SERVICE WITH A SMILE

THE HESSTON Experience

SERVICE THROUGH GIVING
page 14

SERVICE COMPLEMENTS EDUCATION
page 18
A CULTURE OF SERVICE

Friends,

The Hesston Experience is a defining piece of Hesston College. As I reflect on the many layers that create this one-of-a-kind experience for our campus, I’m drawn to the acts of service generously offered through the lives of our faculty and staff, students, alumni and friends.

As our vision statement explains so clearly, Hesston College graduates change the world as they serve through their vocations, churches, families and individual commitments to follow Christ. I am so grateful to see our vision be a living testament of who we are as a campus community.

Even before graduation, a heart for service is growing in our students on campus. For example, this is evident in many areas including our nursing and theatre programs. Through the Population-Based Nursing course, students have the opportunity to not only see where other population groups are coming from, but they get to spend time with them, gain a deeper understanding of their situations and offer solutions to help improve their lives. The theatre department is also expanding their capacity for empathy, using their performance skills to raise awareness of injustice in our society and giving back to those in need in our area.

I believe this stirring in our students is due to our incredible faculty and staff laying the foundation for a service mind-set. One group that does this exceptionally well is our campus facilities team. While they prefer to humbly offer their services in the background of our campus hustle and bustle, they lead by example through their joyful service to our students and the entire campus community.

It’s no wonder that as our graduates leave campus and start new chapters in their lives, this desire to serve stays with them. Sometimes we see it through alumni giving of their resources to ensure incoming students have the same opportunities to experience Hesston the way they did. Other times we see it through alumni who give up the comforts of home to step into a new culture and way of living to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

These acts of service are a key component to the Hesston Experience and a great example of why the world needs Hesston College. Your kindness to others is changing our world for the better.

Peace to you,

Dr. Joseph A. Manickam ’87
President
FEATURE STORY
4 Service with a smile
Highlighting HC’s facilities department

NEWS AND PROFILES
8 Hesston College 2022-23
A timeline review of the school year
14 Donor Feature
Merily (Mosquera) ’00 and Andy Tyart;
Jared ’19 and Jenna (Boller) ’20 Oyer
16 Alumni Feature
Emma (Payne) ’14 and Jared Redding
20 Scoreboard: Athletics
Soccer’s best season
21 The Spotlight
Performing Arts 2023-24 schedule
22 Hesston College Homecoming
Celebrating Bel Canto Singers
25 Alumni News
Catch up with your fellow Larks

NOW HIRING
Have a passion for working with students? Are you self-motivated?
Does working in a Christ-centered, diverse community sound energizing to you?
APPLY TODAY!
hesston.edu/employment
The year was 1982. Yost Center was under construction, and a crane dominated the campus landscape. One morning, the campus family was greeted by a bra waving happily in the breeze from the top of the crane.

The year was 1975. Graduation was going to happen on the lawn that morning. But first, all the chairs that were resting on top of Northlawn (now known as Keim Center) needed to be relocated to the lawn where they had been the night before. Jim Mason ’75 admits to participating in that prank. Mason became director of facilities 27 years later.

And then there were the leaves. Some guys took it upon themselves to fill a Kauffman Court mod completely with leaves – the whole entire hallway, all the way to the ceiling. They had collected bags of leaves from people in town. What went in had to come out, and it was up to the facilities crew to tackle the job – a job that needed to be done quickly because guys couldn’t get in or out of their mod, and the leaves were full of insects. So even after it was cleared out, which took several hours, the whole mod had to be fumigated because it was crawling with bugs. To make matters worse, there was an event on campus, and one of the facilities guys had to cancel a personal engagement to help clean up.

While many campus pranksters were able to keep their cover, the instigator of this leafy, bug-filled fiasco wasn’t so lucky. It just so happened that a pastoral ministries (PM) student and his wife lived in a college rental house near campus and had recently raked their yard, accumulating about 25 bags of leaves. One of the pranksters came through the lunch line, where the PM student’s wife worked, with then resident director Brent “Dogg” Brockmueller ’01 next in line. The wife of the PM student recognized the student and innocently said, “I hope you found good use for those leaves you borrowed from us. Did they work out for what you wanted them for?”

Busted.

Hesston College. Pranks happen.
“Students think they’re adults but they’ve got a ways to go,” said Jim Mason, recently retired director of facilities. “And so I still find a lot of joy just watching students become young adults. Sometimes it can really be frustrating for us because there’s stuff we have to fix and clean up after that happened because they didn’t make the best choices. But I think for the college, our big challenge is to engage with the different kinds of students in their backgrounds. Getting them to be more involved in what’s going on here, and helping them see they can still be a leader in a small pond – that’s what we are about at Hesston College.”

“We really don’t know what’s going to happen every day,” Mason added. “Students are sort of unpredictable and at an age where they are planning things without regard to planning ahead. And so we deal with that.”

Serving the campus community – it’s what they do. The facilities staff work with...well, everything and everyone, including building and vehicle maintenance among so much more. Energy management, electrical systems. Light bulbs, lawns, leaves. Toilets, trees. Floors, flowers, faculty. Drainage, doors. Students, staff, sustainability. Pipes, pickups, pancakes.

Wait. Pancakes?

“We started our pancake feed in ’96 on Valentine’s Day,” said Hiebert. “One of the guys [Lyle Bitikofer] at that time had the idea. We even put up crepe paper and decorated the shop and did some fun things. We’ve done it every year since except for COVID. The first year we did just pancake mix out of the box, and that was gross. One of our team members [Naomi Unruh] had been a missionary in Africa, and they made their own pancake mix and she made homemade maple syrup. We still use those recipes today. It’s a lot of fun and a way to interact with all employees on campus.”

Homemade pancakes and maple syrup are a tiny drop in the bucket of creative solutions this crew feeds the college campus. For example, the conveyer belt in the dining hall. It was old and kept breaking down. It involved a motor and canvas that was covered in food waste and couldn’t be washed clean. When food service staff complained about the vintage belt, Marlo Duerksen ’77, facilities specialist at...
the time, bought a piece of white hard plastic – hard enough and slick enough to skate on – and he cut it and set it in place. Perfect. No motor that breaks. Just a super sanitary place for trays.

Providing good service to a campus community involves responding to needs, but it also involves being proactive.

“Years ago, we used to have problems with frozen pipes,” retired buildings and grounds manager Tim Goering ’76 recalled. “Well, if you get a call that a pipe has frozen and broke, and you go and you fix that, and just walk away from it and didn’t do anything else, in my opinion, you didn’t do your job. You find why it broke, and then you dig in further and you find a solution to keep it from happening again. And I will say that through this last cold snap this winter, we didn’t have one pipe that broke on our campus. We had done our preventive work. And that includes the fact that we’re involved from the very beginning with new buildings so we can give our input. We’re on the construction site every day, and if we see something that is going to cause a problem later on, we try to get it corrected then. That has been so helpful for us, and I credit college leadership for that.”

The facilities team members have assignments and specialize in certain areas, but they also cross over and work together. Their ongoing collaboration is how this department saying came to be: Miracles we can make happen, the impossible just takes longer. When it snows, everyone helps move snow. When there’s a big problem, they are all pitching in on the solution. When there is an emergency, a large event on campus or multiple events and activities on the same day, the entire team pulls together to make it happen.

“If you’re just here to do your job, you’re missing out on a lot,” Goering said. “Working here has provided us with opportunities of service as well.”

With many great volunteers over the years coming through the facilities department, staff have tried to serve these volunteers by treating them to lunch, having them over for supper and doing other activities together off campus.

“We learned from the volunteers who served us, how to work with them and to grow from that experience of service, and then to turn around and help others,” explained Hiebert.

And honestly, there might be a call to pranking, even among the facilities team. When Goering was gone for several days during his tenure, he returned to find the driver’s seat on his van had been replaced by a toilet. Another time, Goering walked into the shop to find Duerksen working underneath his van, installing some sort of bright red contraption. When Goering inquired about what was going on, Duerksen muttered something about “Some emission thing” and Goering walked on. Later, when Goering drove his van, he discovered much to his chagrin that every time he put the brakes on, a very loud fire alarm horn “emitted” from his van.

Yes, for the Hesston College facilities team, pranks happen. And so does a lot of creative problem solving, collaboration, just plain hard work and service with a smile. It’s what they do.
Working here has provided us with opportunities of service as well.

Amazed at the support the facilities team provides and want to give back to this selfless group? See page 31 to learn how!
Economic Impact
Kansas Independent College Association released the results of a study that estimates the impact of Hesston College on the statewide economy to be $26.5 million and 208 jobs.

Population-Based Nursing Projects
Nursing students worked with local organizations to connect with and gain a deeper understanding of individuals within their populations and offer solutions to problems.

Men’s Soccer
This fall marked the team’s most successful season in 26 years.

Bel Canto Singers
Colorado Fall Tour

Cultures Fair
The community had a taste of global flavor at this annual event made possible by the contributions of international students from 18-plus countries including Myanmar, Albania and Dominican Republic.

