The past few months have been an exciting time at Hesston College as we break into new territory with the addition of a bachelor of science in nursing degree. While the college does have a brief history with four-year degree programs, the most recent experience is almost 60 years in the past, so this time feels brand new. After much dreaming and planning, in just a few weeks, we will welcome students who plan to be with us for the next four years. The coming months and years will be marked by learning and adjustments in this area.

We do not anticipate the addition to change who we are. Though there will be adjustments and changes in some manners of operation, at our core, we will continue to be a Christ-centered, student-focused community. Our students will continue to go everywhere, prepared to serve the church and the world.

Hesston College is committed to offering students experiences necessary for their chosen careers. For nursing, the Institute of Medicine expects a bachelor’s degree for 80 percent of the workforce by 2020. We are pleased that Hesston Nursing can remain on the cutting edge of meeting student needs in this way. This endeavor also speaks to the dedication of the Nursing faculty, led by Bonnie (Kauffman) Ac65, ’67 Sowers, who led the initiative by taking on extra work and planning to make such a significant leap happen.

Nursing is not unique to changing demands. The faculty, administration and board continue to watch and discuss shifts in other academic areas and professional disciplines to offer the best preparation for all our students. There may be potential for other bachelor degree programs in the future, but for now, Hesston College is a two-year college with a four-year degree program.

At this summer’s Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, the Admissions team challenged youth to “be greater than” their current context through expanding their faith and discovering who they are meant to be through Christ.

Nursing is being greater than. Hesston College is being greater than.

Dr. Howard Keim ’72, President
ON THE COVER

Bonnie (Kauffman) Ac65, ’67 Sowers has served Hesston College as the Nursing Program Director for 42 years. Along with dedicated nursing faculty and staff, Sowers has led the way in building a strong, reputable associate degree program and has been the driving force behind the college’s addition of the bachelor’s degree program.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE B.S.N. PROGRAM
In case you missed the big announcement in March and the buzz that followed, Hesston College was approved by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) to launch a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program with the start of the 2015-16 year in August. As the advent of the program approaches, you may have some questions about the inevitable changes as a historically two-year college adds a four-year degree. Here are answers to some key questions.
**WHY IS HESSTON ADDING A B.S.N. PROGRAM?**

A 2010 report from the Institute of Medicine set a national goal that 80 percent of the nursing workforce would have a BSN by 2020. The nursing industry is doing its best to meet this goal, which means the health care industry is changing. The breadth of knowledge that nurses need is evolving, with increased emphasis on preventative medicine, home care and community in the current health care system. Placement options for clinical training are being limited for some associate degree (ADN) programs at a number of major medical centers. In short – the BSN program will allow Hesston to continue providing nursing students with exceptional clinical learning opportunities and continue producing highly prepared and employable graduates.

**DOES THIS MEAN THE A.D.N. PROGRAM WILL FALL BY THE WAYSIDE?**

No. Hesston will continue to offer an associate degree in nursing in conjunction with the BSN to provide a range of options for students who may still prefer that path. The college is also planning to add an RN-to-BSN track for nurses who have their ADN and want to take the next step to BSN. The RN-to-BSN program’s tentative launch date is the fall of 2016 or 2017.

**WHEN WILL THE B.S.N. PROGRAM BE ACCREDITED BY A NURSING ACCREDITATION BODY?**

The Kansas State Board of Nursing approved Hesston’s BSN program at the end of March, allowing graduates to become licensed as Registered Nurses (RNs). Hesston initiated the specialized nursing accreditation review process in spring 2015 by requesting applicant status with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The nursing faculty and staff will write a CCNE self-study report and proceed toward full accreditation status during the 2016-17 academic year. CCNE accreditation decisions are retroactive to the first day of the program’s CCNE on-site evaluation.

**HOW DOES THIS ADDITION CHANGE ENROLLMENT IN THE NURSING PROGRAM AND IN THE COLLEGE IN GENERAL?**

For several years, the nursing program has had a maximum of 56 students per class based on clinical spaces, for a total of 112 total clinical spots spread over two years. The KSBN has kept the college’s maximum per class at 56 clinical spots to be shared between students pursuing both ADN and BSN degrees. The breakdown between ADN students and BSN students will likely vary from year to year based on the track students choose to pursue. The college will continue to admit the most highly qualified students, regardless of whether they choose to pursue an ADN or BSN. The addition of two years at Hesston for students pursuing the BSN may increase enrollment, though the increase could fluctuate from year to year.

**WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO PROGRAM TRACKS?**

BSN students will take 27 additional credit hours in liberal arts and sciences before beginning nursing coursework. In addition, they will enroll in 30 credit hours of newly developed nursing courses above the 56 hours required for the ADN.
ARE THE CURRENT FACILITIES SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMODATE THE ADDITIONAL NURSING STUDENTS?

The college recognizes that an expanded program requires more space. The college is currently evaluating the needs program growth demands and exploring options to adequately meet those needs.

WHERE WILL THIRD- AND FOURTH-YEAR NURSING STUDENTS LIVE?

Student Development and Facilities staff are working on specific policies and details for housing arrangements that will be communicated as they are finalized. The college will also evaluate and expand meal plan options to suit the needs of third- and fourth-year nursing students.

IS THE COLLEGE CONSIDERING OTHER FOUR-YEAR DEGREE OPTIONS?

The college is paying attention to shifting employer demands in specific areas to see what potential may exist for adding other bachelor’s degree programs. At this point, the college considers itself a two-year college that offers a four-year degree.

DID HESSTON CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH BETHEL COLLEGE (NORTH NEWTON) OR TABOR COLLEGE (HILLSBORO) TO OFFER THE B.S.N.?

Yes. However, an academic partnership beyond existing articulation agreements did not offer a mutually beneficial option. Tabor College only offers an RN-to-BSN program, which some Hesston alumni already choose to pursue. After conver-sations with faculty and administrators at Bethel College, it became clear the best option for partnership would be to maintain distinct curricula and expand other options for collaboration, including cosponsoring nursing career fairs and seminars.

HOW LONG HAS HESSTON BEEN EDUCATING NURSES?

Hesston’s A.D.N. program started in 1966. More than 1,600 individuals have graduated from the nursing program in the last 47 years, with 98 percent of graduates passing the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) for RNs and becoming registered nurses.

IS THIS THE FIRST TIME HESSTON HAS OFFERED A BACHELOR’S DEGREE?

Hesston College offered a bachelor of religious education degree from 1949 to 1957.
Gregg Schroeder ’86 shines on stage. It’s where the self-proclaimed introvert is able to let his guard down and be a little outrageous. Only, Schroeder’s stage is not THE stage, but the nursing classroom.

Schroeder recalls his first theatre stage experience as lacking enthusiasm when he was placed in a high school drama class. A variety of professional experiences since then have helped Schroeder discover the role he was meant to play – the role of nursing educator. He now embodies that excitement for his students’ benefit.

“My life is quite convoluted,” said Schroeder. “I have a lot of experience in a lot of areas. I found a calling in teaching, and I have never looked back.”

So who is Gregg Schroeder, M.S.N., APRN/CNS?

