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Greetings to you on the cusp of a tenuous but seemingly brighter future. While we are by no means clear of the COVID-19 pandemic, our communities have come through tremendously difficult circumstances and are better positioned to move into the future now than they were last winter, in the very heart of the pandemic.

Even as Hesston College met COVID challenges, we grew in other ways, including adding a Bachelor’s of Arts in business management. As the article says in “Business Management, the Hesston Way” (p. 18), one of the core values that sets Hesston College business instruction apart is an emphasis on “leadership for the greater good.”

As HC alumni, I suspect you and I intrinsically understand why Hesston is uniquely positioned to graduate business leaders who value the greater good as much as profit. The challenge will be to effectively position that outcome for incoming first-year and transfer students.

I am confident that we will meet that challenge. As John Sharp’s article on the history of business instruction at Hesston (p. 5) underscores, Hesston faculty and staff have risen to meet and overcome the obstacles they faced. From computerization to an increased emphasis on site visits and internships, the business department at Hesston College continues to evolve and grow to meet the world’s demands and needs.

But this emphasis on ethical management is more than just a marketing ploy. We need leadership for the greater good now more than ever. From climate crises to political unrest and cultural polarization, we are morally obligated to nurture leaders who will care for all of God’s people and all of God’s creation with every decision they make. In this year’s theme verse, Paul instructs the Ephesians to “bear with one another in love.” All Hesston College graduates, in business management or otherwise, should leave this place with Paul’s exhortation firmly in mind. “How does what I do now bear with the other in love?” It’s questions like this that inform our vision of “leadership for the greater good.”

As you make your way through this issue of Hesston College Today, I encourage you to pray for your alma mater; for its students, faculty and staff; for health, for safety, for friendship; and that a vision for a more ethical, moral leadership model that bears with the other in love.

Peace to you,

Dr. Joseph A. Manickam ’87
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Quelling repeated calls for a bachelor’s degree program at Hesston College, incoming President Tilman Smith announced in his inaugural speech in October 1959 that Hesston College would become the “strongest possible junior college.” There would be no more talk of a four-year college curriculum.

Why this talk of a four-year program?

Because the college had granted bachelor’s degrees from 1919 to 1927. Four years earlier, the administration had begun expanding the college curriculum from one year in 1915 to four years in 1919.

That year Hesston College was on the move. It was the largest MC Mennonite school with an enrollment of 187, larger than Goshen College and Eastern Mennonite School combined. All three schools counted academy, Bible school and college students.

Nevertheless, in 1925 the Mennonite Board of Education with oversight of colleges required Hesston to scale back its curriculum to two years. The logic was that the church was too small to support more than one four-year college and Goshen would be that school, while Hesston should consider itself a feeder school.

So yes, Hesston College once conferred bachelor’s degrees. One should also note that in the 1950s, a Bachelor of Theology degree was offered in cooperation with Goshen College.
So what has changed? The times, of course, and the demand.

A recent study submitted to the Higher Learning Commission, Hesston’s accrediting organization, showed that prospective students inquiring about Hesston College programs expressed more interest in business than any other program of study except for nursing and aviation.

Enrollment growth is promising from current students as well as from possible transfers to Hesston. As an example, admissions reported that from 2016 to 2019, 84 potential freshmen interested in studying business chose four-year schools over Hesston. And in a 2019 survey of Hesston College business students, sixteen of thirty-nine said they would or definitely or probably stay to complete a four-year degree.

Moreover, among Kansas high school students taking the ACT each year, business administration or management is the top self-identified major. And according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, currently there are many opportunities for business graduates to find jobs with good salaries. The job market is expected to be strong for the near future.

What will it take to grow the curriculum from a two-year degree to a four-year degree program?

Certainly, new courses. The business faculty expects to add no fewer than 52 new upper-level courses that will include internships and professional development.

And faculty.

Hesston has a long history of competent business teachers. Loren Reusser has surely been one of the most enthusiastic. Even now, when he talks about teaching business courses at Hesston, he exudes excitement.

While a student at Bethel College, he began teaching at Hesston in the fall of 1958. He received an offer on Wednesday and two days later, Loren Reusser walked into a Hesston Academy classroom and began to teach. He had learned typing, accounting and shorthand at Bethel, so he was ready to assist Ellen Miller in teaching those courses.

In addition, he designed a new course, Introduction to Business, for both academy and college students. When Ellen Miller left for an overseas assignment, Loren Reusser was ready to carry a full load: shorthand, bookkeeping, accounting, beginning typing, typewriting for business and business machines. By the mid-1960s, the academy was smoothly transferred to the newly created public school district which became the Hesston area’s high school.

About the same time, computers were beginning to transform the business world and consequently, business education. Hesston College saw it coming and offered its first computer courses in 1976. Of course, computers took business machines to a level few could have imagined. Administrative computer use dated from the late 1960s when the college leased computer time from Excel Industries to run payroll and registration. Leonard Lichti had trained for these tasks.

Data processes courses were offered in 1967 and the computer science department was established in 1971.

Bob Harder, hired in 1978 to teach aviation, was also instrumental in establishing Computer Science and Computer Information Technology programs. His teaching helped to grow the enrollment of business students taking computer courses from 24 in 1976-77 to a phenomenal 244 in 1981-82.

The decade of the 1980s could be called the age of computerization. In the fall of 1981, Dean Jim Mininger told faculty that “we must expand our definition of a ‘literate person’ to fit the 1980s and 1990s. Our concept of basic literacy must include visual and computer literacy.” So the college would have to add “C” to the traditional Three R’s of education—reading, writing and ‘rithmetic.

The first computer was an IBM Display Writer, donated in 1982 to train business students. By December 1983, six instructors had achieved computer-related courses, conferences or on-the-job training. In the following years, grants funded technology upgrades.

President Kirk Alliman reported in 1985 significant changes in business education with the redesign of administration, medical
and legal secretarial courses to train students “for today’s modern electronic offices that are built around computers and information processing.”

By the spring of 1988, Hesston College Today reported that business was the single largest program of interest on campus and that a quarter of the student body had chosen business as a major. Fifteen courses were offered ranging from business accounting to hotel/restaurant/institutional management.

The following year, 280 students were taking computer science courses and nearly every student was using a computer for other courses.

Vickie Andres was hired in the fall of 1978, joining faculty members Bob Harder, Carole Malin, Rachel Martin, Marcia Miller and Clark Roth ’82. For sixteen years, Vickie Andres served as department chair overseeing the disaster management program and behavioral science programs.

Bill Mason, former student services director, drew students to his business marketing class. Field trips to thriving businesses were a cornerstone of his teaching. He also helped students discover their strengths and weaknesses by paying for personality profile testing that for some changed vocational direction.

Professors currently teaching business courses are Bob Harder, Vickie Andres, Leon Leachman and Debbie McAlister. Debbie McAlister recently joined the staff as a professor and director for business education and, along with Bob and Vickie and VP of academics, Brent Yoder, designed the new bachelor of arts in business education.

Hesston College business education has come a long way from a few courses designed primarily to prepare women for teaching or secretarial work to a full-fledged four-year program.

Despite President Smith’s call for developing the “strongest possible junior college,” Hesston College is now a widely recognized two-year college with three bachelor’s degrees. The four-year business program began this fall, and an engineering program is on the horizon.
You don’t need a business degree to be a successful business leader, but it sure can help.

It’s a lesson that five Hesston College graduates, who arrived on campus years ago with varying skills and areas of interest, learned during their short time in Kansas.

Perhaps it was the affirmation of the late business instructor Bill Mason who piqued the curiosity of these graduates. For some, it was the desire to make a difference in the world but not knowing where to start. And for others, choosing to study business never happened during their time at Hesston. Instead, the liberal arts education led them to pursue sports, art and law before finding their way to business after graduation.

Regardless of their motives, these five graduates are now finding success in the business world, learning to merge their passions with the demands of a changing economy, all while prioritizing people – a value many of them cite as being ingrained in them during their time at Hesston College.

For AY Young ’12, Emily Stutzman ’05, Daniel Penner ’09, Sandhya Prakash ’03 and Isaac Shue ’07, prioritizing people means promoting sustainability through music, providing brand design for diverse bodies, making the reality of climate change accessible to all, confronting personal biases, encouraging artistic expression and so much more.

“Business today is so much different than it was 10 years ago because of globalization and because of the internet,” said Debbie McAlister, director of Hesston College’s School of Management. “There’s so much more competition now and things are constantly changing, and so you have to keep up with those changes.”

These five Hesston College graduates are doing just that.
“I used to go to the Northlawn music building on a Friday night at Hesston College and practice music for three or four hours,” he said.

Now Young is using songs he first performed during Hesston College chapels, such as “Bury Myself,” to bring the world together as a United Nations Sustainable Goals Leader, alongside artists such as American rapper Tech N9ne and singer Katy Perry.

While Young first transferred to Hesston College to play basketball, he soon decided he would not change the world by doing so.

“But music can shift your thinking and make real change quickly,” he said.

And for Young, it has. Over the course of several years, he has gained the attention of many, including President Joe Biden. Young performed at the Clean Energy for Biden Inaugural Ball in 2021.

Coined by fans as the “first sustainable artist,” Young launched the Battery Tour in 2020, a series of concerts fully powered by renewable and sustainable energy. He began by storing solar energy in batteries, then using those batteries to electrify speakers and microphones during his performance.

“I use my art, which is music and performance, as a vehicle to advance the sustainable development goals of the world,” Young said.

The tour became a platform for actively bringing renewable technology and solutions to people in need around the world.

Still, his music success alongside his identity as a singer and clean energy advocate go hand-in-hand with his knowledge of business.

Music is emotional, but you also have to accompany that with a business mindset, he said.

“YOU APPLY BUSINESS TO YOUR PASSION SO THAT YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFUL.”

With his current platform as a UN Sustainable Goals Leader, Young is working on making the world’s first sustainable album. Each of the 17 songs represents a sustainable development goal and is recorded in partnership with artists around the world in a carbon neutral way. This means that the album is produced with renewable energy, such as Young’s solar energy-powered batteries.

Since 2012, Young has held more than 800 solar-powered concerts across the country.

“I’m consistently plugging in outlets to amplify the vision in partnership, collaboration and co-creation,” Young said. “To say I’m one thing doesn’t even make sense. I just think I’m AY...I’m just trying to bring the world together.”
For Emily Stutzman ’05, business is her passion. She just didn’t realize it until her time at Hesston College.

“I started out as a journalism major, but then I met Bill Mason in one of my classes,” she said. “He asked me about joining the business program…and luckily, I chose business.”

Stutzman’s journey to business is exactly what Debbie McAlister sees as Hesston College’s strength.

“Students start here not really sure what they are going to do, but by the time they graduate they have everything they need to go everywhere,” McAlister said.

Stutzman not only explored the fundamental values of business in her classes at Hesston, but she began to imagine a future for herself in the field.

“As a woman in business, you hear a lot about discrimination, but Bill [Mason] helped me see past any of that,” she said. “And so, I didn’t feel satisfied after Hesston with just going to another college; I wanted more and bigger.”

Before graduating with her bachelor’s in business, Stutzman interned with her hometown Oregon senator in Washington, D.C. and spent an additional semester working for the Peace Tax Fund.

“It’s important as a business person to react to opportunities,” Stutzman said. “It’s important to be flexible, and being flexible and nimble is what’s helped to make me successful.”

Stutzman always seems to find more hours in the day than others, she says.

Since graduating from college, she has explored a plethora of opportunities in the business world. Most recently she purchased Happylucky, an independent, woman-owned, strategic, brand-design agency. After working for the company for the last eight years, Stutzman is now CEO.

On the side, Stutzman continues to collaborate with Hilary Shirk ’08 on a new dating app called RECO, which promotes community-based dating.

“WE AS MARKETERS HAVE SO MUCH POWER TO SHIFT CULTURE AND TO DO SO IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION, STUTZMAN SAID.”

Whether she’s doing business with Ariana Grande or Adidas, leading her team at Happylucky, or finding a new business venture to dabble in, Stutzman promotes the Happylucky motto: “We’re queers, feminists, punks and underdogs doing work we believe in, hungry to leave things better than we found them.”
Daniel Penner ’09 always knew his business degree would be applicable in whatever career he pursued.

“In college, I wasn’t sure what my career direction was going to be, but I wanted a strong foundation that was both interesting to me and would serve me regardless of my future,” he said.

In his current work as senior video producer for Grist, a non-profit media organization dedicated to telling stories of climate solutions, Penner prioritizes his passion for multimedia communication through the lens of ethical business.

“Whether it’s creating an ethical business that meets people’s needs or putting the climate crisis in terms that people find accessible, it’s important to create a framework that allows you to collect information and separate high-quality information from low-quality,” he said. “That’s the work I do as a journalist, but in business it’s not a whole lot different.

The World’s Changing Fast and We Can Access More Information Than Ever—How Can We Make That Work for Us?

Like Young and Stutzman, Penner discovered his interest in business during his time at Hesston.

“Business at Hesston College was incredibly hands-on and that taught me invaluable lessons about entrepreneurship and building relationships—the kinds of lessons that have been applicable regardless of career path,” Penner said.

“I loved how practical the learning was—we got to talk directly with business owners and to hear about their personal experiences,” Penner said.

This practical learning that Penner experienced will now translate into a new hybrid on-campus and travel model for the new business management program, as students spend three out of four semesters in a business study immersive experiential component, including two weeks abroad.

“It’s one thing to learn about something like just-in-time manufacturing in a textbook, but it’s something different to watch it happen in front of you,” Penner said. “I don’t think I would have gotten a hands-on experience like that anywhere else.”

In his current work, Penner brings his passions together to promote change. Sometimes his work even connects him back to Hesston College. Recently, Penner engaged in a community town hall with the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, where Hesston alumni Caleb Schrock-Hurst ’16 and Elizabeth Miller ’18 joined 15 other riders in a climate ride across the country.

“I think everything comes back to relationships—something I learned from the hands-on, relationship-focused approach modeled by my teachers at HC,” Penner said. “Whether I’m working with my team to figure out deadlines for a video piece, discussing visuals with the editorial staff or working through final edits from my boss, I approach all of those with a mindset toward relationships.”
“I was very much a liberal arts person,” she said. “I genuinely did not think of business as a viable option because I don’t come from business people.”

Coming from a family of educators, Prakash first pursued secondary education, only to find it wasn’t for her. She then spent her time at Hesston College, exploring the liberal arts, specifically studio art.

But when she found herself job hunting during the 2008 economic recession, Prakash turned toward business.

“A lot of folks’ career paths from my class and my generation are so informed by the world economy,” she said.

Since 2012, Prakash has found herself moving up at Apple, starting out as a technical specialist before working as a business expert and account manager in California.

“My focus is to really dissect an organization and understand who the key players are in regards to their technology,” she said.

Her employment at Apple led her to complete a graduate certification program in learning design and technology from Harvard University. Now, she’s considering an MBA in the next few years.

“Looking back at all of the experiences, communication skills and ethical values instilled in me during college is something I would not trade for anything,” Prakash said. “I think that informs my approach with my customers and in my role currently.”

Even as Prakash thrives in the business world at Apple, her work relating to others isn’t always easy.

“Be prepared to confront some internal biases and prejudices that you might have, which are so deeply ingrained in our subconscious,” she said.

The growth Prakash has experienced during her time at Apple has her thinking she’ll stick around in the business world for a while.

As for her identity, Prakash considers herself “business-adjacent.”
When Isaac Shue ’07 and his wife Karina moved back from Bolivia to Harper, Kansas, all they had was his potter’s wheel, two suitcases of clothing, a computer and a kiln.

“I was like ‘Alright, we’re going to make pots for a living,’” Shue said.

But Shue soon realized the challenges he faced.

“The overall idea of an artist is to make art, but it’s hard to make a living doing artwork,” he said. “You have to continually find people who want to buy your art, which is not always easy, especially in a town of 1,500 in south central Kansas.”

While continuing to make pottery on the side, Shue returned to the classroom where he taught art for eight years before the pandemic spurred a career shift.

“[The pandemic] made our small business of pottery take off so much that I was losing money going to school because we couldn’t fill orders,” Shue said.

And it was during that time that Gallery Mostaza was born, in the detached garage of a house Shue’s grandfather built and his father lived in.

The name Mostaza, which means “mustard” in English, is derived from the Christian parable of the mustard seed, stating that with a small amount of faith, large goals can be met.

When the word “mostaza” is broken in half, the second half of the word is “taza,” which translates to English as “mug.” Mugs are the primary item Isaac and Karina create.

“I know nothing about business, other than what I learn as I go,” Shue said. “But what I know about business is, if you’re nice to people, you’re going to succeed.”

Shue did take several business classes while a student at Hesston College, though he was mainly focused on art at the time, he said.

“I never thought I would have used those [business] skills,” Shue said.

Now Shue and his wife are learning as they go, finding business success in a small town.

“If you don’t believe in yourself first, you’re going to fail,” Shue said. “If you don’t believe in your product second, you’re going to fail.”

The gallery will soon double its size, making space for a classroom. An Airbnb will be built on the property to house artists who come for international and local art shows.

“We’ve already hosted one international show with 25 different artists,” Shue said.

Still, the new business venture is not without its challenges.

“I thought quitting education and doing pottery full time was going to be me waking up and throwing all day every day,” Shue said.

But with a thriving business, Shue finds himself throwing pottery in the morning, only to pack shipments and visit the lumberyard for the planned expansion in the afternoon.

“You have to understand every single part of how to relate to people, how to put yourself out there,” he said.
Hesston College's annual Phonathon pledge drive is scheduled for Oct. 14 to Nov. 19, 2021. During that time, Hesston College students will spend evenings calling HC friends and alumni. The theme for this year’s drive is “Commit to the Future,” with a goal of securing $120 per pledge.

The 2021 Hesston College Phonathon also features an emphasis on monthly giving through the newly initiated GEM (Giving Every Month) program. Those who become GEMs can give as little as $1 a month or as much as $75, but a monthly gift of $10 (the cost of a few cups of coffee at your favorite roasterie) would equal $120 annually.

Beyond demonstrating a commitment to the future of Hesston College, GEMs can enjoy the following benefits:

- Easy and convenient automated giving;
- The ability to set recurring amounts that fit your budget;
- An invitation to Hesston College’s annual donor appreciation event;
- Recognition in the HC Today magazine Honor Roll of Donors;
- GEM-specific communications from the college.

Don’t want to wait by the phone? You can sign up to become a GEM today at hesston.edu/give.

For more information on the GEM program, see p. 17.

Hesston College has rolled out an in-depth strategic plan centered around the Nguni Bantu term “ubuntu,” which roughly translates as “I am because we are.” The strategic plan centers around six aspirations:

1. We aspire to be a global community centered on Jesus Christ;
2. We aspire to be a global community dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning;
3. We aspire to be a global community engaged through mutual respect;
4. We aspire to be a global community devoted to creation care;
5. We aspire to be a global community energized by growth;
6. We aspire to be a global community built on integrity.

