16, 2015
Joy (Gehman) ’06 and Shane, former staff, Miller, Leomont, Pa.: Milo Penn, March 11, 2015

Hannah (Gillham) ’07 and Chris Dunlap, Shickley, Neb.: Rickie Magdalene, Oct. 15, 2015
Matt ’07 and Rachel (Kauffman) ’07 Ropp, Harrisonburg, Va.: Eli Ray, Aug. 9, 2015
Elizabeth (Eberspacher) ’08 and Lou Karlberg, Galena, Alaska: Britta Mae, Sept. 2, 2015
Kendall ’09 and Julie (Weaver) ’10 Landis, Bridgeville, Del.: Jackson Cole, Sept. 20, 2015

2010-15
Brittany (Albrecht) ’10 Carter, Wichita, Kan., an employee at AgVantis, Inc., was named by the Wichita Business Journal as a 2015 Emerging Leader, a program created in conjunction with the Kansas Leadership Center to develop young leaders and keep their talent in the community. AgVantis provides state-of-the-art technology services and solutions to farm credit associations and banks.
Neal Brubaker ’13, Goessel, Kan., began a term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in San Antonio, Texas.

Kenzie Intemann ’13, Howe, Ind., was licensed and installed May 31, as associate pastor of Marion Mennonite Church (Shipshewana, Ind.).
Pierre Zook ’15, McMinnville, Ore., played alongside former NBA players Jason Williams and Boobie Gibson in a professional basketball showcase in Xiamen, China, in August.

MARRIAGES
Dustin Linder ’10 and Mallory Figgins, Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 22, 2015
Alex Steiner ’10 and Heidi Wiebe ’10, Orrville, Ohio, July 18, 2015
Kenzie Intemann ’13 and Mallory Eicher ’13, Howe, Ind., June 6, 2015
Logan Orpin ’13 and Rebecca Eichelberger ’14, Salina, Kan., June 20, 2015
Whitney Hoffman ’14 and Justin Battershell, Hutchinson, Kan., June 6, 2015

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Emma Payne ’14 and Jared Redding, Hesston, Kan., Aug. 29, 2015
Taylor Schrag ’15 and Kevin Sechrist, Moundridge, Kan., Sept. 5, 2015

BIRTH
Mason ’11 and Cassie (Miller) ’11 Hickel, Hays, Kan.: Eleanor Nicole, July 9, 2015

Faculty/Staff
Becky Bartell, faculty, Hesston, Kan., successfully completed a proctored, comprehensive exam to earn national certification as a Certified Nurse Educator in summer 2015.
Donovan Tann, faculty, Newton, Kan., presented at two conferences in summer 2015 – “Visualizing Reality: Milton’s Paradise Regained and French Documentary Film” at the Conference on Christianity and Literature: West at Seattle (Wash.) University and “Read it to Believe It: Enacting Religious Knowledge in Early Modern Devotional Texts” at the Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies at St. Louis (Mo.) University’s Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.
While it's still mostly winter in many parts of the country, enjoy a few days of warmth and sunshine at the seventh annual National Golf Benefit in support of Hesston College student scholarships. The four-person scramble features fun, wonderful prizes, fellowship and food at a top notch course.

The 500 Club is an 18-hole, par 72 championship course that challenges and excites golfers of all abilities. The Brian Whitcomb design is continually rated one of the best recreational values in the Valley of the Sun and a true Arizona golf experience.

Details
• Registration is $125 per golfer or $450 for a four-person team
• Hole sponsorships for $250
• Green sponsorships for $400
• Registration deadline is March 9

Registration price includes:
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• Sleeve of two golf balls
• Two drink tickets
• Meal and door prizes

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1 ticket = $5
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2015 raffle prizes included:
(2016 list will be online as prizes become available)
• Kennedy Space Center Astronaut Training Experience including four-night stay and airfare for two
• Two-day training at Bob Bondurant School of Driving
• Arizona Coyotes 12-seat suite
• Sonoran Desert hot air balloon ride and catered breakfast for two
• Set of new golf clubs and bag
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  › Feb. 12, 2016
  › Feb. 14 to 15, 2016 (President’s Day)
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  › March 18 to 19, 2016
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