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Give a gift of $87 (Joe’s graduation year from Hesston) in the first 87 days of Joe’s time in office (Aug. 1 to Oct. 26) to benefit the Annual Fund.

(Gifts to the Annual Fund help support and enhance the Hesston Experience for all students.)

Give at hesston.edu/give.
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New facilities to Be Greater
A new $6 million capital campaign will provide facility upgrades and additions to the college’s two largest programs - nursing and athletics.

Student & alumnus profiles
Meet Jeff Kauffman ’18 and see what comes next for new graduate Andrea Voth ’17.

Commencement Weekend
See photos celebrating the Class of 2017

Plans for Everywhere
Some of the Class of 2017 shares the next stop on their everywhere journeys

Campus news
Catch up on the latest action around campus.

Alumni news updates
Read about the lives and accomplishments of friends and classmates.

Homecoming Weekend
Start planning to attend Homecoming Weekend 2017 and the inauguration of new president Joseph A. Manickam ’87.

Calendar of events
Coming soon to Hesston College.
The Be Greater capital campaign seeks to improve Hesston College’s ability to nurture, serve and educate students, particularly those preparing for nursing careers in the new BSN program and those who participate in the college’s athletic programs.
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Capital Campaign
Hesston College entered the public phase of a $6 million capital campaign in May – the Be Greater Capital Campaign – to address facility needs in the nursing and athletic programs. The campaign opened in the summer of 2016, and administrators and development officers have been working for the past year to secure lead gifts. To date, $2.4 million in formal pledges have been secured with several other pledges or gifts in process.

The campaign will improve and add to facilities within the college’s two largest program areas. In the fall of 2016, nursing students made up 41 percent of total enrollment, while athletes made up 40 percent of enrollment. Yet the spaces for these programs – Lemons Center for nursing and Yost Center for athletics – are not sufficient to accommodate current program needs and inhibit the full student experience.

The nursing and athletics portions of the project each carry a $3 million price tag and will focus on the renovation of existing facilities plus building expansion with new spaces to better serve students. The college hopes to secure all funding by December 2018 and begin construction in early 2019.

“We are excited to shift into this public phase and continue making progress toward our $6 million goal,” said Mark Landes, vice president of Finance and Advancement. “Once complete, these projects will absolutely have a positive impact on the Hesston College student experience. Nursing and athletics represent a significant portion of the college’s student population, yet our facilities, originally built to accommodate much smaller programs, are lagging the enrollment growth in these areas. We need to catch up, and these projects will fulfill critical needs to serve our students well into the future.”

**NURSING**

Both portions of the campaign have received lead gifts in addition to other smaller gifts, and the nursing portion has been particularly successful so far. This issue of the Hesston College Today will focus predominately on the nursing portion of the campaign, while a future issue will provide more information on the athletics portion.

A building completed in 1952 – last renovated and added to in 1996 – is what has been the home to Hesston College Nursing for more than 20 years. The success of the nursing program and its continued growth over many years, has rendered the
Lemons Center addition on the southwest end of Charles Hall, as inadequate to properly fit the program and address the needs of aspiring nurses.

The nursing program has a capacity of 112 student clinical spots each year – a maximum of 56 nursing student spots per class for each of two years (junior and senior). With program growth in pre-nursing, the college could have six nursing classes operating at once – four BSN classes and two RN to BSN classes.

**Challenges for the nursing program include:**

- Dedicated in 1952, Charles Hall is the second oldest standing building on campus. The Lemons Center addition was constructed in 1996. Neither building has received updates in more than 20 years.
- Limited space for simulation labs and other practice facilities. Lemons Center has only one lecture room with two simulation labs located in Charles Hall.
- Inadequate restrooms.
- Commuting students have limited space during their down time when they are on campus all day. One small student lounge is too small for the number of students in the nursing program. Commuting students are often found studying or relaxing in the hallways between classes.
- With program growth, some faculty members share offices with two, or in some cases three to an office in order to maintain the community that is embodied in the nursing program.

As the college expands the distinctive nursing program niche and seeks to meet the needs of commuting students and accommodate a growing number of residential students, the campaign will raise funding to renovate the existing nursing program space in Lemons Center/Charles Hall and build an addition to the existing facility.

Two lead gifts for the nursing portion of the campaign have been graciously provided by Carroll and Roberta Miller of Greeley, Colo., and Doug ’62 and Connie Dorsing of Fruitland, Idaho. The donors and college administrators have agreed that the nursing building will be named in honor of longtime nursing director, Bonnie (Kauffman) Ac65, ’67 Sowers, who stepped down from the role on June 30 after 37 years of leadership and more than 40 years as a faculty member in the nursing program.

A 9,740 square foot addition that will be added onto the existing building will be named the Bonnie Sowers Nursing Center (new addition is lighter area in floor plan photo above).
Other campaign improvements will include:

- Simulation lab
- Student practice rooms
- Fundamentals lab
- Storage space
- Faculty offices
- Administrative suite
- Student lounge
- Study spaces
- New restrooms
- Some select areas within Charles Hall will also receive renovations and upgrades, which will benefit the natural sciences.

Cost breakdown

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MEET THE MILLERS

Deep commitments to the nursing profession and Mennonite organizations as well as proximity to Hesston College were the driving forces for a lead campaign gift from Carroll and Roberta Miller (Greeley, Colo.) (pictured at left).

While neither of the Millers are Hesston alumni, they are staunch supporters of programs in which they believe, and the nursing capital campaign is the perfect combination of their areas of interest.

“There were several things about this particular project that piqued our interest,” said Carroll. “One of the connections is the college’s proximity to Colorado’s front range. The Mennonite colleges and Mennonite values are important to us, and Hesston is one of the closest Mennonite college to the Rocky Mountain region where we have lived for many years. We’ve also enjoyed a relationship with Hesston College, and our connections – particularly with Phyllis (Miller) ’70 Weaver (development officer) and Howard Keim ’72 (former president, 2005-16) – have been good. But probably the most influential factor is Roberta’s passion for nursing and helping nursing students.”

Roberta worked as a nurse for nearly 40 years in Colorado and Indiana, including director of nursing positions at Goshen (Ind.) General Hospital and North Colorado Medical Center (Greeley). She was also a vice president at NCMC prior to her retirement in 1995.

The Millers began their relationship with Hesston College nearly 20 years ago when they were on a trip in Paraguay with Mennonite Economic Development Agency. There they met a family whose daughter was getting ready to start at Hesston.

“They were an impressive family,” recalled Carroll. “I knew they weren’t making a lot as missionaries and we wanted to help them out. I called Hesston and said we wanted to help pay for their daughter’s education. We wanted her to be able to leave Hesston debt-free.”

After that experience, the Millers decided to keep helping Hesston College students by establishing a nursing scholarship that provides three non-traditional nursing students with financial assistance every year. Their passion for nursing extends beyond Hesston as they provide nursing scholarships at Goshen (Ind.) College and Aims Community College (Greeley) as well.

Their tie to Hesston College Nursing over the years also led them to become acquainted with Sowers and her equally deep commitment to the profession, institution and nursing students.

