A NEW KIND OF START

It was a hot, dry summer in Hesston, Kansas, the first time I set foot on campus in 1985. The brown lawns had cracks large enough to swallow a baseball it seemed. Students and parents alike gathered in the few air conditioned spaces available at the time, and most students seemed to already know each other as they played what I would later come to know as “the Mennonite game.”

As one of the few international students, everything was new to me. New food, new friends, new location, new professors and a new church. I was not then aware of the personal transformation that was about to take place. The term “Mennonite” was new for me as well – a term I would later come to embrace and identify with.

Fast forward 32 years and I feel like I have again set foot on campus for the first time. However, this time the newness is different. I am now a Mennonite – I am one of “them.” Even though the summer was hot and dry, the grounds are plush and green. Some of the same buildings remain, but all buildings are now air conditioned. There even remains a handful of staff and faculty who welcomed me back and are now joined by so many new and wonderful stories. As for the Mennonite game, I suppose it is still being played but by the minority. And for the first time in the college’s 108-year history, a former international student, a former outsider, a former foreigner is now the president of the college.

As I sit in my office, I remain in awe of how this campus community has evolved. In the dorms, fewer than one out of six students now comes from a foreign country. The developing and nurturing of the whole student has now been honed into what is known as the Hesston Experience. And the college now offers a four-year bachelor’s degree in nursing with a couple more in the pipeline.

So where do we go from here? I believe this journey starts with keeping the centrality of Jesus as our focal point as we always have. On this foundation, we must begin asking ourselves, “What does the world need from Hesston College?” This question, I believe, can direct us toward a Christian educational experience which is relevant for our world today and the world of tomorrow.

It is my honor to now sit in the president’s seat. And it is my hope and prayer that Hesston College will remain a relevant instrument of God’s mission in the world. 

Dr. Joseph A. Manickam ’87, President
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The majority demographic of south central Kansas is pretty predictable—white Americans with European ancestry. But walk across the Hesston College campus in the heart of south central Kansas, and you’ve entered a different, unpredictable story.

In classrooms, dorm rooms, the dining hall and athletic and performing arts venues across campus, students from around the world interact with and learn from one another. For much of the college’s 108-year existence, international students have had a home at Hesston College and an important impact on the community.

CHAPTER 1: THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

While Canadians and children of missionaries serving in foreign countries attended Hesston from its earliest days, according to John Sharp ’73 in A School on the Prairie: A Centennial History of Hesston College 1909-2009: “The first international students to attend Hesston who were not from North America were Christine Diebold from France and Eeke van der Schaaf from Amsterdam, The Netherlands, both who started in the fall of 1946.”

From that moment, a global component became part of the Hesston Experience. It’s a plot point Hesston College’s founders likely did not anticipate when they set forth the Hesston College story in 1909, yet the presence of international students has made the college’s story so much richer.

“The presence of international students on campus provides U.S. students with first-hand exposure to global paradigms and differing faith ideologies that can’t be gleaned from a textbook or lecture,” said Carlota Ponds, director of international student support. “Our U.S. students gain as much, or more, from interacting with our international students as our international students gain from studying at Hesston.”

In the life of the college, 1,425 international students from 87 countries have attended Hesston College, including 56 students from 17 countries abroad during the current term. For a college of Hesston’s size, maintaining an international student presence of roughly 10 to 15 percent over the last decade and beyond is an impressive achievement.

CHAPTER 2: A MAN AND A PROGRAM

Hesston’s International Student Program in its current state can largely be attributed to one person—Dave Osborne Ac64, ’66, who started working with the college’s international students in 1975. During his tenure, which ended with his retirement at the end of September 2017, he worked with about 1,200 of the more than 1,400 international students who have started at Hesston.

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Homecoming Weekend 2017. “He not only recruited, but he taught English classes, was one of the only academic advisors of international students, and assisted with the management of international summer housing – and for many this meant his basement and guest rooms. He was the Wal-Mart driver, the adopted parent, the banker, and in some ways, international students’ own personal immigration expert.”

Osborne’s curiosity for a global perspective began to flourish while he was a student at Hesston College. In 2012, Osborne wrote, “As a student at Hesston during the Vietnam War, I became convinced of the need to make a positive contribution through service abroad, which started 10 years of volunteer work with Mennonite Central Committee in the Middle East and shorter periods of living in Japan and India.”

His own experiences abroad resulted in his return to Hesston where he could be immersed in other cultures, serving others around the globe and making a positive impact on lives. His success, noted Swartzendruber Miller, is because of his hospitality, his commitment to the college’s mission, and his love of sharing stories.

Osborne not only helped international students adapt to the college and a new culture, he spread global experiences across the Hesston College community, giving domestic students opportunities to learn more about their
international peers by placing international students with American roommates and through events like the annual Cultures Fair.

CHAPTER 3: A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

While being deservingly lauded for the program’s success, Osborne is quick to share the praise. “It’s not my program, it’s our program,” he said. “To illustrate, the number of students we recruit for a new year is a number people always ask about. But in my opinion, a more important number is the number that come back for their second year. That percentage this year [fall 2017] was 96 percent. That’s a reflection of what happens on this campus. It’s a campus-wide involvement. It’s a campus-wide commitment.”

Hesston’s relational environment naturally gives international students a welcoming place to land, and in the last few years, the college has added areas of staff support to ensure international students succeed and thrive.

EPILOGUE

As Osborne moves on to his next chapter, he leaves his important work in capable hands and with an administration who clearly understands the importance of international work.

“I’m really thankful I have had a career that has given me a way to live out what is at the core of my beliefs – at the core of my faith – to be an ambassador of God’s reconciliation to all humanity,” said Osborne. “I am grateful that with God’s providence, and with [President] Joe’s leadership, and with the international Admissions new leadership team of John Murray ’81 and Mari Sailors, and with the continued campus-wide involvement, Hesston College will move forward in new ways with the international ingredient of this school.”
It’s a position only a few truly understand: president of Hesston College. What does it mean and how does it feel to bear the responsibilities, celebrations and frustrations of this special place? How does one balance relationships and personal life?

As Hesston’s ninth president, Dr. Joseph A. Manickam ’87, prepared for his inauguration on September 23, less than two months after assuming office, what better people to hear from and learn from than those who came before him. Hesston College’s four living past presidents gathered on campus during Homecoming and Inauguration Weekend to welcome Manickam into their small group and to share nearly fifty collective years of wisdom.

When the four “been-there-done-that” presidents get together, the conversation and laughter flow freely. Nowhere are there signs of hard feelings for any decisions or situations inherited from their predecessors as presidential transitions were made. “We like each other,” said Howard Keim ’72 (2005-16). “We’re all friends.”

As the former presidents sat together as friends, each reflected on his time at the helm and remembered the events and times that shaped his presidency. Each one served within a different context of the college, but some common themes came forth – the elements that make Hesston College a truly unique place – everything from the aesthetic of the campus to the personnel.

For one thing, the presidents agreed that Hesston College faculty and staff have something extra that is not found at a lot of other colleges and universities. Perhaps it is the relational community that quickly becomes part of them, but each one shows commitment to the success and overall growth of students.
Kirk Alliman (1981-92) noted the longevity and loyalty of many employees – some of who remain even from his tenure. “It’s a commitment,” Alliman said. “The maintenance people, for example, have the same sense of ministry as we [the presidents] do.”

Laban Peachey (1968-80) remembered a trip to Chicago for an educator’s conference with chemistry professor Jim Yoder ’62 in the 1970s, early in Yoder’s teaching career. “Jim came out of that meeting smiling, and he said, ‘I thought I was a chemistry teacher and I discovered I’m an educator,’” recalled Peachey. “I always remembered that and I should have done more with it, but I think that’s what a lot of Hesston faculty have discovered – they’re educators.”

As the group dreamed about the future of Hesston College and its relevance in an ever changing world, they shared much hope that the college would continue to thrive and serve students well.

“Of course there are disadvantages to being a two-year college, and there are major advantages,” said Loren Swartzendruber (1993-2003). “The whole leadership development piece is a real advantage. Another one is nimbleness, capacity to change. I think relevance is going to be tied to the ability to make changes fairly quickly, and Hesston has demonstrated in the past that it can do that.”

“Hesston has a spiritual center,” said Keim. “It’s kind of hard to define, but over and over again I’ve seen students come from a wide variety of backgrounds – even faiths that aren’t Christian – and find a spiritual center here. I think that’s a gift that Hesston has and will continue to offer.”

The living Hesston College presidents share reflections of their tenures during Homecoming and Inauguration Weekend 2017. From left: Laban Peachey, Kirk Alliman, Loren Swartzendruber, Howard Keim ’72 and Joe Manickam ’87.
FEATURE

ENGINEERING A BRIGHT FUTURE

BY MACKENZIE MILLER ’18

Amanuel Wondimu ’16 comes from a family of engineers, so it’s no surprise that he would dream of being one, too.

But to study in the United States? Wondimu is the first.

Bringing his interests in aerospace and mechanical engineering with him, Wondimu chose to come from Ethiopia and start at Hesston College in 2014. But that was only his beginning.

Wondimu is now a senior at Wichita State University taking 15 credits of classes, working 20 hours a week and continuing to chase his engineering dream with passion and commitment.

“It is fascinating,” Wondimu said. “Planes are beautiful. The engines, the shapes. I’ve wanted to work with planes since I was a child and now it’s reality.”

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I learned about Hesston College through my childhood friend. She came to Hesston and I knew she had had a good experience and was glad she had started here, so I thought it would be the same way for me. Taking an important step like college is always a big deal, but I think there is added nervousness and worry when you do it in a new country. Being an international student is a challenge because aside from school work, you’re also learning about a new country and culture. My resident assistant, resident director and ministry assistant all did a really good job of welcoming me and introducing me to the community. The other Ethiopian students who are here also played a big role in making me feel at home. Although it takes time to adjust, it’s a worthy experience.

AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
The campus community is one of the most unique aspects of Hesston. I experience community through relationships with the other women in my mod and activities that engage all students. I will always cherish the relationships with my mod, faculty and staff, international students and all the other students here. I love that I have met people from all over the world and that we can learn about and from one another. I feel accepted as I am and allowed to express myself and my culture.

MAKING ADJUSTMENTS
The class setting was one area I had to get used to in coming to Hesston. Classes in the United States are held differently than in Ethiopia and the teachers interact with students differently, but the professors here were understanding and helpful as I got used to a new way, so it didn’t take me very long to adjust to that difference.

My experience at Hesston so far has been quite transforming. It was a platform for me to step out of my little bubble and broaden my worldview. The Hesston community is teaching me to function as one body and yet celebrate our differences. As an international student, I get opportunities to express myself while loving and learning from others. Chapel and mod Bible studies have contributed a lot to my spiritual growth. Being a ministry assistant this year is also helping me learn and grow spiritually, and service opportunities throughout the surrounding communities has made my time here worthwhile. Hesston is definitely a great place to start! I especially appreciate the leadership opportunities and meeting students from around the world who have a common goal of education.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
I am studying healthcare at Hesston. I always had an interest in the health fields, but the health care issue in my home country inspired me to pursue it. After Hesston, I plan on transferring to complete my education. In the long run, I hope I will take part in making a difference in Ethiopia’s health system.
Making Service a Career

Much of my work after college has been spent in service. My wife, Jenny, and I served in Mozambique with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). In our first term, I was a sustainable agriculture consultant seconded to the Christian Council of Mozambique to work with a food security project in Manica province which also led to work with sand dams and conservation agriculture. Sand dams are low-cost, low-maintenance methods of conserving water in dryland environments.

In my second term, we moved to the capital city, Maputo, where I was part of a team developing agriculture programming. We worked at developing a vision and program to support the expansion of sand dams and sustainable agriculture within the Christian Council network in other provinces. I worked with the engineers to develop monitoring and evaluation systems and assisted in organizing conservation agriculture and sand dam workshops and training with our partners and in-country staff.

I was always interested in working with MCC. It is interesting that I had a chance to work with sand dams. I had seen them in an article prior to going to Mozambique, and I thought it would be a neat thing to be a part of. I also have always been really interested in ecology and water issues. Prior to MCC, I spent time in voluntary service working with an environmental group who was trying to preserve sensitive land in the southern Rocky Mountains and another group whose intention was to restore the Rio Grande River in the San Luis Valley of Colorado.

The Importance of Service

MCC’s work in Mozambique is especially important because hunger is a huge issue there. Many communities, even communities that have substantial agriculture, can go several months each year without enough food. The soil is excellent and has potential, but there is simply not enough water at the right times to make agriculture really productive. This is why sand dams and conservation agriculture have such potential. Sand dams are environmentally sound practices in that, if done correctly, they add value to the environment rather than tax it.

Start Here, Go Everywhere

The biggest thing Hesston College did for me is help me understand that my life is part of a larger story that God has written. This has helped me visualize and be a part of that story in Mozambique, and the other places our work intersects internationally and with the global church. Hesston also had many international students, and it’s a huge gift in that I rubbed shoulders with people from around the world.

We came back to the U.S. for a little break from international work. I am working as a landscape maintenance foreman where I can still utilize my background in agriculture. I recently began a degree in international development at Eastern University (Philadelphia, Pa.). We may serve another term in leadership with MCC at some point, and having more education will be helpful. Beyond that, only God knows, it is somewhat an act of faith.