Population-Based Nursing Projects
Nursing students worked with local organizations to connect with and gain a deeper understanding of individuals within their populations and offer solutions to problems.

Student ADVOCACY
In response to student-voiced concerns about campus safety and culture, Hesston College hired Cozen O’Connor’s Institutional Response Group to conduct a comprehensive review of campus Title IX policies and practices.

Snow Ball
A revamped version of the event formerly known as Feast of Carols, this end-of-semester formal included a nice dinner and hay ride to the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains for a dance, followed by ice skating at Wichita Ice Center.
Opening Weekend

Kauffman Court Apartments
Dorming juniors and seniors arrived to the option of living in new apartments equipped with a kitchen and other common areas.

OCTOBER

Home Sweet Hesston
Hesston College hosted the kick-off events for this community-wide homecoming, including a food truck rally, yard games and community pep rally, and also hosted the fourth annual disc golf tournament.

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike
This hilarious comedy was the first theatre production of the year.

Business Colorado Trip
Junior business students toured businesses owned by Hesston College alumni and Partners.

courtesy photo Mari Gerber

King of Ghana Visit
Hoping to develop an aviation school in Ghana, the king toured campus and the aviation program.

Holly Jolly Community Day
Hesston College participated in this community celebration, hosting basketball games and kid’s activities, while an alum offered free haircuts to attendees.

It’s Wonderful Life: The Live Radio Play
Performing Arts presented this beloved American holiday classic as a live 1940s radio broadcast.

SEPTEMBER

Homecoming 2022
Homecoming 2022 kicked off with a celebration of history and future plans for the School of Management and the School of Engineering, the two newest bachelor’s degree offerings.

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike
This hilarious comedy was the first theatre production of the year.

Aviation facilitates hands-on learning for youth
Over a three-day period, the School of Aviation hosted approximately 220 sixth graders from Newton’s Santa Fe Middle School for a two-hour introduction to aviation course. This included a discussion on basic aerodynamics, aircraft components, principles of navigation and communication, in addition to an opportunity to fly one of the college’s training devices.
JANUARY

VP of Enrollment Management
As part of Vision 2025, this new role was created and filled by Grant Myers to oversee several vital departments involved directly with increasing enrollment: admissions, financial aid and marketing and communications.

FEBRUARY

Virtual Class Reunions
An easier, travel-free option to reconnect with classmates, more than 100 Hesston alumni from four countries gathered together virtually for the first virtual reunions.

MARCH

Masterworks Concert
This performance titled “I Believe” was held in coordination with Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities.

APRIL

Larks Landing Day
Admissions hosted a fun-packed event for admitted students that included a Larks softball game, scavenger hunt, next steps session and fun outdoor activities.

LarkFest
Students and faculty were recognized for their academic and leadership achievements during this annual ceremony. Congrats to our Lark of the Year, Jesse Kanagy!

TOMATO PLANT GIRL
APRIL 27 TO 30

courtesy Tiffany Adams

Philadelphina Urban Life and Culture Trip
Hesston College students are once again off on this cultural immersion and educational experience, spending one week each with three different cultural groups: African-Americans, Asian-Americans and Latino/a-Americans.

Commencement
Our 2023 graduates are gearing up for this long-awaited day. The college’s 113th commencement will present approximately 59 associate degrees and 41 bachelor’s degrees.
Know Jesus
The Hesston College Bible Department hosted 85 junior high students for this two-day conference, providing a meaningful weekend for youth to grow in their faith.

The Apple Tree
The spring theatre production offered a unique three-plays-in-one structure with all playlets falling under a familiar theme of choice and consequence.

Flag Football
New to Hesston women’s athletics, the flag football team participated in their first ever games during a round-robin event hosted on their home field.

Bel Canto Singers Tour
This elite choir is heading to the southwest for their annual tour, with performances scheduled for Albuquerque, N.M.; Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz.; Pasadena and Sierra Madre, Calif.; and Denver, Colo.

Business Trip to Thailand
Junior business students traveled to Thailand for a three-week immersion in global entrepreneurship, focusing on the coffee industry.

Japan Trip
Students who studied Japanese language and culture over the past two months are now heading to Japan to continue their exploration abroad. This three-week trip begins with a focus in Hiroshima, but will end with a tour of six additional cities in Japan.

FIND OUT MORE
Scan to learn more about these events and activities.
Thank you PARTNERS and DONORS

2021-22

**TOTAL FUNDS RAISED FOR THE HESSTON EXPERIENCE FUND (ANNUAL FUND)**
$1.45M

**TOTAL FUNDS RAISED**
$8.6M

**TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS THAT GAVE**
2,400

**AMOUNT GIVEN TO STUDENTS VIA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS**
$500K

**ALUMNI HOUSEHOLDS THAT GAVE**
1,300

**TOTAL RAISED IN THE ANNUAL PHONATHON**
$91K

**TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS THAT GAVE**
2,400

**ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS**
144

---

**BECOME A PARTNER**
Partners are our alumni and friends who commit to giving $1,000 or more annually which supports scholarships and many elements of the Hesston Experience.

**GEM**
This program offers young alumni or those on a tight budget to give at whatever level works for them. Whether it is $1 or $50 a month, we welcome all Larks to consider giving every month (GEM) via electronic donations.

**LEGACY PARTNER**
Legacy Partners are those who leave a planned gift or legacy gift to support the mission of Hesston through their will or other giving vehicle. Planned giving is a way to leave a legacy of Christ-centered education for generations to come.

**ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
Endowed scholarships can be established with a gift of $20,000 or more as a way to support students who have particular interests, qualifications or financial need.

**GIVING MADE EASIER**
If you are interested in getting involved in helping Hesston College continue to change lives, visit hesston.edu/give. PayPal, Apple Pay and Venmo options are also available on our giving page.

hesston.edu/give

---

Fall 2022 Phonathon callers
Generosity spurs new scholarship opportunities

Through the generosity of our supporters, Hesston College was able to offer five new institutional endowed scholarships to students with specific interests, qualifications or financial need. With 99 percent of Hesston College students receiving institutional aid of some sort, these additional scholarships help bring our students one step closer to reaching their educational goals. Take a look at these new scholarship opportunities:

- RD Snyder Life Sciences Scholarship
- Janice R. Brubacher Nursing Scholarship
- Sherwyn J. Smeltzer Business Management Scholarship
- Doris and Harold Hjelmstad Scholarship
- Ventura Family Scholarship

Learn more about each of these scholarships.

hesston.edu/news

There’s no question these scholarships are making a lasting impression on students. Just ask Bryce Blake ’24, a freshman in the Bible and Ministry program, a member of the men’s basketball team and a recipient of the DewEze Bible and Ministry Scholarship. As a native of Jefferson, Ga., Blake found the idea of going to college so far away from home quite daunting. In a letter expressing his gratitude for the college’s support he writes, “When I arrived I wasn’t excited, yet thankful to be blessed and fortunate enough to make it to a wonderful school like this.” Blake continues, “The next day after I moved in, I felt a homey sense of comfort, even though far from home.”

Blake concluded his letter writing, “I will try my best to learn a lot, to play well and to exhibit Christ-like behavior through my words and actions! May God bless y’all!”

Another grateful scholarship recipient is Larry Ruffin ’24, a freshman in the Bible and Ministry program. He is also a member of the men’s basketball team and involved in instrumental music playing the grand piano. Ruffin was a recipient of the Alvin and Gertrude Blough scholarship as well. He expressed his gratitude for the support in a letter, writing, “I am beyond excited to see what plans God has for me at Hesston College.” Ruffin wrapped up his letter by saying, “The fact that all of my interests are here at Hesston reinforces my belief that God has put me here for a reason, and I am grateful that your scholarship will help me find out what that reason is.”
A desire to serve the campus community is a compelling driver for many alumni who make the choice to become donors. It’s because of their generous contributions that the college can offer a transformative experience and monetary support through competitive financial aid.

While giving doesn’t look the same for everyone, all of it carries an impact.

Meet the Tyarts – GEM (Giving Every Month) donors

Merily (Mosquera) ’00 and Andy Tyart are firm believers in giving back. As someone who did not have the financial means to attend Hesston College on her own, Merily is still grateful for the generosity of previous donors that allowed her to get her nursing degree.

Not long after graduating from Hesston College, Merily was able to visit campus and talk to nursing classes about her experience in oncology. “That was really, for me, an amazing and very rewarding way of being able to also give back,” she explains.

While she thought she would continue to give back in this way, she later discovered God had a different plan. Now that she lives on the east coast with her husband and their two children, the desire to give back hasn’t changed…it just looks different.

“I may not be able to be there, but [by giving], you’re empowering people who are gonna go throughout nationally and internationally to communities where they will bring that experience, and they will bring that service and they will make a difference,” says Merily.