“Roberta and I are pleased to be a small part of helping to create a legacy to a person very deserving.”

– Carroll Miller –

helping to create a legacy to a person very deserving and who has given a lifetime of her time, talents and resources to helping educate people and promote the nursing profession,” said Carroll.

The Millers attended the 2017 Nursing Pinning ceremony – the 50th for the program – and were touched by the sincerity and care for students they observed.

“The pinning was especially meaningful and the naming of the legacy to Bonnie was great to be a part of,” said Carroll. “It [the building addition] will be a big plus for the future of Hesston College.”
Go on an illogical road trip out of state? Check.
Go dumpster diving? Check.
Continue a 16-year tradition? Check.

That’s exactly what Jonah Short-Miller ’17 (Bellingham, Wash.) was up to during his two years at Hesston College. As a biochemistry major, Short-Miller occupied his time with lab reports and late night study sessions. But he also made time for one very important thing: the Hesston College bucket list.

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Harder’s younger sister, Fjaere (Harder) ’05 Harder Nussbaum, got the list in 2004 after her brother, Zachary Harder ’03. It has been 12 years since the Harder family attended Hesston, so the list now travels down to friends. How do you get selected? You just have to be a student at Hesston College. And lucky enough to be chosen, of course.

Harder Nussbaum said the list was “a very thoughtful gift from her sister as a guide for her younger siblings.”

And for the younger Harder sister, the bucket list was indeed a guide. A hard worker and strong student, Harder Nussbaum says the list framed her overall Hesston College experience as it reminded her “how important the friendships, surprises and momentary experiences are.”

“It encouraged me to find and relish the whimsical, carefree pleasures of the Hesston Experience,” said Harder Nussbaum.

The list continues to have that effect on its lucky recipients.

Jonah Short-Miller was the eighth student to contribute to
“Don’t be afraid to redefine yourself; Hesston is the best place in the world to be exactly who you want to be.”  
– Jonah Short-Miller ’17 –

Also floored that the list still lives on, Harder Nussbaum said, “It is heartwarming to know that through the passing on of the bucket list itself, and the activities on it, students continue to get the ‘education plus’ that we have fondly coined the Hesston Experience.”

As Short-Miller ended his time as guardian of the list, he had one more task from his older sister, Mara (Short-Miller) ’12 Graber. She left 25 ideas for her brother. The last one?

“Add your own things to the list and pass it on to others.”

“Don’t be afraid to redefine yourself; Hesston is the best place in the world to be exactly who you want to be.”  
– Jonah Short-Miller ’17 –
STARTING HERE

I chose to start at Hesston because I wanted to attend a college where I could make healthy friendships and solidify my faith, and I knew that Hesston could give that to me. My parents and oldest sister (Kayla (Kauffman) ’14 Rudy) came to Hesston, so I visited campus periodically while growing up. Those visits introduced me to what Hesston has to offer. I also had heard stories of all the fun times and unique experiences, and that made me excited to try it for myself.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM...

During LarkFest 2017, I presented on my STEM project that involved the distillation of acetone to create mesityl oxide. The project was a good way of becoming familiar with operations applied in the lab, and it was also different than any other experiment I had performed. Instead of following instructions in a lab manual, we were looking for specific results, so creativity was essential. With some guidance from chemistry instructor Jim Yoder ’62, my lab partner, Nick Eichelberger ’17, and I produced mesityl oxide. I learned many operations such as soxlet extraction, rotary evaporation and fractional-atmospheric distillation which helped broaden my understanding and appreciation of chemistry.

For now, my future career goal is to find a job in mechanical engineering. I am open to see how God will use me. If I do not end up in the engineering field, I know I will be fulfilled wherever God puts me. Hesston is helping me realize that there are times when it is good to just go with the flow and see where God takes you, and that is how I want to live my life. Sometimes spur of the moment events create the best memories, and I am always ready to create a good memory!

...AND BEYOND

My freshman year was one of the best years of my life. I not only had a wonderful academic learning experience, but I also learned about myself as an individual – who do I want to be? What steps do I need to take to make that happen? I became much more confident. My time at Hesston has also strengthened my faith. People come here from all over the world with different views on life, and this has helped me decide what I believe in and what I think is right. The greatest thing by far has been the relationships I have made with my peers. I believe God works in and through all relationships, and I love having God active in my life!

For my sophomore year, I am most looking forward to making new friends, especially within my mod. My freshman year more than met my expectations of what college should be like, and my expectations were very high. I am excited to see what fun and adventure the new year will bring! 🎉
Andrea Voth ’17
McPherson, Kan.

MAJOR: Nursing
CAREER: RN on medical unit

GROWING UP WITH LEUKEMIA
I was diagnosed with leukemia when I was three years old, but I don’t really remember a lot from that time. I finished two-and-a-half years of treatments at the age of six. I was then in remission until two months before my five-year appointment in October 2004 when I relapsed. I did another two-and-a-half years of treatments, finishing in April 2007 before relapsing again two years later when I was 15 years old. My third round of treatments ended the summer before my senior year of high school. That time included 16 rounds of radiation, and we were hopeful it would be the end of treatments.

My journey with cancer led me to study nursing, and I’d like to work in pediatric oncology. My mom also influenced me to study nursing because of a heart problem she lived with from childhood. Needless to say, I spent a lot of my life in and out of hospitals.

STARTING AT THE RIGHT TIME
I started the Hesston College nursing program in 2013 right out of high school. Four days before classes started, I had surgery. The recovery was more difficult than I anticipated, and I withdrew from the program four weeks later. I was barely passing my tests, and I thought maybe if I withdrew and recovered properly I would come back later. Instead I transferred to Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) the next year and changed my major to social work. I attended Bethel for two semesters, but I knew social work wasn’t what I truly wanted to do, so I came back to Hesston in the fall of 2015. I knew God was telling me to come back to Hesston and get my nursing degree. Two months before the start of the fall semester, my mom passed away. She was my biggest supporter and my best friend. The timing seemed wrong for me again, but the Hesston nursing faculty are so caring, supportive and loving. They help students get through rough times. I knew I would be ok in that environment.

GIVING BACK
I grew up attending Camp Hope, a week-long camp for kids with cancer. It’s a chance for kids whose lives are so different from that of others to feel “normal.” I was a camper for 13 years, and it was always a highlight for me. To be a kid with cancer and to be around other kids who understand what it means and what you’re going through is pretty incredible. Now I’m lucky enough to be able to give back to a place that was so important to me. This summer, I spent the week as a camp counselor and house parent. Maybe next year I’ll even get to be the camp nurse. It’s important to me to use my own experiences in my work and in relating to other people.

Andrea received her associate degree in nursing in May.
Mika Matsuda ’17 (Kyoto, Japan), a member of the women’s soccer team and Riley Kingsley ’17 (North Newton, Kan.), a member of the men’s tennis team, were named 2017 female and male Student Athletes of the Year at the annual athletic banquet in April.

Matsuda was a force on the field during her two years at Hesston, earning several spots in the record book, including second for goals (34) and first for points (118) in a career. She also set a career record for assists (50) and set a season mark for points as a sophomore with 60, surpassing her freshman mark by two points.