He’s a nursing educator, starring primarily in the Hesston College Clinical Nursing Simulation Lab. He’s a practicing registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Galichia Heart Hospital (Wichita, Kan.) and a Kaplan NCLEX review instructor. He’s also a published co-author of *Theoretical Basis of Nursing* (2011), a Russian nursing education textbook and on the faculty at University Hospital in Veliky Novgorod, Russia. He’s traveled to Russia 15 times, leading students on half of those trips to experience a new culture and their program of study in a different cultural context.

“Seeing students have those ‘A-ha!’ moments and make connections is so rewarding. Every experience with every person is unique, and it’s what nursing is about.”

— Gregg Schroeder ’86 —

Since he began teaching at Hesston in 2009, Schroeder has become famous among both nursing students and the greater campus community as an energetic, engaging personality. “Class times with Gregg are never mundane,” said Andy McMaster ’16. “He has such a wealth of knowledge, and he knows how to captivate students with the presentation of that knowledge.”

Schroeder started his winding path at Hesston College fresh out of high school in 1976, but only stayed for a year, leaving to marry his wife, Cindy. Over time, his resumé has grown to include respiratory therapist, dairy farmer and nurse practitioner – all roles that weren’t quite the right fit.

After earning an A.D.N. from Hesston and a B.S.N. from Bethel College (North Newton), Schroeder was cast in the role of nurse educator in 1992. It was then that he knew he was on the right path.

“Seeing students have those ‘A-ha!’ moments and make connections is so rewarding,” Schroeder said. “Every experience with every person is unique, and it’s what nursing is about. At Galichia, we say ‘Every patient every time.’ At Hesston, it’s every student every time. Their failures are our failures, and we give all we have to help students be successful.”

When simulation as an educational tool entered the market, Schroeder was excited at the hands-on opportunity it provided students. He was instrumental in starting simulation labs at both Hesston and Bethel. The lab is where he thrives, giving a voice to the simulation patient “dummies” and creating backstories, medical histories and real-world experiences for nursing students.

“The clinical sim lab is my arena,” Schroeder said. “It’s my drama.”

Advanced degrees – an M.S.N. from Wichita (Kan.) State University and an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse – Clinical Nurse Specialist post-master’s certificate – and opportunities for management roles in the nursing industry haven’t distracted Schroeder from his calling as an educator and bedside nurse.

“I worked on a Ph.D. in nursing – it’s not who I am,” he said. “I found my groove, and I’ve gone with it ever since.”

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— Gregg Schroeder ’86 —
When Hesston College nursing students or alumni are asked what makes the Hesston College Nursing program special, many answer “the faculty.” The Hesston Nursing faculty is celebrated for being more than just instructors at the front of the classroom – they care about their students on a personal level. They recognize many students have other commitments, including families and jobs, that require their time and attention. For many students, it is this group of quality instructors who make all the difference as they pursue their professional goals.

BONNIE (KAUFFMAN) AC65, ’67 SOWERS, DIRECTOR OF NURSING

“Quality instruction and caring relationships are at the heart of the Hesston College Nursing program, creating a nurturing environment where each of us learns, develops and grows in faith.”

RUBY (CHUPP) ’73 GRABER

“Nursing is a ministry and mission I love. Teaching is my way of encouraging this art of caring to others. I love teaching and seeing a student’s eyes light up when new connections are understood.”

BECKY BARTELL

“I received my undergraduate degree as a ‘traditional age’ student right out of high school and later went back for my graduate degree online while I worked full time and had a family. These educational experiences help me relate to almost any student who walks through the door. Time and stress management are key to being a successful nurse, and I hope each of my students can learn not only how to care for their patients holistically, but also care for themselves.”

MARILYN UNRUH FLAMING

ACADEMIC ASSISTANT

CHRISTINA ELLIS

B.S.N., Southwestern College (Winfield, Kan.)
M.S.N., Walden University (Minneapolis, Minn.)
Hesston Nursing faculty since 2014
HEATHER (KYBURZ) ’00 HOSFORD

“I can’t ever remember considering any other profession than nursing. Providing holistic care to patients and their families bestows a sense of respect and purpose that is invaluable to life.”

JOYCE HUBER

“The most rewarding part of teaching nursing is to know I have had a part in helping individuals meet their goals of becoming nurses. I cherish my relationships with my students — they are some of the most wonderful people I’ve ever met! It brings me joy and satisfaction to see students develop healing skills and show compassion in caring for clients.”

RITA PETERS

“I love the intersection of science and psychology in nursing. My Ph.D. has challenged many of the ways I teach and is pushing me to try new methods to help students learn. I’m intensely curious how the class environment impacts students’ ability to learn.”

JEAN SMUCKER RODGERS

“My hope is that students can relate to a great variety of people; that they can provide the encouragement and care each person needs. I like to interact with students outside of class, in the hallway, to ask about their lives and interests. My office door is usually open, and I am available for students to come in and talk.”

SHARON (ROSS) ’90 WOODWARD

“I enjoy working with students as they apply their classroom knowledge to the clinical setting. It’s a pleasure to watch ideas and concepts coming together with technical and personal skills as the students relate to their clients. It challenges me in my own nursing practice to be open to new ways of approaching and doing things.”

JOY (SMITH) ’96 YODER

“Nursing creatively allows us to enter into other people’s lives in times of struggle and immense joy. I love how nursing presents an opportunity to holistically care for others. I am encouraged and revitalized as a nurse just observing and listening to the students’ excitement for learning! What an opportunity to hear how students were called into nursing and then watch them care for people in varied stages of life.”

KARLA STAUFFER

B.S.N., Bethel College (North Newton) M.S.N., anticipated completion December 2015, Wichita State University Certified as a Critical Care Registered Nurse Hesston Nursing faculty starting August 2015
A CALL TO CONNECT

It was a psychology class rather than nursing clinicals that convinced Marissa (Vermillion) ’13 Galyon her passion was in working with geriatric populations. In fact, much of Galyon’s journey toward accepting a role as a registered nurse at the Schowalter Villa retirement community (Hesston) was not immediately clear to her. Rather, hers was a journey of discovery and trust.

“Nursing was not the first thing I felt called to do,” Galyon said. “When I entered the nursing program, I wasn’t confident I could make it through or that it was a path I should pursue.”

Recruited to the women’s basketball team, Galyon initially chose Hesston College for athletics. Her professional path was more clouded.

Galyon’s older brother has cystic fibrosis, and because of his necessary treatments and procedures, she grew up around health care. She noted that watching him overcome his obstacles with the help of caring doctors and nurses sparked her interest in the health care industry. Yet she was hesitant to answer the call.

“I wanted to quit the nursing program several times during my first year. Bonnie (Sowers) really opened my eyes to everything nursing entails. It was wonderful to have such love and support.”

— Marissa (Vermillion) ’13 Galyon —

Interviewing residents at Schowalter Villa about their life experiences through Kevin Wilder’s Sociology of Families class that she found her professional calling.

“I’ve always enjoyed being around elderly people – hearing their stories and learning from their wisdom – but spending intentional time with them during psychology classes led me to grow fonder and fonder of them and gave me a desire to work with them as a career,” said Galyon.

