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When planning began for a shared Homecoming with the community, high school and college, we wondered if this was really the right theme image. After all, we had just come through a very traumatic time as a community with a mass shooting that made national news. Looking back, we couldn’t have made a more appropriate choice for the weekend. This was a special time to heal AND to celebrate!

The celebration was highlighted with outstanding presentations and performances from alumni who experienced both high school and college in the Hesston community. Some of those stories are told here. They reflect how the high school and college send our alumni everywhere. The healing was recognized in the gala, a splendid representation of talent and a time to understand through history instructor John Sharp’s ’73 stories, that the community has a long history of building lasting relationships.

Hesston is far more than its rich cultural heritage though. The college/community picnic brought more than 1,000 people to campus to eat and play together. The spontaneous hugs and handshakes between the men’s basketball team and Showalter Villa residents lining the Homecoming parade route was special and representative of relationships that are formed here.

To be sure, Homecoming will always be a time for alumni to return to campus and enjoy connecting with classmates. What will be different though, is that Hesston’s tent has been expanded. As Isaiah 54:2 from *The Message* says, “Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! Think BIG! Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep. You’re going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family.” Our inclusion of diverse persons both locally and from around the world will help to make us grow as a college and community in new and inspiring ways to really be a *Home Sweet Hesston* for everyone to come back to and enjoy!

Dallas L. Stutzman ’76, Alumni and Church Relations Director

P.S. Don’t miss John Paul Lederach’s homecoming presentations at hesston.edu/homecoming. His words of inspiration and challenge to have great conversations to help change a fragmented country and world are significant.
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As a mediator and international peacebuilder, John Paul Lederach’s ’75 professional career has been about having and learning from important conversations around the globe. Conversations that he says began at Hesston College.
Just days before arriving in Hesston to resource his alma mater as homecoming keynote presenter, John Paul Lederach ’75 witnessed the signing of the Colombia peace accord – an agreement that ended a 52-year war.

It was an extraordinary moment for Lederach, for the Colombian people and for people around the world to see that even a half century of unrest and violence could arrive at a point of reconciliation.

Lederach has built a career around the very thing Colombia is experiencing – peacebuilding and conflict transformation. But in a world that is so fragmented and divided, how does one even begin the process for moving in that direction?

Lederach’s theory is pretty basic.

“I think it has a lot to do with the ability to have good conversations,” he said.

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Lederach pinpoints a Hesston College January term trip to the Middle East as significant to his early professional development. The group, led by Dave Osborne Ac64, ’66, traveled through Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine and Israel, visiting refugee campus and discussing with people the challenges and conflicts in the region.

“That trip sparked a deep interest in pursuing language, peace related work and international understanding,” Lederach said. “It was the beginning of what has become an abiding curiosity in the arts, literature, social change and peacebuilding that have marked significant portions of my work and writing.”

Courses at Hesston in Anabaptist history and the work of the church inspired Lederach to do an assignment following graduation with Mennonite Central Committee’s Pax program, which was established as alternative service to the military draft following World War II. Lederach found himself in Brussels, Belgium, where he worked on a housing initiative with university students from Africa and Latin America, and spent part of his time responding to problems with cross-cultural and ethnic threads of conflict.

“In those years, I really explored what [Anabaptist] peace theology means and began to look for ways that I could study this more seriously,” Lederach said.

After a few years of service abroad, Lederach earned an undergraduate degree from Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) in history and peace studies, and eventually a Ph.D. in sociology with a concentration on social conflict program from the University of Colorado (Boulder).

Over the course of his professional career, Lederach has led and consulted in good conversations in more than 25 countries, including peacebuilding efforts in Somalia, Northern Ireland, the

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— John Paul Lederach ’75 —
Philippines, Tajikistan and Nepal, and most recently, in support of the High Commissioner of Peace, one of the chief negotiators of the Colombian peace agreement. He’s also the author or editor of 18 books and six manuals, including *When Blood and Bones Cry Out: Journeys through the Soundscape of Healing and Reconciliation* (Oxford University Press, 2011), co-authored with his daughter Angie Lederach ’04, a Ph.D. student in anthropology and peace studies at Notre Dame (Ind.) University.

Lederach founded the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Va.), where he was professor of conflict studies and sociology from 1990 to 2001, and is now professor of international peacebuilding at Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, one of the world’s leading centers for the study of the causes of violent conflict and strategies for sustainable peace. He is also a Senior Fellow at Humanity United, a philanthropy dedicated to peace-building and ending modern day slavery.

In his travels around the globe, Lederach’s wife, Wendy (Liechty), former staff, Lederach, who started and managed a Ten Thousand Villages store in Harrisonburg, Va., has actively participated in locations where he has been engaged in peace-building with a deep interest in supporting women’s fair trade groups, most recently with Nepalese artisans involved in jewelry making. Wendy provided most of the photography of Lederach’s recent book, *Memoirs of Nepal*.

John Paul and Wendy met at Hesston College when Wendy was a resident director, and they remain closely connected to the Hesston community through Wendy’s sister and brother-in-law, Janie and Bob Ac63, ’65 Mullet of Excel Industries.

Conflict transformation and peace work is not something that works only in areas of extreme violence and unrest, but as Lederach reminded the audience at his homecoming chapel presentation, it’s completely relevant to any individual in everyday life.

“Commit yourself to reach out to another person who is outside your normal bounds of contact and conversations,” Lederach challenged. “I think it’s at the core of ‘start here, go everywhere.’ Why not have the curiosity to adventure out to a conversation with somebody who is different? I think that simple thing is what this country needs.”

Handling issues of diversity or disagreement with respect, courage and love are the key starting elements to having good conversations.

“There is no place you will go in this world today that you can remove yourself from the God-created diversity of this wonderful place we have been gifted,” Lederach said, “so why not learn to have a decent conversation?”

You can watch John Paul Lederach’s Homecoming Weekend presentations, “The Great Conversation” and “Compassion and Integrity in an Age of Fragmentation” at hesston.edu/homecoming.
When patients walk in the door at Great Plains Family Medicine (McPherson, Kan.) they may be greeted at the front desk by Andrea (Weaver) ’97 Herrera, who is busy answering phones, sending faxes and scheduling appointments. When they go back to see the doctor, it will be Dr. Andrea Herrera, a family medicine physician and owner of the direct primary care clinic.

The direct primary care model is born from the fact that countless patients don't have access to doctors or can’t afford to use their health insurance.