“Mika and her sophomore teammates placed their stamp on the program with their play on the field and their work in the classroom and on campus,” said coach Bryan Kehr.

Kingsley was a leader for the men’s tennis team during both of his years at Hesston, playing in top spots in both singles and doubles. He was also a member of the 2016 team that competed at the NJCAA national tournament.

“Riley is a solid player who consistently made a difference for us,” said coach Chance Joost. “His winning attitude was an example for the other guys to follow.”

Kingsley, who is studying business, was also a leader in the classroom. He was named an NJCAA Academic All-American his sophomore year, and was awarded the Bill Mason Business Scholarship following his freshman year and the Business Award following his sophomore year.
ATHLETICS NEWS UPDATES

SOFTBALL ENJOYS RECORD-BREAKING SEASON

The Larks softball team enjoyed a successful 2017 spring season by racking up 26 wins on the season (26-22), surpassing the programs’ previous record of 23 wins set during the 2012 season. Along with the team accomplishment, some Larks reached individual milestone during the record breaking spring. Jerrica Brown ’17 (Clovis, Calif.) became the Larks’ all-time leader in home runs (14) along with runs batted in (89). Catcher Ally Steiner ’17 (Phoenix, Ariz.), tied the records for career hits (113) and stolen bases (60). The Larks are led by coach Andrew Sharp ’99, who completed his eighth year at the helm of the program.

KOMAKECH TO LEAD TENNIS PROGRAMS

James Komakech will assume the role of men’s and women’s tennis coach with the start of the 2017-18 year. Komakech, who hails from Uganda, has worked as a teaching pro at Genesis Health Club in Wichita, Kan., for the last 15 years. He is also active with the National Junior Tennis League in Wichita, which provides tennis and education to under-resourced youth and individuals with disabilities. Komakech played collegiate tennis at Barton County Community College (Great Bend, Kan.) and Bethany College (Lindsborg, Kan.). Prior to coming to the United States, he was a member of the Ugandan Davis Cup team, and he represented his country twice at the All African Games.

STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN STATUS

Sophomore student-athletes were recognized as Academic All-Americans by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for the 2016-17 year. (Photos in order of listing.) Earning the Pinnacle Award of Academic Excellence with a GPA of 4.0 were Rachel Brown (McKinney, Texas), women’s soccer; Renee Buckwalter (Wellman, Iowa), women’s cross country; Kyle Good (Harrisonburg, Va.), men’s cross country; Bailyn Piecewicz (Spokane, Wash.), softball; Jonah Short-Miller (Bellingham, Wash.), men’s cross country; Kristin Troyer (Shickley, Neb.), women’s track and field; and Ally Vogt (Hesston, Kan.), volleyball. Earning the Award for Superior Academic Achievement with a GPA of 3.8 to 3.99 were Wyatt Baer (Marshallville, Ohio), men’s cross country; Erin Brubaker (Goessel, Kan.), volleyball; Cierra King (Cochranville, Pa.), softball; Riley Kingsley (North Newton, Kan.), men’s tennis; and Calvin Plank (Marion, Kan.), men’s basketball. Earning the Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement with a GPA of 3.6 to 3.79 were Christy Kauffman (West Liberty, Ohio), women’s soccer; and Emma Schrock (Lakewood, Colo.), women’s cross country.
HESSTON COLLEGE
COMMENCEMENT
CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017
Hesston College class of 2017 graduates were encouraged to live their legacies with passion during Commencement exercises on May 14.

Commencement speaker, Dr. Marie (Schuessler) ’79 Morris, delivered the address “How’s My Driving? Everyday Calling and Legacy.” Based on Romans 12:9-13, Dr. Morris encouraged graduates to listen for and respond to God’s calling in their life, whatever it may be, and then to live out that calling to the best of their abilities.

The 2017 celebration marked the college’s first granting of bachelor degrees in 60 years as the first cohort of the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) students were recognized for completion of the program. The class of 2017 included 17 BSN graduates and 132 associate degree graduates.

Top row, left: Graduates recognized for completion of the Disaster Management Program, Luke Husbands (Lancaster, Pa.), Zach Stauffer (Bellefonte, Pa.) and Christy Kauffman (West Liberty, Ohio) listen to speaker Darin Bontrager ’11 at a recognition ceremony May 13. Bontrager is a weekly crew volunteer placement coordinator with Mennonite Disaster Service.

Center: Tyler Nissley (Elizabethtown, Pa.) receives a certificate of completion for the aviation program at a May 13 reception honoring six graduates. Congratulating Nissley, from left, are flight instructors Kendal Slabach ’15 and Jaecy Friesen and chief flight instructor Travis Pickerill ’99. Jerry Eichelberger ’85 delivered a reception address. Eichelberger is manager of the FAA Wichita Flight Standards District Office.

Right: Guershon Safari (Boise, Idaho) receives his diploma from interim president Ben Sprunger.

Middle row, left: Student speakers Jonah Short-Miller (Bellingham, Wash.) and Cassidy Bontrager (Wellman, Iowa) were nominated by faculty and staff and chosen by students to speak at Commencement.

Center: Dr. Marie (Schuessler) ’79 Morris delivers the Commencement address. She also delivered the address at the nursing pinning ceremony on May 13. Dr. Morris is an accomplished leader in higher education and nursing who serves as provost of Anderson (Ind.) University. Morris is also a former Hesston College Board of Directors member.

Right: Kristin Troyer (Shickley, Neb.) celebrates her graduation with her brother Brett Troyer ’06.

Bottom row, left: Nebiyat Demissie ’18 (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) celebrates with graduates Misato Oka (Kashiwa, Japan), Meron Ageze (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) and Yedidiya Zewdu.

Right: Rebekah Jensen (Topeka, Kan.) receives her bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) pin from instructor Joy (Smith) ’96 Yoder at the May 13 nursing pinning. Jensen was one of 17 bachelor degree graduates in the college’s first BSN class. The nursing class of 2017 also included 36 associate degree graduates.
Many members of the Hesston College Class of 2017 shared their future plans at the New Alumni Dinner hosted by the Advancement Division, which includes Development, Alumni and Church Relations and Marketing and Communications. Congratulations Class of 2017 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 2017 will go.

Glenda Allen, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Tim Ambrose, McPherson, Kan.
• Work as a flight instructor

• Work as an RN

Cheri Baer, Apple Creek, Ohio
• Service

Wyatt Baer, Marshallville, Ohio
• Bluffton (Ohio) University

Annie Baggett, Council Grove, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Christine Bak, Seoul, South Korea
• Work as an RN

Scott Baldwin, Clarence Center, N.Y.
• Work as a pilot

Megan Ballinger, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Jayden Banks, Dry Creek, Okla.
• LeTourneau University (Longview, Texas)

Billy Bass, Yoder, Kan.
• Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.)

DaShouana Beals, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Rebekah Bell, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Madeline Black, Newton, Kan.
• Hesston College RN to BSN program

Laura Blosser, Hesston
• Work as a traveling RN

Kathryn Bolstad, Hillsboro, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Cassidy Bontrager, Wellman, Iowa
• Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) (Harrisonburg, Va.)