In her role on the North Meadows Unit at Schowalter Villa, Galyon is careful to not get caught up in what can seem like overwhelming amounts of paperwork and contacts to physicians and family members, but to be an active presence on the floor by answering call lights rather than relying fully on aides to be the first point of contact.

“It’s easy to get distracted by work that doesn’t require face-to-face contact with the residents,” said Galyon. “I have great compassion and truly love and care about people. Staying active on the floor helps me build better relationships with residents, their families and coworkers. If Hesston College taught me anything, it’s the importance of those personal interactions.”

Through clinicals, Galyon recognized her calling as a nurse was not in a hospital or clinic setting. It was in

It was relationships, after all, that fueled Galyon’s early success, and it’s relationships that sustain her work.

“I’ve been doing this work for two years, but I still feel like I’m learning and doing new things every day,” she said. “I feel good about what I’m doing, and I want to just continue to get better.”
CHOOING TO START HERE

The nursing program is the main thing that attracted me to Hesston College. I chose nursing as my major because I want to care for people and have the skills and knowledge to know how to be present in a patient’s time of need. I heard many friends and Hesston students talk about Hesston College nursing graduates’ success stories. Not only are Hesston’s nursing pass rates high, but the faculty take an interest in students and push us to our full potential.

THE DIFFERENCE MAKER

I think it’s the small, close-knit campus community that sets the nursing program, and the college in general, apart from other places. The small class sizes at Hesston provide closer interaction between instructors and students, making it easier to communicate with instructors if you’re struggling or need advice. The faculty see students as more than a grade in the grade book, but as a whole person. Instructors are willing to work with each student to make sure they understand the concepts.

Hesston faculty and staff are great at giving a balance of hands-on experience and book learning. It’s evident that they genuinely care about all aspects of each of their students’ lives – not just in the classroom or clinical settings, but with the everyday parts as well.

ABOVE AND BEYOND

My Hesston Experience so far has given me a zest for learning. If I so desire, I could confidently go on to the next level to get my B.S.N. thanks to the faculty and staff who invest so much time in me and help me achieve my goals.

WHAT HER INSTRUCTORS SAY

“Maria is kind, caring and compassionate and attentive to the needs of those she serves. She will make an amazing nurse as her heart is Christ-centered and service focused. She is a calming presence to her patients and will treat them with dignity and respect.” – Becky Bartell

Maria Entz ’16
Whitewater, Kan.

PARENTS: Charles and Charis (Wiebe) ’81 Entz
MAJOR: Two-year nursing
Charles Hostetler ’89
Hesston, Kan.

MAJOR: Communications
CAREER: Hesston College Assistant Director of Admissions and non-traditional student recruiter

A DIFFERENT KIND OF NURSING PROFESSIONAL
At least 90 percent of the students I work with choose Hesston for the nursing program. I’ve never considered becoming a nurse, but 14 years of working with the Hesston Nursing program and being married to a nurse practitioner [Karla (Klassen) Hostetler, former clinical instructor], have taught me a lot about the nursing industry, or at least what it takes to get into a nursing program.

GO EVERYWHERE…
As a student at Hesston and after I graduated, I worked for King Construction Company, a bridge construction company. I later earned a bachelor’s degree in communications with an emphasis in radio and television production from Wichita (Kan.) State University. While at WSU, I was a cameraman for the live evening news at the local NBC affiliate. I realized that live TV news wasn’t what I was looking for as a career so I accepted a position as an assistant golf professional at the Hesston Golf Park.

…COME BACK
I spent eight years at the Golf Park, as a club professional and was working on my PGA Card to become a full member of the PGA of America when I began to get burned out with the long hours. While giving a golf lesson to Clark Roth ’82, then Vice President of Admissions, he said he had a position I might be good at. I eventually took him up on the offer, and I’ve been at Hesston since the summer of 2001.

I enjoy teaching and talking to people. It was my favorite part of working at the Golf Park, and it’s something I am also able to do here. I “teach” people about Hesston and meet new people all the time.

A CHANGING PROGRAM
When I came back to Hesston, the Nursing program was capped at 36 students per class. The events of 9/11 slowed the general aviation industry, which has a large Wichita market, and quite a few aircraft industry employees began looking at nursing as a way to earn a similar income with two years of school. As the demand for nurses continued to grow, we were allowed to increase the number of students to 48 per class and upgrade the on-campus labs. Even with a higher cap, we had waiting lists of 25 to 40 people. A few years later, the maximum increased to where it is today – 56 students. The program’s high demand allowed us to move from a first-come-first-served acceptance policy to one with an application deadline, and we accept the best, most qualified students from the applicant pool. Our students and faculty are the best of the best; that’s why the program continues to thrive.
MANN, RIMANN HONORED AS TOP STUDENT ATHLETES

KYMEE NOLL ’15

Malcolm Mann ’15, a member of the men’s basketball team, and Samantha Rimann ’15, a member of the volleyball team, were named 2015 male and female Hesston College Student Athletes of the Year at the annual Athletic Banquet April 28.

Mann, Plano, Texas, was one of the sophomore leaders to charge the way to a Region VI title and a berth to the NJCAA Division II National Tournament for the first time in 25 years. The two-year captain for the men’s basketball team now sits on the top-ten list of career steals in Hesston College history. To add to all of the team’s success in 2014-15, Mann received an honorable mention all-region award.

“At Hesston, I learned the importance of solid relationships within the team and how that can translate to success on the court,” said Mann. “Being named Athlete of the Year shows that who I’m striving to be is worth it.”

Mann was also involved in various ways on campus including First-year Experience Scholar, Campus Worship team and the Hesston College Gospel Choir.

“I believe that Malcolm is a model recipient for the Athlete of the Year honor,” said men’s basketball coach Dustin Galyon ’04. “He is an incredible athlete and leader. His athletic accomplishments are historic, but small in measure to his impact and involvement on our campus and student body.”

Rimann, Liberty Hill, Texas, was a defensive phenomenon for the volleyball team, shattering numerous Hesston College records. She now sits first in the record book in three categories for the volleyball team, including the single season record for digs (550), single season record for digs per game (5.24) and career record for digs (899). Along with these records, Rimann received a spot on the all-tournament team at the Vernon (Texas) Community College tournament in August 2014.

“This year was all about redemption for our team,” said Rimann. “We had a good season with good teammates. It was satisfying and refreshing. Postseason participation was another highlight to the year. It represented a complete turnaround from last season.”

“Sam is well deserving of Hesston College female Athlete of the Year,” said volleyball coach Jessica Cleveland ’06. “She was a major factor in our success this year. We changed our defense to give her more area of the court defensively, and she stepped up to the challenge and excelled at it. She was consistent all year and was the foundation of our team. It was fun watching her grow as a student-athlete at Hesston College.”