Having experienced the kindness and help of others first hand, the Tyarts are eager to share the same loving generosity with others and now give back as GEM donors. Merily says, “I want to be able to be an agent of empowerment and change in somebody else’s life, who may otherwise not have the opportunity.”
Meet the Oyers – Partner donors

Recent graduates Jared ’19 and Jenna (Boller) ’20 Oyer have fond memories of their time at Hesston and shortly after graduating, felt a strong desire to give back to the community that had given them so much.

Jenna completed the four-year nursing BSN program and played soccer her first two years at Hesston, while Jared received an associate degree in general studies and was a member of Bel Canto Singers before completing his bachelor’s degree at Eastern Mennonite University. To top off these great academic and co-curricular experiences, Hesston College is where Jared and Jenna first met.

Jenna smiled as she reflected on her time at Hesston College. “Hesston was more than just a school for me. It was a community that welcomed me with open arms and helped me grow both academically and personally,” she said.

Having received so much from Hesston College, they began their giving journey as GEMs not too long after graduating, donating $25 a month. They say sticking to a budget with a portion specified for charitable giving made this an easy first step. They later met with a member of the advancement team at Hesston who shared the college’s vision for the future and the changes that had taken place since the couple graduated. This glimpse of the future got them excited about contributing more, so they increased their giving and became Partners.

Giving at the Partner level is a big commitment not typical of recent graduates who may still have things like student debt in the back of their minds, but Jenna and Jared don’t see it that way. “I think if people could see that it’s not as daunting of an amount as it sounds, if you’re just doing it every month…even $25 a month can still make a difference if many people are a part of that,” Jenna explained. The Oyers’ generosity is a testament to the impact Hesston College had on their lives. Their giving helps ensure future students will have access to the same, and even better opportunities and experiences than they had.

“Hesston has been a part of my family for generations, and I’m proud to continue that legacy by supporting the college as a donor,” Jared added. “I want to give back to the place that gave me so many amazing experiences and lifelong friends.”

Interested in supporting the college as a Partner, visit hesston.edu/partner.
A home off the grid. The electricity comes from solar panels. There’s a deep freezer, but no refrigerator. There’s a propane stove, but no other appliances. Rain water is caught and stored in tanks for all cooking, cleaning and showering - when the dry season comes, less is done to conserve water. Laundry is hand washed. All cooking is from scratch. There’s a small town 30 minutes away to get basic food items, but other supplies are five hours away. Plus, the main mode of transportation is on foot or by motorcycle – not ideal for a family of four.

Despite these circumstances, “It’s paradise,” says Emma (Payne) ’14 Redding. “I’m looking at this amazing view right now from our house…the weather is perfect. We have a great team. We get to live here - we don’t have to live here - God has brought us here.” “Here” is a small village in Peru where Emma, a graduate of Hesston’s three-year nursing program, and her husband Jared are serving as missionaries with their sons Micah and Jack, ages 3 and 1.

**A HEART FOR THE MISSION FIELD**

It was her sophomore year at Hesston College when God started pulling on Emma’s heart strings for the unreached, and she soon began pursuing missions.

After connecting with a woman from her hometown in Iowa, Emma was able to go on her first mission trip to Nigeria in the summer of 2013. “During my time there, God just confirmed to me in a big way that yes, this is what I’m asking you to do with your life,” Emma recalls. “And I loved it. I had such a peace and a joy about it.”

While her heart was still on the mission field, Emma pushed through and completed her last year at Hesston College, and went on to receive her bachelor’s through an online program.

“I just wanted to just go and start [in missions], but I knew that finishing nursing would be beneficial,” she explains. “I could use that skill and that degree later on, on the mission field.”

Just a few weeks after returning from Nigeria, Emma met Jared. And while she was determined to not let anyone keep her from the mission field, their relationship blossomed. They married and decided to pursue what was originally just Emma’s calling, together.

As newlyweds, the Reddings connected with Pioneers, an organization that partners with local churches to equip and send missionaries to unreached peoples. After much prayer and careful consideration of where to go, the couple landed with the launch team in Peru in 2019. This offered a gentle immersion into the Spanish language and culture before starting ministry.

**SERVING THE ASHÉNINKA PEOPLE**

The Reddings and their mission team of seven have since been working to plant seeds in hopes of building a self-sustaining church, one where Ashéninka believers will be the ones going to surrounding areas to share the gospel of Christ.

“We don’t want this to be a missionary led church. We want this to be an Ashéninka church led by Ashéninka believers,”
Emma emphasizes, “We want to disciple and empower and equip the believers here to go out and do that because it will be much better received from an Ashéninka than from our mouth.”

Emma admits they may not see the fruit of their work, but did Recall how one missionary explained it to her, “he said, ‘we weren’t even planting seeds. We were just moving rocks.’ And some days, it feels like all we do is move rocks… But it’s not our work, it’s God’s work.”

The Reddings are now spending most of their time learning the Ashéninka language. Most villagers speak Spanish also, so they can communicate, but Ashéninka is their heart language.

“If you and I want to learn something really important, or want to understand something the best, we want to learn it in English. And so we want to do that for them in Ashéninka,” Emma explains. “We don’t want there to be any muddied waters in the gospel presentation because of language barriers.”

The mission Emma and Jared are on may seem like a tough one, but good times are still plenty.

“One of the biggest sources of joy for me here is our time during the women’s Bible studies every week,” says Emma. “We have this audio Bible in their language that we can play scripture from, especially for people like this woman who doesn’t speak any Spanish. And so, watching her face as she hears some of this scripture for the very first time and hearing her questions, too - it is priceless. I mean, it’s why we’re here.”

“My hope and my prayer is that there will be Ashéninka in heaven because of the work here,” Emma shares. And while she admits they have given up a lot in a tangible way, it can’t compare to the salvation of the Ashéninka people. “Them knowing Christ as their Savior and one day them being in heaven worshiping God with you - not that it makes the rest of it easy, because it’s not - but it is worth it.”

Emma and Jared believe they still have a very clear calling to remain in this place to serve the Ashéninka people. “It’s really hard some days. We miss our family,” Emma says. “But in this season, this is what he’s asking of us. And so we just try and be obedient to that.”

“We don't want this to be a missionary led church. We want this to be an Asháninka church led by Asháninka believers. We want to disciple and empower and equip the believers...”
A Kansas native and graduate of Elyria Christian School, Abby Ediger ’23, was used to a small school where you can get to know everyone, an attribute that resonated with her on the Hesston campus.

“I have never loved the idea of a big college, where no one really knows each other,” Ediger explains. “Hesston College gave me the opportunity to get to know a lot of people on campus.”

Her studies have led her to talk to more than just those on campus. Eager to put her educational skills in emergency management services to work, Ediger began volunteering with Hesston EMS in the fall of 2021 and started engaging with the broader community she serves.

“I have always loved helping people, and EMS applies to that,” she says. “I get to help other people in their most vulnerable state.”

Ediger reveals another personal perk to this type of service, “I also have always loved adrenaline rushes, and EMS for sure gives me that adrenaline rush.”

She passed the EMT certification in July 2022, and continues to serve as a first responder with Hesston EMS in coordination with her education at Hesston College.

Looking ahead, Ediger says she is exploring her options, “I am deciding between moving on and pursuing my paramedic certification, or working towards an ultrasound tech certification or taking a gap year and getting more experience as an EMT.”

Abby Ediger ’23
Major: General Studies, Emergency Management program
Hometown: Inman, Kansas
Activities: Ministry Assistant, EMS volunteer
On October 24, 2022, Hesston College celebrated two new emeritus faculty members. With over 74 years between them, Vickie Andres, business professor, and Margaret Wiebe, library director, were honored for their years of dedication and commitment to the college and students.

Andres served in the business department for 33 years as professor, mentor and business advocate. Through her years at the college Andres ushered in relationships with local businesses that brought internships, jobs and financial support. Her vision for a future business program was the beginning of the School of Management Hesston College has today. “Vickie helped to put together the entire program,” said Vice President of Academics Dr. Carren Moham. “A lot of it would not have happened if it hadn’t been for Vickie’s input.”

Heidi Hochstetler ’00, intensive English language program and education professor, spoke about her experience with Andres. “Vickie is like an aspen grove,” said Hochstetler, “on the surface they look like individual trees, but once you look below the surface, all of the roots are interconnected.”

The current home of Mary Miller Library at Hesston College is the result of Wiebe’s work and vision. Beginning her career at the college in 1981, Wiebe brought forth the remodel and renovation of the campus library that has served generations of students, as well as the community.

In the span of 40 years, the way information is delivered has seen extensive change. Wiebe navigated these changes and was able to deliver new methods of data as they were available. “The library at the beginning of her career and today is a really different place,” said chemistry professor Will Wiebe-Friesen, “and we can thank her flexibility, creativity and adapting to those changes for the many resources we all have available to us now.”

Emeritus status is granted to selected faculty and staff who have served the college for 15 or more years and have retired. By being granted this honor, Andres and Wiebe will be given the rights and privileges of current faculty. They were each presented with a plaque honoring their service and this day of celebration.