Sarah Booth, Goessel, Kan.
• Bethel College

Micah Boyer, East Earl, Pa.
• EMU

Joel Brejda, Lincoln, Neb.
• Kansas State University (Manhattan)

Rachel Brown, McKinney, Texas
• University of the Virgin Islands – St. Croix

Erin Brubaker, Goessel, Kan.
• EMU

Dillon Buchanan, Boerne, Texas
• Texas State University (San Marcos)

Elena Buckwalter, Fulks Run, Va.
• Service with Mennonite Mission Network

Renee Buckwalter, Wellman, Iowa
• Goshen (Ind.) College

Chris Buerge, Garden City, Mo.
• Work as a pilot

Amanda Byington, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Abby Byler, Harrisonburg, Va.
• EMU

Tori Byler, Belleville, Pa.
• Work as a nanny

Fabby Castillo, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Michelle Cole, Andover, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Olivia Copsy, Goshen, Ind.
• Goshen College

Anastazia Cox, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Sami Cypert-Williams, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Mikiala Dean, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Amanda Draznik, North Newton, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Silas Driver, Harrisonburg, Va.
• EMU

Halic Duerksen, Peabody, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Krystal Duerksen, Peabody, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Eva Dwyer, Goshen, Ind.
• Bethel College

Allison Ebersole, Lafayette, Colo.
• Goshen College

Nicholas Eichelberger, Geneva, Neb.
• University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Charles Elam, Spring Hill, Kan.
• William Jewell College (Liberty, Mo.)

Karily Fiske, Baldwin City, Kan.
• Missouri State University (Springfield)

Fred Flores Cano, San Pedro, Honduras
• EMU

Teresa Foltz, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Byron Franz, Mountain Lake, Minn.
• Culinary school

Kyle Good, Harrisonburg, Va.
• EMU

Emily Griffioen, Belmond, Iowa
• Bluffton University

Lauren Guhr, Newton, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Ciera Gurley, Andover, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Caleb Harris, Dayton, Ohio
• Kent (Ohio) State University

Candace Heinz, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Ashley Herrman, Park City, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Carter Hohn, Gardner, Kan.
• University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff
Adele Hofer, Greenwood Village, Colo.
• Northwestern College (Orange City, Iowa)

Manisa Howell, Park City, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Leslie Hunsberger, Hollsopple, Pa.
• Slippery Rock (Pa.) University

Jared Hurst, Sharon, Pa.
• Bluffton University

Mandy Hurst, Maize, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Leslie Hunsberger, Hollsopple, Pa.
• Slippery Rock (Pa.) University

Jared Hurst, Sharon, Pa.
• Bluffton University

Mandy Hurst, Maize, Kan.
• Work as an RN

• Mennonite Voluntary Service

Chanhee Hwang, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
• Bluffton University

Becky Jensen, Topeka, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Kayleigh Johnson, Smithfield, Utah
• Utah State University (Logan)

Paige Johnson, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Jacque Jones, Goddard, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Keia Jones, Newton, Kan.
• Work as an RN in a critical care unit

Samantha Jones, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Christy Kauffman, West Liberty, Ohio
• EMU

Cierra King, Cochranville, Pa.
• Millersville (Pa.) University

Riley Kingsley, North Newton, Kan.
• EMU

Dmitriy Kiselev, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Amy Klassen, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Evelyne Lazaro, Andover, Kan.
• Newman University (Wichita, Kan.)

Morgan Leavy, Telford, Pa.
• University of the Arts (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Alma Luevano, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Reph Lukadi Mbuyi, Democratic Republic of Congo
• University of North Texas (Denton)

Isaiah Martinez, Crowley, Texas
• Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford)

Nelson Martinez, Cantano, P.R.
• Hannibal (Mo.)-LaGrange University

Abraham Mateo, Fort Myers, Fla.
• Working in ministry in Kansas City

Mika Matsuda, Kyoto, Japan
• Emporia (Kan.) State University

William Mendez, Houston, Texas
• Texas State University

Joshua Merrill, Wichita, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Anna Miller, Millersburg, Ohio
• Bluffton University

Hannah Miller, Parnell, Iowa
• Goshen College

Darrian Mosqueda, Newton, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Ujunwa Munonye, Lagos State, Nigeria
• Goshen College

Jessanna Nebel, Hesston, Kan.
• Tabor College (Hillsboro, Kan.)

• Work as an RN

Bailee Nichols-Clary, Wichita, Kan.
• Friends University (Wichita, Kan.)

Tyler Nissley, Elizabethtown, Pa.
• Work as a flight instructor

Misato Oka, Kashiwa, Japan
• Work in Japan

Kaitlyn Shaw, Newton, Kan.
• Work as an RN

Jonah Short-Miller, Bellingham, Wash.
• EMU

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Hesston College students will have more programs of study and course options from which to choose when classes resume in August. The newest program additions and expansions are among at least 13 new or expanded programs that have been added to the list of more than 50 offered programs of study in the last three years.

In an effort to continually meet student needs and interests, the college is adding two new programs of study starting in fall 2017 – emergency management and sports ministry – and offering expanded, more transferable courses in five existing programs – aviation, biology, graphic design, engineering and theatre.

“We say that Hesston students ‘start here’ and ‘go everywhere,’ but our students are increasingly coming from everywhere and going everywhere,” said Brent Yoder ’98, vice president of Academics. “These new courses and programs will help satisfy the interests of students and prepare them well to transfer to a wide variety of institutions or to immediately begin their careers.”

The new emergency management program will operate in cooperation with the City of Hesston Emergency Services Department. Students in the program will be selected through an interview process to work part time with Hesston EMS while completing coursework to earn Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and/or Firefighter certification. For students selected to the program, the coursework and fees for the EMT and Firefighter certifications will be paid for by Hesston EMS with a one-year student commitment to the department once certified.

“Hesston Fire/EMS is excited to partner with Hesston College to offer an amazing community service opportunity for students and also fill a critical need for firefighters and emergency medical responders in our department,” said Russ Buller, City of Hesston director of emergency services. “This collaboration provides a chance for students to experience meaningful and rewarding situations providing help to others in their time of need while not compromising their college experience. For our community, this program helps address the constant need for qualified emergency responders.”

The other new program addition, sports ministry, prepares students to plan, direct and initiate church-based or community recreation programs and equips students to use recreation and sports as a tool for outreach in the community. The curriculum focuses on courses in both physical education and Bible and ministry as students are provided a biblical and theological foun-
In addition to the new programs, new course offerings are being added to programs associated with aviation, biology, graphic design, engineering and theatre to give students smoother transitions into four-year programs and a career.

The college’s aviation program received FAA approval in December 2016 to offer Reduced Airplane Transport Pilot (R-ATP), which allows graduates of Hesston’s program to apply for the Airline Transport Pilot Certificate after 1,250 hours of flight time instead of the 1,500 hours typically required by the FAA. The change in the program will allow Hesston aviation graduates to more quickly climb the career ladder.

The course expansions in the remaining programs were added or revamped to better fit general course requirements in those programs at both private and public four-year programs nationwide, improving the transferability of courses from Hesston to other higher education institutions programs.