Kymee Noll ’15
ATHLETICS NEWS UPDATES

STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED AS ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Sophomore student athletes were recognized as Academic All-Americans by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for the 2014-15 year. Earning the Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence with a GPA of 4.0 were (shown above from op left) Megan Baumgartner (Hesston, Kan.), women’s soccer; Oliver Denlinger (Denver, Pa.), men’s cross country; Yuu Sakaguchi (Kanagawa-ken, Japan), men’s tennis; Rachel Short-Miller (Bellingham, Wash.), women’s soccer and tennis; and Courtney Wengerd (Goshen, Ind.), women’s soccer and tennis. Earning the Award for Superior Academic Achievement with a GPA of 3.8 to 3.99 were Eric Cender (Valparaiso, Ind.), men’s tennis; Laken Richer (New, Paris, Ind.), women’s basketball; Bethany Snow (Park City, Kan.), women’s basketball; Elisabeth Wilder (Hesston, Kan.), women’s soccer; and Nicholas Yoder (Wellman, Iowa), men’s soccer. Earning the Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement with a GPA of 3.6 to 3.79 were Mary Bender (Harrisonburg, Va.), women’s cross country; and Karli Mast (Hubbard, Ore.), women’s tennis.

MEN’S TENNIS TEAM MAKES FIRST TRIP TO NATIONALS

With a third-place finish at the Region VI Tournament, the Men’s Tennis team under the leadership of coach Myron Diener ’78, qualified for the NJCAA Division I National Tournament May 11 to 15 in Plano, Texas. The National Tournament berth was a first in the history of Hesston College Tennis. The Larks finished 24th among 27 teams at nationals. Members of the men’s team were Lucas Caywood ’16 (Hutchinson, Kan.), Eric Cender ’15 (Valparaiso, Ind.), Keegan LeFevre ’16 (Hesston), Yuu Sakaguchi ’15 (Kanagawa-ken, Japan), Caleb Schrock-Hurst ’16 (Harrisonburg, Va.), Andry Stutzman ’16 (Harrisonburg, Va.) and Yuki Torii ’16 (Nishio-shi, Japan).

HOWELL NAMED HEAD BASEBALL COACH

Kyle Howell has been named head baseball coach, succeeding Rob Ramseyer, who transitioned to the vice president of Student Development role. Howell was associate head baseball coach for the Larks in 2014-15, serving primarily as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator. Prior to arriving at Hesston’s program, Howell was on the coaching staff at College of the Ozarks (Point Lookout, Mo.), El Paso (Texas) Community College and Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.). He has also coached in the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball organization and currently serves as an associate scout for the Boston Red Sox. Howell played his collegiate career at Southwest Baptist University. Since 2011, he has coached 18 Division I signees and six MLB draft picks.
Aviation and Air Traffic Control students are recognized during a May 9 celebration for eight professional pilot graduates and one air traffic control graduate. Pictured are Cody Miller ’15 (Wellman, Iowa), Jacob Leichty ’15 (Auburn, Ind.), Connor Rockelman ’15 (York, Pa.), Jeshurun Shuman ’15 (Middletown, Pa.), Trevor Natalini ’15 (Oronogo, Mo.) and Kendal Slabach Brubaker ’15 (Harrisonburg, Va.).

Kevin King (Lititz, Pa.), executive director of Mennonite Disaster Service, delivers the Commencement address “Abide In Me,” based on the 2014-15 theme verse from John 15:4-5 encouraging students to to look past society’s messages of materialism and self-worth and into deeper connection with Christ, self and others.

Rachel Jantzi ’15 (Hendersonville, N.C.) and Mary Bender ’15 (Harrisonburg, Va.) celebrate their accomplishments with Yui Soshizaki ’16 (Kanagawa-ken, Japan).

Elisabeth Wilder ’15 (Hesston, Kan.) receives her diploma. President Howard Keim conferred 148 degrees for the class of 2015.

Lea Ulrich ’15 (Hesston, Kan.) receives her nursing pin from faculty member Gregg Schroeder ’86. The class of 2015 included 50 nursing graduates. Speakers at the May 9 Nursing Pinning ceremony were faculty member Joyce Huber and Makayla Ludwig ’15 (Wichita, Kan.), with the message “My Greatest Hope for the Nursing Class of 2015.”

Student speaker Malcolm Mann ’15 (Plano, Texas) reflects on his two years at Hesston College. Mann and Jordan Waidelich ’15 (Stryker, Ohio) were nominated by faculty and staff and chosen by their classmates as student speakers during Commencement exercises.

Pastoral Ministries graduate Tom Wedel ’15 (Hesston, Kan.) is commissioned for service to the church by Marion Bontrager ’57, Michele Hershberger and Ron Mayo ’12, a Pastoral Ministries graduate and Saturday night worship pastor at Whitestone Mennonite Church (Hesston). Mayo presented the message “What the Lord requires of Tom” at the May 9 ceremony.

This page, clockwise from top left: Alpha Mavungu Kisuweu ’15 (Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo) (second from left) is congratulated by education instructor Marissa King ’05, social science instructor and artist in residence Tony Brown ’69 and Rince Longo Kabondo ’16 (Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo).

Lucas Garces Soliman ’15 (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) takes a post-Commencement selfie with biology instructor Marelby Mosquera ’04.

Paul Unruh Ac58, ’60 (Hesston, Kan.) presents the message “Fear and Anxiety—Friend or Foe” at a recognition ceremony for 10 students completing the Disaster Management Program. Front row, from left, are Phillip Horning ’15 (Ephrata, Pa.), Davis Cook ’15 (Goessel, Kan.), Rachel Jantzi ’15 (Hendersonville, N.C.), Elisabeth Wilder ’15 (Hesston, Kan.), Ben Rush ’15 (Quakertown, Pa.), Aimee Stein ’15 (Orrville, Ohio), Travis Splechter ’15 (Coffeyville, Kan.) and Steven Yoder ’15 (McVeytown, Pa.).
WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLASS OF 2015

Many members of the Hesston College Class of 2015 shared their future plans at the New Alumni Dinner hosted April 23 by the Advancement Division, which includes offices of Development, Alumni and Church Relations and Marketing and Communications. Congratulations Class of 2015 and best wishes as you go everywhere! This list includes the plans shared by those who chose to respond, and does not represent the entirety of the exciting places the Class of 2015 will go.