“When I worked at the hospital I saw a lot of people who did not come in as often as they needed to because they couldn't afford it,” said Herrera.

Herrera did not always dream of working in family medicine. She started at Hesston College with hopes of discovering ancient secrets and becoming an archeologist. With a variety of experiences leading her to where she is today, history class is not one of them.

Herrera recalls her Introduction to Chemistry class with Jim Yoder ’62 as surprisingly appealing, and it was the end of her junior year at McPherson (Kan.) College when she realized medicine was truly the path she longed to pursue.

While considering a variety of medical professions, Herrera set her heart on family medicine after completing a six-week summer mentorship program through the University of Kansas Medical Center (Kansas City) with her family doctor in Moundridge, Kan. In just six weeks she realized she had a passion for treating entire families, but it wasn't until a conversation with a patient 15 years later that Herrera realized she could take that passion one step further through direct primary healthcare.

With a different philosophy than traditional medical care, direct primary care keeps primary care costs down by, instead of accepting insurance, charging patients a monthly fee ranging from $10 to $100 depending on age. This monthly fee means no copayments, no expensive premiums and no complicated claims.

So what does the monthly fee cover?

Dr. Herrera's patients have unlimited access to her and her nurse, Hesston alumna Catie Monroe ’10. Not only can patients go into the office, Dr. Herrera has the luxury of emailing or texting, video chatting or even making house calls. The benefits don't end at chatting with Herrera. Appointments and any procedure that can be completed in the office including tests, EKG’s, breathing tests and stitches are all covered by the monthly fee. Herrera and Monroe also run an in-house pharmacy, allowing patients to receive generic medications at wholesale prices.

“When I was working at the hospital, it was very disheartening to hear I needed to see more patients because the hospital needed to make more money,” said Herrera. “I wanted to spend more time with my patients.”

Herrera noted the average patient load for a Kansas doctor is 2,000 to 3,000. As a hospital physician in rural Kansas she was seeing 1,200 patients. At her new clinic, she has a patient cap of 600, so on average, she sees three to eight patients a day, spending at least 30 minutes with each.

With direct primary care, Herrera feels like she has finally found her purpose in medicine.

“I want to be able to help the world in some small way, and Hesston College gave me an attitude of service,” she said.

A dual alumna of Hesston High School and Hesston College, Dr. Herrera presented in a medical professionals Go Everywhere Seminar at Homecoming 2016 along with other dual alumni, Dr. Greg Sawin ’93 and Dr. Josh Suderman ’01.
CONNECTIONS MADE, LIVES CHANGED

They didn’t choose Hesston, Hesston chose them – literally. They were hand selected to attend Hesston College as part of the Peace Scholarship Program sponsored by the Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships (CASS), primarily to study electronics, but also to learn English and learn about communication, American family life, politics, government, democracy and volunteerism. The idea was that studying in the U.S. would help them get better jobs when they went back home to their Central American and Caribbean countries, and that they would help create diplomacy and friendship between their countries and the U.S.

The international students who studied at Hesston would say they got all of that – the program was a success. But even more than that, their two years at Hesston College shaped their lives in ways they continue to realize even 25 years later.

“We didn’t even dream about getting out of our countries or having the opportunity to go to university in our countries,” said Gabriel Canela ’91. “There, you have to work to survive – whatever you can do. Then suddenly, the Lord gave us this great prize from this great nation. Out of having nothing, suddenly you see everything is available for you.”

In the fall of 1989, the first 20 Peace Scholars arrived at Hesston College. In the fall of 2016, seven returned for their 25th class reunion.

The first time they came, 14 of the 20 spoke little or no English. The program brochures they received pictured city skylines; they weren’t expecting the Kansas prairie. They lived with host families for the first semester to help them adjust to the culture and be immersed in the language. They would attend their classes taught in English, then gather together to go over all the material a second time together and translate it to Spanish.
It was hard, exhausting work. But it was worth it, and not just for them. As much as this community impacted their lives, so too did they impact the community.

“Them being here was a whole new experience for the college at that time,” said Margie Wiens, who worked as a staff person, and later director, for the Hesston program. “The community saw the challenges they faced, saw their hard work and dedication and really respected and admired them for it.”

As they reunited, the group reminisced about the two years here that started their lives on a new, unexpected trajectory. They remembered marathon study sessions during January term and host families who demonstrated patience, kindness and support as they acclimated to a new language and life away from their own families. They talked about using their strengths in English or an academic program to assist a fellow student struggling with that same area. They recalled trips to see American systems in action and learning to ride a bike or drive a car.

Each of their stories and memories carried similar undertones — determination and connection are what helped them succeed.

“You look back and reflect how much impact you went through at Hesston College,” said Juan Guardiola ’91. “The community improved and changed our lives. It made us a lot better people. It made us people with more wisdom and wider vision than when we came here. Despite long hours of studying and working to understand, we grew up and we are all a lot better people thanks to the opportunity we had at Hesston.”

Left to right: A group of the first Peace Scholars at Hesston (1989-91) attended Homecoming 2016 for their 25th class reunion: Otto Najera (Antigua, Guatemala), surgical instrumentation specialist for global eye care company, Alcon; Gilberto Oliva (Hesston), systems administrator for Hesston College Information Technology; Juan Guardiola (Hesston), owner of Mama Lupe’s tortilla plant (Moundridge, Kan.); Gabriel Canela (Kissimmee, Fla.), owner of AC Particle Parts; Connard Williams (Noonan, Ga.), IT consultant; Margie Wiens (Hesston), former CASS program staff; Linda (Melara) Melara de Guerra (San Salvador, El Salvador), financial director for a NGO that helps high schools students develop skills for college; and Arnoldo Guevara (San Salvador), call center IT manager.
Bailee Nichols-Clary ’17
Wichita, Kan.

CHOOSING HESSTON
I did not feel I was ready to attend a four-year college after graduating from high school. I was looking specifically for a two-year Christian college, which led me to Hesston. I knew Hesston was the right fit after I came to an open house day. As soon as my mom and I got back in the car I was already saying, “I want to go back!”

A SECOND HOME
I have felt very welcome at Hesston. It’s a friendly and personable atmosphere, and I love how involved the community is with the college students. Having mod parents helped me make connections when I first arrived on campus as a freshman. This year’s homecoming theme of “Home Sweet Hesston” and the shared experiences between Hesston College, Hesston High School and the wider community speaks to the great relationships we share.