Over the last three years, other new programs added to the lineup, and which continue to grow, have been criminal and restorative justice, exercise science, leadership and baccalaureate degree nursing.

NURSING PROGRAM RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

The college’s nursing program has made another step forward by receiving accreditation for the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree program. The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Hesston College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), www.ccneaccreditation.org.

The accreditation comes following an on-campus visit by the CCNE in September 2016 and CCNE Board of Commissioners action in late April 2017.

“We were pleased to receive the official news of the accreditation of our BSN program,” said Bonnie (Kauffman) Ac65, ’67 Sowers, Nursing Education director, who ended her role at the end of June after 37 years. “The action acknowledges that our program has met specialized national nursing accreditation standards, and is very important to our students and graduates, as this accreditation offers a competitive advantage.”

Hesston College has operated an associate degree in nursing (ADN) program since 1966, which has held accreditation since 1970. Since 2015, Hesston’s nursing program has been evolving by adding programs in response to shifting industry demands.

After receiving approval from the Kansas State Board of Nursing and the Higher Learning Commission, the college’s accredi-
CROSS-CULTURAL STUDY IN JAPAN

A new Hesston College cross-cultural experience gave 20 people—a mixture of students from Hesston College and two other institutions, community members and instructors—a chance to study in Japan for a three week May term May 15 to June 7.

The May Term in Japan program incorporated eight weeks of language and culture study prior to departure, as well as an intensive study in modern Japanese history (ca. 1850 to present). Faculty members André Swartley ’99, English as a Second Language program director and Kate (Branam) ’99 Swartley, Spanish instructor, who lived in Japan for two years prior to teaching at Hesston, organized and led the trip. André taught the Japanese language and culture courses leading up to and during the travel portion of the program. Hesston College education instructor Heidi Hochstetler ’00 planned and taught the linked history course.

The group studied and traveled in seven major Japanese cities: Hiroshima, Kagoshima, Fukuoka, Osaka, Nara, Kyoto and Tokyo. The longest portion of time was spent in Hiroshima, where the group attended classes, collaborated with Japanese students at Hiroshima Shudo University and listened to the testimony of a “hibakusha,” or atomic bomb survivor.

In addition to the coursework, students participated in daily activities and projects that required navigating public transportation and using the “survival” Japanese language skills taught in class. Students were also able to stay with Japanese host families in both Osaka and Tokyo, an invaluable experience for making human connections and building bridges between cultures.

The college plans to offer the program again in 2019.

LARKFEST: SERVE, CELEBRATE, SHOWCASE

Hesston College took a day off from classes April 20, to focus on college values of service and academic and leadership excellence during the annual LarkFest celebration. To start the day, 234 students participated in 23 service projects in local communities. During the LarkFest awards ceremony, students were recognized for their achievements in academics and leadership. The top award, the Lark of the Year award, went to Elena Buckwalter ’17 (Fulks Run, Va.) for excellence in leadership, academics and service. During the afternoon, students showcased their academic work, including music recitals, directing skills at a short film festival, chemistry and physics demonstrations, speeches and more.
FACULTY AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Megan Baumgarter ’15, female resident director, completed a B.S. at Goshen (Ind.) College in May 2017.

Becky Bartell, M.S.N., R.N., C.N.E., director of Nursing Education, joined the Hesston College nursing faculty in 2010, teaching upper-level nursing courses and serving as the curriculum coordinator while the department shifted from an associate degree program to a bachelor’s degree program. Bartell earned an M.S.N. from Fort Hays (Kan.) State University and a B.S.N. from Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.).

Mark Diller ’98, development officer for the western United States, has a bachelor’s degree from George Fox University (Newberg, Ore.) and a master’s in business administration from Corban University (Salem, Ore.). Prior to coming to Hesston, he worked as an administrator for the Mennonite Village Retirement Community (Albany, Ore.) for more than 10 years before shifting into a marketing and graphic design role for a local company.

Marissa Hochstetler ’14, graphic designer, has a B.A. in communication studies with a minor in graphic design from Goshen College. During the 2016-17 year, Hochstetler served at Hesston as the female resident director.

Dr. Sheryl Hodge, registrar and dean of assessment and accreditation, holds a Ph.D. in education with an emphasis in educational research and psychology and a M.A. in educational research and psychology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Her undergraduate degree in biology, general science and physical education is from Emporia (Kan.) State University. She was previously employed at Kansas State University (Manhattan) in a variety of roles, including evaluator for the Office of Educational Innovation and Evaluation, assistant professor for special education, Counseling and Student Affairs, and graduate research advisor.

Amy Hulse, R.N., adjunct nursing professor teaching the Healthcare Informatics, Quality and Safety course, holds a B.S.N. from Bethel College and will complete her M.S.N. in early 2018.

Cindy (Carman) ’89 Lapp, adjunct nursing professor teaching clinical laboratories for the Population-Based Nursing course, is working on an M.S.N. through Tabor College-Wichita to be completed in 2018.

Jessica Miller, food service director, holds a B.A. in health and physical education from Tabor College (Hillsboro, Kan.) and a B.S. in dietetics from Kansas State University. Miller previously served as assistant manager in Kansas State’s dining operation.

Monica (Wiebe) ’00 Miller, director of human resources, holds an M.S. in employment law from Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) and a B.A. from Goshen College in business administration with a minor in psychology. Before coming to Hesston, she was leading a team in HR compliance for General Dynamics Information Technology in Coralville, Iowa.

Christy Miller Hesed, adjunct professor teaching Elementary Statistics, holds a Ph.D. in environmental anthropology from the University of Maryland (College Park), an M.S. in sustainable development and conservation biology and an undergraduate degree from Goshen College.

Austin Mitchell ’15, intramural director, completed a B.A. in business administration, management and marketing from Bethel College in May 2017.

Diana Mitzner, M.S.N., R.N., adjunct nursing professor with a focus on clinical instruction for students in the Acute Care Nursing course sequence, holds an M.S.N. in nursing education from the University of Phoenix (Tempe, Ariz.) and a B.S.N. from Southwestern College (Winfield, Kan.). Mitzner has worked as an intensive care nurse and college nursing instructor.

Brandy Quinn, admissions visit coordinator, holds a B.A. in education from Emporia State University. Quinn previously taught special education at Hesston Middle School.

Corey Regehr ’06, special services manager with the Campus Facilities department, has a diverse background which includes more than 10 years of broad construction experience and working for an electrical contractor.