Rachelle Adrian, Mountain Lake, Minn. – Augsburg College (Minneapolis, Minn.)
Clayton Bartholomew, Wichita, Kan. – Lincoln (Ill.) Christian University
Megan Baumgartner, Hesston, Kan. – Goshen (Ind.) College
Sarah Beachy, Fulks Run, Va. – work as a preschool teacher
Shannon Bechler, Wichita, Kan. – pediatric nurse at Wesley Medical Center (Wichita)
Victoria Becker, Halstead, Kan. – outpatient nurse at Newton (Kan.) Medical Center
Dillon Bender, Wellman, Iowa – volunteer service or work
Mary Bender, Harrisonburg, Va. – Bluffton (Ohio) University
Cayla Bromlow, Winfield, Kan. – still deciding
Sydni Carter, Muskogee, Okla. – still deciding
Eric Cender, Valparaiso, Ind. – Goshen College
Cheyenne Cherubini, Flint, Mich. – McPherson (Kan.) College
Kristy Clouse, Kalona, Iowa – Iowa Central Community College (Fort Dodge)
Victoria Cortez, Moreno Valley, Calif. – still deciding
Isaac Dahl, Archbold, Ohio – Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) (Harrisonburg, Va.)
Oliver Denlinger, Denver, Pa. – Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in New Zealand
Dusti Diener, Harrisonville, Mo. – Goshen College
Maria Diener, Meridian, Miss. – Mississippi State University (Starkville)
Taelor Drew, Wylie, Texas – still deciding
Heather Dussinger, New Holland, Pa. – Culver-Stockton College (Canton, Mo.)
Bryce Elder, Ottawa, Kan. – still deciding
Hannah Fenton, Hesston, Kan. – Kansas State University (Manhattan)
Grant Flaming, Hillsboro, Kan. – Goshen College
Brianna Flowers, Pinto, Md. – work
Corey Fowler, Boone, Iowa – Grand View University (Des Moines, Iowa)
Lucas Garces Soliman, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic – still deciding
Nathaniel Gingerich, Goshen, Ind. – still deciding
Makenna Grow, Logan, Utah – missions work with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Awah Hammad, Khartoum, Sudan – still deciding
Philip Hammons, Independence, Mo. – Texas A&M–Texarkana
Civia Hernandez, Alamo, Texas – University of Texas–Pan American (Edinburg)
Austin Herold, Andover, Kan. – The University of Kansas (Lawrence)
Christina Hershey, Mechanicsburg, Pa. – EMU
Josh Hibbard, Munford, Tenn. – still deciding
Alex Hiebert, Buhler, Kan. – Kansas State University
Misaki Hirayama, Chiba, Japan – University of Hawaii at Hilo
Phillip Horning, Ephrata, Pa. – Pennsylvania State University (State College)
Sarah Hostetler, Pleasant Dale, Neb. – University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Luk Luk Jannah, Malang, Indonesia – Florida International University (Miami)
Rachel Jantzi, Hendersonville, N.C. – work
Deborah Kankolongo Tshidimu, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo – EMU
Quinn Kathrineberg, Salina, Kan. – EMU
Caroline Kauffman, Sarasota, Fla. – Goshen College
Kaylah Kauffman, Hutchinson, Kan. – James Madison University (Harrisonburg, Va.)
Loren Kientz, Halstead, Kan. – RN at Good Shepherd Hospice (Newton, Kan.)
Moto Kobayashi, Tokyo, Japan – still deciding
Galed Krisjayanta, Surakarta, Indonesia – Goshen College
Victoria Kropff, Monroe, Ore. – RN job
makayla ladwig, Wichita, Kan. – ER nurse at Wesley Medical Center
Brianna Lamb, Hesston, Kan. – RN at Schowalter Villa and pursue B.S.N. at Wichita (Kan.) State University,
Havela Lehman, Keizer, Ore. – work
Jacob Leichty, Auburn, Ind. – work as a flight instructor
Matthew Lind, Harrisonburg, Va. – Bethel College (Kansas)
Alyssa Lollar, South Hutchinson, Kan. – RN job
Cynnandra Luttrell, Tiskilwa, Ill. – voluntary service
Malcolm Mann, Plano, Texas – still deciding
Jay Marston, Murphysboro, Ill. – Oregon State University (Corvallis)
Karli Mast, Hubbard, Ore. – YWAM in New Zealand
Alpha Mavungu Kivuvu, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo – Kansas State University
Reagan McClellan, Allen, Kan. – still deciding
Bersabeh Miliard, Ethiopia – still deciding
Cody Miller, Wellman, Iowa – Flight instructor at Goshen (Ind.) Municipal Airport
Spencer Miller, Milford, Neb. – University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Austin Mitchell, Plano, Texas – Bethel College (North Newton)
Nick Mitchell, Wichita, Kan. – still deciding
Robin Morris, Hutchinson, Kan. – RN job
Lincoln Moyo, North Newton, Kan. – still deciding
Toru Nakagawa, Saitama-ken, Japan – still deciding
Zile Ncube, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe – still deciding
Kymee Noll, Nortonville, Kan. – still deciding
Sonia Nzuzi Nsona, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo – EMU
Amanda Parker, Uniontown, Ohio – Malone University (Canton, Ohio)
Zachary Pearson, Bronson, Texas – still deciding
Holly Peters, Hesston, Kan. – Bethel College (Kansas)
Megan Redd, Castle Rock, Colo. – Fort Lewis College (Durango, Colo.)
Timothy Regier, Fairview, Okla. – Tabor College (Hillsboro, Kan.)
Laken Richer, New Paris, Ind. – EMU
Samantha Rimann, Liberty Hill, Texas – still deciding
René Rivera, McGregor, Texas – still deciding
Connor Rockelman, York, Pa. – Flight instructor at Hesston College
Rhonda Rogers, Hillsboro, Kan. – Kansas State University
Benjamin Rush, Quakertown, Pa. – Service with Eastern Mennonite Missions’ YES program
Yuü Sakaguchi, Kanagawa, Japan – Doane College (Crete, Neb.)
Shiori Sano, Tokyo, Japan – State University of New York at Plattsburgh
Miho Shinyama, Nara-ken, Japan – work
Rachel Short-Miller, Bellingham, Wash. – Goshen College
Jeshurun Shuman, Middletown, Pa. – work
Caitlyn Siemens – RN job
Savannah Sizer, Littleton, Colo. – Flagler College (St. Augustine, Fla.)
Kendal Slabach, Harrisonburg, Va. – Flight instructor at Hesston College
Bethany Snow, Park City, Kan. – Wichita State University
Travis Splechter, Coffeyville, Kan. – work
Owen Stubberfield, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada – still deciding
Shaquille Theus, Kansas City, Mo. – Texas A&M–Texarkana
Megan Thomason, Park City, Kan. – In-patient nurse at Newton Medical Center
Kento Ueda, Miyagi-ken, Japan – still deciding
Lea Ulrich, Hesston, Kan. – RN job and pursue B.S.N. at The University of Kansas
Kristen Unzicker, Goshen, Ind. – still deciding
Jordan Waidelich, Stryker, Ohio – Goshen College
Grant Walker, North Newton, Kan. – Bethel College (Kansas)
Tom Wedel, Hesston, Kan. – work
Courtney Wengerd, Goshen, Ind. – Goshen College
Elisabeth Wilder, Hesston, Kan. – EMU
Garrett Woelk, Goessel, Kan. – voluntary service
Jasmin Yoder, Sweet Home, Ore. – RN job
Nathan Yoder, Stryker, Ohio – Goshen College
Nick Yoder, Wellman, Iowa – voluntary service
Noah Yoder, Freeman, S.D. – voluntary service
Steven Yoder, McVeytown, Pa. – Gator Wilderness Camp School (Punta Gorda, Fla.)
Taylor Zehr, Wauseon, Ohio – YWAM in Austin, Texas
Hesston College depends on alumni, friends and the church to support the costs of educating students. The Hesston College Partner program is made up of individuals who make ongoing annual contributions to the Hesston College Annual Fund to provide institutional scholarships and grants as financial aid for students.

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

Partnership with Hesston College can happen at different giving levels.