Thailand Trip

Hesston College School of Management students and faculty traveled to Thailand and were joined by President Manickam.

See their adventures

hesston.edu/thailand
Best season in the books
The men’s soccer team wrapped up the year with their most successful season in 26 years, finishing with a record of 8-7-1. A true melting of backgrounds, the team was formed by student athletes from Albania, France, Germany, Japan, South Africa and seven U.S. states.

Head coach Dante Texeira had nothing but praise for his team. “The dedication and hard work from all the boys was amazing this season. Multiple guys stepped up and took over roles and positions that they haven’t been put in before, and in the end, it paid off with us breaking a 26-year curse,” Texeira said. “I couldn’t be more proud of all of the guys in the program that helped us to get to this point. Now we’ll look to build off of it.”

Inaugural Women’s Flag Football Season
Hesston College’s flag football team took the field for the first time March 10 in a round robin tournament where they dominated two of their first three opponents on their home field.

The players represent seven states and several multi-sport athletes including three basketball players, one soccer and basketball player, one soccer only player and one volleyball player.

“I am truly blessed to help grow the women’s flag football program here at Hesston College,” says head coach Max Switzer. “To be able to be the first head coach and lay down the foundation here is an honor. The women have been working extremely hard throughout the fall and the beginning of this spring getting prepared for the inaugural season. We are excited to see the hard work pay off as we prepare to play in the national tournament in Atlanta, Ga., in the middle of May.”

Practice field added
Thanks to generous donors, a new practice field was added west of Oswald baseball field. Made available to teams in April, this grass field measuring 100 by 55 yards offers many benefits. Different teams can now practice at the same time, student athletes’ practice schedules are more consistent and overuse of game fields is alleviated.

Sports to utilize the field include flag football, men’s and women’s soccer and track and field.

Disc golf teams make it to nationals
Great performances at the regional championships in March earned both the men’s and women’s disc golf teams a bid to the national championship in North Carolina.

The men’s four-player team competed at the Division I level and ousted several big competitors, finishing 24th overall out of 64 teams.

The women’s two-player team also represented Hesston College well in their division.
Theatre students expand capacity for empathy through service

by Rachel Jantzi

Theatre provides more than entertainment, it’s a mirror of our world and we wish that reflection to look a little kinder as Hesston College Theatre works to serve our campus and beyond.

Safehope of Harvey County, an outreach agency for those who have experienced sexual violence, requested an original piece on abuse and trauma that was researched, written and performed by students on and off campus for various audiences.

Students have taken the show “I Never Saw Another Butterfly” into high schools and led powerful talkbacks on the children of the Holocaust.

Inspired by a boxer-cladded character in last fall’s production, the theatre department accepted donations of new undergarments and socks. This large donation was delivered by students to a shelter they researched prior to going and then toured upon arrival.

Ongoing service projects include Theatre for Young Audiences which offers family friendly messages, a local playwriting competition that has given a voice to our community as they write their stories, see them performed and participate in a talkback session afterward and a summer theatre camp experience for middle and high schoolers that puts a show together in a wildly collaborative whirlwind of a week.

2023-24 Music Reunion Events

40 Years of Bel Canto Singers
Homecoming Weekend 2023, Sept. 22 to 23

Bel Canto Singers Tour
March 10 to 17, 2024

All Hesston College alumni are invited to meet up with the choir on tour for a short rehearsal before the concert and sing with the choir during the performance.

Planned community visits:
- March 10 – Harrisonburg, Va.
- March 11 – Lancaster, Pa.
- March 12 – Lansdale, Pa.
- March 13 – Kidron, Ohio
- March 15 – Goshen, Ind.
- March 19 – Hesston, Kan.

For more information and to get connected visit hesston.edu/musicreunion.

2023-24 PERFORMING ARTS SCHEDULE

September 23 – Bel Canto and Alumni Choir Concert
September 28 to October 1 – “Steel Magnolias”
October 29 – Sunflower Soiree
November 11 – Masterworks concert
December 2 – Christmas collaboration
January 24 – Treble Choral Festival
February 28 to March 3 – “Little Shop of Horrors”
April 26 to 27 – “Pen to Paper to Performance”
May 10 – International Chorale and Alumni concert
May 14 to June 4 – Europe tour

For event details and full list of performances visit hesston.edu/performing-arts-calendar.

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, 2022
This year’s schedule of events

Thursday, September 21
7 p.m. - Cultures Fair
   Students representing 18-plus countries will prepare food, give presentations about their countries of origin and offer performances reflecting their global roots.

Friday, September 22
11 a.m. - Formation (formerly chapel)
Noon - Golden Gables lunch and program
   History of Music at Hesston College, Ken Rodgers ’85, music professor
2 p.m. - New Faces Rooted in Tradition, Hesston College faculty and staff:
   • Jeff Baumgartner, mathematics professor and department chair
   • Chantel Cherney, nursing professor
   • Risa Fukaya ’19, international admissions and support counselor
   • Forrest (Woody) Miller ’85, development officer
   • Grant Myers, vice president of enrollment management
   • Kassidy Pflughoeft, volleyball head coach
   • Ken Rodgers ’85, music professor
   • Dori Roth ’87, director of financial aid
3:30 p.m. - Bib Lit in a Modern World, Bible Professors Michele (Schrock) ’81 Hershberger & Nick Ladd ’14
5:30 p.m. - International dinner in Dining Hall
6:30 p.m. - Volleyball game
8 p.m. - Reverse Druber’s run
8 p.m. - Alumni baseball and softball games

Saturday, September 23
8:30 a.m. - Disc golf tournament
8:30 a.m. - Class reunions
   Academy ’53 and ’63
   College ’53, ’63, ’73, ’83, ’93, ’03 and ’13
11 a.m. - Manickam Mosey
Noon - Partner program and lunch
1:30 p.m. - Departmental open houses:
   Aviation, Bible, Business, Engineering and Nursing
3:30 p.m. - Bel Canto Singers & Alumni Concert: Celebrating 40 Years
5 p.m. - Homecoming Family Festival
5 p.m. - Women’s soccer game
7:30 p.m. - Men’s soccer game with Athletic Hall of Fame introduction during halftime

Sunday, September 24
10:30 a.m. - Homecoming worship service

Do you have a high school student? Admissions will host a visit weekend during Homecoming. Come enjoy reconnecting with alumni and the college while your student learns about the Hesston Experience.
HOMECOMING 2022

Virtual Class Reunions for Classes AC ’48, ’58 and College ’58, ’68, ’78, ’88, ’98, ’08, ’18 will be February 3, 2024

**Formation**
with Howard Keim ’72 and Talashia Keim ’02 Yoder

**Affinity Reunions**

**International Dinner**

**Business Alumni Panel**
with Annette (Steider) ’83 Brown, Clark Roth ’82, Emily Wagner-Davis ’12 and Duane Horst ’79

**Class of ’12 Reunion**
COLLEGE Commits to Enacting All Recommendations from External Title IX Review

An external review commissioned by President Joseph A. Manickam of Hesston College’s efforts to prevent and address sexual and gender-based harassment and violence and meet its obligations to Title IX found significant gaps and failures, Manickam and Board Chair Ken G Kabira announced April 14. In a letter to the community, Manickam and Kabira apologized on behalf of the college and committed to fully enacting the review’s recommendations to strengthen and improve student safety and wellbeing.

“We want to share with you, as two people who love Hesston College and believe in its mission, that we found reading this report and its descriptions of how we have failed our students painful, humbling and saddening,” Manickam and Kabira wrote. “To our students who were impacted by the college’s failures, we extend our own and the college’s most sincere apologies. We commit to doing all that we can to earn back your trust in the college.”

In November 2022, the college asked Cozen O’Connor, a firm with nationally recognized expertise in investigating sexual and gender-based harassment and violence, to conduct the review in response to student concerns.

In their letter to the community, Manickam and Kabira announced that the college would immediately:

• Work with Cozen O’Connor to initiate prompt restorative outreach to those affected by the college’s insufficient actions in response to their reports;
• Provide educational and professional development programming for all senior leaders to ensure they have the necessary expertise in Title IX and related matters;
• Ensure that all campus administrators, faculty and staff who are or may be involved in the response to a report have sufficient training and support to ensure that these types of failures cannot occur at Hesston again;
• Immediately initiate a search for an external partner firm with expertise in Title IX institutional change to help prioritize the Cozen O’Connor recommendations, build a plan of action and track our implementation to ensure it is prompt, effective and meaningful;
• With the above partner, as a means of public accountability, keep the Hesston College community regularly informed on our Title IX efforts and provide opportunities to gather related feedback; and
• Identify and designate additional funding to support these efforts.

Manickam will update the community regularly on next steps and intends to have key improvements in place this fall. The college has created a webpage, hesston.edu/tixreview, that includes Cozen O’Connor’s full report as well as related resources.

Students, faculty, staff and alumni are encouraged to submit questions, comments and feedback to questions@hesston.edu.
Ways to Stay in the Know!

- **E-News**
  If you’re not receiving the every other month Alumni & Friends News updates via email, please update your contact information at hesston.edu/update.

- **Campus Calendar**
  Always know what is happening on campus at hesston.edu/calendar.

- **Live Streams**
  Formation at hesston.edu/formation.
  Athletics at kjccsports.net/hesstoncollege/.

- **Summer Alumni Events**
  For full list of event and information, please visit hesston.edu/alumni.

---

1940-49

**DEATHS**

- Ella (Harder) Ac43 Harnly, Manheim, Pa., July 22, 2022
- Martha (Buckwalter) Ac46 ‘48 Hershberger, Hesston, Kan., Jan. 13, 2023
- Dewey Hostetler Ac46, North Newton, Kan., Oct. 24, 2022
- Dale Yoder Ac46, Hesston, Kan., Sept. 29, 2022
- Louise Swartzendruber ’47, Glendale, Ariz., March 10, 2022
- Elizabeth (Regier) ’48 Klassen, Morton, Ill., Sept. 4, 2021
- Opal (Nitzsche) Ac44 ’48 Ripley, Hesston, Kan., June 8, 2022
- Minerva Yoder Ac48, former employee, Glendale, Ariz., Sept. 18, 2022

1950-59

**MARRIAGES**

- Tom Hershberger ’59 and Anita Hertzler, Rio Communities, N.M., Nov. 19, 2022

**DEATHS**

- Irene (Hershberger) Ac50 ’52 Yoder, Hesston, Kan., May 31, 2022
- Erlene (Roth) ’53 Schlegel, Rocky Ford, Colo., May 7, 2021
- Marge (Headrick) Ac51 ’53 Schmucker, Hesston, Kan., March 1, 2023
- Gladys (Yutzy) Ac52 Meadows, Hutchinson, Kan., Dec. 3, 2022
- Ginny (Ramer) ’54 Brubaker, Saint Albert, Alberta, Jan. 1, 2020
- Claudia (Kropf) Ac53 Lapp, Canby, Ore., Aug. 2, 2022
- Lee Plank, spouse of Donna (Smucker) Ac53 ’55 Plank, West Liberty, Ohio, Dec. 18, 2022
- Jimmie (Rhodes) Ac53 Day Sutter, Winfield, Kan., Sept. 9, 2020
- Theo (Hartzler) Ac53 Yoder, Archbold, Ohio, Nov. 20, 2022
- Cletus Miller ’54, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Feb. 11, 2023
- Betty (Saltzman) ’55 Hjorth, Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20, 2023

1960-69

- Doug Hostetter ’64, Valley Cottage, N.Y., is the peace pastor at Evanston Mennonite Church and the associate representative of Pax Christi International to the United Nations in New York City.
- Karen (Swartzendruber) ’68 Kurtz, Goshen, Ind., wrote and published “Sophia’s Gift” which won gold in the 2021 Human Relations Indie Book Awards for cultural human relations in children’s books.

**DEATHS**

- Jane (Burkey) ’60 Boden, Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 26, 2022
- John Oyer ’61, former employee, New Braunfels, Texas, Sept. 5, 2022
- Darlene Bontrager, spouse of Barry Bontrager ’62, North Newton, Kan., Feb. 24, 2023

Richard Schmidt, spouse of Dorothy (Rice) ’56 Schmidt, Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 26, 2022
- Curt Dietz Ac54 ’57, Salem, Ore., Jan. 22, 2022
- Gordon Hackman ’57, New Orleans, La., Feb. 5, 2020
- Merv Stauffer ’57, Plano, Texas, Aug. 4, 2022
- Joyce (Voran) Ac56 ’58 Dalke, Hesston, Kan., July 3, 2022
- Mary Cooke Ac57, Marina Del Rey, Calif., Nov. 6, 2022
- Rosemary (Miller) Ac57 ’59 Shenk, Gettysburg, Pa., Sept. 15, 2022
- Paul Kauffman Ac58, Wolford, N.D., March 3, 2023
David Lehman ’62, Idaho City, Idaho, Jan. 13, 2020
Cathy (Peachey) ’62 Weaver, Hesston, Kan., July 31, 2022
Mary (Chupp) ’62 Yoder, Fort Collins, Colo., Sept. 8, 2022
Carole Hertzler Ac61 ’63, Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 2, 2022
Mary Lee (Detweiler) Ac60 ’63 Wiens, Hesston, Kan., Oct. 29, 2022
Steven Egli ’64, Squaw Valley, Calif., July 31, 2020
Robert Hartzler ’64, spouse of Phyllis (Freyenberger) ’55 Hartzler, Wayland, Iowa, July 24, 2022
Robert Wenger Ac62 ’64, Cary, N.C., June 10, 2022
James Schrag Ac62, North Newton, Kan., Jan. 7, 2023
John Willems Ac51 ’65, Albany, Ore., Sept. 13, 2022
Shirley (Yoder) ’66 Hershberger, spouse of Tom Hershberger ’59, Rio Communities, N.M., June 14, 2022
Bob Stutzman, spouse of Phyllis (Diener) Ac64 ’66 Stutzman, Weatherford, Okla., Sept. 1, 2022
Rod Bowers ’67, Ridott, Ill., Dec. 18, 2022
Barney Frey ’69, spouse of Jo (Nussbaum) ’69 Frey, Wauseon, Ohio, Nov. 19, 2022
Al Huyard ’69, Grottoes, Va., Dec. 21, 2022

1970-79
Kurt Horst ’73, Haven, Kan., is interim pastor at West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, Kan.
Michele (Miller) ’74 Miller Sharp is assistant athletic director for compliance and eligibility at Hesston College.
Norm Cender ’79, Elkhart, Ind., was promoted to director of maintenance and campus safety at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in August 2022. He joined the department in 2012 and has served as assistant director for 10 years.
Byron Peachey ’79, Harrisonburg, Va., started fall 2022 in a new role at Eastern Mennonite University — director of intercultural programs. He coordinates off-campus intercultural courses, provides academic and programmatic oversight of the undergraduate intercultural requirement and teaches undergraduate intercultural learning courses.

DEATHS
Teresa Mullet, spouse of Paul Mullet ’70, Spokane, Wash., Jan. 1, 2023
Kent Jantz, spouse of Rosie (Beachey) ’72 Jantz, former employee, Walton, Kan., Jan. 12, 2022
Ruby (Zook) ’74 Gray, Stanley, Va., Dec. 9, 2021.
Andrea (French) ’75 Kauffman, McVeytown, Pa., Dec. 29, 2022
Ken Martin ’75, Rockingham, Va., Jan. 16, 2023
Dennis Troyer, spouse of Kathy (Miller) ’75 Troyer, Shipshewana, Ind., Feb. 27, 2023
June (Harder) ’76 Heller, Mountain Lake, Minn., April 23, 2022
Creedon Miller ’76, Columbia, Mo., July 25, 2022
Leonard Root ’76, Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 12, 2022
Linda (Kortemeier) ’76 Werntz, Freeport, Ill., Dec. 30, 2022
Ronald Yoder ’76, Mound, Minn., June 7, 2022
Beth (Hartman) ’77 Hershberger, former employee, Hesston, Kan., Sept. 18, 2022
Dawn Augspurger, spouse of Brad Augspurger ’77, Elkhart, Ind., Sept. 22, 2022
Don Cressman ’78, spouse of Julie (Miller) ’79 Cressman, Las Vegas, Nev., Aug. 10, 2022
Brent Miller ’78, Wauseon, Ohio, Sept. 23, 2022
Don Helmuth, spouse of Sandy (Larson) ’79 Helmhuth, Arizona City, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2021

1980-89
Mark Yoder ’80, ’13, former employee, Phoenix, Ariz., will return to Hesston College in fall 2023 to teach in the physical education department.
Steve Ropp ’81, board member, Iowa City, Iowa, retired as director of commercial banking at Hills Bank after 36 years with the bank.
Douglas Amstutz ’81, Kitchener, Ontario, is a pastor at Erie View Mennonite Church (Port Rowan) and a development associate in Canada for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Ind.).
Becky (Derstine) ’81 Esch, former employee, Newton, Kan., is a certified holistic health practitioner.
Margie (Mejia) ’82 Mejia Caraballo, Rock Island, Ill., is a member of the Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Va.) Board of Trustees. She is also associate pastor at Templo Alabanza Spanish Mennonite Church and a claims representative at the Social Security Administration.
Kere Frey ’82, Chicago, Ill., was named Teacher of the Year in the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Illinois Chicago.
Jennifer (Mishler) ’82 Steiner, Farmington, Ark., is an in-home companion care partner for the elderly. Annette (Steider) ’83 Brown, former board member, Frisco, Texas, has taken a part-time role as a contractor in project systems support, working with her former team at Frito-Lay.

Des (Thompson) ’84 Martens, North Newton, Kan., is interim president and chief executive officer of Mirror, Inc., Newton. She previously served as Mirror’s vice president of prevention services.

Rebecca (Jantzen) ’85 Blackford, Orrville, Ohio, is administrator at Martins Day Care.

Ed Zuercher ’85, Phoenix, Ariz., has been selected to lead the Maricopa Association of Governments, a council of governments that serves as the metropolitan planning organization for transportation in the greater Maricopa region.

Lisa (Gingerich) ’86 Harms, Newton, Kan., is interim director of human resources at Hesston College.

Kristine Regehr ’86, North Newton, Kan., is a transition pastor with Western District Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Julie (Mumaw) ’87 Brown, Middleburg, Fla., volunteers with Hope Therapy, a therapeutic riding ranch, and Youth For Understanding, a high school student exchange program.

Jared Friesen ’87, Wichita, Kan., is co-owner of Spectrumware LLC, a company that creates custom software for clients.

Mary (Chege) ’87 Chege-Kamau, Johnson City, Tenn., is an entrepreneur business consultant for sales, marketing, operations and executives and a credentialed coach and certified professional trainer. She also helps recruit, advise and mentor international students in partnership with several U.S. universities.

Jeff Smith ’87, Monument, Colo., works in financial aid at Pueblo Community College.

Phil Stauffer ’87, Uniontown, Ohio, is executive director of Hartville Thrift Shoppe.

Diane Walaahunas ’87, Williamsport, Pa., is a teacher at Bostley’s Day Care.

Tim Ruebke ’88, Port Republic, Va., was recognized by the Virginia Mediation Network with the 2022 Distinguished Mediator Award in recognition of valuable contributions to the mediation profession.

Cheryl (Martin) ’88 Stephen, Dangriga Town, Belize, a family nurse practitioner, started a private clinic to serve rural communities. Cheryl and husband, Hubert, also support local pastors.

Judy Clemens ’89 Smucker, Ottawa, Ohio, completed work for her Ph.D. in American culture studies at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University and will graduate in 2023.

Carol (Yutzy) ’89 Miller, Haven, Kan., owns Harmonic Wholeness, an alternative wellness company in Wichita, Kan.

On February 2, Sonja Bontrager ’85 received the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award from Newman University (Wichita, Kan.). She teaches Spanish language, literature and culture at Newman. The award recognized her work promoting inclusiveness, raising awareness of the voices and the needs of Latino students and marginalized communities. She said about her work on Newman’s campus, “I hope they have a chance to see themselves, to have their identity affirmed, to have their culture part of the academic experience, to see themselves in the curriculum, classrooms and in our alumni leaders. I hope we can strengthen our relationships with our alumni and leaders in the community.”

Cindy Tolbert ’80, Newton, Kan., July 18, 2022

Marty Sommerfeld ’82, spouse of Mary (Shenk) ’85 Sommerfeld, Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 30, 2022

Kathleen (Ballentine) ’82 Wendland, St. John, Kan., Oct. 16, 2022

John Ditzler ’83, Rosedale, Ind., Jan. 9, 2022

Debra (Steiner) ’83 Fetzer, Apple Creek, Ohio, March 3, 2022

Curt Ross ’83, Sarasota, Fla., July 25, 2022

Sergio Silveira ’89, Keezletown, Va., Sept. 17, 2022

1990-99

Kim (Webb) ’90 Yutzy, Yoder, Kan., teaches music, band and physical education at Yoder Charter School. She was nominated for Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Darryn Nafziger ’92, New Hamburg, Ontario, is vice president of information technology for Erb Transport, Ltd.

Marisa Smucker ’92, former employee, Elkhart, Ind., is interim executive director of Mennonite Mission Network, the mission and service organization of Mennonite Church USA.

Mike Wallace ’92, Wichita, Kan., is director of training for FlightSafety International and owner of Wallace Aviation Services.

Anne (Gingerich) ’94 Brenneman, Harrisonburg, Va., is director of the James Madison University Health Center.

Chris Mummau ’95, East Waterford, Pa., is associate pastor at Lost Creek Mennonite Church.

Denise (Kauffman) ’98 Diller, Hesston, Kan., is a professor in the Hesston College School of Nursing.

Brent Yoder ’98, former employee, Hesston, Kan., was promoted to associate vice president of academic affairs at Friends University, Wichita, Kan. He previously served as associate academic dean and professor of chemistry. He also earned an HLC Peer Corps 2023 Magnificent Manager Award from the Higher Learning Commission.

On February 2, Sonja Bontrager ’85 received the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award from Newman University (Wichita, Kan.). She teaches Spanish language, literature and culture at Newman. The award recognized her work promoting inclusiveness, raising awareness of the voices and the needs of Latino students and marginalized communities. She said about her work on Newman’s campus, “I hope they have a chance to see themselves, to have their identity affirmed, to have their culture part of the academic experience, to see themselves in the curriculum, classrooms and in our alumni leaders. I hope we can strengthen our relationships with our alumni and leaders in the community.”

Photo courtesy Newman University.
**MARRIAGES**

Aaron Diller ’95 and Ronda Harder, Newton, Kan., Oct. 21, 2022

DEATHS

Mary (Carter) ’91 Pickering, Valley Center, Kan., Nov. 7, 2022

2000-09

Vanessa (Unruh) ’00 Mininger, Atwater, Calif., earned a Doctor of Education degree in learning and organizational change from Baylor University.

Chellie Ramer ’02, Fort Collins, Colo., is a research and scholarship librarian for the sciences at Colorado State University.

Jaylene (Clark) ’02 and Mitchel Williamson, Stillwater, Okla., work with The Navigators campus ministry at Oklahoma State University.

Ho-Hyun Lee ’06, Gunpo, Kyunggi, South Korea, is a successful restaurateur in Gunpo, on the outskirts of Seoul. He also works with study abroad programs helping high school students from South Korea study in other countries, some of whom he has then recruited to come to Hesston College.

Laura Sharp ’06, North Newton, Kan., is interim dean of students at Hesston College.

Nick Miller ’08 will start as principal of Sheldon, Iowa, High School in July. He previously served as the secondary principal of Tekamah-Herman School District in Tekamah, Neb.

Naomi Tice ’08, Bammental, Germany, works as regional youth pastor for the Vereinigung Der Deutschen Mennonitengemeinden, a conference of 14 Mennonite churches in northern Germany.

Abby (Kline) ’09 Regehr, North Newton, Kan., is student life office manager at Hesston College.

Megan Schrock ’09, Tuscon, Ariz., is a grounds manager at the University of Arizona.

**MARRIAGES**

Brent Garber ’08 and Ashley Garber, Hutchinson, Kan., May 29, 2022

**BIRTHS**

Jill (Widmer) ’02 and Josh Lundberg, Kalona, Iowa: Mila Verlee Lundberg, Aug. 14, 2022

Jon ’02 and Meredith Trotter, Harrisonburg, Va.: Megan Trotter, Feb. 3, 2021

Nathan ’04 and Julie Litwiller, Tremont, Ill.: Sophie Litwiller, April 1, 2022

Katie (Dyck) ’05 and Joseph Brownstone, Tucson, Ariz.: Laniakea Gladys Brownstone, July 26, 2022

Rob ’05 and Rebekah Steury, Goshen, Ind.: Callihan Robert Steury, Jan. 31, 2019, Porter Jay Steury, July 30, 2021

Phil ’05 and Sarahanne Unruh, Hesston, Kan.: Canyen Layne Unruh and Clemsen Sayge Unruh, July 22, 2022

Brandon ’05 and Megan (Yoder) ’06

Welgerd, Harrisonville, Mo.: Ruby Florence Wenger, May 9, 2022

Aaron ’06 and Crystal (Steiner) ’07 Martin, Orrville, Ohio: Bodie Martin, Sept. 5, 2018; Adria Martin, Jan. 26, 2021

Jenae (Leatherman) ’06 ’07 and Matt Yoder, Sutton, Alaska: Elyse Diane Yoder, Aug. 24, 2022

Erica (Yutz) ’07 and Mattias Clymer, Harrisonburg, Va.: Sawyer Ren Clymer, June 24, 2022

Hannah (Gillham) ’07 ’12, former employee, and Chris Dunlap, Hebron, Neb.: Reeva Sullivan Dunlap, Aug. 9, 2022

Hannah Miller ’07 and Joey Staub, Philomath, Ore.: Clara Ellen Miller Staub, June 18, 2022

Matt Boyts ’08 and Sarah (Kauffman) ’05 Kauffman-Boyts, Lincoln, Neb.: Miles Thomas Boyts, Aug. 17, 2022

Aaron ’08 and Midori Gingerich, Kalona, Iowa: Oaklynn Lea Gingerich, March 5, 2023

Roxanne (Stauffer) ’08, former employee, and Nick Glanzer, Milford, Neb.: Raef James Glanzer, Aug. 24, 2022

Nick ’08 and Maggie Miller, Tekamah, Neb.: Kendal Diane Miller, Dec. 23, 2022

Rick ’09 and Renee Eigsti, Portage, Mich.: Marcus James Eigsti, April 17, 2022

Laura (Goering) ’09 and Derrick Law, McPherson, Kan.: Wyatt Archer Law, Aug. 18, 2022

Carson ’09, former employee, and Bri ’14 Stutzman, Hesston, Kan.: Gabriel Ellis Stutzman, July 21, 2022

2010-19

Brocia (Beachy) ’12 Mueller, Halstead, Kan., is volunteer coordinator at the Mennonite Central Committee Central States office in North Newton, Kan.

Joey Stoltzfus ’12, Abbeville, S.C., is disaster services director for HopeForce International, a disaster relief organization.

Amber (Mayer) ’12 Ulrich, Haysville, Kan., teaches seventh and eighth grade science, exercise science and physical education and coaches girls basketball and track at Belle Plaine (Kan.) Middle School.
Garrett Roth ’18 was named the Sports in Kansas 3A Boys’ Coach of the Year. The Swathers won the state championship and compiled a stellar record of 25-1 during their season. With only one returning starter and a new coaching staff, Roth was able to help players step up to win a third straight state championship. (photo courtesy of Pam (Brenneman) ’83 Weaver)

Schumann, Hesston, Kan., opened Revive Therapy and Performance in Moundridge. Revive has partnered with Mercy Hospital to provide physical therapy, occupational therapy and personal training services.

Lori Sidebottom ’17, Wichita, Kan., is a manager at Ascension Living HOPE, a program for healthy senior living.

Sadie (Prowell) ’18 Gourley, Overland Park, Kan., is owner and stylist at American Honey Hair Co., Mission, Kan.

Ciara Kroeker ’18, Wichita, Kan., earned a Master of Science in Nursing Informatics from Western Governors University.

Mackenzie Miller ’18 received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award. She is spending three years at National Dong Hwa University in Hualien, Taiwan, pursuing a master’s degree in ethnic relations and culture. Her first year in Taiwan is dedicated to Chinese language study to prepare her to take classes in the language. In year two she will complete the majority of her graduate coursework and in year three she will finish a few final courses and write her thesis.

Amber (Partin) ’18 Sudduth, Derby, Kan., earned a Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Graceland University. She is in practice in Wichita.

Risa Fukaya ’19 Haven, Kan., is international admissions and support counselor at Hesston College.

Taylor Longenecker ’19, Harrisonburg, Va., is a certified public accountant working at PBMares LLP.

Taitem Zeigler ’19, North Newton, Kan., is flight instructor for the Hesston College School of Aviation.

MARRIAGES

Ashley Fehlberg ’10 and Alex McIntyre, Goshen, Ind., June 11, 2022

Austin Loucks ’12 and Amanda Heckaman, Elkhart, Ind., July 30, 2022

Cynde Patrick ’12 and Matthew Weber, Jefferson City, Mo., July 30, 2022

Sarah Geiser ’13 and Michael Doerksen, Apple Creek, Ohio, Sept. 18, 2021

Gina Benton ’13 ’14 and Jeremy Estell, Ingalls, Kan., Oct. 15, 2022

Leah Unruh ’13 and Greg Shelly, Wichita, Kan., July 30, 2022

Jessica Donnelly ’14 and Paul Dewey, Troutdale, Ore., June 9, 2022

Alyssa Gustafson ’14 and Lewis Kosjer, Derby, Kan., Nov. 12, 2022

Dominique Lowry ’14 and Kenneth Desmond Lester, Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 20, 2022

Levi Miller ’14 and Rachael Getter, Tulsa, Okla., May 1, 2021

Kevin Hawkins ’15 ’18 and Alaina Gingerich, Anchorage, Alaska, June 4, 2021

Renita Miller ’15 and Cody Tracy, Kalona, Iowa, Aug. 13, 2022

Jonathan Gonzalez ’16 and Hannah Reel, Goshen, Ind., July 2, 2022

Meredith Spicher ’16 and Noah Hop, Sioux Center, Iowa, Oct. 22, 2022

Keegan LeFevre ’16 and Alex White, Harrisonburg, Va., June 26, 2022

Rachel Brown ’17 and Trevor Rhoad, Indianapolis, Ind., June 19, 2022

Erin Brubaker ’17 and Dylan Slabach, Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 26, 2022

Naomi Wright ’17 and Brad Pedersen, Peyton, Colo., Oct. 8, 2022

Paige Baucom ’18 and Josh Hammond, Lee’s Summit, Mo., Nov. 19, 2022

Brooke Hershberger ’18 and Mark Deleeuw, Elkhart, Ind., July 16, 2022

Joel Gross ’18 and Abigail Wingard, Moundridge, Kan., Nov. 26, 2022

Andrea Peters ’18 and Adam Aune, Hesston, Kan., Oct. 9, 2022

Amber Partin ’18 and James Sudduth, Derby, Kan., April 30, 2022

Lauren Weaver ’12, Colorado Springs, teaches kindergarten at Grant Elementary School. She is enrolled in a two-year alternative licensure program for teachers.

Cynde (Patrick) ’12 Weber, Jefferson City, Mo., completed her Master of Social Work and is a licensed clinical social worker at Compass Health Network.

Josh Burkholder ’13, Boise, Idaho, is assistant athletic director for communications at Northwest Nazarene University.

Bonita (Garber) ’13 Rockingham, Tucson, Ariz., is board co-chair at the Center for Art, Humor and Soul and producer of Holding It.(.) Together, a podcast of MC USA’s Women in Leadership.

Erin (Albrecht) ’13 Gibson, Waterford, Mich., left her job with the Detroit Pistons after seven seasons to join the Detroit Lions as a new media producer.

David Rudy ’13, Olathe, Kan., earned a bachelor’s degree in business sustainability through Arizona State University.

Annali (Murray) ’13, former employee, Topf, Greendale, Wis., is a chaplain working on inpatient mental health, developing outpatient spiritual and religious support and programs as well as caring for patients on the cardiac unit in the dialysis clinic at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center.

Lincoln Mayo ’15, Hesston, Kan., is resident director at Hesston College.

Jessanna (Nebel) ’17 and Gaven Garren, Harrisonburg, Va., earned a Master of Science in Nursing from East Tennessee State University.

Ciara Kroeker ’18, Wichita, Kan., earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Graceland University.

Mackenzie Miller ’18 received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award. She is spending three years at National Dong Hwa University in Hualien, Taiwan, pursuing a master’s degree in ethnic relations and culture. Her first year in Taiwan is dedicated to Chinese language study to prepare her to take classes in the language. In year two she will complete the majority of her graduate coursework and in year three she will finish a few final courses and write her thesis.

Amber (Partin) ’18 Sudduth, Derby, Kan., earned a Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Graceland University. She is in practice in Wichita.

Risa Fukaya ’19 Haven, Kan., is international admissions and support counselor at Hesston College.

Taylor Longenecker ’19, Harrisonburg, Va., is a certified public accountant working at PBMares LLP.

Taitem Zeigler ’19, North Newton, Kan., is flight instructor for the Hesston College School of Aviation.

MARRIAGES

Ashley Fehlberg ’10 and Alex McIntyre, Goshen, Ind., June 11, 2022

Austin Loucks ’12 and Amanda Heckaman, Elkhart, Ind., July 30, 2022

Cynde Patrick ’12 and Matthew Weber, Jefferson City, Mo., July 30, 2022

Sarah Geiser ’13 and Michael Doerksen, Apple Creek, Ohio, Sept. 18, 2021

Gina Benton ’13 ’14 and Jeremy Estell, Ingalls, Kan., Oct. 15, 2022

Leah Unruh ’13 and Greg Shelly, Wichita, Kan., July 30, 2022

Jessica Donnelly ’14 and Paul Dewey, Troutdale, Ore., June 9, 2022

Alyssa Gustafson ’14 and Lewis Kosjer, Derby, Kan., Nov. 12, 2022

Dominique Lowry ’14 and Kenneth Desmond Lester, Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 20, 2022

Levi Miller ’14 and Rachael Getter, Tulsa, Okla., May 1, 2021

Kevin Hawkins ’15 ’18 and Alaina Gingerich, Anchorage, Alaska, June 4, 2021

Renita Miller ’15 and Cody Tracy, Kalona, Iowa, Aug. 13, 2022

Jonathan Gonzalez ’16 and Hannah Reel, Goshen, Ind., July 2, 2022

Meredith Spicher ’16 and Noah Hop, Sioux Center, Iowa, Oct. 22, 2022

Keegan LeFevre ’16 and Alex White, Harrisonburg, Va., June 26, 2022

Rachel Brown ’17 and Trevor Rhoad, Indianapolis, Ind., June 19, 2022

Erin Brubaker ’17 and Dylan Slabach, Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 26, 2022