MANY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES
I come from a Pentecostal background, and this year I have the opportunity to do an internship at Hesston United Methodist Church. Then throw in attending a Mennonite college! Sometimes the exposure to multiple perspectives challenges me as I sort out my beliefs and learning, but it’s also shaping me and allowing me to grow in my faith.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION
At my internship I prepare and lead Sunday school class for elementary and middle school students. I also teach “Bible Zone” for the elementary-aged kids on Wednesday nights and I help with the after school program on Thursday afternoons. My internship is giving me so much experience in the field I am hoping to pursue. I have gained mentors along the way, and I love seeing the children’s smiling faces as they come in ready to learn and have fun.

PASSION FOR CHILDREN
I have always loved working with children and have dreamed of teaching children in some form. The things children learn at a young age stay with them and can impact their future lives. I think it’s extremely important to teach and engage with them because they are our future generation of leaders. After my time at Hesston, I plan to transfer to a four-year Christian institution where I can earn a bachelor’s degree in Bible and ministry. Someday, I’d like to work at my home church, Park Place Ministry Center as the Children’s Ministry Director.

WHAT HER INSTRUCTORS SAY
“Bailee has such a heart for Jesus and for all people! She’s always willing to go the extra mile. She’s a good listener. She has a kind word for everyone. It’s inspiring to see how she has answered God’s call to ministry and it’s a joy to get to be a small part of equipping her for that call.”
— Michele (Schrock) ’81 Hershberger, Bible and Ministry faculty
Zach Roth ’03
Pittsburgh, Pa.

MAJOR: Aviation
CAREER: Regional sales associate for Textron Aviation

STARTING HERE
My family has a long history of attending Hesston. On top of that, I was drawn to the small classes, the aviation program and the stories of those close to me who reflected on the strong friendships that were created at Hesston College. I was shy in high school and always wanted to get into aircraft sales, but thought I lacked the social skill set to be a salesperson. Hesston allowed me to garner the confidence to further my social skills on campus and throughout life.

GO EVERYWHERE
After Hesston, I attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach, Fla.) and earned my bachelor’s in aeronautical science with a business minor. After college I flew a Cessna 172 taking aerial photos for Bing Maps Birds Eye View, and then I flew Beechcraft King Airs and Embraer Phenoms for Executive AirShare for six years and acquiring 3,400 flight hours. In that time after college, I perfected a lot of social lessons I learned living on campus at Hesston. I was able to leverage that skill set and build relationships that led to my first sales job at Guardian Jet as an Aircraft Broker and now a regional sales associate at Textron Aviation.

FROM FLYING TO SELLING
I had two goals prior to getting into aircraft sales: get 3,000 hours of flight time and improve my social skill set. I set a goal of 3,000 flight hours because I knew I would be proficient and if I ever wanted to go back to that career I would have a significant amount of experience. I probably would’ve pursued sales earlier, but it took a little longer for the economy to recover after 2008. My goal from the beginning was to eventually get into sales. My father was a pilot and aircraft salesman. I’ve been around flying my whole life, so I naturally wanted the flying experience. I also knew I needed to immerse myself in a flying career first. I always aspired to work for Cessna Aircraft, and in 2013 I was hired as a Textron Aviation Sales Associate. I felt Cessna’s culture matched my personality so I accepted the position. Two years later, I won Textron Aviation’s Regional Sales Associate of the Year after generating 10 aircraft sales in 2015.

MENTORS’ INSPIRATION
I lost my father, and natural mentor, at 15 due to an aviation accident. I have very fond memories of working with my flight instructor, Don Woodward. Don became my mentor in flying, and also in my personal life. He was able to push and motivate me in ways I never thought possible. Though I accumulated four of my pilot ratings (private, commercial, CFI and multi-engine) through Don, my fondest memory was when he signed off for my first solo flight during my first semester at Hesston. That flight was the moment I realized I could be a pilot and fly an airplane by myself, without my father.

A dual alum of Hesston High School and Hesston College, Roth presented at Home Sweet Hesston Homecoming.
Dr. Joseph Manickam ’87 has been appointed the ninth president of Hesston College following a unanimous vote from the Hesston College Board of Directors and the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) board. He will assume office July 1, 2017.

Currently director of the Institute of Religion, Culture and Peace and faculty member for peace studies at Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand, Manickam previously served in Thailand for three years with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Canada as director of the Central-Southern and Northeast Asia Program. Earlier in his career, he was director of the MCC Asia Program and associate director of the Center for Anabaptist Leadership in California. He also served five years as associate director of admissions at Hesston.

“The search committee is delighted that Dr. Manickam received a very strong affirmation from Hesston College’s campus community,” said Ken G Kabira ’81, Hesston College Board of Directors vice chair and chair of the presidential search committee. “As his predecessors have done, we are convinced that Dr. Manickam will strengthen Hesston College’s Christ-centered Anabaptist education. We are thankful for the Lord who has led us to this outcome.”

Manickam had been announced in late October as the college’s candidate of choice for its presidency. He visited the campus Nov. 7 and 8, meeting with faculty, staff, students, board members and local church and community leaders. The search committee gathered feedback from the various groups following the visit before making its final recommendation.

Manickam succeeds Dr. Howard Keim ’72, who concluded more than 11 years as president in June. Dr. Benjamin E. Sprunger has been serving as interim president for the 2016-17 academic year.

Manickam earned a bachelor’s in communications from Goshen (Ind.) College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in intercultural studies from Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, Calif.). He has also previously served on the boards of The Mennonite and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Ind.).

The search committee praised Manickam’s relational abilities and his strong intercultural competency, which have been common threads in his work.

“Hesston College has evolved during these past 30 years since I graduated while remaining true to its core values—values that strive to shape students, staff and faculty into fluent translators of Christ’s love,” Manickam noted. “It is for this reason that I am excited about my return to Hesston College. I am truly humbled and grateful for the trust the board of directors has expressed in inviting me to this position.”

Pictured above: Joe and Wanda (Wyse) ’88 Manickam with Mark Landes, vice president of Finance and Auxiliary Services, during the Manickam’s campus visit in November.
AN INCREASE IN NEW STUDENTS AND HIGHER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT USHERS IN THE 2016-17 YEAR

Hesston College’s official fall 2016 enrollment numbers following the 20th day of classes give a total student headcount enrollment of 401.

Included in total enrollment is a larger group of new students who started at Hesston in 2016 as compared to fall 2015. The number of new domestic students increased to 198 from 185 in 2015, an increase of seven percent. With 17 new international students, the total number of new students in 2016 is 215, an increase from 206 in 2015.

“We are seeing the fruits of several growth initiatives launched last year including our bachelor’s in nursing program, athletic roster expansion, a new men’s golf program and an increase in staff for regional recruitment,” said Rachel Swartzendruber ’00 Miller, vice president of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Retention of new students in 2015 to fall 2016 also experienced growth to 78 percent. In fall 2014, 65 percent of students returned, and 76 percent in 2015.

The total enrollment is comprised of students from 29 states and 16 countries. Total student FTE (full time equivalent) is 391.3, or 97 percent of total enrollment, which exceeded the college’s FTE budget for the first time in at least five years and is an increase of 4.6 from fall 2015. Students from Kansas make up about 45 percent of the total student population while another 45 percent come from other U.S. states and about 10 percent are international.

Following a recent trend, the new class of Hesston students also brought higher academic marks with an average new student GPA of 3.34, up from 3.30 in 2015 and 3.19 in 2014.
A SHINING SEASON

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For a second straight year, the Hesston College women’s soccer team unfolded a dominant season, finishing with an impressive 12-6 record – one of the best seasons in the history of the program, and a rash of new names to add to the record book.

The Larks spent a good portion of the season among the top teams in Region VI, making them an intimidating competitor to some impressive teams and earning them a home playoff appearance for the first time in the program’s history. Even more impressive, the Larks played up to the Division I level of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

“In most sports, Hesston College competes at the Division II level,” head soccer coach Bryan Kehr explained. “However, because there is no Division II in soccer, Hesston plays at the Division I level.”

The college has only had a women’s soccer program since 2007. In fact, between 2007 and 2015, they had an overall record of 56 wins, 98 losses and eight draws. So how are the Larks able to experience so much success now? Kehr was quick to note that this success didn’t happen overnight.

“This team builds on the success of past years,” Kehr said. “We had a great team last year with a 15-6 record, which included being undefeated at home.”

The difference between this year’s team and last year’s team is that this year, the returning players know what winning feels like.

“When players experience these winning attitudes, it becomes easier to replicate them,” Kehr said.

That positive attitude translated to several players seeing their names join the ranks of the best of the best in the record books. Allison Ebersole ‘17 (Lafayette, Colo.) and Mika Matsuda ‘17 (Kyoto, Japan) took the top two spots for goals (Ebersole-37; Matsuda-34) and points (Matsuda-118; Ebersole-84) in a career. Matsuda also set a career record for assists (50) and nearly matched her season assist mark, with 22 this year. She also set a season mark for points with 60, surpassing her mark set last year by two points. Goalkeeper Cassidy Bontrager ‘17 (Wellman, Iowa) is second with six career and season shutouts. Bontrager is also second in season goals against average (1.54) and save percentage (.772). Four more players found places in the top 10 in various career categories.

“Our sophomores have placed their stamp on the program with both their play on the field and their work in the classroom and on campus,” Kehr said. “This year’s team has some special players with great soccer skill, but we are also comprised of players who are working hard and playing for each other.”

Part of the Larks success also has to do with how well the team bonded.

“We began practice with each player and coach sharing their favorite 30 seconds of life that they would love to get to live over,” Kehr said. “Players shared different memories, including quiet time at the top of a mountain in Colorado, the birth of a niece and the moment they were adopted. Learning to know each of these outstanding young women even a little bit is the greatest moment of the season.”

Allison Ebersole ‘17 faces a defender. Ebersole broke the college’s career scoring record just past the halfway point of the fall season.
Hesston College celebrated Homecoming Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, with the theme “Home Sweet Hesston.” The weekend was a shared celebration between Hesston College and Hesston High School as 2016 marked Hesston High School USD 460’s 50th anniversary, which transitioned from the former Hesston Academy. Dual alumni that attended both Hesston High and Hesston College served as presenters and performers during the weekend.

Opposite page, counterclockwise from top: Interim President Ben Sprunger and his wife, Sue, ride in the community-wide Homecoming parade.

Talashia (Keim) ’02 Keim Yoder performs a dance at the gala concert, The Promise of Living, featuring Hesston College and Hesston High School music ensembles as well as dual alumni.

Jonah Short-Miller ’17 (Bellingham, Wash.) and Noah Yoder ’18 (Harrisonburg, Va.) perform at a coffeehouse.

Marty Troyer ’96 delivers the Sunday morning worship service sermon. Troyer is pastor of Houston (Texas) Mennonite Church: The Church of the Sermon on the Mount, author of The Gospel Next Door: Following Jesus right where you are, and his blog, The Peace Pastor, is hosted by the Houston Chronicle.

Future Lark Ty Martin, son of Steve ’04 and Kristi Martin, goes airborne on an inflatable slide at the family festival.

This page, top: Dual alumnas sisters Erin Hershberger ’10 and Tara Hershberger ’06 perform at the gala concert.

Bottom: Angela (Swartzendruber) ’01 Hackman, a dual alumna of Hesston High School and Hesston College, speaks in a Go Everywhere seminar about her career in social work and director of Integrated Health at Penn Foundation in Sellersville, Pa.
Top: Academy Class of 1951 and Academy Class of 1956
Middle: Academy Class of 1961 and College Class of 1961
Bottom: College Class of 1976
Top: College Class of 1966 and College Class of 1986
Middle: College Class of 2001 and College Class of 1991
Bottom: College Class of 2011 and College Class of 2006
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 scholarship has been added to the list of endowed scholarships since fall of 2015.

NOFZIGER/HERNLEY FAMILY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Myrl Nofziger learned the importance of giving from his father, Jesse L. Nofziger, and his mother, Kathryn, and they passed on to him a passion for giving, both to share resources and to pass on beliefs and values. Myrl and Phyllis (Liechty) ’69 have also shared the value of giving with their children, including daughter Renee (Nofziger) ’94 Hernley. The Nofziger’s estate planning documents include testaments that highlight their beliefs and values, including Christian education. They are generous donors to a wide range of causes for which they have passion.

This scholarship reflects the Myrl and Phyllis Nofziger family’s interest in Christian/Anabaptist education as carried out through the nursing program at Hesston College. Their goal is to support students studying nursing who otherwise may not have the opportunity to attend a Christian/Anabaptist college.

AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

While the sticker price of a college education continues to climb among both two- and four-year, private and public institutions nationwide, Hesston College is focused on keeping the cost of a start here education affordable and viable for any student.

The Hesston College Board of Directors approved new costs for the 2017-18 year at its October meeting. The tuition increase of two percent for 2017-18 makes it the third out of the last four years that Hesston's tuition increases have been below three percent. The stated tuition cost is $25,888 for 2017-18. However, with 99 percent of Hesston's students receiving some type of financial aid, the more important figure is net price (after scholarships and discounts). With increases in institutionally-funded financial aid, the college's average net tuition price per student has been basically flat at $12,500 over the past four to five years.

According to Rachel Swartzendruber ’00 Miller, vice president of Admissions and Financial Aid, “Net price is the most important figure when looking at affordability. We remain focused on making the Hesston Experience available to more and more students. Endowed scholarships are playing an even more critical role in providing aid to students and keeping Hesston affordable.”

For the 2016-17 year, Hesston’s price increase was the lowest of any public or private four-year school in Kansas. Administrators expect the 2017-18 price increase will again be at the low end of the spectrum in Kansas.

As an added bonus, children of Hesston College alumni automatically receive a $1,000 scholarship for each year they attend Hesston.
Hesston College depends on alumni, friends and the church to support the costs of educating students. The Hesston College Partner program is made up of individuals who make ongoing annual contributions to the Hesston College Annual Fund to provide institutional scholarships and grants as financial aid for students.

About 880 individuals from 41 states and three countries are Hesston College Partners. On average, a student receives more than $10,000 in institutional aid each year, which includes money from the Annual Fund. About 80 percent of the total Annual Fund amount comes from Partner contributions.

Partnership with Hesston College can happen at different giving levels.

• President’s Partner – $834 and more per month ($10,000 and more annually)
• Sponsoring Partner – $418 to $833 per month ($5,000 to $9,999 annually)
• Sustaining Partner – $167 to $417 per month ($2,000 to $4,999 annually)
• Founding Partner – $84 to $166 per month ($1,000 to $1,999 annually)
• Associate Partner – $42 to $83 per month ($500 to $999 annually)

To find out more about the Partner Program, visit www.hesston.edu or call the Development Office toll free at 866-437-7866.

Phonathon 2016-17: MAKING CONNECTIONS

For a little more than five weeks this fall, 35 Hesston College student callers, known as Student Development Officers, made connections with alumni across the country as part of Phonathon.

Phonathon is an important part of Advancement efforts that help keep Hesston College affordable, but it’s about more than just raising money; it’s a chance for students, alumni and friends to connect and share their experiences.

A year prior, Phonathon led to connections between students and alumni that went beyond a brief phone call when Hesston College past and present were able to meet in person.

“Between Hesston College and other colleges, I have received a lot of Phonathon calls, some of them rather impersonal. When Emily called, she made a personal connection with me, asking me about my time at Hesston and allowing me to reflect on some of my favorite experiences. That sense of connectedness made the conversation very personable and easy. I would have given to Hesston College anyway, but because Emily built a connection with me, I gave more than I would have otherwise.”

- Cynthia (Habegger) ’75 Loganbill (Wichita, Kan.) made a connection with Emily Griffioen ’17 (Belmond, Iowa) in the fall of 2015.

As of late November, Phonathon, coordinated by Development staff members Phyllis (Miller) ’71 Weaver and Sheri Esau, had raised $64,171 toward a $100,000 goal in support of the Hesston Experience, with more unspecified pledges yet to be realized. Even though Student Development Officers have wrapped up their calling for the year, it’s not too late to make a contribution and a connection with present and future Hesston College students. The student experience is impacted by every little bit of generosity. Give online at hesston.edu/give.
VOLLEYBALL DROPS PLAYOFF GAME TO END SEASON

In a year of transition, Lark Volleyball ended the season Nov. 5 with a nearly split record of 14-16 under first-year head coach DeeDee (Martin) ’02 Landes. The final loss came in the district semifinal round to top seeded Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College. The Larks looked to Kortney Cunningham ’17 (Almena, Kan.) (pictured) as a leader during the season. Mid-way through the season, Cunningham was ranked in the top 10 among region leaders for blocks per set.

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY RUNS AT NATIONALS

The women’s cross country team competed at the NJCAA Division I Cross Country National Championship meet, Nov. 12, in El Dorado, Kan., finishing 29th of 37 teams. “It was a great ending for the women after the rigors and challenges of their three-month cross country journey, including the 750 miles they’ve run, endless hours of training, injury and competitive challenges,” said coach Gerry Sieber. Sierra Broce ’18 (Goddard, Kan.) (pictured) finished as Hesston’s number one runner, placing 127th overall with a time of 20:49. Team co-captain, Renee Buckwalter ’17 (Wellman, Iowa), came in second to Broce with her best time of the year, 21:14. Sadie Winter ’18 (Newton, Kan.), Katelyn Kilmer ’18 (Goshen, Ind.), Savannah Bontrager ’18 (Milford, Neb.) and Eva Dwyer ’17 (Goshen, Ind.) followed.

MEN’S SOCCER RECORDS MOST WINS SINCE 2011

Under the leadership of first-year coach Matt Gerlach, the men’s soccer team finished its 2016 campaign with a 5-12-1 record, the most wins for the program over the last five years. The Larks ended their season with a 2-0 win over McPherson (Kan.) College JV during the last home game, which also included recognition for the sophomores. “These sophomores have fought for the program and worked for everything they have,” said Gerlach. “They deserved to be sent off the right way, and we were able to accomplish that.”

Pictured: Thomas Minor ’17 (Tonganoxie, Kan.).
AUTHOR VISITS CAMPUS

Joshua Davis, author of the fall 2016 community read, *Spare Parts*, visited campus Oct. 4, to share with an audience of about 500, the process of writing his book and his experiences researching and interacting with immigrants to the United States. *Spare Parts* tells the true story of four undocumented teenagers from Mexico and living in Phoenix who were inspired by their high school science teachers to be greater than their adversity and be successful in building an underwater robot to compete against corporate-sponsored collegiate teams. The college partnered with area libraries, including Hesston Public Library, for the community read.

NORTHLAWN BECOMES KEIM CENTER

During Homecoming Weekend, the building known as Northlawn for 45 years, was renamed Keim Center for Performing Arts Education in honor of former president Howard ’72 and Tami (Birky) ’72 Keim. A renaming ceremony was held Oct. 1. The Keims have long been supporters of the performing arts, and Howard maintains a storied history with the building itself. As student body president in 1971, Howard spoke at the dedication service for the newly-constructed Northlawn. In 2015, as Hesston College president, he helped dedicate the renovated building. In the fall of 2014, he even took the stage in the role of Stage Manager in the drama, *Our Town*, the final production before renovation. To mark the occasion, and as a gift to the college commissioned by the Keims, Shin-hee Chin, former adjunct art instructor and art instructor at Tabor College (Hillsboro, Kan.), created an art piece, “Mother Tongue and Foreign Language.”

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

New faculty and staff joining the campus community for the 2016-17 year are: Michael Ceramella, sabbatical replacement in business; Maureen Entz, nursing skills laboratory instructor and clinical instructor; Staci Ford, nursing instructor; Matt Gerlach, men’s soccer coach; Brandis Henderson ’15, food service; Marissa Hochstetler ’14, resident director; Jeff Jacobs, women’s basketball coach; Chance Joost, men’s and women’s tennis coach; DeeDee (Martin) ’02 Landes, volleyball coach; Cecelia Oliva, food service; John Oyer ’13, sabbatical replacement in business; Michael Oyer ’13, resident director; Timothy Regier, flight instructor; Judy Reimer, food service; Mari Sailors, associate director of International Admissions; Eric Sarno, sports information director and assistant men’s soccer coach; Allie Shoup, admissions counselor; Katie Spitz, multimedia project manager; Lyndel Walker, nursing instructor; Richard Walker, American Government and Politics instructor; Carley Wyse ’14, admissions counselor.
How do you appropriately celebrate the 30th year of a college course that has significantly shaped the lives and faith of nearly 6,000 students?

A brand new, first-time-ever textbook for the course seems like a great start.

This fall, students in Hesston College’s famous Introduction to Biblical Literature course received copies of the first print run of *The Bible as Story: An Introduction to Biblical Literature*, co-authored by former and current Hesston College faculty members Marion Bontrager ’57, Michele (Schrock) ’81 Hershberger and John Sharp ’73, as their textbook.

A Bib Lit book had been an aspiration for the faculty authors for several years, but the time needed to make it a reality was difficult to find with already busy teaching, speaking and other writing commitments for each of them.

It was the encouragement from fellow faculty member, published author and owner of the independent Workplay Publishing, André Swartley ’99, that inspired them to move ahead. The fact that it was published in time for the 30th anniversary of the course was coincidence.

“One of my motivations for getting [the authors] together to do the book was as an academic advisor to the international students who have to take Bib Lit to graduate,” said Swartley, who teaches English as a Second Language courses. “Many of them have never even seen a Bible and Bib Lit is difficult for them, so I thought, ‘How can we make a more user-friendly resource for these students, which will, in turn, benefit everyone?’”

Bontrager’s brainchild, Bib Lit was started as a way to ensure students would receive biblical teaching from an Anabaptist perspective as part of their core curriculum. The approach to teaching the Bible is unique when compared to many other Bible classes, and consists of three parts: story, method (inductive study) and hermeneutics (interpretation). It reveals the Bible as a narrative of God and the people of God instead of a compilation of stories.

“Bib Lit is focused on story rather than on book,” said Bontrager, who retired from teaching in May 2014. “It’s not so much about the Bible as the content of the Bible. It provides foundational context. It also builds a foundation for critical thinking and analysis when studying the Bible or in any area of life or academics.”

While the book was created as a teaching tool, the authors are hopeful and expectant that it will have an impact beyond the Hesston College classroom. Both Bontrager and Hershberger have presented the Bib Lit curriculum in congregations across the United States for several years. The advent of the book will make the presentations more convenient and succinct and offer the opportunity for congregations, small groups or individuals to explore the content on their own.

While the many possibilities with the new text remain to be more fully realized, it’s clear that Bib Lit will continue to be foundational and shape the lives and faith journeys of students in the college classroom and beyond.

“It’s so rewarding to see students make new connections with the Bible,” said Bontrager. “If it also contributes to more storytelling in the church, that will be a very nice spin off.”

Pictured above: Co-authors of *The Bible as Story: An Introduction to Biblical Literature*, Marion Bontrager, Michele Hershberger and John Sharp. The book is available through Amazon or the Hesston College Bookstore at books.hesston.edu.
NEAR OR FAR – HOW HAS YOUR DISTANCE FROM HOME SHAPED YOUR HESSTON EXPERIENCE?

Erin Brubaker ’17, Goessel, Kan.
“I like going to school close to home because it gives me the option to go home and see my family. I don’t go home too often though because the people here have become my second family.”

Ryan Oostland ’18, Goshen, Ind.
“I feel so much more independence being further away from home, and it’s great.”

Jonae Hochstetler ’18, Strawberry Lake, Minn.
“I’ve been away from home in Minnesota for a couple of years, but being in Hesston has been a whole new challenge. Coming into a space where no one knows you is both exciting and difficult. You have to figure out who you are and what’s important to you apart from your family and home. I’ve enjoyed being part of a new community here.”

Miho Okuda ’18, Narashino, Chiba-ken, Japan
“I do not miss home too much – I like college life at Hesston.”

Fred Flores Cano ’17, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
“I’m a very outgoing person, so it wasn’t hard for me to be far away from home. I miss being home for the holidays or for birthdays, but I love being a part of this community.”

Kyle Good ’17, Harrisonburg, Va.
“Not seeing my family every day and missing events I was used to felt a bit weird at first, but over time, this has become my home and a great experience.”
ALUMNI NEWS

1930-39

DEATHS

Vesta (Troyer) Ac37, '39
Gingerich, Kalona, Iowa, Sept. 13, 2016

Nathan Nussbaum '51,
Goshen, Ind., June 11, 2016

Daryl Garber Ac52, '61,
husband of Lila (Hershberger)
Ac53 Garber, Lancaster, Pa.,
March 3, 2016

Eleanor (Geary) Ac52 Wright,
Central City, Neb., March 21, 2016

Judy Miller, wife of Perry Miller
'52, Hutchinson, Kan., June 20, 2016

Leroy Miller Ac54, Vienna, Va.,
Feb. 2, 2016

Ivan Kauffman Ac56, '58,
husband of Lois (Conrad)
Ac55, '57 Kauffman,
Philadelphia, Pa., July 15, 2016

Ellen (Kauffman) Ac56 Lauber,
Tofield, Alberta, Canada, Feb. 29, 2016

Harold Snyder '57, husband of
Lyla (Chupp) Ac54, '57 Snyder,
Canby, Ore., Sept. 11, 2016