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

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

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**COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ON CAMPUS**

Albania  
Brazil  
Canada  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
Dominican Republic  
Ethiopia  
Indonesia  
Japan  
Nigeria  
South Korea  
Sudan  
United States  
Zimbabwe

**STUDENT BODY**

- 11% international students
- 43% U.S. students from outside of Kansas
- 46% students from Kansas

**LARKS FROM ACROSS THE NATION**

- 1-5
- 6-10
- 11-25+
- 50+

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**EDUCATE AND NURTURE**

- Most students attend Hesston College as the first two years of a four-year bachelor’s degree. Hesston has more than 50 programs of study for transfer, as well as two-year degree programs in nursing, aviation and early childhood education, and a four-year nursing degree.
- Hesston College students transfer to four-year colleges and universities across the country.

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**FULL-TIME 2014-15 RESIDENTIAL STUDENT FEES**

- Tuition: $23,824
- Room and board: $7,906
- Technology fee: $390
- Total costs: $32,120

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**2014-15 FINANCIAL AID**

- Average cash payment: $4,393
- Average loan aid: $8,302
- Average scholarships and grants: $15,740
  (donor gift helps here)
Third Annual
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GOLF Benefit IN HONOR OF LARRY MARTIN
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
Hesston Golf Park

Now in its third year, the Hesston College Student Scholarship Golf Benefit sponsored by Excel Industries has become the kickoff to Homecoming Weekend. Join in a fun day of golf in support of the student experience.

This year’s benefit will honor Larry Martin Ac 56, Board of Overseers member from 1984-92 and Development Officer from 1999-2013. His wife is Donna (Bontrager) Ac56, ’58.

The proceeds from the 2015 benefit will provide two $1,000 scholarships to students in honor of Larry Martin, as well as benefit the Hesston College Student Scholarship Fund, which provides institutional scholarships and grants for 99 percent of full-time students. Each year, Hesston awards more than $4.5 million in student tuition assistance.

Register online at hesston.edu/ksgolf by September 21.

- $125 per golfer or $500 for a four-person team
  (single entries will be placed in a foursome)
- Registration fee includes green fees, cart, range balls and a prime rib dinner
- Hole sponsorships (sponsors will be recognized on the course and in the clubhouse):
  Double Eagle - $500, Eagle - $300, Birdie - $200

Need a reason to pick up the phone?

Emily is one.

We’ll talk to you soon!

PHONATHON 2015 coming in October
CRIMINAL AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ADDED AS PROGRAM OF STUDY

Criminal and restorative justice will join Hesston College’s list of more than 50 programs of study for transfer starting with the 2015-16 academic year. The program is designed to fulfill the first two years of a four-year degree in either criminal justice or restorative justice career fields. Course work will focus on the sociology of the fields – the culture, history and philosophy of careers. Students will also have opportunities to observe and have hands-on experiences with professionals working in their areas of interest.

STUDENTS CHOSEN AS LARKS OF THE YEAR

Makayla Ladwig ’15 (Wichita, Kan.) and Elisabeth Wilder ’15 (Hesston), received the Lark of the Year Award for demonstrating excellence in academics, leadership and service at the Larkfest Awards ceremony April 16. Award nominees were chosen based on involvement in leadership and service opportunities on campus and grade point average. Ladwig, a third-year nursing student, started work as an emergency room nurse at Wesley Medical Center (Wichita) following graduation. While at Hesston, she was a resident assistant and member of the women’s basketball team, Inclusion and Diversity Council and Gospel Choir. Wilder was a resident assistant and member of the women’s soccer team, Bills and Normas, Chorale and Campus Stewardship Council. She completed the Disaster Management Program and will attend Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Va.) in the fall.

COMMUNITY READ TO FOCUS ON HOPE AND CHANGE DESPITE PAIN

Etched in Sand by Regina Calcaterra has been chosen as the fall 2015 community read as part of the First-year Experience program. The theme will be “Be the Change: Caring that Matters.” The New York Times bestseller is the author’s memoir tracing her and her four siblings’ childhood experiences with abandonment, physical abuse and fear of the foster system that was put in place to protect them. The book’s theme and content will be the focal point of discussions, presentations, service opportunities, chapels and forums throughout the year. Individuals and groups are invited to participate in all activities and presentations or read the book along with the Hesston College community. Calcaterra will speak on campus Oct. 5.
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In the face of the devastation, Krisjayanta, supported by one of Indonesia’s largest Christian non-governmental organizations, recorded a music album encouraging resilience, survival and a refusal to give up because a brighter future awaits those who work for it. The album’s proceeds were directed for charity in the recovery process.

“That was the first time I realized music could have a life-changing impact in society,” said Krisjayanta. “I realize that God gave me the talent to sing for a reason – to spread good music and to serve people through my singing.”

Seven years later, Krisjayanta arrived at Hesston College where he met Tony Brown ’69, who also uses music as a catalyst to spread messages of peace and social justice across the world through his organization, Peacing It Together Foundation.

The two men developed a close bond, and in May they traveled together to Indonesia along with accompanist Ken Rodgers ’85, for a two-week Interfaith Concert Tour. Also joining the performers were Dallas Stutzman ’76, director of Alumni and Church Relations; Dave Osborne Ac64, ’66, international Admissions recruiter; Sena (Miller) ’68 Osborne, former staff; and Virgo Handojo (Pasadena, Calif.), Hesston College Board of Directors member.

Krisjayanta recalls the idea for collaboration with Brown in Indonesia starting as early as his first year at Hesston. Following a Social Welfare class session, Brown engaged Krisjayanta in his goals for vocal performance and proposed the idea of working together.

“I told Tony about my passion for singing and helping people, and he said, ‘Then we are on the same page, Galed,’ ” Krisjayanta recalled. “Tony started as just my teacher, and now he is my singing partner and brother.”

With the help of Krisjayanta’s father, Sigit Wijayanto, a humanitarian social worker who works in the public health, social work and disaster management arenas, the tour plans were set into motion. The trio shared their program with various faith congregations, choirs and others in five Indonesian cities, as well as connecting with many Hesston College alumni.

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Krisjayanta (center) was well known for his outstanding vocal talent at Hesston. Along with being a member of the Bel Canto Singers and solo performer at events across campus and in the community, he was the first Hesston College student to bring home a first place win at the annual National Association of Teachers of Singing Regional Vocal Competition since 2003. He also starred as Professor Bhaer in the college’s spring 2015 production of the musical Little Women. Krisjayanta will attend Goshen (Ind.) College in the fall to study music performance. Also pictured are Ken Rodgers (left) and Tony Brown.
Russell Adrian will join the music faculty and conduct the Bel Canto Singers. Adrian holds a bachelor’s degree from Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.), a master of music degree in choral conducting from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and a doctor of musical arts degree in conducting from the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis).

Following a six-month interim term of service, Tonya (Hunsberger) ’94 Detweiler was named vice president of Advancement in December 2014. Her previous professional supervisory experience, a master’s degree in business from Bluffton (Ohio) University and five years of highly successful fundraising as a Hesston College development officer have given her a strong foundation to lead the Advancement division. Detweiler continues to work from her home in Goshen, Ind.

After helping to create Hesston’s Disaster Management Program and serve as director of the program since 2005, Russ Gaeddert will lead the college’s task force in organizing a new interdisciplinary leadership program.