Holly Swartzendruber, music professor and vocal music coordinator, holds a D.M.A. in vocal performance from the University of Kansas (Lawrence), an M.M. in vocal performance from Ohio University (Athens) and a B.A. in music from Goshen College. Swartzendruber has been an adjunct instructor at Hesston since 2010.
1930-39

DEATH

Walter Fenton ‘34, Hesston, Kan., June 11, 2017
Allen Bitikofer Ac38, Canton, Kan., Jan. 22, 2017

1940-49

DEATHS

Dorothy (Hinkle) ‘42 Elam, La Verne, Calif., Feb. 12, 2017
Viola (Guengerich) ‘42 Kennel, Huntington Beach, Calif., April 16, 2017
Leola (Yoder) Ac43, ‘45, White, Kalona, Iowa, Oct. 8, 2016
Daniel Bender Ac44, Harrisonburg, Va., April 12, 2017
Frances (Lais) Ac45, ‘51, Hoover, Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 11, 2017

1950-59

MARRIAGE

Herb Zook ’58, former faculty, and Lorita Regier, Hesston, Kan., May 20, 2017

DEATHS

Wallace Burck, husband of Bonnie (Kropf) Ac50 Burck, Beaver Creek, Ore., April 19, 2017
Don Brenneman, husband of Marilyn (Brenneman) ’51 Brenneman, Colorado Springs, Colo., March 11, 2017
Marilyn (Brenneman) ’53 Yutzy, Oskaloosa, Iowa, Feb. 25, 2017

1960-69

Bob Sauder ’65, Pioneer, Ohio, is the conference moderator for the Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA as of 2016. He has also served as a construction supervisor for Habitat for Humanity in Fulton County, Ohio, for the past 12 years.

1970-79

Merle Christner ’70, ’07, former staff, Stephens City, Va., started as pastor of Stephens City Mennonite Church in October 2016.

1980-89

Beth Bontrager ’83, Goshen, Ind., started as the Mennonite Historical Library administrative assistant in December 2016. Beth also traveled with her husband, Phil Waite, father Marion Bontrager ’57, former faculty, and two teenage children during Phil’s sabbatical in 2016 in which he received a Lilly Grant to study family history and to see where his Free Methodist heritage intersected with Anabaptist heritage. The group traveled through Great Britain and Europe, visiting historic family and Anabaptist sites. Beth notes that the trip was a strong reminder of the Anabaptist History and

REMEMBERING DAN MILLER

The Hesston College community was struck by the unexpected news of the death of Director of Aviation Dan Miller ’78, on Sunday, April 23. He had served as the program’s director since 1999.

Miller was recognized by his students and colleagues as a patient, kind and welcoming presence. He expected the utmost professionalism from student pilots, and conducted himself with the same standards. Prior to becoming director of Aviation, Miller served as Hesston College associate director of Development from 1995-98, and as an instructor in the Aviation department from 1979-84. In total, he served at Hesston College for 26 years.

Miller had undergone heart surgery on March 24 and was recuperating and working at home, waiting for a follow-up visit with his cardiologist on May 5. He is survived by his wife Jaynette, and four children, Leslie (Miller) ’02 Duerksen and husband Lyndl, Amreitha (Miller) ’03 Jeeva and husband Pradeepan, Vaughn Miller ’04 and wife Caroline, and Bryant Miller and wife Chrystiana, as well as four grandchildren.
Thought class she took with Jim Mininger Ac61.

Glenda (Shirk) ’83 Kaufman, Centennial, Colo., is a school nurse and is working on a master of science in nursing degree.

Linda (Troyer) ’84 Weaver, Inola, Okla., graduated from Oklahoma Wesleyan University (Bartlesville) with a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree in May.

Kristine Regehr ’86, Goshen, Ind., graduated in May from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Ind.) with a master of divinity degree with a concentration in pastoral ministry. She is completing her seminary coursework and supervised ministry experience at College Mennonite Church (Goshen) this summer and fall, and plans to pursue a pastoral ministry assignment.

1990-99

Julia (Wyse) ’98 Richer, Archbold, Ohio, teaches Spanish at Pettisville (Ohio) High School.

MARRIAGE

Julie Schlegel ’97 and Jeremy Youngs, Lincoln, Neb., April 8, 2017

BIRTH

Tara (Froese) ’98 and Rob de Malignon, Milford, Neb.: Samuel Brookes, Oct. 13, 2016

DEATH

Lee-anna (Stavenjord) ’91 Klassen, Grand Forks, British Columbia, Canada, Jan. 12, 2017

2000-09

Amy (Bachman) ’01 Birdsell, faculty, Hesston, Kan., earned a master of science in aeronautics degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach, Fla.) in spring 2017. She is a chief flight instructor in Hesston College’s Aviation program.

Lisa Mast ’02, Albuquerque, N.M., has a graduate assistantship for choral conducting at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Nick Schroeder ’03, Overland Park, Kan., works in information technology for KC Computer Support.

Gon Yi ’03, Conway, Ark., was granted his first U.S. patent on data matching algorithms.

Nathan Gilsleider ’07, Claremore, Okla., is training in Lake Placid, N.Y., and Calgary, Alberta, Canada, to earn a place on the USA Bobsled team for the February 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea. He is national champion in the two-man bobsled with teammate Nick Cunningham. Olympic bobsled drivers are chosen through a points system in an eight-event season.

Kimberly Friesen ’08, Madison, Wis., is a sign artist at Trader Joe’s grocery store.

MARRIAGES

Monica Yosin ’06, ’14 and Henry Hawm, Austin, Texas, April 8, 2017

Moon Yu ’06 and Kenneth Evans, Cedar Park, Texas, April 16, 2017

Chris Snyder ’09 and Amanda Connor, Akron, N.Y., Jan. 14, 2017

Stephanie Wyse ’09 and Ben O’Harra, San Jose, Calif., June 24, 2017

BIRTHS

Carissa (Sweigart) ’01 and Tim Gredler, Harrisonburg, Va.: Abriella Jean, April 27, 2017

Janine (Coblentz) ’02


Galen ’02 and Erika Nofziger, West Unity, Ohio: Jaxton Jay, April 11, 2017

Tonya (Stuckey) ’02 and Chris Stotterau, Keystone, S.D.: Ezra Sylvester, Feb. 24, 2017

Brock ’03 and Shalon Roth, Milford, Neb.: Urban Brock, April 2, 2017

Alyssa (Gerig) ’03 and Wayne Scheler, Albany, Ore.: Maxwell Steel, Nov. 3, 2016

Nathanael ’04 and Audra (Hofer) ’08 Shue, Denver, Colo.: London Marie, Nov. 8, 2016

Becky (Horst) ’05 and Derek King, Moundridge, Kan.: Joy Horst King, June 7, 2017

Kyle ’05 and Hannah Mast, Canby, Ore.: Randon Timothy, Jan. 28, 2017

Rylan ’06 and Karissa (Miller) ’07 Miller, Oakland, Calif.: Levi Jack, June 7, 2017

Josh ’07 and Kristy Andres, Elbing, Kan.: Asher Michael, March 11, 2017

Alicia (Hertzler) ’07 and Zach ’08 Hurst, Lancaster, Pa.: Elliott Diana, July 17, 2017

Nathan ’07 and Brittany (Knox) ’07 Steiner, New Paris, Ind.: Londyn Jade, Oct. 19, 2016

Zac ’09 and Jessica (Coffman) ’11 Schlegel, Shickley, Neb.: Addison Rey, April 11, 2017

Amanda (Hall) ’09 and Josh Stubbenick, Syracuse, Neb.: Caleb Ernest, April 16, 2017

Peter ’09, ’15 and Jennie (Warke) ’09 Wintermote, North Newton, Kan.: Elizabeth Ann, March 30, 2017

2010-17

Several Hesston College Nursing graduates completed bachelor of science in nursing degrees from Tabor College (Hillsboro, Kan.) in May. Among them were Jayme McEntire ’10, Derby, Kan., Vanessa Sanchez ’11, Newton, Kan., Erika (Dorsch) ’13 Albrecht, North, Newton, Kan., Whitney Hickert ’13, Hays, Kan., Shelley Griffin ’14, Charleston, S.C., and Rachel Miller ’14, Hesston, Kan.