Information on how Hesston College will work toward these aspirations can be found at hesston.edu/strategic-plan.
We celebrated 50 years of Hesston College aviation, laughed a lot and enjoyed each other’s company.

To experience Homecoming programming, visit hesston.edu/homecoming. And save the date for Homecoming 2022, September 23 to 25!
What I Learned From...

Celebrating faculty moving on to new opportunities

**BECKY BARTELL**
I started learning from Becky the day I walked into my first nursing class. Without a doubt, I knew walking into class every day that she wanted every single student to thrive. She was passionate about sharing her knowledge and helping us create a solid foundation on which we could launch our nursing careers.

Toward the end of my first nursing semester, I started wavering on whether I wanted to continue on the nursing track. I thought business school might be a better fit. Becky quickly could see my insecurities forming. One day while we were at clinicals, Becky pulled me aside and showed me a list she had made for me. She had written down all of the different paths a person can take once they become a nurse. She showed me how many opportunities I can have with this career and took the time to talk me through all of my concerns. **It is because of Becky taking extra time and effort, to support and guide me, that I continued through the nursing program.**

I frequently think back to those times with a smile on my face because I am so incredibly happy to be working as a nurse today and couldn’t imagine my life any other way. I absolutely have Becky to thank for that!

– Kara (Ropp ’12) Yoder

**DONOVAN TANN**
It’s the very nature of education, particularly at Hesston, that the process of learning builds a relationship. Therefore, while a professor may only set out to instruct their students on the finer points of critical research, they will also naturally transmit some other teachings to their students, such as an appreciation for The Good Place, the traits of a good queer ally and the strategy of using little joys to trudge through the pandemic schooling slog. All of the above are things Dr. Tann taught me over the course of my two years at Hesston, whether or not he included them in his lesson plans.

Of all of his lessons, my favorite is what I’ve come to call a spirit of gentle curiosity. More than once, class with Donovan got just slightly off track because we were diving too deeply into a single concept. This love for intellectual exploration is best explained through one of my essays that was aimed at declaring what traits, abilities or interests us students particularly wanted to carry with us into the future. It was a small class, and I had talked at length about how my many interests had given me too many futures to reasonably pursue, and I was starting to avoid choosing a major as a result. All this had made me dread this assignment, but we discussed the prompt and explored enough to write a paper that I was proud of and work through some of my own anxieties in the process. **This perspective has helped me to make decisions less fearfully, and to continue exploring the world with more childlike wonder.**

– Morgan Graybill ’21

Picture courtesy of Kara (Ropp ’12) Yoder
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 interest, qualifications or financial need. The following scholarships have been added to the list of endowed scholarships since fall of 2018.

**Chris J. Miller Aviation Scholarship**

Chris J. Miller was raised in an Amish/Conservative Mennonite family. But he was troubled by a question: “What’s out there?” He learned to fly planes to help answer that question.

Miller’s lifelong love of flying and the aviation industry took him far and wide, to major hubs and tiny airports, all in the name of flight. Miller worked in aircraft maintenance in Chicago and Denver for United Airlines, rising to the position of maintenance supervisor. He retired from United in 1994, and held his small plane pilot’s license well into his retirement. The Chris J. Miller Aviation Scholarship has been established to help future pilots foster their love of flying and to make the world a better place.

**Clifford R. and Hope K. Lind Endowed Scholarship**

Hope (Kauffman) Lind attended Hesston College (Ac53, ’55), as did her parents, Herbert Kauffman (1908-34) and Cora “Irene” (Garber) Kauffman Gascho (1908-2002). Other family members attending Hesston College were daughter-in-law Joyce (Peachey) Lind and grandson Matthew Lind. Extended family members, including uncles, cousins and siblings, have also attended Hesston College. All left with resources for serving the world in countless ways.

The Linds wish to expand opportunities for students with special needs or students who are underrepresented at Hesston College.

**Lee and Marvin Schmucker Scholarship**

In the words of the donors, “Hesston College has been a significant part of our lives for many years. We both attended Hesston College. We both worked at HC for a combined total of 37 years and affirm its mission.

“Hesston College provides great opportunities for students to develop leadership. It also provides a safe space for students to test and develop their own concepts of spirituality and living as an adult in today’s world. We believe that Hesston College is the ideal starting place to go everywhere. Hesston College keeps providing these opportunities and doing it better each year.”

The Lee and Marvin Schmucker Scholarship has been established to support those with financial need who are involved in a congregation of one of the denominations of Mennonite World Conference or other Anabaptist denomination.

**Merle and Madeline Vogt Scholarship Fund**

Merle Vogt graduated from Hesston college in 1948. His daughter, Janet Vogt, established the fund in honor of his memory, along with that of her mother, Madeline.

According to Janet, Merle’s parents were missionaries in India, and he would have liked helping international students where possible.

Advancement Office Launches GEM

Program for Recurring Donations

This spring the Hesston College Advancement office launched the GEM (Giving Every Month) program, which encourages alumni and friends of the college to set up recurring donations through HC’s online giving portal.

Donors who join the GEM program (known as GEMs) may choose a recurring donation amount ranging from $1 a month to $75. Annual support for Hesston through GEM may total anywhere from $12 to $999 a year. GEMs can expect recognition in winter issues of Hesston College TODAY alumni magazine, an invitation to an annual appreciation event and GEM-focused communications throughout the year.

Gifts made through GEM help Hesston College offer competitive scholarship packages to students around the world. To sign up or refer someone to the GEM program, visit hesston.edu/give.

Want to donate more than $999? Consider joining Hesston College’s Partner Program!
For Debbie McAlister, director of Hesston College’s new School of Management, her time on campus has been a journey from building a program like most other institutions had, to creating something no other school offers.

McAlister was hired to craft a program that delivered a bachelor’s degree in business management, the third such bachelor’s program at HC. She has done that. But she has also created a program that in its content and outcomes is uniquely Hesston College.

“What intrigued me about the position here at Hesston College is the opportunity to build a program, to get it off the ground,” said McAlister. “I was also attracted to the potential of a new program and the open-mindedness of Hesston to try something new, to be creative with it.”

But most other colleges and universities offer business degrees of some type. “We realized we needed to do something a little bit more creative, because we have a lot of competition out there,” McAlister said. “Almost every higher ed institution has a business program. So we wanted to make ours a little bit different, and recruit and draw in a specific quality of students.”

So what sets Hesston’s bachelor’s degree program apart from the offerings of other institutions?

“We had to be creative in what we offer the students,” McAlister continued. “One of the unique aspects of this BA program is the travel component, which allows students to engage in the people, plan and purpose of organizations and talk to working professionals. They get to see how these decisions play out, or how it doesn’t play out, and see the difference between the two. They’ll be able to see how you can be profitable and also focus on those values.”

Vickie Andres, professor of business at Hesston College since 1989, also identifies an emphasis on values as a differentiator.
for the School of Management. “Hesston alums have started businesses with a basis in Anabaptist values,” she said. “At Hesston, the sciences connect with the Bible, and those connect with business.”

“For me,” Andres said, “the focus is how to conduct business for the greater good.”

“We’ve discussed the unique aspects of Hesston’s business management bachelor’s degree with the School of Management’s advisory council,” McAlister added. “They’re amazed by the travel component, the opportunities for students to network, our intensive eight-week courses, a full-blown internship their senior year and the professional development component, which is different from other bachelor’s programs.”

The bachelor’s degree in business management was evaluated by the Higher Learning Commission during their accreditation of Hesston College in winter of 2020. The program was affirmed by the accrediting body, and McAlister immediately went on the road to recruit the first junior class cohort for the School of Management.

The goal was to start the 2021-22 school year with five students in the junior class. McAlister and Andres exceeded that goal, welcoming seven students into the program this fall.

“This cohort of seven are collaborators,” Andres said. “Some of them are more outspoken. Some are more driven. Some are quiet, contemplative. We want to develop all people. In the classroom, they find out what leadership is from other people in business. They do that independently, they do that as a group, they do that in teams. They get to explore their leadership skills. And they learn to understand themselves and how they can lead. Any individual leader’s personality doesn’t have to look like everybody else.”

And like this first cohort of business management students, the program itself promises to grow and change for the better over time.

“There’s so much potential,” McAlister said. “We’re just now getting started. We have two concentrations right now, but we can add more in the future. We may even add some certificate programs.

“There’s just so much we can do.”

Hesston extends its thanks to the School of Management Advisory Board, Rich Jiwanlal ’80, Roby Miller ’08, Tim Penner, Audra (Hofer) ’08 Shue, Nathanael Shue ’04

If you are interested in engaging with the School of Management, contact Debbie McAlister at debbie.mcalister@hesston.edu.
Music
After more than a year of virtual and on-campus concerts, Hesston College’s Bel Canto Singers hit the road after commencement to perform a program entitled “Lift Every Voice” at locations in Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota. The choir used the Hesston College campus and Swan Lake Christian Camp in South Dakota as their home bases, holding all performances outdoors. The concerts brought a message of new life, resilience and reflection after a year of challenging COVID-19 restrictions.

As we move forward into the fall 2021 semester, the Fine Arts department at Hesston College looks forward to the return of many familiar music events. On November 20, Hesston will again host a Keyboard Festival for elementary, middle and high school students who study piano or organ from across the state. The annual Masterworks concert featuring college and community singers will take place on November 13 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

– Dr. Russell Adrian, music director

Theatre
Adapting to performing shows outside and in other venues was an exercise in extreme creativity. It was a blessing to have in-person audiences and was an opportunity that many other colleges were not given this past year. For the seventh summer running Hesston College Theatre hosted a two week day camp for middle school- and high school-age actors on June 7 to 18. Camp participants prepared and produced the musical The Jungle Book. Campers had the opportunity to experience every aspect of staging a production from set construction to performing.

In Fall 2021 we hosted TheatreFest for area high school students during the day on Wednesday, September 29. The morning offered selections of acting and tech-based workshops and concluded with a Hesston College matinee performance of the murder mystery/comedy The Game’s Afoot by Ken Ludwig. Additional public performances were September 29 to October 3 in the Hesston College Black Box Theater.

– Rachel Jantzi, theatre and communication professor

What’s Next
PERFORMANCE CALENDAR / FALL 2021

| NOV 13   | MASTERWORKS CONCERT         | 7 p.m. | Hesston Mennonite Church |
| NOV 20   | KEYBOARD FESTIVAL            | 7 p.m. | For elementary through high school students |
| DEC 4    | “HOME FOR CHRISTMAS”         | 7 p.m. | Hesston Mennonite Church |
| DEC 7    | SUNFLOWER PERFORMING ARTS CANADIAN BRASS | 7:30 p.m. | Hesston Mennonite Church |

SPRING 2021 PLAY
SUPERIOR DONUTS
Hesston College graduates received their diplomas and took pictures with President Dr. Joseph A. Manickam on the steps of Alliman Administration Center on the afternoon of May 1. The outdoor “walking ceremony” was the centerpiece event of an uncommon commencement weekend which featured a blend of in-person and online elements.

President Manickam conferred 46 bachelor of science in nursing degrees, four bachelor of science degrees to students majoring in Aviation Professional Pilot and 81 associate degrees. The graduating class of 2021 includes members from 16 different countries, U.S. territories and sovereign nations.

The 46 nursing program graduates were honored at an in-person “walking” Nursing Pinning ceremony on the steps of Alliman Administration Center on the morning of May 1. Graduates and family members arrived throughout the morning to receive their nursing pins. The traditional blessing of hands occurred at a private ceremony held on the morning of Friday, April 30.

Other commencement weekend events included several livestreamed music recitals and a virtual theatre showcase. On the evening of April 30, Bel Canto Singers presented an outdoor concert in the roundabout at the end of Mullet Drive.

The Aviation department honored the first graduating class to receive bachelor of science degrees in Aviation Professional Pilot. Roger Yoder ’73, a Hesston Aviation graduate and college board member who recently retired after 35 years as a commercial pilot for American Airlines, delivered the reception address. Yoder encouraged the four members of the inaugural graduating class to be “a light to the world” as modeled by Jesus. Yoder gave each graduate a flashlight to help them complete early morning flight checks.

Watch a video of the full commencement exercise and other livestream events from the weekend at hesston.edu/commencement.

Hesston College welcomed a small but high-energy class in August 2021. Among the 129 new faces on campus, a group of seven students came together to form the first ever junior cohort studying in the Hesston College School of Management’s bachelor of science in business management program.

Among those seven students, all started at Hesston College, and three students come from countries other than the United States.

During a challenging recruiting year for the college resulting in a continued downward trend in enrollment, the energy surrounding the new bachelor’s degree program is one of several areas of excitement.

The bachelor’s of arts in business management was approved by the Higher Learning Commission in early spring of 2021. Hesston’s approach to business management education is unique in its emphasis on the greater good, collaborative approach and immersive experiences, including a full internship and group trips to domestic and international locations.
THE BUSINESS OF HEALTHCARE
In the U.S., healthcare is a business, and public health is the business of the government. We act like those two things don’t interact. Of course, they interact incredibly! Healthcare delivery only makes up 10 to 15% of what makes somebody well, but takes up over 85% of the dollars that we spend as a nation on making or keeping people healthy. So anti-poverty programs, food security programs and housing programs all play a much bigger role in somebody’s ability or opportunity to be healthy or not.

I trained at Morehouse School of Medicine, a historically black medical school whose clinical setting is Grady Memorial Hospital. It didn’t take me long as a resident in this giant county hospital to realize that our discharge plan is: Here’s a stack of prescriptions I know you can’t afford, go see a primary care doctor that you don’t have and good luck at the homeless shelter. It’s like, Surprise! They got readmitted the next week. That’s where I started to see and understand the problem.

ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC RACISM AT DUKE AND BEYOND
After the killing of George Floyd last summer, the dean at Duke University School of Medicine launched a “moment-to-movement” campaign which really put resources and focus on, “What does it mean for Duke to become an authentically antiracist institution? What would that take?” I was fortunate to be selected to sit on the faculty committee, and then chaired the Subcommittee on Academic Promotion and Tenure. As you start looking at data, you start seeing systemic racism in promotion and tenure at Duke. And as you look at social determinants of health, systemic racism is clearly the factor that drives all of those inequities of educational opportunities (the school-to-prison pipeline), criminalizing addiction and substance use.

I think my role now is to bring up systemic racism as much as I can, wherever I can and in whatever venue I can. Taking a step back and thinking about that arc by which I came to medicine from a social justice route of like, I want to do good things in the world, and being a doctor seems like a good way to do that. Through that I can help people.

HOW HESSTON HELPED
I don’t know that I would have become a doctor if I went to a big state school. I don’t know that I would have had the intellectual freedom to explore the humanities. Medicine for me is such a beautiful fit because it is this amalgamation of an art and a science.

At a traditional, big state school, you get the pre-med club. And then the pre-med clubs adopt the worst of hierarchy and educational toxicity. They start jockeying for position and measuring students against each other and ranking them, versus deliberately growing and supporting everybody. But I was able to sing in Bel Canto and I took courses like Foundations and Developmental Psychology and these other things that allowed me to really think and grow and explore. If I was just kind of getting hammered into the sciences, I would have been like, “These guys are kind of lame.” They’re not thinking; they’re robots learning the technical aspects of science. Sure, you can learn to pass a test and you can do the fanciest biology and calculus. But for me the importance of having a liberal arts education, and really being fostered to think, to be your own human, to be principled about that and to know why you do what you do? That has played a huge part in my development.
before last year's obstacles, it's a value that I have always been taught to live by. During this year, keeping to this teaching has been very helpful in seeing through my academic and athletic commitments when COVID made it hard to do so. My hope for this year is that there will be a greater sense of normalcy. I am optimistic that this year will have more in store for my academic and athletic careers.

from our college experiences. For instance, being on the women's basketball team was my main focus here, but there was much missing from the in-game atmosphere. Because of COVID restrictions, my family's support wasn't there at the games. The game really became more mentally focused. I had to really rely on myself and my teammates. Even though that aspect was missing for me, I feel that it made me more appreciative of my sport and my teammates. Adjusting to these obstacles, I'd say that my school year was all about making the best of the circumstances.

What I have carried from last year has a lot of meaning for me. I remember to always be thankful and appreciative. Even before last year's obstacles, it's a value that I have always been taught to live by. During this year, keeping to this teaching has been very helpful in seeing through my academic and athletic commitments when COVID made it hard to do so.

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Read more about Star’s most recent achievement on p. 26!
The 2020-21 season featured a very hectic school year for Hesston College as all fall sports were moved to spring of 2021 because of COVID protocols set by the NJCAA. All Hesston sports competed during the same season which created scheduling challenges for sports that share game and practice spaces. But the Larks were able to make the best of it! In a season that had a lot of cancellations, the Larks did their part by trying to remain as safe as possible and only had a few games cancelled or postponed. Overall it was a successful season for all of Lark Athletics as some of our programs had their best season in program history.

This season the Hesston Athletics has already started out hot as our Men’s Soccer team holds a 3-0-1 record and is ranked 20th in the nation, this is the first time in school history that the Larks have been ranked. Our Volleyball team also secured their first win of the season when they defeated Bethel at home 3-0. We are excited for another outstanding season in Lark Athletics.

**VOLLEYBALL**
Kassidy Pfughoeft has been named interim head volleyball coach for the fall 2021 season. Pfughoeft takes over for former head coach Taylor Littleton. She was an assistant coach last season for the Larks as they went 1-22, 1-16 on the season.

Prior to Hesston College, Pfughoeft attended Barton Community College and graduated with her associate degree in science. She plans to continue her education in leadership and coaching. She has coached two seasons for Velocity Volleyball Club, and plans on coaching again this year.

**GOLF**
Lowell Stephens takes over a Larks golf team that finished in sixth place in the KJCCC Conference tournament this past season. Stephens played college golf at Central Christian College of Kansas (McPherson). He was a top four golfer all four years at Central Christian and is number two all-time in competitive rounds played. He earned one first place tournament finish as an individual and recorded many top 10 finishes.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**
Thomas Gaskell comes to Hesston College after spending last season as the head girls and boys soccer coach at Wichita South High School. He played collegiate soccer at Independence CC and Tabor College as a goalkeeper. He graduated from Tabor College in 2017 with a B.A. in marketing/management, then went on to coach at Wichita Independent for a season before taking assistant coaching roles at Coffeyville Community College and Tabor College. He graduated from Tabor College with an M.B.A. in the spring of 2020.

Thomas was born and raised in Swadlincote, England, and played semi-pro soccer for Gresley FC, where he was a goalie until he left for the United States in 2013. Gaskell takes over for Bryan Kehr, who transitioned into the athletic director position for the Larks last spring.