Justin Heinzekehr was named to the registrar role, which he started in June. He is a graduate of Goshen (Ind.) College and recently completed a Ph.D. in religion through the Claremont (Calif.) School of Theology.

Rachel Jantzi will serve as theatre faculty. She holds a bachelor’s of fine arts in dramatic arts from Emporia (Kan.) State University and a master’s degree in theatre from Oklahoma State University (Stillwater). Jantzi has taught communications course at Hesston College since 2010, and has also been involved in college theatre productions as an actor, choreographer, sound and costume designer and director of the fall 2014 production of Amahl and the Night Visitors.

Cleo Koop will join the faculty as Disaster Management Program director. He has a bachelor’s degree in Bible and religion from Bethel College (North Newton) and a master of divinity degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Ind.). Koop has extensive experience as a Mennonite Disaster Service volunteer and project director.

Meg Leatherman ’11 will start as Admissions visit coordinator in August. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Bluffton (Ohio) University.

Peter Lehman has been hired as a full-time visiting English faculty member to step in for Dr. Karen Sheriff LeVan during her sabbatical. Lehman earned a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Va.), and a master’s degree from Pennsylvania State University (State College). He is a Ph.D. candidate in American studies at Penn State.
Kyle Miller Hesed will serve as biology faculty. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas (Lawrence) and completed his Ph.D. in biology at the University of Maryland (College Park) in May.

Saralyn Murray will serve as American Sign Language interpreter. She earned a bachelor's degree in ASL from Goshen College.

Courtney Nethercot started as bookstore manager in January. She has a bachelor's degree in graphic design with minors in business and leadership studies from Kansas State University (Manhattan).

Rob Ramseyer was named vice president of Student Development. He served as interim Dean of Students during the 2014-15 year. Ramseyer’s appointment will include managing the areas of Athletics and Student Development, and is part of a more general alignment that will help integrate the internal programs of the college and serve students more effectively. Ramseyer is completing an Ed.D. in interdisciplinary leadership from Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.). He served as head baseball coach from 2011 to 2015.

Michael Smalley ’07 started as an admissions counselor in May. He previously served as a resident director from 2011 to 2014. Smalley is a graduate of Wichita (Kan.) State University.

Dr. Brent Yoder ’98 was named vice president of Academics in December 2014 after a six-month interim role. Yoder earned his Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) (Blacksburg) and has teaching experience at Virginia Tech, Greenville (Ill.) College and Illinois College (Jacksonville). He served a registrar at Hesston from 2011 to 2014.

Two valuable members of the Hesston College community retired following the 2014-15 year. Maria Day served at Hesston College as a Spanish instructor since 1996. She played key roles in student success and as an advisor, study group leader and mentor. Gerry Selzer Ac63, ’65, concluded 35 years of service to Hesston College in May 2015. He served in various capacities during his tenure, including faculty member, Admissions assistant, registrar from 1994 to 2008 and as interim registrar during the 2014-15 year.

Tony Brown ’69 transitioned away from teaching and the Hesston College campus following the 2014-15 year. He relocated to Pennsylvania where he will continue to work for Hesston College on a quarter-time basis as a development officer while also continuing his work with the Peacing It Together Foundation and performing around the world. Brown served Hesston College as sociology faculty and artist in residence for 15 years.
DEATHS
Joram Mbeba ’65, Magumwanza, Tanzania, Nov. 22, 2014

1970-79

Dwight Bitikofer ’71, St. Louis, Mo., received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Webster University (Webster Groves, Mo.) in May. Bitikofer helped launch the Webster-Kirkwood Times, a free weekly newspaper, in 1978, of which he is now the publisher.

Ron Blaum ’73, Beaumont, Calif., began working at Loma Linda (Calif.) University Health as a planned giving officer in January.

DEATHS
Joel Kauffman ’70, South Bend, Ind., May 8, 2015

Dawn Buckwalter ’72, Goshen, Ind., Feb. 8, 2015

Henry Bestvater, husband of Virginia (Jost) ’74 Bestvater, Newton, Kan., Jan. 5, 2015

Mark Short ’74, Bristol, Ind., March 16, 2015

Pat (Schlegel) ’74 Swartzendruber, Shickley, Neb., April 6, 2015

1980-89

Joanna Masingila ’80, Syracuse, N.Y., was named dean of the School of Education at Syracuse University after serving as interim dean since February 2014. Prior to her interim appointment, Masingila was a professor of mathematics and mathematics education as well as chair and other leadership positions within the university since the beginning of her tenure in 1992. She has collected numerous honors for her work, and was a Fulbright Scholar to Kenya, University (Nairobi, Kenya) in 1998.

DEATHS
Beverly (Guy) ’86 Weaver, wife of Roger Weaver ’86, former faculty, Colorado Springs, April 23, 2015

John Schrock ’87, husband of Rhonda (Gehring) Schrock ’87, Hesston, Kan. April 9, 2015

DEATHS
Matthew Tschetter ’90, Kidron, Ohio, returned from a three-year term of service with Mennonite Central Committee in Nicaragua where he served as the Connecting People’s coordinator. He now works for MCC-Great Lakes as the donor relations associate for Ohio.

Brad Brockmueller ’97, Sioux Falls, S.D., a high school computer science teacher, is spending July and August teaching computer programming to a group of 20 high school girls at Twitter’s Boston office as part of the Girls Who Code organization, a nonprofit working to close the gender gap in the computer sciences.

BIRTHS
Jeff Eshleman ’97 and Soila Matute, Lancaster, Pa.: Samuel Matute, Oct. 24, 2014

Ryan ’97 and Jodi Lepp, Eldridge, Iowa: Grace Susanna, Nov. 18, 2014

Nate ’97 and Heather Wyse, Middlebury, Ind.: Paelley Noel, April 2, 2014

Julie (Stoltzfus) ’98, staff and Todd, staff, Lehman, Hesston, Kan.: Aria Shay, March 6, 2015

Molly (Mckenzie) ’98 and Immanuel ’00, ’02 Sila, Denver, Colo.: Malia Leslie Mbula, April 3, 2015

Andre ’99, faculty and Kate (Branam) ’99 Swartley, Hesston, Kan.: Persephone “Sephie” Luna, June 16, 2015
**2000-09**

Mike Mendez ’03, ’08, Hesston, Kan., started as sports editor of the daily McPherson (Kan.) Sentinel newspaper in June. Prior to his new role, he was a web producer at CatchItKansas.com for six years where he covered all high school sports with writing, photography and videography, and where he was part of a Media of the Year award from the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association in 2011. He has also worked as the Sports Web Producer at the local Wichita CBS affiliate.

Jivan Khatry ’06, Moscow, Idaho, is pursuing a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering at the University of Idaho (Moscow). He received a full scholarship to attend the 2015 Modeling, Experimentation, and Validation (MeV) Summer School, a program for master’s and Ph.D. nuclear engineering students from around the world, at the Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago in late July.

Mitch Stutzman ’09, former staff, Hesston, Kan., works for Verence as a church relations and charitable services representative helping congregations and not-for-profit organizations with their stewardship education and charitable planning needs, and helping individuals create charitable giving plans in line with their faith and values.