Matt Thomas ’10, Chicago, Ill., started a new company, Elko Hardwoods, in Chicago’s Pilsen neighborhood. Thomas salvages trees that would otherwise be discarded and turns them into unique, functional art. His gallery has the largest selection of live edge furniture anywhere in Chicago.

Cassie (Miller) ’11 Hickel, Hays, Kan., was crowned Mrs. Kansas in the state pageant in June. She will compete for the title of Mrs. America in August in Las Vegas. Hickel’s platform is live organ donation, as she donated a kidney to a man in Iowa in December 2016.

Erin Hershey ’12, Lancaster, Pa., is an administrative assistant at Parish Resource Center, which provides congregations with the needed tools to advance their ministries.

Kate (Steury) ’12 Leaman, New Paris, Ind., and her husband, Jon, will soon open a Shirley’s Gourmet Popcorn franchise store in Goshen, Ind.. The company was founded in Bluffton, Ohio, and the new store will be the seventh location for the franchise, which includes five stores in Ohio and one in Harrisonburg, Va.

Joshua Booth ’14, Newton, Kan., graduated from Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) in May 2016 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a minor
in sport management. He is working for Bethel College as sports information director.

Rachelle Haarer ’14, Goshen, Ind., is a kindergarten teacher at Model Elementary School in Goshen.

Olivia Miller ’14, Hesston, Kan., completed a bachelor of science in nursing degree from the University of Kansas (Lawrence) in May.

Quinn Kathrineberg ’15, Salina, Kan., will serve with Mennonite Mission Network in Ecuador starting in fall 2017.

Kiara Boettger ’16, Harrisonburg, Va., is spending the summer interning with the Hesston College Marketing and Communications and Admissions departments. She will be a senior at Northwestern College (Orange City, Iowa), where she is studying business and marketing.

Jordan Stoltzfus ’17, Shipshe, Ind.., is working as a certified flight instructor at New Horizons Aviation in Goshen, Ind., where he earned his private pilot license before attending Hesston.

MARRIAGES
Nathan Snyder ’10 and Valerie Kliwer, Greeley, Colo.: April 8, 2017
Perry Andre ’11 and Kirby Shuey, Wauseon, Ohio, July 15, 2017
Anna Beels ’11 and Samuel Thapa, Grand Rapids, Mich., April 22, 2017
John Oyer ’11 and Saralyn Murray, former staff, Hesston, Kan., June 24, 2017
Taylor Hoover ’12 and Jeff Mckenney, Harleysville, Pa., July 9, 2016
Libby Waltner ’12 and Dalton Miller, Freeman, S.D., April 8, 2017

Faculty/Staff

DEATH

Julian Morgan ’12, Colorado Springs, Colo., April 10, 2017

DEATH

Lee Peters, husband of Jessie Peters, former staff, Castle Rock, Colo., May 1, 2017

CORRECTION FROM SPRING 2017 ISSUE:

BIRTH

Joe ’02 and Lori (Doll) ’02 Friesen, Harrisonburg, Va.: Ruth Salome, Nov. 29, 2016
A Hesston College Homecoming 2017 and the inauguration of the college's ninth president, Dr. Joseph A. Manickam ’87, celebrates “Grounded in Community, Globally Engaged.” The event provides the opportunity to remember Hesston’s values, enjoy the Hesston Experience and see a vision of Hesston’s future. Join the campus community, wider Home Sweet Hesston community, alumni and friends and particularly international alumni for this important transition. Annual homecoming activities will fill the campus, including alumni presenters, events for the whole family and classes gathering for reunion anniversaries. Presenter and performer bios available at hesston.edu/homecoming. Registration and weekend schedule on pages 30 and 31 or online at hesston.edu/homecoming.
ALUMNI NEWS

GOLF BENEFIT TO HONOR LASTING LEGACIES

For the last five years, Hesston College has teed off to open Homecoming Weekend with the Homecoming Golf Benefit. Thanks to the generosity of Excel Industries, Inc., longtime friend and partner of the college, in sponsoring the event, and organizer Floyd Sowers ’71, each year’s efforts greatly benefit the Hesston student experience and the college’s operations.

The 2017 benefit on Sept. 21, will honor three longtime Hesston College athletic department coaches and administrators – Joel Kauffman ’80, Art Mullet and Gerry Sieber ’64.

Registration for the event is $125 per person. The deadline to register is Sept. 18. Hole sponsorships are also available.

The fifth year for the event will also be marked with some changes as it will be the last year of sponsorship for Excel and for Sowers’ efforts. It will also feature the company’s newest product as an auction item – The Hustler® MDV utility vehicle.

The history between Hesston College and Excel dates back to the company’s earliest days in the 1960s when Roy Mullet ’61, Doug Stutzman ’57 and social sciences instructor Cal Redekop became involved with the company as owners and employees. The Mullet family bought a partial interest in the company in 1961, and members of the family continue to be involved as owners and senior management, including Paul Mullet ’70, president and CEO, Bob Mullet Ac63, ’65, senior vice president and COO, and Luke Roth-Mullet ’99, vice president of operations and continuous improvement.

Over the last 58 years, Excel has supported the Hesston Experience, including giving lead gifts on recent capital renovation projects. In gratitude for the company’s faithful support, Hesston College named the campus entry, constructed in 2015, Mullet Drive in honor of the family and the company.

“We are grateful to Excel and the Mullet family for their commitment to the Hesston Experience and the college’s mission over several decades,” said Mike Zucconi, director of Development. “Their support encourages us in our work. We are also grateful to Floyd for his work in organizing a successful event every year.”

Go to hesston.edu/ksgolf for information and to register.
Excel Industries, Inc., is donating their newest product, the Hustler® MDV utility vehicle, for auction at the dinner following the Homecoming Golf Benefit. Be one of the first to own this precision-built vehicle!

- **Starting bid of $10,000**
- **Absentee bidding will be accepted**
- **Contact Sheri Esau at sheri.esau@hesston.edu or 620-327-8147 to arrange absentee bidding.**

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See more information at hustlerturf.com/products/mdv
2017 Homecoming & Inauguration Weekend events

Wednesday, Sept. 20
6:30 p.m., Home Sweet Hesston Parade Main Street

Thursday, Sept. 21
All Day, International Day of Peace
Student activity coordinated by international student program staff.

1:30 p.m., Fifth annual Homecoming Golf Benefit
Hesston Golf Park, 520 Yost Drive
Sponsored by Excel Industries, enjoy 18 holes of golf at Hesston's premier
golf course. Help us honor former and current Hesston College coaches
and athletic department administrators Joel Kauffman, Art Mullet and
Gerry Sieber. Dinner and program to follow. Register through separate
brochure or online at hesston.edu/ksgolf.