**CROSS COUNTRY**
Hesston College Athletics revived their cross country program after a season hiatus as Joe Capuchino was hired as coach. Capuchino was a four year letter winner in cross country and a two year letter winner in track and field during his college career at Central Christian College of Kansas in McPherson. In 2016, Capuchino became the first athlete at Central Christian to qualify and compete at the NAIA National Championship. He also qualified for the NCCAA National Championship during the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

Under Capuchino’s leadership, the Larks cross country team will look to return to being one of the top cross country teams in the NJCAA.
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Hesston College removed the interim tag from women’s basketball head coach Michael Smalley’s title on February 9, 2021. Under Smalley’s guidance, the Larks finished last season with a 5-13, 1-9 record. Hesston recorded its biggest win of the season over KJCCC opponent Highland Community College in their final regular season game, with a final score of 58-44. With Smalley as full head coach the Larks will look to have an outstanding 2021-22 season.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Hesston also removed the interim tag from men’s basketball coach Matt Hiebert’s title on February 9, 2021. Hesston men’s basketball finished with 6-12, 0-8 on the season, and recorded a season-long win streak of three games. The Larks will look to become one of the top teams in the KJCCC next season after bringing in a huge recruiting class.

BASEBALL RECORDS

HISTORIC SEASON

The Hesston College Larks baseball team finished their regular season with a 29-21 record, breaking the school record for wins in a season. The Larks also broke many team and individual records in Kyle Olson’s first season as head coach. Eli Prine led the team in batting average (.356), RBI, hits, saves and ERA. The pitching staff was led in wins by Edgar Vera (5-4) and Devin Catlin (5-3) last season. Dawson Winter led the Larks in both doubles (14) and home runs (12). HC’s 2021-22 team also shattered the record for home runs in a season, crushing 58 home runs.

Go Larks!

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NEW COACHES AT HESSTON COLLEGE

KASSIDY PFLUGHOEFT
Volleyball

LOWELL STEPHENS
Golf

THOMAS GASKELL
Women's Soccer

JOE CAPUCHINO
Cross Country

MAX SWITZER
Flag Football
Maud Wyatt Recognition Scholarship from Kansas Independent College Foundation

Star Her Many Horses ’22, Denver, Colo., was named the 2021 Maud Wyatt Recognition Scholarship from Hesston College by the Kansas Independent College Foundation (KICF). KICF awards up to 20 individual scholarships, one for a student at each foundation member institution. The recipients are all full-time, degree seeking students on the cusp of graduation, and have each demonstrated excellence in academics, character and integrity and a commitment to the value of a private college education in Kansas. These students lifted the spirit of their respective communities during this historic year while also maintaining GPAs of 3.5 or above.

The scholarship was established in 1995 through the generosity of Maud Wyatt, whose bequest has supported the work of KICF and its institutions since 1961. The Kansas Independent College Foundation seeks to develop, promote and direct unified approaches to selected corporations, foundations and individuals for financial support of Kansas’ independent colleges and universities.

Peter Lehman receives award from Penn State-Harrisburg

Peter Lehman, professor of history and archivist at Hesston College, was chosen by the faculty of the American Studies department at Pennsylvania State University-Harrisburg to receive the Sue Samuelson Award for Excellence in American Studies. The Sue Samuelson Award is given annually; students pursuing doctoral degrees in American Studies are eligible.

Lehman’s doctoral dissertation focuses on the prolific novelist and playwright Henry K. Webster, a contemporary of Theodore Dreiser who wrote about similar economic and social issues. The award comes with a tuition discount.
NEWS & NOTES

DEATHS

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James Miller Ac47 ’51, Filer, Idaho, Nov. 29, 2020

Mildred (Yoder) Ac47 ’51 Zook, Goshen, Ind., Oct. 26, 2017

Mary (Yoder) Ac48 Kaufman, spouse of Glen Kaufman Ac47, Elk Falls, Kan., March 3, 2021

Evan Oswald ’48, former employee, Glendale, Ariz., Feb. 6, 2021

Bob Stutzman ’48, spouse of Grace (Widmer) Ac47 Stutzman, Salem, Ore., March 9, 2021

George Burmeister Ac49, Glendale, Ariz., April 27, 2021

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Betty (Burkey) Ac49 Yoder, Wakarusa, Ind., Jan. 14, 2021

Chris Miller, spouse of Lola (Detweiler) Ac49 ’51 Miller, Denver, Colo., June 5, 2021

Vera (Beyler) ’49 Yoder, spouse of Dale Yoder Ac46, Hesston, Kan., Dec. 20, 2020

MARRIAGES

Clay Roth Ac54 and Delores Gnagy, Wood River, Neb., July 18, 2020

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DEATHS

Roman Hershberger ’50, spouse of Florence (Zehr) Ac43 ’50 Hershberger, Goshen, Ind., July 5, 2021

Paul Irwin ’50, Beloit, Kan., May 2, 2021

Naomi (Kauffman) Ac50 Lederach, former employee, Goshen, Ind., July 24, 2021

Bertha (Wenger) ’50 Swarr, Harrisonburg, Va., April 9, 2019

Gerald Conrad, spouse of Melva (Schloneger) Ac51 Conrad, Hartville, Fla., May 3, 2020

Gladys (Kauffman) ’51 Hershberger, Goshen, Ind., July 25, 2021

Nadene (Hostetler) Ac51 Troyer, Nampa, Idaho, July 10, 2020

Rachel (Albrecht) Ac51 ’53 Varona, Eureka, Ill., May 8, 2021

Irene (Ryan) ’51 Weeks, Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 18, 2013

Barbara (Kanagy) Ac52 ’54 Miller, Dalton, Ohio, April 18, 2020

Mary Alice Miller Ac52, Spencer, Ind., Feb. 25, 2019

Eleanor (Longanecker) Ac53 Beal Nicholson, Prescott, Ariz., Jan. 5, 2021

Wilbert Shenk ’53, spouse of Juanita (Brenneman) Ac52 ’54 Shenk, Goshen, Ind., July 13, 2021

Rozella Musselman Ac54, Attica, Ohio, Aug. 31, 2020

Garlon Jarnagin, spouse of Ramona (Baker) Ac54 ’56 Jarnagin, Protection, Kan., May 5, 2021

Kathryn Nisley ’54, Arthur, Ill., May 4, 2020

Jim Schrock Ac54 ’56, Harrisonville, Mo., Dec. 11, 2019

Lee Troyer ’54, Goshen, Ind., Dec. 1, 2020

Doris (Birkey) ’55 Achterhof, Jenison, Mich., July 30, 2012

Marjorie (Bontrager) ’55 Friesen, Newton, Kan., April 24, 2021

Catherine Ruth Ac55 ’57, Hesston, Kan., Aug. 30, 2021

Evan Oswald ’48, showed such a competitive spirit in intramural athletics as a student that President Milo Kauffman encouraged him to pursue graduate studies and return to Hesston to join the faculty. Oswald did just that, serving as physical education prof, athletic director and coaching multiple sports including baseball from 1951 to 1971. He brought intercollegiate athletics to Hesston College, and our baseball stadium was named in his honor in 2001.

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Dick Baker Ac56, Morton Grove, Ill., April 8, 2020
Mary Lou (Miller Smucker) Ac56 Plank, West Liberty, Ohio, Jan. 23, 2021
Joe Detweiler Ac57, spouse of Mary Lou (Erb) ’62 Detweiler, Newton, Kan., March 26, 2021
Peggy (Brunk) Ac58 Miller, spouse of Orvin Miller Ac55, Hutchinson, Kan., March 21, 2021
Edy (Plank) ’59 Holohan, Alexandria, Va., March 9, 2021
Jim Zook ’59, spouse of Janet (Schrock) Ac57 ’59 Zook, Hesston, Kan., Feb. 9, 2021

1960-69

Amelia (Saylor) ’67 Derr, Nanty Glo, Pa., wrote a book, Best Jump Ever, for children 4 to 8. The book, available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble, is the culmination of a dream that started when she took a children’s literature course during her student years at Hesston.

Dan Heyerly ’68, Eugene, Ore., officiated the hammer throw at the USA track and field Olympic trials and the NCAA Division I track and field championships in June, 2021.

John Mishler ’69, Goshen, Ind., completed a kinetic sculpture and bench to honor and commemorate John Yoder’s retirement from the Pumpkivine Nature (bike) Trail that runs between Goshen, Middlebury and Shipshewana.

DEATHS

Kenneth Isner ’60, Harrisonburg, Va., Sept. 14, 2020
Larry Miller ’61, Newton, Kan., Feb. 8, 2021
Malinda (Kauffman) ’61 Sharp, Belleville, Pa., Dec. 10, 2018
Allen Gaeddert, spouse of Margaret (Loewen) Ac64 Gaeddert, North Newton, Kan., June 21, 2021

1970-79

Merv ’70 and Venita (King) ’70 Birky, Colorado Springs, retired in September, 2020. Merv served most recently as pastor of Beth-El Mennonite Church, Colorado Springs and regional conference minister for Mountain States Mennonite Conference and Venita served most recently as a special education assistant at Mark Twain Elementary School, Colorado Springs.

Dave Beachy ’73, Paoli, Ind., retired after a 38-year career as an ER physician.

Cindy (Sweigart) ’73 Cooprider, McPherson, Kan., retired in May 2020 from her role as executive director of student learning for Hutchinson (Kan.) Unified School District 308.

Jan Swartzendruber ’73, Wichita, Kan., and her communications company, Serafim: Communications for Good Causes, has worked for Regina Klenjoski Dance Company, U.S. Senate candidate Usha Reddi and Woman to Woman, a Wichita non profit that serves women released from incarceration. She also co-leads bi-weekly anti-racism discussions at Mennonite Church of the Servant, Wichita.