Joel kicked off Homecoming and Inauguration Weekend as the chapel presenter talking about his “go everywhere” work in Mozambique. Hear his Sept. 22 presentation at hesston.edu/chapel.
THE CLOSE OF A SEASON

BY MACKENZIE MILLER ’18
MATTHEW GERLACH, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Runner’s World magazines dating back to the 1970s are piled high around his office. Team photos hang on the wall. And there, in the middle of all the memories, sits Gerry Sieber ’64, reminiscing on his lifelong love for athletics and his 30 years at Hesston College, now coming to an end.

Sieber will retire following this year’s cross country season, but his coaching career at Hesston College goes far beyond that sport. Sieber has coached soccer, basketball, track and field and cross country. He has even taught wellness classes and served as athletic director for the college. The race has been long, but not without reward.

In 2015, Sieber was inducted into the NJCAA Soccer Hall of Fame as the longtime mentor of the Larks’ winningest program. In 23 seasons his teams tallied 247 wins and ten region titles, 22 players earned NJCAA All-American honors and Sieber was named Coach of the Year eight times. He says he draws on much more than strategy in the game.

“We had success, we won a lot of games, a lot of championships,” Sieber said. “But the thrill of getting a lot of students together was this idea of 11 becoming one. Winning was pretty important, but there are a lot of other things that make it meaningful: The growth of the players and the development of the whole person.”

Sadie Winter, a sophomore cross country runner, witnesses this daily.

“Gerry works very hard to build community and accountability within the team,” she says. “He wants the team to be connected and supportive. He doesn’t just work on improving our running, he also stresses the importance of academics, overall physical health and spiritual growth.”

Sieber has always stayed true to the idea of growth on and off the field, taking teams on service trips to Argentina and Puerto Rico and leading some of Hesston’s experiential learning trips to Arkansas and Colorado.

After graduating from Hesston College and then Goshen College, Sieber headed to Tabor College (Hillsboro, Kan.) to teach physical education and to coach. But after two years as a Bluejay, positions opened at Hesston College for a head soccer, basketball, and track coach. Sieber returned to his old stomping grounds to be a Lark.

“Because of my love for sports and playing, I was drawn into the vocation of coaching and teaching,” Sieber said. “The fact that I went to Hesston and had played sports at Hesston made this a natural progression.”

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He dabbled in many sports while at Hesston, but Sieber calls soccer “his main sport.” Coaching at Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) in between his time at Hesston College (1994 to 2009), Sieber continued to coach men’s soccer, started the women’s soccer program, coached track and field and launched the cross country team for the Threshers.

And that is where Sieber finds himself in his last coaching season: with the Hesston College men’s and women’s cross country team.

The Larks cross country team boasts a women’s group Sieber says is the strongest he’s ever had the privilege of coaching.

Summarizing 30 years of coaching at Hesston College and 49 years of coaching is not easily done, but Sieber continues to express his gratitude and humbleness to have had the opportunities to teach, coach and mentor young adults.

“I feel truly privileged, stretched, humbled and grateful for the opportunity to teach, coach, mentor and serve as a role model to young adults,” Sieber said.
Phonathon 2017:
BRING IT FULL CIRCLE

You or someone you know started here and went everywhere. We’re sure your experiences have helped shape who you are. During Hesston College’s 2017 Phonathon campaign, you can bring those experiences full circle by helping today’s students and those in the near future also start here for an incredible Hesston Experience and inspiring Go Everywhere story.

If we missed you during Phonathon and you’d still like to give, go to hesston.edu/give and mark your gift for Phonathon. Your gift supports and enhances the Hesston Experience across all aspects of the institution for all students.

As of early November, Phonathon, coordinated by Development staff had raised about half of the $100,000 goal in support of the Hesston Experience. This year, 26 Student Development Officers are part of the Phonathon effort. The student experience is improved by every little bit of generosity. Give online at hesston.edu/give.
HONORING LEGACIES, HELPING STUDENTS

Institutional scholarships are vital to the 99 percent of Hesston College students who receive institutional aid. These scholarships are awarded to students who have particular interest, qualifications or financial need. The following scholarships have been added to the list of endowed scholarships since fall of 2016.

SHARON NOFZIGER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Sharon (Nofziger) ’72 Terhaar received her nursing degree from Hesston College, then continued studies at the University of California Los Angeles Medical School to become a healthcare nurse practitioner. For the last ten years of her life, she was a nurse practitioner at the Bend (Ore.) Memorial Clinic. Sharon’s parents, Willard and Bernita Nofziger, promised Sharon that when she and her husband, Greg Terhaar, were ready to build their dream house, they would give them land to sell to use to help pay for the new home. Sharon died of a brain aneurysm in 2000, only 13 months after her marriage and before beginning the dream house. Willard and Bernita used the promised land to establish a scholarship fund for Hesston College aspiring nurses in their daughter’s honor.

ELAM J. PEACHEY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
A life-long learner, Peachey strongly promoted Mennonite education. After several years as a voluntary service director in Costa Rica, he returned to the U.S. and served as a science teacher, administrator and development officer in Mennonite schools, including development work at Hesston College from 1990 until his death in 2011. Peachey’s work was his response to Christ, the church and the natural world. He believed that education is the combined responsibility of the family, church and school.

The scholarship reflects Peachey’s passion for learning and will be granted primarily to students expressing a desire to pursue a career in education.

ETTA SCHMITT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS
As a housewife and mother in the 1950s, Schmitt wanted to contribute to the family income. Her husband, Peter, began selling and installing kitchen cabinets while also teaching at Bethany Christian High School (Goshen, Ind.). Being self-taught, Schmitt became his bookkeeper and kitchen designer. In 1959 the couple opened their own business, Aurora Cabinet Company, and Etta was the sole office person for a number of years. She was a pioneer as one of the of the first women in the area to design and sell kitchens.

The scholarship was established in Schmitt’s honor by her children, Ken Schimtt ’69 and Jan (Schmitt) ’73 Orpin. Schmitt would love to know that she is helping a young woman start her education on the way to becoming a successful business woman.

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HOMECOMING AND INAUGURATION WEEKEND 2017
GROUND IN COMMUNITY, GLOBALLY ENGAGED
Hesston College celebrated homecoming and the inauguration of the ninth president, Dr. Joseph A. Manickam ’87, with the theme “Grounded in community, globally engaged,” Sept. 22 to 24. The weekend featured events reflecting and celebrating the college’s values and experiences.

Photos counterclockwise from top left: Joe ’87 and Wanda (Wyse) ’88 Manickam ride in the community-wide homecoming parade.

Students and homecoming guests move through the buffet line during the Global Tastings meal, featuring dishes from around the world.

Japanese students Rina Fukada ’19, Risa Fukaya ’19 and Yuka Kobayashi ’19 lead the audience in the traditional Japanese song “Cherry Blossoms” during the Global Voices Showcase. Hesston College choirs performed music from each of the countries international students represent in 2017-18. Dave Osborne Ac’64, ’66 was also honored for his work with international students for more than 40 years. Osborne retired at the end of September.

Participants in the annual two-mile run/walk, named “The Manickam Mosey” for the first year in honor of President Joe Manickam, leave the starting line. Taylor Longenecker ’19 (Rockingham, Va.) won the run with a time of 12:30.

A blessing is prayed over President Joe Manickam and his family during Manickam’s inauguration September 23. With him are daughter Faith ’19, Wanda, and son Matthew, a high school sophomore. Surrounding the family are representatives of the Hesston College constituency, including, from left, Amy Nisley Stauffer pastor of Hesston Mennonite Church; Koyuki Sakamoto ’18 (Osaka, Japan); Stephanie (Jackson) ’02 Yoder, Alumni Association president; Kelvin Friesen ’73, board of directors chair; Carlos Romero, Mennonite Education Agency executive director; Brent Yoder ’98, vice president of academics; Cindy Loucks, president’s administrative assistant; Michelle Armster, Mennonite Central Committee Central States executive director; and Amy Bragg Carey, president of Friends University (Wichita, Kan.) and representative of the Kansas Independent Colleges Association.
HOMECOMING 2017
CLASS REUNIONS

This page, first row: Academy Class of 1947
Second row: Academy Class of 1962 and College Class of 1962
Third row: College Class of 1977 and College Class of 1987
Fourth row: College Class of 2007 and College Class of 2012
This page, first row: Academy Class of 1952 and Academy Class of 1962
Second row: College Class of 1962 and College Class of 1967
Third row: College Class of 1997 and College Class of 2002
Photos by Delbert Tieszen.
FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP

Both the men’s and women’s cross country teams competed well during the 2017 season. A highlight for the season was both teams winning first place at the Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) Invitational. The women’s team finished eighth of 16 teams in the Region VI competition and placed 22nd out of 42 teams at Nationals in Fort Dodge, Iowa, on Nov. 11, improving on their 29th place finish from 2016. Three of the seven runners ran personal best times at the national meet.

The women’s soccer team finished the season with a record of 9-10. “The thing I will remember about this team is that they never gave up,” said coach Bryan Kehr at the conclusion of his eighth season with the Larks. “They worked hard to play for each other and were a very unselfish group. We got off to a great start, but unfortunately, the injury bug hit us pretty hard. Some highlights of the season were overtime wins at Pratt and Ottawa University.”

The men’s soccer team finished the season with a record of 7-13. “We had a fantastic group of guys who really bought into the idea of community-brotherhood,” said second-year head coach Matt Gerlach. “We also won Region VI games for the first time in more than 10 years and had one of the best records in that time as well, but more importantly, these young men now have a better idea of what it looks like to thrive in life and not be satisfied with ‘okay.’”

The Larks volleyball team finished the season with a record of 11-17. “We had a great group of women this year, and we made a lot of progress on the court,” said second-year coach DeeDee (Martin) ’02 Landes. “We had a tough schedule this year, which helped us improve our skill, however, that isn’t reflected in the win-loss column. Like every year, we dealt with injuries and yet we persisted through them. I have really enjoyed this team and am looking forward to having a strong returning class to lead us next year.”

WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

The winter sports seasons got underway with the first basketball games of the season on Nov. 1.

“It is great having returning sophomores,” said second-year women’s basketball coach Jeff Jacobs. “They are leading the freshman and helping them understand how we compete. We are taller, deeper and more athletic. The team is working hard and we will be much more competitive than last year’s team. I couldn’t be more pleased with their effort. “I am very excited about this year’s team,” said men’s basketball coach Dustin Galyon ’04, who is starting his tenth year at the helm. “We have more quality depth at the guard spot than I have ever had in my tenure coaching career. We have a great schedule this year and will have some very challenging games early, which will be a great test for our guys.”

Lark home games are streamed live online at hesston.edu/larks.

CORRECTION FROM SUMMER 2017 ISSUE: STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN STATUS

Two student-athletes were missing from the list of Academic All-Americans for the 2016-17 year. Those students were Adele Hofer ’17 (Denver, Colo.), women’s soccer, first team; and Jessanna Nebel ’17 (Hesston, Kan.), volleyball, first team.
FACULTY AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Hesston College welcomed several new faculty and staff members to the community for the 2017-18 year. Many were listed in the Summer 2017 issue of the Hesston College Today. The following have been added since that time.

Jaecy Friesen, flight instructor, did flight training at Hesston College.

Jeff Giroux, assistant men’s soccer coach, earned a master’s degree in psychology of sports and exercise from Leeds (England) Beckett University and a bachelor’s degree in exercise science from Oklahoma Wesleyan University (Bartlesville).

Maria Gutierrez, campus facilities.

Christie Hoskisson, bookstore manager, holds a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in business and accounting from Central Methodist University (Fayette, Mo.) and is an alumna of Butler County Community College (El Dorado, Kan.).

Thomas Kellner, baseball pitching coach, is a graduate of Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

Jason Klanderud, multimedia projects manager, is completing a bachelor’s degree in graphic design from Tabor College.

Fritz Lehman ’14, flight instructor.

Pawan Magar, campus facilities.

Ben Miller, plumbing/facilities specialist.

Jeptha Miller ’13, flight instructor, is also a graduate of Goshen College.

Paula Miller, nutrition professor, holds a M.S. from South Dakota State University (Brookings) and a B.S. from Kansas State University.

Susan Mungecho, food service.

John Murray ’81, director of international admissions, holds a master’s in theological studies from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Ind.) and a master’s in interfaith action from Claremont (Calif.) Lincoln University.

Ossie Mae Sanchez, campus facilities.

Mary Schanbacher, food service.

Masemo Wakibogo, campus facilities.

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NEW PROGRAMS LEAD TO ENROLLMENT BOOST

New academic and athletic programs added to Hesston College’s offerings over the last several years have culminated with an enrollment boost for fall 2017 according to the college’s official reporting numbers. Total student headcount reached 442 in 2017, a 10 percent increase from a headcount of 401 a year prior, and the highest reported enrollment for the college since 2013.

“We’re excited to see some of our recruitment and enrollment efforts paying off,” said Rachel Swartzendruber ’00 Miller, vice president of academics and financial aid. “By making an effort to learn about what today’s students are looking for in terms of programs, as well as what employers want and exploring how those programs fit into Hesston’s culture and environment, we’ve been able to make positive changes to our curriculum and extracurricular offerings that have resulted in significant growth.”

Over the last three years, the college has added or expanded offerings in at least 13 academic and athletic programs. Some of the changes include shifting from a two-year to a four-year baccalaureate nursing program and adding an RN to BSN component, adding new programs including golf, emergency management, sports management and criminal and restorative justice, and expanding curriculum in aviation, engineering, theatre, biology and graphic design.

Of total enrollment, 207 students are new and 403 students – 91 percent – are enrolled at a full-time status. The college continues to build on its global community as 56 students – 13 percent as compared to 10 percent a year ago – are international students representing 17 countries. Domestic students represent 29 states in 2017, including 49 percent from Kansas and 38 percent from out of state. Students of color are 34 percent of the population.

Following trends for the college over the last several years, retention of students from fall 2016 to fall 2017 remains high at 77 percent for the new year.
On Sept. 20, a Category 5 hurricane ripped through the heart of Puerto Rico leaving a majority of the island under water and without power. Approximately 3.4 million residents lost electricity, most lost precious belongings, and some lost lives. The trauma of the storm even managed to reach Hesston College, where Carlos Rodriguez is a sophomore baseball player. But a Puerto Rican first.

For an entire week after the hurricane, Rodriguez went to class, went to practice, did his homework and played in baseball games, all while wondering if his family was okay. In Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, his grandparents, mother and uncles were unable to call and let him know they were safe due to the power outage across the island.

“It was hard because I was supposed to pitch the day it happened and I just kept thinking about home,” Rodriguez said. “I missed a couple of classes because I couldn’t sit in a classroom and pay attention.”

He was sitting in his dorm room after a day of classes when he got the call.

“I took a big breather when my mom called. She told me my house was fine, thank God.”

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— Carlos Rodriguez ’18 —

And Rodriguez continued to receive good news. Despite not evacuating, all of his family members and their homes were safe. But the rest of his hometown was not. Numbers reported for Toa Baja are murky, ranging from one to nine deaths.

“Houses are flooded and in parts of the neighborhood, all you can see are trees,” said Rodriguez.

He’s grateful for the supplies his family has received because others haven’t been as fortunate. After supplies are flown into Puerto Rico, they aren’t being transported across the island. Truck drivers are scarce and hesitant because they have very little fuel and can’t be reached by telephone. There’s an abundance of resources but no one to distribute them.

Rodriguez believes that Puerto Rico’s slow recovery is partially due to lack of experience with disaster. The last time a hurricane hit was 2004, but Rodriguez said they’ve never experienced one like this. And they never thought they would.

“When Hurricane Irma missed us, it was a big relief,” Rodriguez explained. “Puerto Rico has a tendency to miss these storms. So when we heard about Maria coming we thought, ‘It’s gonna miss us.’ Then it came closer and closer and I thought, ‘This is really gonna happen.’ Then it went through the heart of Puerto Rico.”

After about one month, only 13.7 percent of the island had power. Restoring clean water is also a major issue right now as 63 percent of Puerto Ricans lack access.

Despite the slow recovery, Rodriguez guarantees Puerto Rico will bounce back.

“We just care about surviving, and helping others,” he said. “It’s going to bring us together.”
CONTINUING THE LEGACY

57 STUDENTS FROM ALUMNI LEGACY FAMILIES FOUND THEIR START AT HESSTON COLLEGE IN 2017-18.
25 LEGACY STUDENTS ARE FROM DUAL ALUMNI FAMILIES.

Kaedl (LeFevre) ’13, Baer ’18, Hesston, Kan. – Dennis ’83 and Jen (Friesen) ’84, former faculty, LeFevre
Landon Baer ’18, North Lima, Ohio – Gareth ’83 and Karla Baer
Faith Barnes ’19, Syracuse, Kan. – Bryan ’98 and Lisa (Curtis) ’99 Barnes
Jenna Boller ’20, Kalona, Iowa – Jeff ’89 and Carol Boller
Savannah Bontrager ’18, Milford, Neb. – Craig ’90 and Karen (Stutzman) ’90 Bontrager
AJ Brunner ’16, ’18, Newton, Kan. – Cheryl (Schmidt) ’79 and L.H. Brunner
Crystal Burgess ’18, Los Angeles, Calif. – Frank ’90 and Marion (Price) ’90 Burgess
Aubrey Crouse ’14, ’19, Wichita, Kan. – Dawn Crouse ’02
Joy Driver ’18, Rockingham, Va. – Woody ’86 and Regina (Stopher) ’86 Driver
Elizabeth Eichelberger ’18, Geneva, Neb. – Jenny (Saltzman) ’88 and Scott Eichelberger
Jesse Franklin ’19, Molalla, Ore. – Paige (Hall) ’87 and Sam Franklin
Will Gaby ’19, Goshen, Ind. – Christopher Gaby ’94 and Tonya (Husberger) ’94 Detweiler
Autumn Gehman ’20, Adams, Tenn. – Brooke ’93 and Dana (Zimmerman) ’92 Gehman
Alyssa Graber ’18, Wolford, N.D. – Ronald ’85 and Lori Graber
Kevin Hawkins ’18, Middlebury, Ind. – Cindy (Bontrager) ’84 and Dave Hawkins
Brooke Hershberger ’18, Goshen, Ind. – Jeff ’85 and Juanita Hershberger
Layne Higgins ’19, Cheney, Kan. – Craig Higgins ’86
Jaden Hostetter ’19, Harrisonburg, Va. – John Eric ’83 and Janet Hostetter
Leah Huyard ’19, Staunton, Va. – Susan (Miller) ’91 and Dwight Huyard
Jeff Kauffman ’18, Hutchinson, Kan., and Kayla (Kauffman) ’14 Rudy ’19, Hesston, Kan. – Dan ’83 and Shelley (Martin) ’82 Kauffman
Lily Kauffman ’19, Mountain Lake, Minn. – Galen ’76 and Betty Jean Kauffman
Kate Kilmer ’20, Goshen, Ind. – Kevin ’91 and Karilyn (Kauffman) ’92 Kilmer
Cassidy King ’19, Cochranville, Pa. – Nolan ’91 and Nori (Bontrager) ’90 King
Bianna Lamb ’15, ’19, Wichita, Kan. – Jamie ’11 and Shawn Lamb
Jonathan Landis ’19, Sterling, Ill. – Keith ’83 and Lois (Kaufman) ’88 Landis
Faith Manick ‘19, Hesston, Kan. – Joe ’87, staff and Wanda (Wyse) ’88 Manickam
Elizabeth Miller ’18, Archbold, Ohio – Eric ’90 and Marla (Gascho) ’90 Miller
Mackenzie Miller ’18, Lancaster, Pa. – Heather (Loewer) ’89 and Brian Miller
Sarah Miller ’18, Freeman, S.D. – Craig ’84 and Jenelle (Weaver) ’85 Miller
Sophia Miller ’19, Newton, Kan. – Forrest ’85, staff and Nora, former staff, Miller
Janie (Hofflinger) ’07 Mosqueda ’19, Newton, Kan. – Edna ’91 and Barry Hofflinger
Karen Munoz ’19, Wichita, Kan. – Anita (Douthart) ’80 Ross
Gretchen Nisly ’18, Hutchinson, Kan. – Lucy (Miller) ’89 and Philip Nisly
Curtis Oesch ’18, Caldwell, Idaho – Michael ’91 and Jana (Earnest) ’90 Oesch
Jared Oyer ’19, Hubbard, Ore. – Stan ’78 and Vonnie Oyer
Andrea Peters ’18, Hesston, Kan. – Doug ’87, former staff and Rita, faculty, Peters
Brenna Peters ’18, Hesston, Kan. – Gordon ’84 and Janice (Roth) ’84 Peters
Wyatt Roth ’19 and Camryn Roth ’19, Canby, Ore. – Jerry ’90 and Wendy (Troyer) ’90 Roth
Garrett Roth ’18, Hesston, Kan. – Clark ’82, former staff and Deb (Swartzendruber) ’83, faculty, Roth
Kenton Schroeder ’19, Harper, Kan. – Kerry Schroeder ’87
Robin (Morris) ’15 Slabach ’19, Hesston, Kan. – Pam (Meadows) ’80 and Loren, former staff, Morris
Therin Smith ’19, Key West, Fla. – Jeff ’87 and Kathy (Reber) ’87 Smith
Vanessa Steckly ’19, Milford, Neb. – Blane ’81 and Nan (Stuckey) ’81 Steckly
Malachi Swartz ’19, Overland Park, Kan. – Anthony ’95 and Angie (Moyer) ’95 Swartz
Addie Swartzendruber ’19, Henderson, Neb. – Brent ’91 and Tara (Siebert) ’92 Swartzendruber
Emily Taylor ’14, ’19, Hutchinson, Kan. – Angie Dunn ’05
Matthew Unzicker ’19, Goshen, Ind. – Tony ’87 and Carol (Snyder) ’87 Unzicker
Brooke Weaver ’19, Goshen, Ind. – Lisa (Nunemaker) ’88 and Lonnie Weaver
Mackenzie Weber ’21, Newton, Kan. – Julia Weber ’00, ’01
Madi Wedel ’18, Hesston, Kan. – Tom Wedel ’15
Jared Wedel ’18, Hesston, Kan. – Jay Wedel ’89 and Sharon (Ross) ’90, faculty, Woodward
Sadie Winter ’18, Newton, Kan. – Juli (Meadows) ’85, staff and Perry Winter
Zachary Yoder ’19, Berea, Ky. – Garett ’91 and Kathleen Yoder
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Noah Yoder ’18, Harrisonburg, Va. – Jackie (Stephenson) ’86 and Steve Yoder

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“Without leaving the communities of Hesston, Kansas, which I now call my own, I have had the privilege of teaching and interacting with students from at least 20 countries from Albania to Zimbabwe. Those students, including two of my own children who attended Hesston College and became friends with others from around the world, have helped me make connections with others and become more globally engaged even though I am not personally able to travel as I might wish.”

Teo Soler ’19, Orleans, France

“The men’s soccer team started the year by going to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and doing service work there. We were part of something greater.”

Risa Fukaya ’19, Zushi, Japan

“The parade during Homecoming Weekend was a good example of the Homecoming theme. The international students were featured in the parade representing our countries with flags. We realized that our existence here helps connect Hesston College and the local community with something more.”

Mari Sailors, Associate Director of International Admissions

“As a fairly new staff member, I immediately felt ‘grounded’ by the support and encouragement I received from co-workers, supervisors, students and the overall campus community. This type of small, personal atmosphere mixed with a unique appreciation and interest in global perspectives is the perfect combination for me.”

Jeremy Deckinger ’18, Wichita, Kan.

“In only a year at Hesston, I’ve made more friendships with people from different countries and cultures than I ever thought I could make in a lifetime. Discussing world issues with the people who it affects most is a powerful gift.”

Elizabeth Miller ’18, Archbold, Ohio

“Being involved in Bel Canto, I sang at the solar eclipse in Shickley, Nebraska in August. It wasn’t what a typical first day of classes usually looks like, but the Hesston community joined with others that day in an event that reminded us all that we are a part of something bigger. As I look ahead at my future, I realize that Hesston has equipped me well. No matter what I choose to do next year, Hesston has empowered me to see the humanity in everyone and serve in love.”

Grace Allen ’19, Abilene, Kan.

“The homecoming theme is perfect to describe my experience at Hesston College. With such a small campus, we are a close community with everyone knowing everyone, but the large population of international students on campus allows us to familiarize ourselves with different cultures and languages. My roommate is from Albania, so I have learned a lot about Albanian culture and history. Since coming to Hesston, I have become part of a great community, but I have also become much more aware of what’s going on in the world outside of Hesston.”

John Ebaugh ’18, Holtwood, Pa.

“My Hesston Experience has embodied the theme of grounded in community, globally engaged through my mod. I have modelings from four countries and six states. We all have fun and enjoy mod activities together as if we are one family.”
ALUMNI NEWS

1940-49

DEATHS

Willis Dyck '40, Newton, Kan., July 27, 2017
Myrtle (Schweitzer) '41 Miller, Lajunta, Colo., July 24, 2017
Richard Wiebe Ac43, Whitewater, Kan., Sept. 10, 2017
Pearl (Herschberger) Ac44, ’45 Rodgers, Hesston, Kan., Sept. 3, 2017
Luella (Handrich) ’44 Esch, Mio, Mich., Aug. 18, 2017
Frances (Lais) Ac45, ’51 Hoover, Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 11, 2017
Mary (Mumaw) Ac46, ’53 Kalbfleisch, Goshen, Ind., June 7, 2017
Paul Wenger Ac46, Hesston, Kan., Oct. 13, 2017
Hazel Yoder ’46, Glendale, Ariz., July 16, 2017
Robert Kauffman Ac47, ’49, Shoreline, Wash., Aug. 9, 2017
Mary Ann (Selzer) Ac48 Miller, wife of James Miller Ac47, ’51, Twin Falls, Idaho, March 18, 2017
Marvin Sweigart, Holden, Mo., July 1, 2017
Clair Umble, husband of Miriam (Kreider) Ac48 Umble, Lititz, Pa., April 19, 2017
Alice (Miller) ’48 Beachy, Sarasota, Fla., July 16, 2017
Orville Stutzman ’49, Hesston, Kan., Oct. 6, 2017

1950-59

DEATHS

Frances (Garber) ’50 Ewy, Milaca, Minn., July 21, 2017
Alverda (Stoltzfus) ’51 Swope, Leetonia, Ohio, May 19, 2017
Rosemary Zook, wife of John Zook Ac51, ’53, Goshen, Ind., March 29, 2017
Betty Roth, wife of LeRoy Roth Ac53, Warwick, R.I., June 2, 2017
Don Miller Ac56, Goshen, Ind., Sept. 13, 2017
Royce Roth Ac54, ’56, former Board of Overseers member, husband of Eileen (Buzzard) Ac54, ’56 Roth, Wayland, Iowa, Oct. 17, 2017

1960-69

Amelia (Saylor) ’67 Derr, Nanty Glo, Pa., is retired from full-time pastoral ministry in the Church of the Brethren. She enjoys traveling, singing in the Johnstown Symphony Chorus and volunteering for the local literacy program.
Rosy (Schmidt) ’67 King, Paola, Kan., retired as director of Paola Free Public Library in January.
Joe Landis ’67, Harleysville, Pa., retired this year after 44 years of providing services to people with intellectual disabilities and autism.
Susan Miller ’67, Hesston, Kan., is a semi-retired freelance writer of local and church news, articles, opinion and history. Her book, Breaking

1970-79

Sid Burkey ’70, Milford, Neb., was installed as moderator for the Central Plains Conference of Mennonite Church USA in June.
Howard Keim ’72, former president, Hesston, Kan., has engaged with the South Central Conference (SCC) of Mennonite Church USA to provide a mentoring relationship to pastors in SCC.
Phyllis (Peachey) ’75 Friesen, Harrisonburg, Va., is director of marketing for her family-owned-and-operated business, Design Concrete Builders, Inc.
Mardi (Willem) ’77 Hochstetler, Albany, Ore., works at the Albany Public Library as the head of the circulation department and senior library assistant. Prior to that, she taught kindergarten for 15 years at Fairview Christian School.

1980-89

David Hunsberger ’83, Mifflintown, Pa., was honored as a Master Farmer during the Mid-Atlantic Master Farmers Association banquet in July.
Keily (Vargas) ’86 Evans, Aurora, Colo., is the Spanish teacher at Thunder Ridge Middle School.
Ronda (Zuercher) ’87 Dow, Moore, Okla., is the library media specialist and music teacher at Robin Hill Elementary (Norman, Okla.).
Ron Hershey ’88, Mechanicsburg, Pa., is associate director of donor relations at Mennonite Central Committee (Akron, Pa.).

1990-99

Josh ’97 and Lori (Burkey) ’97 Horning, Hopedale, Ill., are celebrating 10 years of leading Christian Life Academy, a PreK-high school Christian school founded in 2008. Josh is the founding principal/administrator and Lori is the office manager. The school serves more than 120 students.
Ron ’97 and Char ’97 Roth, LaGrange, Ind., have been pastors of Marion Mennonite Church (Shipshewana, Ind.) for 12 years. Char is also in private practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist at Renew Hope Counseling, Inc.

BIRTH

Anne (Yoder) ’97 and Timothy Wiens, Newton, Kan.: Jude Elliott, July 27, 2017
Isaac '99, former staff and Emily (Hershberger) '05 Hooley, Iowa City, Iowa: Oliver Henry, June 24, 2017
Beth (Swartzendruber) '99 and Caleb Yoder, North Newton, Kan.: Austin Ardis, Feb. 25, 2017

DEATH
David Hoing, husband of Amy (Miller) '93 Hoing, Seattle, Wash., July 15, 2017

2000-09
Jon Leichty '02, West Liberty, Ohio, began a job as network/systems engineer with Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center, working for Hesston College classmate Jeff Thoman '03.
Adam Friesen '04, Goshen, Ind., was named Bethany Christian School's (Goshen) teacher of the year for 2016-17. He teaches fourth grade and was nominated by parents and students based on seven criteria that include teaching excellence, community and church involvement and expressing care for individual students.
Philip Kaufman '05 '14, Haven, Kan., was appointed to the Haven City Council in August.
Charlie Eastlund '06, Boone, Iowa, won his 100th career game as a baseball coach in June.
Jivan Khatry '06, Idaho Falls, Idaho, successfully defended his dissertation in May and earned a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from the University of Idaho (Moscow).
Ginger (Ratley Weathers) '09 Arnett, Hutchinson, Kan., is an assisted living care manager at Sunrise Meadows Retirement Community (Buhler, Kan.). She is responsible for overseeing residents and staff of the 28-resident assisted living unit.

MARRIAGES
Jesse Erb '05 and Rebecca Haase, Wichita, Kan., June 17, 2017
Trish Finnegam '07 and Mike Schwendinger, Kalona, Iowa, May 20, 2017
Michael Kaufman '07,'10 and Amber Alexander, Wichita, Kan., Nov. 4, 2016
Tony Hostetler '08 and Mary Johnson, Harrisonburg, Va., June 24, 2017
Lacey Masenthin '08 and CJ Morawitz, Derby, Kan., April 22, 2017
Nick Miller '08 and Maggie Vander Stel, Gothenburg, Neb., July 8, 2017

BIRTHS
Vincent '00 and Melissa Friesen, Sutton, Neb.: Autumn Lee, June 8, 2017
Mia Hippo '01 and Yann Provencher, Wellington, New Zealand: Léon Ano Hidayah, July 3, 2017
Allen '01 and Danielle Rhodes, Indianapolis, Ind.: Calum James, May 11, 2017
Troy Yoder '01, former staff and Andi McIntosh, Carmel, Ind.: Cole Grant, Aug. 21, 2017
Jessica (Sweigart) '03 and Ben '05 Hershberger, Hesston, Kan.: Isaac Jesse, Jan. 7, 2017
Christian '04 and Kristen Amstutz, Hubbard, Ore.: Sebastian George, Aug. 10, 2017
Kate (Dyck) '05 and Joseph Brownstone, Tucson, Ariz.: Atlas David, Aug. 5, 2017
Elisa (Eberspacher) '05 and Patrick Clark, Colorado Springs, Colo.: Jade Sue, July 11, 2017
Rachel (Schlegel) '05, staff and Andy '16 McMaster, Moundridge, Kan.: Landon James, Sept. 8, 2017

Natalie (Messer) '06 and Ryan Duffie, Mount Pleasant, Iowa: Jackson Pyles, June 2, 2017
Alex '06 and Ashley (Luty) '06 Graber, Bel Air, Kan.: Tavian Alexander, July 10, 2017
Gemma (Patton) '06 and Zachary Hale, Salem, Ore.: Theo August, Aug. 8, 2016
Evie (Yoder) '06 and Glen Wenger, Mount Sidney, Va.: Brynn Michele, July 28, 2017
Grant '07 and Julia (Klassen) '07 Baker, Middlebury, Ind.: Emma Joy, July 10, 2017
Erica (Yutzy) '07 and Mattias Clymer, Harrisonburg, Va.: Azra Quinn, Feb. 9, 2017
Caleb '07, former faculty and Stephanie Reinford, Souderton, Pa.: Embree Rose, Aug. 9, 2017
Isaac '07 and Karina Pericon Shue, Harper, Kan.: Xavi Monroe, July 26, 2017
Michael '07, staff and Jennifer (Birky) '07, former faculty, Smalley, Hesston, Kan.: Rhett David, June 15, 2017
Marlon '08 and Ashley Dominique, Crescent, Okla.: Haze Layten, Aug. 11, 2017
Katelin (Unruh) '08 and Josh Hendricks, Wamego, Kan.: Adilyn Joy, June 12, 2017

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DEATHS

Morgandy (Miller) '05 Hartman, wife of Wes Hartman '05, Weatherford, Okla., July 12, 2017

Misty (Butcher) '06 Read, Clearwater, Kan., March 15, 2017

Susan Gibbs '09, Lindsborg, Kan., Feb. 1, 2017

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Anne Simonsick '10, Pryor, Mont., completed a B.S.N. in May from South Dakota State University (Brookings), and is working in coronary care at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings, Mont.

Joey Stoltzfus '12, Thompson Station, Tenn., works with a disaster relief organization called Hope Force International, where he serves as the disaster services manager.

Whitney Werth '14, Inman, Kan., is an athletic trainer for Pratt (Kan.) Community College. She is also working on a master’s degree through Fort Hays (Kan.) State University.

Galed Krisjayanta '15, New York, N.Y., graduated from Goshen (Ind.) College in May and is working in an Indonesian restaurant in New York’s lower Manhattan where he also performs occasionally as a jazz singer.

Erika Byler ’16, a student at Bluffton (Ohio) University, served as a Ministry Inquiry Program intern at Hesston Mennonite Church during the summer of 2017. She was involved in leading worship, preaching, taking part in commission meetings and ministerial activities.

Morgan Coffman ’16, Vassar, Kan., was a part of the Kansas State University (Manhattan) Big 12 Women’s Track and Field championship team in Lawrence, Kan., in May, as a participant in the high jump. She cleared 1.73m/5-08. The track and field championship title was the first for K-State women in 15 years.

MARRIAGES

Laura Gehman ’10 and Don Williams, Sarasota, Fla., April 22, 2017

Erin Hershberger ’10 and Jay Carpenter, Wichita, Kan., June 3, 2017

Craig Miller ’10 and Sadie Pile, Lawrence, Kan., June 17, 2017

Amy Brubaker ’11 and Will Kanagy, Albuquerque, N.M., July 17, 2017

Ryan Wengard ’11 and Marlette Gomez, Goshen, Ind., July 29, 2017

Diogo Durante ’12 and Kara Meyer ’12, Harrisonburg, Va., July 29, 2017

Janae King ’13 and Vince King, Lancaster, Pa., May 2017

Mason Davis ’14 and Libby Detmeter, Oklahoma City, Okla., May 20, 2017

Dustin King ’14 and Taylor Berkley ’15, Wichita, Kan., Aug. 19, 2017

Wesley Wilder ’14 and Abby Bush, Harrisonburg, Va., July 29, 2017

Zachary Pearson ’15 and Megan Redd ’15, Shreveport, La., June 24, 2017

Isaiah Crosby ’16 and Jordan Phillips, Hesston, Kan., July 24, 2017

BIRTHS

Phil ’10 and Mandi Hotchkiss, Des Moines, Iowa: Addison Nichole, June 18, 2017

Tyler ’10 and Sarah Krehbiel, Howe, Ind.: Ezra Dean, June 29, 2017

Ryan ’11 and Colleen Sprunger, Dalton, Ohio: Haydn Dirk, July 18, 2017

Adam ’11 and Grael Weaver, Coralville, Iowa: Wrenly Adam, July 31, 2017

Saralyn (Mast) ’12 and David Jantzi, Leavenworth, Wash.: Leon Paul, April 26, 2017

Jonathan ’13 and Angela (Brunner) ’14 Steele, Fort Myers, Fla.: Caleb Stewart, May 11, 2017

Davis ’15 and Alex (Hiebert) ’15 Cook, Manhattan, Kan.: Oakley May, July 2, 2017

Oliver ’15 and Karli (Mast) ’15 Denlinger, Denver, Pa.: Maya Joy, July 4, 2017

Murphy Tshimuanga ’15 and Nichole Saxton ’15, Tulsa, Okla.: Salomon Michael, June 6, 2017

Faculty/Staff

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY
10 - Spring term begins
15 - Alumni/Community Basketball Night
21 - Bel Canto Singers at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, Kan.

FEBRUARY
4 - Men’s and Women’s Choruses at Hesston United Methodist Church
   - Joe Manickam at Mennonite Education Sunday, Moundridge, Kan.
11 - Faculty recital: Bradley Baker, piano
22 to 24 - Hesston College Board of Directors meeting
23 to 25 - Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series: Before the Unthinkable Happens: Confronting our role in injustice
25 - Bel Canto Singers at Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, Kan.
28 to March 4 - Spring musical: Hands on a Hardbody

MARCH
2 - Grandparent Day
9 to 11 - Arizona Alumni Weekend in Phoenix
10 - National Arizona Golf Benefit
   - Bach Piano and Organ Festival
11 - Men’s and Women’s Choruses at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, Kan.
16 to 25 - Bel Canto Singers Spring Tour to Va., Pa., Ohio, Ind., Iowa and S.D.
17 to 25 - Spring break
27 - Bel Canto Singers home concert

APRIL
8 - Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts: Berta Rojas with Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra, Bethel College Memorial Hall
26 - New Alumni Dinner
27 to 28 - Theater Department’s Pen to Paper to Performance

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  › March 2 to 3
  › April 6 to 7
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28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as beautiful but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

27 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside they are full of greed and filth.

26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and self-indulgence.

25 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and self-indulgence.

You say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

18 The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberation for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and there was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

17 ‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberation for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

10 “What should we do then?”

7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

8 Out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 9 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

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20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

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