Naomi Wright ’17 and Brad Pedersen, Peyton, Colo., Oct. 8, 2022

Paige Baucom ’18 and Josh Hammond, Lee’s Summit, Mo., Nov. 19, 2022

Brooke Hershberger ’18 and Mark Deleeuw, Elkhart, Ind., July 16, 2022

Joel Gross ’18 and Abigail Wingard, Moundridge, Kan., Nov. 26, 2022

Andrea Peters ’18 and Adam Aune, Hesston, Kan., Oct. 9, 2022

Amber Partin ’18 and James Sudduth, Derby, Kan., April 30, 2022
Grant Harding ‘19 and Cassidy King ‘19, Cheyenne Wells, Colo., Aug. 6, 2022


BIRTHS

Lee (Voth-Gaeddert) ‘10 and Mollie (Nebel) ‘13 Gaeddert, Scottsdale, Ariz.: Mabel Ruth Gaeddert, June 8, 2022

Emily (Hornung) ‘10 and Clint Janzen, Canton, Kan.: Clementine Elizabeth Janzen, Feb. 6, 2023


Alex ‘10 and Heidi (Wiebe) ‘10 Steiner, Orrville, Ohio: Aaron Alex Steiner, Nov. 29, 2019; Evelyn Mae Steiner, Apr. 14, 2022

Clayton ‘11 and Tessa Bontrager, Kansas City, Mo.: Lorelei Sue Bontrager, Sept. 10, 2022

Jodi (Stutzman) ‘11 and Scott Misamore, Goshen, Ind.: Parker Lee Misamore, Aug. 26, 2022

David ‘11 and Cindy Hochstetler, Nappanee, Ind.: Scotlyn Amy Hochstetler and Copelyn Jean Hochstetler, March 8, 2023

Rudy (Litwiller) ‘11 and Michelle (Moyer) ‘13 Moyer-Litwiller, Urbana, Ill.: Arlo David Moyer-Litwiller, Feb. 20, 2023

Laura (Unruh) ‘11 and Jared Unrau, Newton, Kan.: Cody John Unrau, Aug. 21, 2022

Danielle (Staufner) ‘11 and TJ Werner, Burlington, Iowa: Wade Lennox Werner, May 8, 2022


Kyle ‘12, former employee, and Erika (Dorsch) ‘13 Albrecht, Newton, Kan.: Charles Jacob Albrecht, June 28, 2022

Tyler ‘12 and Kendra (Litwiller) ‘12 Yoder, Richmond, Va.: Zion Emmanuel Yoder, Aug. 1, 2022

Natalie (Young) ‘13 and Michael Claassen, Newton, Kan.: Harper Louise Mae Claassen, July 3, 2022

Joel ‘13 and Indica Dick, Wichita, Kan.: Calloway Cade Dick, Feb. 1, 2022


David ‘13, former employee, and Kayla (Kauffman) ‘14 ‘19 Rudy, Olathe, Kan.: Micah Johnathan Rudy, July 14, 2022

Carly (Unruh) ‘13, former employee, and Adam Voth Unruh, Wayland, Iowa: Mae Ann Voth Unruh, Dec. 15, 2022

Jesse ‘13 ‘14 and Becca (Slabaugh) ‘14 Yoder, Goshen, Ind.: Tucker Dale Yoder, Sept. 17, 2022

Matt ‘14, employee, and Katy Hiebert, Hesston, Kan.: Hayes Michael Dean Hiebert, Dec. 27, 2022

Levi ‘14 and Rachael Miller, Tulsa, Okla.: Tobias Emerson Miller, Aug. 22, 2022


A.J. ‘14 and Karli (Graybill) ‘12 Newcomer, Nappanee, Ind.: Lincoln Daniel Newcomer, March 11, 2023

Shelbi (Otto) ‘15 and Bryan Baerg, Kansas City, Kan.: Sutton Rae Baerg, Jan. 21, 2023


Kyndell ‘16 and Megan Hightree, Bridgewater, Va.: Hannah Ruth Hightree and Gracie Mae Hightree, Nov. 30, 2022

Hayden ’16 and Kendra (Honeycutt) ‘18 Pentecost, Cookeville, Tenn.: Eastyn Eleanor Pentecost, June 9, 2022

Trevor ‘17 and Abby (Byler) ‘17 Oyer, Rockingham, Va.: Adalynn Fay Oyer, March 4, 2023

Abraham ‘17 and Cheri (Baer) ‘17 Mateo, North Fort Myers, Fla.: Maya Izel Mateo, Nov. 1, 2021

Beth (Schurz) ‘17 and Matthew Scheuermann, Hesston, Kan.: Maverick Logan Scheuermann, Feb. 1, 2023

Ethan ‘17 and Moira (Wells) ‘19 Timmermans, Parkhill, Ontario: Hudson Wilder Timmermans, Jan. 24, 2023


Luccas ‘18 and Addie (Swartzendruber) ‘19 Schmucker, Hesston, Kan.: Flynn Oliver Schmucker, June 3, 2022

Emily (Hague) ‘19 and Robert Griffin, Marion, Kan.: Lorrie Mae Griffin, Feb. 7, 2023

Morgan Sterner ‘19 and Tyler Hansel, Sandy, Utah: Hallie Brooks Hansel, Nov. 1, 2022

DEATHS

Ryan Miller ‘14, Kansas City, Mo., April 5, 2023

Jermanni Thompson ‘16, Gramercy, La., Aug. 31, 2022

2020-

Michael Mullet ‘20, Portland, Ore., is a software developer at Strategic Solutions NW where he is a Microsoft partner developing custom cloud applications for a variety of businesses.

MARRIAGES

Sierrah Long ‘20 and Christian Ayala, Highland, Calif., June 11, 2022

Carissa Slabach ‘20 and Dustin Dye, Newton, Kan., Oct. 29, 2022

Raelynn Reeves ‘20 and Damond Flowers, Wichita, Kan., Aug. 21, 2022

Kelsi Langley ‘21 and Dakota Dennett, Newton, Kan., Nov. 13, 2021

Cassidy Siemens ‘21 and David Dukart, Burrton, Kan., Nov. 12, 2022

Grace Litwiller ‘21 and Wesley Gerber, Hopedale, Ill., July 2, 2022
Autumn Lungwitz ’21 and Nathan Spears, Wichita, Kan., Aug. 6, 2022

**BIRTHS**

Brinkli (Jones) ’20 and Dylan Mortensen, Hyde Park, Utah: Nixon Cole Mortensen, Jan. 20, 2023

Kelsi (Langley) ’21 and Dakota Dennett, Newton, Kan.: Mason Dennett, Aug. 19, 2022

Erika ’21 and Chad Ens, Hillsboro, Kan.: Reagan Wilder Ens, Sept. 18, 2022

Keiara Evancho ’22 and Jonny Pierce, Newton, Kan.: Westin Jay Pierce, July 11, 2022

**Faculty and Staff**

Chantel Cherney, employee, Newton, Kan., earned a Master of Science in Nursing from Pittsburg (Kan.) State University.

Navanté Peacock, employee, Wichita, Kan., defended his doctoral dissertation at the University of Kansas to earn a Ph.D. in psychology.

**DEATHS**

Orlin Eigsti, former employee, Hesston, Kan., Sept. 12, 2022

Delores Funk, former employee, Wichita, Kan., July 3, 2022

Lillian Gerig, former employee, spouse of Percy Gerig ’68, Lebanon, Ore., Feb. 14, 2022

Star Gipson, former employee, Hutchinson, Kan., Oct. 16, 2022

Carole Malin, former employee, Newton, Kan., Sept. 20, 2022

Eleanor Nickel, former employee, Newton, Kan., May 5, 2022

Cindy Rankin, former employee, Newton, Kan., July 21, 2022

Cal Redekop, former employee, Harrisonburg, Va., July 20, 2022

Solomon Yoder, former employee, Netherlands, Nov. 11, 2021

Ruth Yordy, former employee, Camas, Wash., Nov. 29, 2022

---

**Give back to our facilities team**

Our facilities team is in major need of vehicle updates. The newest vehicle in the fleet is nearly 25 years old! Facilities is the backbone of our campus, serving us with aging trucks, vans and even an old Ford loader tractor from the 1960s. If you have a vehicle you would like to donate or leave as a legacy gift to Hesston College, our facilities team would be extremely grateful.

Contact the advancement office at 620-327-8147 today to learn more.
HESSTON COLLEGE

Summer Alumni Events

May 15 - Albuquerque, N.M.
May 17 - Glendale, Ariz.
May 18 - Tucson, Ariz.
May 21 - Pasadena, Calif.
May 21 - Sierra Madre, Calif.
May 24 - Denver, Colo.
June 14 - Dalton, Ohio
June 15 - Walnut Creek, Ohio
June 15 - Wauseon, Ohio
June 16 - Goshen, Ind.
June 17 - Chicago, Ill.
June 18 - Wellman, Iowa
June 27 - Newton, Kan.
June 29 - Wichita, Kan.
July 5 - Kansas City, Mo.

See you this summer!

Hesston College is coming to you!

Visit for full summer schedule and event details.
hesston.edu/alumni