Ruth (Rutschman) ’74 Rutschman-Holliday and her husband, Bob, Andover, Kan., sold their store, Bicycle Peddler in Wichita, after 40 years to spend more time with family and friends and exploring more bike trails within the U.S. and abroad.

Sharon (Kennel) ’75 Lubbers, Kearney, Neb., received the Professional Excellence Award at CHI Health Good Samaritan for having a positive attitude and is a role model for all nurses.

MARRIAGES

Mahn Janzen ’77, former employee, and Julie Garber ’09, Lindsborg, Kan., May 27, 2021

DEATHS

Jeanette (Hostetler) ’70 Yoder, Goshen, Ind., June 1, 2021


Verona Friesen spouse of Vernon Friesen ’71, former employee, Tahlequah, Okla., June 28, 2021

Ken Steckly ’72, Garden City, Mo., July 22, 2021

Irene Syverson ’72, Hudson, Wis., Oct. 8, 2020

Carl Kline, spouse of Katrina Good ’73, Rantoul, Ill., Jan. 23, 2021

Willis Wohlgemuth, spouse of Cindy (Jost) ’73 Wohlgemuth, Claremore, Okla., March 9, 2021

Edward Lehman ’74, West Liberty, Ohio, Dec. 13, 2020

Susan (Phillips) ’76 Woods, Pinckney, Mich., May 12, 2021

Adamson Masingila ’79, spouse of Joanna (Osborne) ’80 Masingila, Syracuse, N.Y., Jan. 28, 2021
1980-89

Treva (Hartman) ’80 Greaser, Wichita, Kan., was recognized in the Wichita Business Journal’s Excellence in Health Care: Geriatric Care issue. She is executive director at Bluestem Communities Schowalter Villa campus.

Rob Granger ’81, Goshen, Ind., is a crew chief at Stairsupplies for their Pit Crew, a department that works with adults with special needs and disabilities.

Shari (Reber) ’81 Haarer, Goshen, Ind., retired recently after 20 years as an instructional assistant at two schools and 12 years as a medical transcriptionist.

Beth Lederach ’81, Clovis, Calif., retired in June after 37 years in education: high school English teacher - 28 years, curriculum specialist for Clovis Unified School District - 5 years, and academic guidance counselor - 4 years, at an alternative education high school.

Sheila Yoder ’84 Baer, Villa Ridge, Mo., received the Outstanding Music Award from the Missouri Music Educators Association East Central District #7 in recognition for her significant contributions made to music educators in schools. She teaches music at Beaufort Elementary School.

DEATHS

Mickey (Miller) ’80 Hacker, Wichita, Kan., Dec. 9, 2020

Melba (Kiser) ’80 Heatwole, Harrisonburg, Va., Sept. 5, 2019

David Kanagy ’80, Manitou Springs, Colo., April 11, 2020

Lana (Yoder) ’81 Dale, Castle Rock, Colo., Dec. 28, 2020

Cindy (Swartley) Mast, spouse of Dan Mast ’81, Willow Street, Pa., July 15, 2021

Renetta Stucky ’81, Moundridge, Kan., June 18, 2021

Randy Kauffman ’86, Glendale, Wis., April 23, 2021

1990-99

Tim ’93 and Alissa Unruh and sons, Avery and Aidan, Hillsboro, Kan., own and operate Rhubarb Market Coffeehouse & Roasters, a business that grew from a plan Aidan drew up for his high school entrepreneurship class. The shop opened in 2019, serving customers one day a week and has grown to serve specialty drinks and coffee brewed with locally roasted beans as well as homemade pastries.

Anne (Gingerich) ’94 Brenneman, Salt Lake City, Utah, graduated with a Doctor of Nursing Practice in executive leadership from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., in 2021. She is administrative director of Pediatric Behavioral Health Services at Intermountain Healthcare and Primary Children’s Hospital, Salt Lake City.

Amanda Heinrichs ’95, Aurora, Colo., earned a Master of Nursing in management and education from Denver College of Nursing in 2020.

Karen Bender ’97, former employee, Hesston, Kan., retired from Hesston College Dining Services in May, 2021, after 26 years of serving students

MARRIAGES

Pam Denison ’95 and Patrick Kerrigan, Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 6, 2016

DEATHS

Janelle (Esau) ’90 Corkill, Olsburg, Kan., Feb. 17, 2021

Bill Morris, spouse of Jackie (Dinneen) ’91 Morris, Newton, Kan., Oct. 19, 2020

Steve Sauder ’91, Oakland, Md., April 15, 2017

Martha Book, former employee, spouse of David Book ’92, Columbia, Ky., Dec. 4, 2020

2000-09

James German ’00, ’21, Wichita, Kan., is a surgical oncology nurse at Wesley Medical Center.

LOWELL WYSE ’01

Lowell Wyse ’01 published “Ecospatiality: A Place-Based Approach to American Literature” as a part of the New American Canon series from University of Iowa Press.

Dr. Caleb Ediger ’01, El Dorado, Kan., is associate dean of nursing and allied health at Butler Community College.

Larisa (Friesen) ’01 Friesen Hall, Washington, D.C., is vice president for development at Bread for the World, a non-profit that works to eliminate hunger.

Chris Nachtigall ’01, former employee, Wellman, Iowa, is an agent at Leichty Insurance and Financial Services, Wellman, and athletic director at Hillcrest Academy, Kalona.

Rachel Neufeld ’01, Maple Ridge, B.C., Canada, completed her Master of Nursing – Nurse Practitioner degree in 2018 and works full time with a pediatric palliative care program.

Melissa (Hochstetler) ’02 Landis, Hesston, Kan., is a library assistant for Hesston College’s Mary Miller Library.

Lisa Enns ’03, Seattle, Wash., started her own firm, Enns Analytics. She helps organizations manage, analyze and visualize their data. She also started an Etsy store, Delridge Prints, to sell minimalist, map-based prints that she designs.

Matt (Troyer) ’03 Troyer-Miller, Wood River, Neb., graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., with a Master of Divinity with a major in pastoral ministry. He serves as pastor of Wood River Mennonite Church.

Lyz ’03 and Justin ’04 Weaver live in White Pigeon, Mich. Lyz is vice president for human resources at Mennonite Mission Network and Justin is managing partner at Venture International, LLC, an organizational and business communication and management company.
**BIRTHS**

- **Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 21, 2020**: Beemnet Tilahun '08 and Rachel LaFever, Wichita, Kan.
- **Niceville, Fla., Jan. 1, 2013**: Beza LeAlem Asega and Andrew '07, former employee, Gothenburg, Neb.
- **Beemnet (Tilahun) '08**: and Ash Asega, Gothenburg, Neb.
- **Ezra Joel Bowman, April 18, 2021**: Jackson '07 and Ryan Stoltzfus, Steeles Tavern, Va.
- **Kara (Mishler) '08**: and Corey Short, Harrisonburg, Va.

**MARRIAGES**

- **Wisconsin-Whitewater in Dec. 2020**: Kelsey (Shue) Hostetler '08, and Mike Mendez '03 '08, former employee, Gothenburg, Neb.
- **Ezra Joel Bowman, April 18, 2021**: and Jennifer '08 Stutzman, Middlebury, Ind.
- **Kody '08 and Jennifer Batchelor, La Plata, N.M.:** Macyn LeeAnn Batchelor, March 12, 2021
- **Katelin (Unruh) '08 and Josh Hendricks, Wamego, Kan.:** Erika Miller, Oct. 3, 2020
- **Kara (Mishler) '08**: and Jason '09, former employee, Harrisonburg, Va.
- **Kara (Mishler) '08**: and Mike '07, former employee, Harrisonburg, Va.

**LIZ AND KATIE SOWERS ’06**

Liz Sowers ’06 coached the Ottawa University women’s flag football team to the inaugural NAIA championship against Keiser University on Mar 8, 2021. Her sister Katie Sowers ’06 was defensive coordinator for the team, and spent the summer coaching with the Kansas City Chiefs as a Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching fellow. The Sowers twins are back at Ottawa and coaching this year.

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Rudy (Litwiller) ’11 and Michelle (Moyer) ’13 Moyer-Litwiller, Monticello, Ill., completed a Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment in New Mexico and are on a cross-country bicycle trip from Washington state to Maine.

Elliott Wilder ’11, Prairie Village, Kan., and several colleagues created ChessUp, a connected chess board with built-in chess instructor, that has gathered more than $1.7 million in start-up funds through Kickstarter. The board is designed to help beginners learn the game and more experienced players improve their skills and compete through the connected ChessUp app.

Taylor (Hoover) ’12 McKinney, Harleysville, Pa., is an early childhood to grade 8 learning support and physical education teacher at Dock Mennonite Academy.

Kaitlyn Miller ’12, Liberal, Kan., teaches fifth grade at Cottonwood Intermediate School in Liberal.

Andrew Penner ’12, Fresno, Calif., started this fall as a school counselor at Coalinga (Calif.) High School.

Kara Stutzman ’12, Verona, Va., started Amore Events Co., a wedding planning and design company.

Aaron “AY” Young ’12, Kansas City, Mo., performed at a virtual Presidential inaugural ball – the Clean Energy for America Inaugural Ball – as part of the President Joe Biden inauguration in January. AY has performed in the Kansas City metro area and around the world for years.

Mollie (Nebel) ’13 Gaeddert, Falls Church, Va., graduated from Emory University (Atlanta, Ga.) with a Master of Science in Nursing degree and passed her board exam to become a family nurse practitioner.

Samantha (Aeschliman) ’14 Johnson, Lindsborg, Kan., was named Secondary Teacher of the Year for the Valley Center, Kan., school district. She teaches seventh grade math and Valley Center Middle School.

Josh Booth ’14, North Newton, Kan., has transitioned to a new role as a client success manager for HomeTown Ticketing after several years as sports information director and associate athletic director at Bethel College, North Newton.

Megan Goodrich ’14, Duluth, Ga., is a two-year-olds preschool teacher at Crème de la Crème Learning Centers of Excellence.

Matt Hiebert ’14, Hesston, Kan., is men’s basketball head coach for the Hesston College Larks.

Eyan Roth ’14, Wichita, Kan., graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and has begun his residency at Via Christi in Wichita.

Karl (Mast) ’15 and Oliver ‘15 Denlinger completed a three-month course through the School of Ministry Development with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) Lancaster (Pa.) in early July and have joined the YWAM Lancaster staff.


Erika Byler ’16, Goshen, Ind., is administrative assistant for North Goshen Mennonite Church and assistant play director at Westview Junior/Senior High School, Topeka, Ind.

Cody Halvorson ’16, Kyle, Texas, is a cadet police officer for the Kyle Police Department.

RaeLee Hightower ’16, works as an assistant language teacher in northern Japan through the Japan Exchange Teaching program.

Andrea Kelley ’16, Seneca, S.C., is a reporter for a local newspaper.

Emily Kauffman ’16, Spring Green, Wis., completed the Food Artisan Immersion Program at the Frank Lloyd Wright Taliesin estate in late August.

Collin Loutensock ’16, Hesston, Kan., is assistant athletic director for communications at Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.).

Shelby (Miller) ’16 Miller Eby and Colton Eby ’16 Goshen, Ind. Shelby is an English learners teacher for Elkhart Community Schools and Colton is youth program coordinator for Amigo Center/Camp Amigo, Sturgis, Mich.

Hayden Pentecost ’16, Springhill, Tenn., is the new girls basketball head coach at Mt. Pleasant (Tenn.) High School.

Mallori Qualls ’16, Cheney, Kan., recently passed the Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse exam.

Abby Regier ’16, graduated from Wichita State University in May 2021 with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree and is working as a physical therapist in eastern Tennessee.

Caleb Schrock-Hurst ’16, Harrisonburg, Va., wrote a book, 65 Years of Walking Together: The MCC Vietnam Story. Copies are free with a donation to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

Gracie Tijerina ’16, Newton, Kan., pastors Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania (Bethany House Mennonite Church) in Newton, a role she started in 2019.

Hannah Wheeler ’16, Hesston, Kan., completed a Master of Social Work degree from Newman University (Wichita, Kan.) in May and started as a school social worker at Mulvane (Kan.) High School this fall.

Ali Zuercher ’16, Phoenix, Ariz., completed a Master of Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health (Chapel Hill).
Riley Kingsley ’17, Harrisonburg, Va., is an associate at Brown Edwards Certified Public Accountants and is adding a new role as boys varsity tennis head coach at Broadway (Va.) High School.

Hannah Miller ’17, Freeman, S.D., earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of South Dakota ( Vermillion).

Emma Etzen ’18, Goshen, Ind., manages the Ten Thousand Villages store in Goshen.

Kara Horton ’18, Council Grove, Kan., earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Emporia (Kan.) State University.

Gaitan Lleshi ’18, Wichita, Kan., graduated with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Wichita State University and is a design engineer at Bunting Magnetics, Newton, Kan.

Liz Miller ’18, Hesston, Kan., is a Hesston College resident director.

Caitlin Waits ’18, Newton, Kan., graduated cum laude from Wichita (Kan.) State University with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.

Emily Griffioen ’19 began her third year at Mid-America Publishing and Printing in October. In her first year with the company, she created five Iowa Newspaper Association award-winning ads, graphics and newspaper sections for various newspapers throughout Iowa. Emily now lives with her cat, Bartholomew, in Garner, Iowa.

Nadeem Jaber ’19, Rocky Mount, N.C., passed the exam to be a Certified ACSM Exercise Physiologist.

Denazia Jeffers ’19, Oklahoma City, Okla., is an Independent CUTCO Sales Professional.

Kylee Kasselman ’19 is an ICU nurse at Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston.

Rio Mori ’19, Provo, Utah, graduated from Brigham Young University (Provo, Utah) with a bachelor’s degree in exercise science.

Caitlyn Nichols ’19, Sheridan, Wyo., teaches Kindergarten at Meadowlark Elementary in Sheridan, Wyo.

Masemo Wakibogo ’19, Wichita, Kan., and family started Amani Community Church in Wichita in December 2019 and Masemo was ordained by South Central Conference the following August.

**MARRIAGES**

Brittany Littlefield ’10 and John Bryant, Northport, Maine, Sept. 22, 2020

Darin Bontrager ’11 and Amy Marshall, Goshen, Ind., June 5, 2021

Mitchell Yoder ’11 and Amanda Yoder, Kansas City, Kan., June 19, 2021


Jake Friesen ’12 and Rebecca Miller, Saint Louis, Mo., Aug. 4, 2021

Lyn Ungang ’12, employee and Jordan Hett, Hillsboro, Kan., Sept. 19, 2020

Alex Bargerstock ’13 and Ingrid Camargo, Massillon, Ohio, Sept. 19, 2020

Kirstie Mattos ’13 and Alan Martinez, Lockhart, Texas, Feb. 9, 2021

Ashish Pathak ’13 and Chrismas Shivabhakti, Katmandu, Nepal, Nov. 8, 2020

Maureen Brenneman ’13 and Nathan Stoddard, Wellman, Iowa, Dec. 12, 2020

Trevor Mast ’14 and Jenna Ramseyer, Weatherford, Okla., Jan. 2, 2021

Nancy Zhong ’14 and Matt Chambers, Wake Forest, N.C., July 11, 2020

Sierra Wyse ’14 and James Freeborn, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Sept. 21, 2019

Kristen Unzicker ’15 and Brennan Havens, Goshen, Ind., Aug. 23, 2020

Moto Kobayashi ’15 and Ayumi Yaso, Tokyo, Japan, Aug. 1, 2020

Havela Lehman ’15 and Mitchell McKenney, Morton, Ill., March 19, 2021

Sam Rimann ’15 and Jake Weaver, Liberty Hill, Texas, Oct. 4, 2020

Jacque Anderson ’16 and Matt Willis, Newton, Kan., June 19, 2021

Austin Braddock ’16 and Madi Williams, Baldwin City, Kan., July 7, 2021

Desiree Corona ’16, former employee, and VJ Chamoli, Wichita, Kan., Feb. 13, 2021

Abraham Morales ’16 and Jennifer Soto, Morristown, Tenn., March 28, 2021

Rose Yoder ’16 and Adam Rush, Goessel, Kan., May 29, 2021

Jake Shelby ’16 and Mariah Goehner, Fort Worth, Texas, March 20, 2021

Laura Blosser ’17 and Kyle Morgan, Brawley, Calif., May 22, 2021

Chanhee Hwang ’17 and Andrew Arvans, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 8, 2020

Beth Schurz ’17 and Matthew Scheuermann, Hesston, Kan., June 12, 2021

Jonah Short-Miller ’17 and Jonae Hochstetler ’18, Saint Paul, Minn., June 5, 2021

Jordan Stoltzfus ’17 and Kaitlyn Kennedy, Shipshewana, Ind., July 24, 2021

Ethan Timmermans ’17 and Moira Wells ’19, Parkhill, Ontario, July 2, 2021

Landon Baer ’18 and Kenzie Johnson ’19, Roanoke, Ind., July 31, 2021

Kylie Brenneman ’18 and Chance Hollern, Hesston, Kan., Nov. 21, 2020

Jeff Kauffman ’18 and Addie Regier, Newton, Kan., June 27, 2020

Chantel Lacy ’18 and Brentin Hake, Cimarron, Kan., May 8, 2021

Zac Neely ’18 and Chase Spencer ’18, Tulsa, Okla., June 17, 2021

Garrett Roth ’18 and Kennedy Teach, Hesston, Kan., May 29, 2021

Jared Wedel ’18 and Jaden Hawkins, Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 3, 2020

Taylor Clark ’19 and Matthew Hendry, Port Angeles, Wash., July 2, 2021

Will Gaby ’19 and Tessa Clark, Mishawaka, Ind., Aug. 20, 2021
BONTRAGER FAMILY
Wilbur ‘73 and Sarah Bontrager received the Lifetime Achievement award from the 2020 Elkhart County Business Legacy Hall of Fame. The ceremony, postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, honors local business and community leaders in the Goshen/Elkhart area.