Lewis Buller, husband of
Miral (Shetler) Ac58 Buller,
Highland, Calif., Oct. 11, 2015

Dorothy (Erb) '59 Kingsley,
Armenia, N.D., May 6, 2016

1940-49

DEATHS

Wilmetta (Weaver) Ac40, '42

Milton Miller Ac40, Hesston,

Alta (Snyder) '44 Krabill,
Fredericktown, Ohio, July 3, 2016

Ethel (Miller) '45 Stutzman,
Goshen, Ind., Aug. 1, 2016

Gladys (Bender) Ac47 Fisher,
Kalona, Iowa, June 1, 2016

Donnabelle (Garber) Ac47
Hoover, Goshen, Ind., July 26, 2016

Donovan Bachman Ac48,

J.B. Shenk '48, Lancaster, Pa.,
July 21, 2016

Ardis (Kennel) '49 Cowerd,
Glendale, Ariz., Jan. 1, 2016

1950-59

DEATHS

Wayne North '50,
Harrisonburg, Va., July 8, 2016

Merle Brenneman '60, Goshen,
Ind., July 20, 2016

Rachel (Osborne) Ac63, '65
Koppenhaver, El Dorado, Kan.,
Oct. 12, 2016

Becky (Duersken) Ac65, '68
Oswald, Rocky Ford, Colo.,
Aug. 4, 2016

1960-69

Susan Miller '67, Hesston,
Kan., wrote Breaking New
Ground: A History of First
Mennonite Church, Indianapolis,
published by First Mennonite
Church and available for
purchase at indymenno.org.

1970-79

Donald Hersberger '73,
Clark, Wyo., and his wife,
Pam, operate Living Water
Guest Ranch and Ministry, a
ranch open to the public, in
the shadow of the Beartooth
Mountains in northwest
Wyoming.

DEATH

Karen (Ebersole) '76
Thomason, Evans, Colo., Aug. 2, 2016

1980-89

Judy (Clemens) '89 Clemens
Smucker, Ottawa, Ohio, released
a new book, Tag,
You're Dead, July 5, under
the pen name J.C. Lane. The
book is a young adult and
adult thriller. A Booklist
review says, “Good reading
for [Stephen] King fans as well
as those many millions who
secretly wish that Katniss
Everdeen was still playing
her own dangerous game.”
Visit the author’s website at
jclanebooks.com.

DEATH

Marlene Schmidt '88, Newton,
Kan., July 10, 2016

1990-99

Otto Najera '91, La Antigua,
Guatemala, is a surgical
instrument specialist at Alcon
Centroamerica, part of
Alcon Labs, a global medical
company specializing in eye
care products, and a subsidiary
of the Swiss multinational
pharmaceutical company.

Gilberto Perez '92, Goshen,
Ind., is the recipient of two
awards from state-wide
organizations for his work in
education and advocacy for
the Indiana Latino community.
In September he was honored
as Teacher of the Year 2016
by the Indiana Governor’s
office and the Indiana Latino
Expo (ILE), a non-profit,
state-wide organization
representing the Latino
community and interests. He
received the award at the
Governor’s Business Luncheon
in Indianapolis. Perez also
was the recipient of the 2016
Chickadee Bird Award from the
Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance (IUYA) on
Sept. 30. This award was
presented at the IUYA
Scholarship Banquet, “Voices
Unheard. Stories Untold,”
at the Ivy Tech Corporate
College and Culinary Center
(Indianapolis).

BIRTHS

Becky (Hooley) '97 and Tim
Martin, Terre Hill, Pa.: Alyssa
Kate, March 30, 2016

Matt Burkey '98 and Kristy
Fornwald, Baltimore, Md.:
Willa Jo, July 24, 2016

2000-09

Rachel (Jaberg) '04 Brooks,
Charlottesville, Va., earned
an M.B.A. with a specialty
in health care and works
as manager of the Cardiac
Cath and Electrophysiology
Department at Sentara
Martha Jefferson Hospital
(Charlottesville).

Rachel Albrecht '06, Lancaster,
Pa., completed a master’s of
education degree in school counseling at Millersville (Pa.) University in spring 2016, and works as a school counselor at Denver (Pa.) Elementary School.

Jessica Cleveland '06, McPherson, Kan., joined the McPherson College coaching staff in the winter of 2015 as head volleyball coach after serving as head coach for Hesston College since 2011. In her last two seasons coaching at Hesston, she accumulated a record of 42-20, mostly against very strong NJCAA Jayhawk Conference teams.

Bethany Miller '08, former staff, Hesston, Kan., is the sales and services manager for Bluestem Communities independent living department.

MARRIAGES
Heidi Swartzendruber '01 and Charley Hine, San Francisco, Calif., July 30, 2016
Andrea Wiens '04 and Bobby Larsen, Denver, Colo., Aug. 13, 2016
Laura Sharp '06 and Nick Enzinna, North Newton, Kan., May 28, 2016
Oliver Kropf '08 and Rachel Gaedert, Hesston, Kan., July 16, 2016
Darin Schwartzentruber '08 and Greta Martin, Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 3, 2016
Rebecca Friesen '09 and Jerad Noble, Beaver, Okla., Aug. 6, 2016
Tessa Walters '09 and Cameron Brandenburg, Hays, Kan., July 23, 2016

BIRTHS
Kendra Boettger '01 and Yakac Abdulmesih, Izmir, Turkey: Theodora Haven, July 4, 2016
Sallie (Landis) '01 and Jason Davis, Seattle, Wash.: Emerson Anne Marais, June 18, 2016
Kendra (King) '01 and Mark '07, '10 Horst, Yoder, Kan.: Lincoln Leon, born Nov. 24, 2014, adopted July 25, 2016
Rueben '01 and Jeri Hunsberger, Davidsville, Pa.: Tucker Stroll, May 2, 2016
Erin (Siemens) '01, '08 and Joe Martin, Newton, Kan.: twins, Pierce Henry and Preslee Jane, July 15, 2016
Marcy (Eigenbrod) '01 and Matt Noble, Mackinaw, Ill.: Raeya Ann, Aug. 2, 2016
Lonnie '02 and Roxie (Yeackley) '03 Miller, Sugarcreek, Ohio: Thea Jean, Sept. 15, 2016
Melissa (Skinner) '02 Ceveda and Juan Ceveda Salazar, Madison, Wis.: Kai Alexander, July 13, 2016
Kelly (Borton) '02 and Dave Colon, West Unity, Ohio: Weston Red, June 6, 2016
Kristin Walker '02 and Adam Jones, Portland, Ore.: Lydia Walker, Jan. 21, 2016
Steve '03 and Taylor Stutzman, Kearney, Neb.: Leo Steven, July 2, 2016
Rachel (Jaberg) '04 and Tim Brooks, Charlotteville, Va.: Wyatt Lee, June 1, 2016
Dan '05 and Lisa (Nye) '05 Augspurger, North Liberty, Iowa: Leo Thomas, March 30, 2016
Andrew '05 and Kassidy (Yeackley) '10, '13 Froese, La Junta, Colo.: Lydia Faith, July 25, 2016
Jordan '05 and Michelle Flora Oyer, Nappanee, Ind.: Miles Franklin, Oct. 17, 2015
Kris (Johnson) '05 and Peter Vander Ploeg, Denver, Colo.: Paul Henry, July 18, 2016
Keith '06 and Ressa Allen, Wichita, Kan.: Ayla Kay, May 20, 2016
Ho-Hyun Lee '06 and Seung Park, Gunpo, Kyunggi, South Korea: SiWon, Aug. 2, 2016
Joel '06 and Annerose (Leichty) '07 Lederman, Goshen, Ind.: Reagan Kyle, June 25, 2016
Craig '06 and Caitlin Roth, Wauseon, Ohio: Rowan Sydney, May 16, 2016
Ben '06 and Danielle Stutzman, Pryor, Okla.: Ezekiel Jay, July 11, 2016
Katie Best '07 and Alan Stucky, Wichita, Kan.: Benjamin Isaiah, July 15, 2016
Shawna (Gerber) '07 Gerber Boyd and Zach Boyd, Millersburg, Ohio: Malachi James, Aug. 3, 2016
Lindsay (Hickerson) '07 and Jaime Hay, Wichita, Kan.: Owen Jamison, Sept. 1, 2016
Danae (Gigstad) and Justin Lillie, Fort Dodge, Iowa: Blakely Madison, Aug. 24, 2016

Ben '08 and Kaely (Miller) '09 Barwick, Mishawaka, Ind.: Mae Elizabeth, April 27, 2016
Meredith (Kliwer) '08 and Caleb Sarver, Ellis, Kan.: Lucy Mae, Sept. 6, 2016
Matt '08 and Bethany (Stauffer) '08 Stuckey, Archbold, Ohio: Elyson Rose, Sept. 19, 2016
Heidi (Baker) '09 and Scott Charles, Denver, Pa.: Logan John, Dec. 27, 2015
Ben '09 and Jackelyn Jantzi, Boise, Idaho: Obadiah Benjamin, July 7, 2016
Jason '09 and Anna (Yoder) '12 Unruh, Peabody, Kan.: Eliza Kay, May 29, 2016

2010-16
Erin Hershberger '10, Wichita, Kan., served as a nurse in a low cost/free clinic in Roatan, Honduras, from October 2014 to November 2015. She is working on a master’s in nursing education degree at Wichita State University.
Solomon Rudy '11, Hesston, Kan., accepted a job flying with Regal-Beloit in Beloit, Wis.
Hannah Bachman '12, Goshen, Ind., is a math teacher at Goshen High School, teaching lower and upper grade level algebra.
Pierre Zook '13, McMinnville, Ore., traveled to New Zealand during July and August with the basketball team from Athletes in Action.

MARRIAGES
Kevin Blackmon '10 and Talya Williams, Edmond, Okla., Aug. 20, 2016
Jessica Herschberger '10 and Craig Blough, Shipshewana, Ind., Sept. 17, 2016
Ana Loucks '10 and Juan Diaz, Goshen, Ind., June 25, 2016
Laura Good '11 and Chris Fondia, Champaign, Ill., Aug. 13, 2016
Makenzie Jones '11 and Logan Truong, North Logan, Utah, Sept. 9, 2016
Meg Leatherman '11, staff and Cole Inghram, El Dorado, Kan., May 21, 2016
Josh Snyder '11 and Stephanie Swartzendruber '11, former staff, Goshen, Ind., July 2, 2016
Heidi Zehr '11, former staff and Hayden Goerzen '12, Hesston, Kan., June 4, 2016
Ashlyn Knepp '13 and Trevor Godshall '14, Souderton, Pa., Aug. 13, 2016
Jeptha Miller '13 and Alyssa Rychener '13, Newton, Kan., June 11, 2016
Courtney Reimer '13 and Chris Schroeder, Hesston, Kan., Oct. 8, 2016
Matt Weaver '13 and Crystal Leinbach '14, Hesston, Kan., June 23, 2016
Jesse Yoder '13 and Becca Slabaugh '14, Goshen, Ind., May 28, 2016
Garrett Byler '14 and Kaitlin Bell, Belleville, Pa., July 9, 2016
Denver Coblentz '14 and Elaina McCarty, Hartville, Ohio, June 11, 2016
Nathanal Ressler '14 and Savannah Hofstetter '14, Harrisonburg, Va., July 23, 2016
Tyler Roth '14 and Kelsey Goldsmith, Salem, Ore., Aug. 5, 2016
Oliver Denlinger '15 and Karli Mast '15, Denver, Pa., July 2, 2016
Travis Splechter '15 and Rachelle Adrian '15, June 4, 2016

BIRTHS
Brittany (Albrecht) '10 and Ricky Carter, Wichita, Kan.: Harrison Lee, June 10, 2016
Janet (Warkentin) '11 and Thomas Calvert, Wichita, Kan.: Sutton Gracey, July 7, 2016
Laura (Good) and Chris Fondia, Champaign, Ill.: Canaan Lloyd, July 26, 2016
Luci (Eash) '11 and Matthew Miller, Hutchinson, Kan.: Hannah Renee, June 9, 2016
Mandy (Kanagy) '11 and Scott Pulliam, Timberville, Va.: Feren Hugh, Aug. 16, 2016

Faculty/Staff
Jake Friesen, former faculty, Hesston, Kan., wrote My Life on Fast Forward, a memoir detailing his life experiences, including the start of the Hesston College Aviation program and his flying career. For more information, go to fastforwardjake.com.

DEATH
Becky Voth, former faculty, wife of Kenneth Voth '86, Newton, Kan., Aug. 18, 2016

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  › January 27 to 28, 2017
  › February 10 to 11, 2017
  › March 3 to 4, 2017
  › Or any date that works for you!

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