**MARRIAGES**


JJ Voth ’04 and Megan Leonard, Hesston, Kan., July 26, 2014

Chris Troyer ’05 and Jody Olsen, Coralville, Iowa, Oct. 12, 2014

Renee Lehman ’07 and Sam Moyer, Harrisonburg, Va., Jan. 3, 2015

Wendell Bishop ’08 and Marie Jankowski, Hutchinson, Kan., March 14, 2015


Marsha Kanagy ’08 and Jonathan Stanley, Lancaster, Pa., May 24, 2015

August Schrock ’08 and Abbi Short, Kalona, Iowa, June 14, 2014

**BIRTHS**

Heather ’00, faculty and Nathan Kyburz, Hesston, Kan.: Anna Violet, March 24, 2015

Melissa (Pitzer) ’00, ’03 and Kris Strait, Bentonville, Ark.: Blake Kristopher, March 7, 2015

Carissa (Sweigart) ’01 and Time Greder, Harrisonburg, Va.: received for adoption Jan. 9, 2015, Mia Lynn, Gia Marie and Jace Jeremiah

Melissa (Skinner) ’02 Ceveda and Juan Ceveda Salazar, Madison, Wisc.: Evangeline Isabella, Aug. 27, 2014

Greg ’02 and Monica Gehman, Mount Joy, Pa.: Audree Reneae, March 5, 2015

Sam ’02 and Rebecca Nice, Manistee, Mich.: Chloe Noelle, Jan. 28, 2015

Galen ’02 and Erika Nofziger, West Unity, Ohio: Averie Elizabeth, March 25, 2015

Alyssa (Gerig) ’03 and Wayne Scheler, Albany, Ore.: Saige Joy, Dec. 1, 2014

Ryan ’03 and Regina Roth, Halstead, Kan.: Hope Joy, Dec. 10, 2014

Matthew ’03 and Elizabeth Troyer-Miller, Wood River, Neb.: Loretta Lynn, May 1, 2015

Janelle (Ascencio) ’05 and Derek Doss, Goshen Ind.: Adalee Rose, March 28, 2015

Jake ’05 and Kerry Froese, Las Animas, Colo.: Adrienna Zella, March 28, 2015

Lachelle (Horst) ’05 and Brian ’06 Hackman, Lancaster, Pa.: Brielle Rain, June 14, 2015

David ’05 and Haly King, Goshen, Ind.: Elizabeth Grace Williamson, March 16, 2015

Dena (Hochstetler) ’05 and Shannon Sensenig, Spooner, Wisc.: Kayden Mae, Feb. 3, 2014

Jared ’05 and Angela (Stauffer) ’06 Widmer, Washington, Iowa: Lexi Grace, April 13, 2015

Micah ’06 and Lucy Loucks, Detroit, Mich.: Nia Ruth, May 23, 2015

James Day ’07 and Allison Wool Day, Topeka, Kan.: Emry Cadence, April 21, 2015

Markus ’07 and Amber Hess, Shawnee, Kan.: Annika Rachel, March 18, 2015

Alicia (Hertzler) ’07 and Zach ’08 Hurst, Lancaster, Pa.: Everett Daniel, Feb. 1, 2015


Roxanne (Stauffer) ’08, former staff and Nick Glanzer, Lincoln, Neb.: Knox Henry, May 23, 2015

Kelsey (Shue) ’08 Shue Hochstetler and Jeff Hochstetler, Sugar Creek, Ohio: Mariella, June 1, 2015

Josh ’08 and Kyla (Yoder) ’08 Wiebe, Mauldin, S.C.: Emily Nicole, Jan. 12, 2015

Carson ’09, former staff and Brianne ’14 Stutzman, Hesston, Kan.: Caleb David, March 16, 2015

**2010-15**

Kari Heusinkveld ’10, Kalona, Iowa, was named the new head coach of the girls basketball program at Iowa Mennonite School (Kalona). She served as assistant coach for the program for the 2014-15 season.

Emily Wagner-Davis ’14, Little Rock, Ark., graduated in May 2014 from Stephens College (Columbia, Mo.) with a degree in fashion marketing and management. She started working for Dillard’s, Inc., in November.

Jeffery Smoker ’14, Harrisonburg, VA, is serving as manager of MDS’ national warehouse in Columbus, Miss., for the summer 2015. Jeffery completed the Disaster Management Program and is a student at EMU.

**MARRIAGES**

John Schoenhals ’11 and Jessica Short, Archbold, Ohio, March 21, 2015

Seth Davenport ’13 and Theresa Shideler ’14, McPherson, Kan., Nov. 29, 2014

Brandon Sharkey ’13 and Melissa Coleman, Goshen, Ind., Oct. 10, 2014

**Faculty/Staff**

**BIRTHS**


**DEATHS**

Naomi (Brubaker) Fast, former faculty, Hesston, Kan., May 8, 2015
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GARY OYER ’81,
DIRECTOR OF MEDIA AND INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTOR, ARCHIVE MANAGER

An embroidered 1912 Hesston Academy pillowcase, the “coat of arms” from the 1920s, a 1940s Hesston Bible School stuffed dog and President Milo Kauffman’s Ac22, ’26 wedding suit are among the numerous artifacts stored in the Hesston College Archives.

Each artifact has a story that contributes to the larger Hesston College narrative. But the story contained in the archives is far from complete.

Items such as the “token” picture of Christ praying that hung in the chapel for many years has not been located. The “Bill” gas station shirts that launched the standing tradition of the “The Bills” in the 1980’s are also missing in action.

Someone in the college’s wide constituency knows what happened to these and other significant items. We would be excited to include them as part of the college’s history and give them a home in the archives.

By collecting archive material the college hopes to promote awareness and study of Hesston College’s history. In addition to remembering history, the archives help organize the college’s historical paper and electronic records, provide research assistance to students, alumni and the community and administer a records retention schedule for academic departments and administrative offices.

Jim Mininger Ac61, former Academic Dean and history professor, began the process of collecting and organizing the archives in the 1970’s. Hesston’s archive material was arranged in 23 subject areas including administrative, legal and faculty sections.

When Mary Miller Library was renovated in 2003, the archives were moved from the Alliman Administration Center to the library basement in Smith Center. In preparation for the college’s centennial celebration in 2009, Sandi Richards, then the college’s archivist, organized and catalogued the new additions to the archives. John Sharp ’73, history and Bible and ministry faculty member, wrote the book A School on the Prairie: A Centennial History of Hesston College, 1909-2009 to commemorate the college’s history.

If you have pieces of Hesston College memorabilia or historical artifacts that you would like to donate to the archives, please contact Gary Oyer at garyo@hesston.edu or 620-327-8243. Likewise, the archives are available for viewing anytime you are on campus.

Copies of yearbooks from 1920 through 2014 are also available for purchase for $10 from Gary Oyer. To order a yearbook email garyo@hesston.edu or call 620-327-8243. Additional yearbook contributions to the archives are not currently needed.

For more archive information, visit the archive page under the Mary Miller Library at hesston.edu.
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