Lindsey James ‘19 and Quincey Estep, Winfield, Kan., June 25, 2021

Ivonne Ledesma ’19 and Yonas Taye ’20, Wichita, Kan., Jan. 19, 2020

Lindsay Manwell ’19 and Huston Howery, Wichita, Kan., June 6, 2021

Chelsea Stika ’19 and Bryce Naerebout, Hillsboro, Kan., May 30, 2020

Jared Oyer ’19 and Jenna Boller ’20, Hubbard, Ore., July 3, 2021

Morgan Sterner ’19 and Tyler Hansel, Sandy, Utah, Sept. 1, 2019

April Newfield ’19 and Andrew Wedel, Peabody, Kan., July 27, 2019

BIRTHS

Ethan ‘10, former employee, and Janell (Maust) ’08, former employee, Mast, Elkhart, Ind.: Selah Rose Mast, March 3, 2020

Haruka (Sano) ’10 and Masashi Otaki, Niiza-shi, Saitama, JAPAN: Sana Otaki, June 13, 2020

Paul ‘10 and Andrea (Pankratz) ‘11, employee, Schrag, Halstead, Kan.: Mason Graham Schrag, May 10, 2021

Steffen ‘10 and Kate (Alison) ‘10 Sommers, Lititz, Pa.: Lucas Andrew Sommers, June 8, 2021

Breezie (Sims) ’10 and Richard Walland, Tehachapi, Calif.: Anora Cay Walland, June 25, 2021

Conrad ‘10 and Kalen (Boshart) ‘10 Yutzy, Kalona, Iowa: Dorothy (Dottie) Marie Yutzy, May 14, 2021

Natalie (Whitley) ’11 and Joe Aniello, Wichita, Kan.: Wells Joseph Aniello, May 19, 2021

Jenny Carter ’11, Lake Elsinore, Calif.: Skylar Hayden Cole, Dec. 31, 2020

Curtis ‘11, former employee, and Betsy Denlinger, Telford, Pa.: Chloe Lynn Denlinger, Jan. 26, 2021

Matthew ‘11 and Jill (Eigsti) ’13 Diller, Goshen, Ind.: Ethan Michael Diller, Feb. 2, 2021

David ‘11 and Cindy Hochstetler, Nappanee, Ind.: Xavier James, April 12, 2016, Hochstetler adopted Feb. 1, 2021; Raynor Dean Hochstetler, Jan. 15, 2021

Janna (Kaufman) ’11 and Kevin Miller, Friedens, Pa.: Khloe Joy Miller, Jan. 5, 2021


Grace (Yoder) ’12 and Bryson Huxman, Moundridge, Kan.: Colton Dale Huxman, Feb. 2, 2021

Nik ’12 and Cady Krahn, North Mankato, Minn.: Kyra Jane Krahn, April 9, 2021

Kush ’12 ‘13, former employee, and Rachelle (Wenger) ’13 Lengacher, Willow Street, Pa.: Miriam Naomi Lengacher, May 7, 2021

Brocia (Beachy) ’12 and David Mueller, Halstead, Kan.: Elijah Daniel Mueller, April 28, 2021

Andrew ’12 and Allysia Pina, Wichita, Kan.: Anthony Dominic Pina, June 14, 2021

Adrian Rosas ’12 and Hannah Fulkerson, Indianapolis, Ind.: Mateo Andres Rosas, Dec. 29, 2020

Harvey Brow ’13 and Jamie Henderson, New Paris, Ind.: Vada Rosalie Brow, Feb. 21, 2021

Kelly (Reimer) ’13 and Dustin Foudray, Newton, Kan.: Kensley Kaye Foudray, June 23, 2021


Janae ’13 and Vince King, Gordonville, Pa.: Callie Joy King, July 25, 2021

Josh Lightsey ’13 and Mikayla Dallke, Hutchinson, Kan.: Weston Lee Wheeler Lightsey, April 8, 2021

Chandler (Haury) ’13 and Mark Oliverson, Wichita, Kan.: Madden Rae Oliverson, Aug. 14, 2021

Armond Patterson ’13 and Danyell Wilson, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.: Armani Reign Patterson, June 18, 2021

Emma (Payne) ’13 ‘14 and Jared Redding, Pulaski, Iowa: Jackson Keith Redding, July 22, 2021

Josh ’14 and Mattison Booth, North Newton, Kan.: Copeland Robert Booth, Feb. 19, 2021

Max (McCune) ’14, employee, and Tiffany Heddin, Hesston, Kan.: Lilah June Heddin, Feb. 13, 2021

Becca (Hopping) ’14 and John Schneider, Denton, Texas: Grayson William Schneider, July 7, 2020

Tyler ’14 and Kelsey Roth, Keizer, Ore.: Emma Grace Roth, April 11, 2021

Cadie Kiger ’15, Louisville, Ky.: Liam Avery Kiger, March 19, 2020, adopted Dec. 8, 2020

Zac ’15 and Megan (Redd) ’15 Pearson, Shreveport, La.: Elijah James Pearson, Jan. 7, 2021

Travis ’15 and Rachelle (Adrian) ’15 Splechter, Surprise, Ariz.: Enoch Rhodes Splechter, July 1, 2021

TJ ’16 and Mandy (Cockrell) ’16 Fleming, Wichita, Kan.: Lyla Jane Fleming, March 20, 2021

Jacey Guy ’16, Wichita, Kan.: Cyrus King Adams, June, 9, 2021

Emily (Flippo) ’16 and Grant Jones, Wichita, Kan.: Briggs Elliott Jones, Nov. 20, 2020

Cody ’16 and Hannah McNeal, Skiatook, Okla.: Mallory Rayeann McNeal, Feb. 4, 2020; Memphis Allen McNeal, Feb. 21, 2021

Micah ’16 and Taylor (Zehr) ’15 Raber, Goshen, Ind.: Elias Timothy Zehr Raber, July 8, 2021
Matthew ‘16 and Mady Sanders, Muskogee, Okla.: Hayes Matthew Sanders, Dec. 4, 2020

Elena (Buckwalter) Buckwalter de Satalaya ‘17 and Freddy Satalaya Benda, Fuks Run, Va.: Matias Sem Satalaya Buckwalter, June 26, 2021

Brooke (Haxton) ‘17 and Erik Stroud, Newton, Kan.: Kason Cole Stroud, March 25, 2021

Aleena (Cook) ‘18 and Sam Huffstatler, Manhattan, Kan.: Selena Rose Huffstatler, Jan. 20, 2021

Marianne Meza ’18 and Colby Brackeen, Valley Center, Kan.: Arya Grace Brackeen, June 8, 2021

Deana (Hunsicker) ‘21 and Matthew Jacobs, Whitewater, Kan.: Braylan Matthew Jacobs, Aug. 29, 2021

BILL MASON - APRIL 28, 2021

Lavonne (Roth) ’72 Mullet remembers, “I started consulting with the college in the summer of ’98. About three weeks before classes started in the fall, Marc Yoder asked me to teach the Business Management course. I told him I wasn’t credentialed because I only have a B.S. from Montana State. He assured me my extensive experience made me credentialed. I taught that course and I often conferred with Bill [Mason]. At the end of the semester, Marc asked me to teach the Marketing class in the spring. I told him I would do it provided I could have Bill team-teaching it with me. Bill was finally back in the classroom! We had three generations in the room and it made for some incredible learning. At the end of the semester one of the students wrote on the class evaluation, “Lavonne is smart, but Bill is wise.” We continued to teach together for a couple more years and then I was done with the whole teaching thing but Bill continued on for several more years. He often thanked me for getting him back in the classroom. Bill was such a remarkable man and had a greater influence on my career direction than any other person.”

Employees
Bradley Kauffman, former employee, Goshen, Ind., teaches choral music at Bethany Christian School, Goshen.
Laura Kraybill, former employee, Evanston, Ill., was ordained to Christian ministry for her work as campus pastor at North Park University Aug. 1.
Carlota Ponds, employee, Newton, Kan., earned a Master of Arts degree in Christian spiritual formation from Friends University (Wichita, Kan.).

BIRTHS
Joel, employee, and Allyson Krehbiel, Newton, Kan.: Ruth Emma Krehbiel, May 26, 2021

DEATHS
Levi Minkevitch, spouse of Logan (Duerksen) ’22 Minkevitch, Peabody, Kan., Feb. 17, 2021

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Rob, former employee, and Charlie Ramseyer, Eastborough, Kan.: Tad Wilson Ramseyer, June 24, 2021

DEATHS
Hettie Conrad, former employee, Hesston, Kan., July 21, 2021
Vi Dick, former employee, Hesston, Kan., Jan. 28, 2021
Carol Epp, former employee. Elkhart, Ind., April 24, 2021
Annie (Hostetler) Fath, former employee, Dalton, Ohio, Jan. 13, 2020
Joe Hostetler, former employee, Hesston, Kan., April 24, 2021
Bill Mason, former employee, Hesston, Kan., April 28, 2021
Lowell Nissley, former employee, Sarasota, Fla., Nov. 25, 2020
Laban Peachey, former employee, Harrisonburg, Va., April 23, 2021
James Reimer, former employee, Hesston, Kan., July 24, 2021

Alumni news and notes received before Sept. 14, 2021.
LABAN PEACHEY - APRIL 23, 2021
Laban Peachey was president of Hesston College from 1968 to 1980. During his tenure, Hesston College saw significant progress in programming at the college, including the establishment of Hesston’s aviation program and establishing Hesston as one of four colleges in the United States to act as a national resource center for the private sector. After Hesston, Peachey worked as the first vice president of marketing for Mennonite Mutual Aid (now Everence). In his retirement, Peachey remained active in the Mennonite church and higher education from the home in Virginia he shared with his wife, Helen (Mumaw) Peachey, who preceded him in death.

RHETA MAE WIEBE - APRIL 15, 2021
Rheta Mae (Hostetler) Wiebe is perhaps best remembered for the profound generosity and hospitality with which she greeted all who met her. Mother of seven and wife of former Hesston College interim president Peter Wiebe, Rheta Mae Wiebe was born in Aurora, Ohio, the middle of three sisters. Through difficult times and sunnier days Wiebe wore a smile. Her family remembers, “She was always very present with everyone she encountered, listening for how she might be able to provide care for them or their situation.”

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