Friday, Sept. 22
8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. AND 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Homecoming Weekend Hosting Center open Larks Nest, Erb Hall
When you arrive on campus for the first time, stop for your
Homecoming and Inauguration packet, name tags and additional details
on the weekend.

11 a.m., Forum Hesston Mennonite Church
The campus and Hesston community officially welcome alumni to
campus and kick off homecoming with Joel Kempf ’97, Pipersville,
Pa., sharing his Start Here, Go Everywhere experiences. Kempf worked
with Mennonite Central Committee in Mozambique as a sustainable
agriculture consultant. His presentation will tie in with the 2017 Hesston
community read, Blue Revolution: Unmaking America’s Water Crisis.

11:45 a.m., Golden Gables Lunch
Community Center, Hesston Mennonite Church
Alumni from all college & academy classes 50 years or greater, join hosts
President Joseph A. Manickam ’87 and faculty member and historian
John Sharp ’73 to hear stories of and interviews with Hesston's former
presidents Kirk Alliman, Loren Swartzendruber and Howard Keim ’72.
Reunion classes with anniversaries will be recognized. $11.

Evening, Home Sweet Hesston Homecoming activities
Hobbs Stadium, Hesston High School, 150 N. Ridge Rd.
7 p.m., Global Voices Showcase Sanctuary, Hesston Mennonite Church
Enjoy music, drama and stories from students, music ensembles
and alumni voices in a variety of languages from around the world.
Recognition of Dave Osborne Ac64, ’66, for outstanding work directing
the international student program since 1986. Congratulate Dave and his
wife, Sena (Miller) ’68, on a phenomenal career.

9 p.m., Campus Activities Board student Bunco night
Campus Activities Center
Young alumni are invited to join in for the festivities of the top-rated
student game night!
Saturday, Sept. 23
8 to 8:45 a.m., Pancake and sausage breakfast
Community Center, Hesston Mennonite Church
Start your homecoming day memories right with all-you-can-eat pancakes prepared by Campus Facilities staff members. $5.

9 to 10 a.m.
The 26th annual two-mile run/walk: The Manickam Mosey Law in front of Bontrager Student Center (BSC)
This classic Hesston race tradition moves to Homecoming Weekend in 2017. Early entry discount until Sept. 15. Last minute participants can register at the Friday evening picnic or 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. at BSC on race day. Separate race registration at hesston.edu/2mile.

Morning, Class reunions Campus
See the full list of Saturday start times, reunion locations and class representatives.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Be Greater campaign presentation & tour
Lambright Hall, Lemons Center
See Friday event description.

Volleyball vs. Pratt (Kan.) CC
1 p.m.
Women’s soccer vs. Central Christian College
2 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Kansas Wesleyan
Free admission for alumni and friends with Homecoming name tag.

Noon to 2 p.m.
Inauguration and Partner Luncheon
Dining Hall, Bontrager Student Center
Alumni, special inauguration guests and Partners are invited to the weekend’s premier event to celebrate with Hesston’s ninth president, Dr. Joseph A. Manickam ’87. This is also the annual Partner appreciation event, and Partners will receive a separate invitation and reservation form. Reservations are required. $20 per person. Limited seating available. Early reservations strongly suggested. Child care provided.

Lunch
Alumni and friends are also invited to have lunch together at local restaurants.

3 p.m.
Inauguration ceremony and reception for President Dr. Joseph A. Manickam ’87
Sanctuary and Community Center, Hesston Mennonite Church
Hesston College’s ninth president will be installed in this inauguration service that brings together the entire campus community, alumni, family, friends and colleagues. A presidential address by Dr. Manickam will follow various tributes of welcome and blessing to him, his wife Wanda (Wyse) ’88 and their children, Faith, a Hesston College sophomore, and Matthew, a Hesston High School freshman.

5 to 7 p.m.
College and community family festival
Lawn south of Tennis Courts
Games, bouncy houses and face painting are a portion of this fun activity for alumni and Hesston community children.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Global Tastings college and community meal
Campus Activities Center
All weekend guests of the college and the Home Sweet Hesston community are invited for wonderful foods from around the world, including an East Indian dessert and homemade ice cream. Alumni Reservations required. $5.

7:30 p.m.
International music concert
Sanctuary, Hesston Mennonite Church
La República, direct from Ibagué, Colombia, is a fresh and dynamic three-piece Latin alternative rock band, including Daniel Moya ’08. Their vision is to share music that inspires peace, love and unity. Opening acts include Brazilian jazz group Terra Plana from Wichita and the local Regier Family Bluegrass Band. Purchase tickets locally in advance for this event only through the Hesston College Bookstore or at the door. $10.
All youth and students are free. Child care provided.

10 p.m.
Late-night international movie and refreshments
Theatre, Keim Center
Hana’s Miso Soup is a Japanese film with English subtitles. Based on a true story, the movie depicts a family dealing with life’s challenges. A wonderful look at Japanese culture – the experience and background of many of Hesston College’s international students. Refreshments include Reverse Druber’s Run doughnuts and Lincoln Perk coffee.

Sunday, Sept. 24
7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Alumni Advisory Council annual meeting
Community Center, Hesston Mennonite Church

9 to 9:45 a.m.
Coffee and cinnamon rolls
Dining Hall, Bontrager Student Center
The tradition continues! Enjoy complimentary continental breakfast before the worship service.

10:30 a.m.
Homecoming worship service
Sanctuary, Hesston Mennonite Church
Gather for worship at the culmination of our weekend together and renew our common faith in Christ. Manickam family friends and James Street Mennonite Church leaders Kathy (Keener) ’85 Keener Shantz and Stan Shantz will bring the message. The Bel Canto Singers will perform. Celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the shared Hesston Mennonite and Hesston College facility.

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Lunch buffet
Dining Hall, Bontrager Student Center
Alumni are invited to gather informally by class or with friends following worship. Pay at the door. $10.50.

Anniversary Class reunions times, locations, representatives

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See full event descriptions and presenter bios at www.hesston.edu/homecoming.
Give your high school-age student a taste of the Hesston Experience and bring them to visit during Homecoming Weekend!

Prospective students can have a full campus visit experience AND enjoy the extra Homecoming activities.

- attend Go Everywhere presentations
- stay in the dorm
- attend classes
- meet professors, directors and coaches

Call Admissions at 800-995-2757 to register your prospective student.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**AUGUST**

18 to 20 – Opening Weekend
21 – Start of fall semester

**SEPTEMBER**

4 – Prospective student open house (Labor Day)
15 to 16 – Prospective student visit weekend
20 – Homecoming Parade
21 – Homecoming Golf Benefit
22 to 24 – A Hesston College Homecoming & Inauguration: Grounded in Community, Globally Engaged
23 – Inauguration of Dr. Joseph A. Manickam

**OCTOBER**

5 – Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts: Broadway’s Next Hit Musical
6 to 7 – Prospective student visit weekend and performing arts scholarship auditions
7 – Prospective student open house
25 to 29 – Fall drama: And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson