Hesston College

START HERE, GO EVERYWHERE
The start of 2012 brings the opportunity to reflect on what has been and to consider with anticipation what is to come for us as individuals and as a college.

We have much to be thankful for during this academic year. Our students continue to receive a quality education as part of their overall Hesston experience, and we are blessed with strong relationships with many alumni and friends. A Colorado alumus recently shared how pleased he is that Hesston still provides such a unique student experience.

Individual students, performing arts groups, sports teams and faculty/staff representatives will travel to more than 20 states and several countries in a variety of special events and presentations over the remainder of the academic year. These events allow us to share how our students use their experiences to discover dreams and aspirations. We also hope you will consider connecting with other alumni, friends and students as we offer you the opportunity to travel with Hesston College to China, Europe and the Arizona golf benefit this spring. Details regarding these trips are included later in the magazine.

You are invited back to campus Sept. 28 to 30 for Homecoming 2012 to remember your “start” and to share your “go everywhere” experiences. In addition to class reunions, a reunion for performing arts alumni from all class years is planned with special presentations, “start” and to share your “go everywhere” experiences. In addition to class reunions, a reunion for performing arts alumni from all class years is planned with special presentations, music and theatre events. See the back cover for details.

Dallas L. Stutzman '76, Director of Alumni and Church Relations
alumni@hesston.edu, toll free 866-437-7866
Hesston College Alumni Office, Box 3000, Hesston, KS 67062
Building a legacy

This issue highlights legacy families—families with two or more generations of students who attended Hesston College. We are intentional about providing an overall experience that connects with our alumni students and first generation students in ways that encourage them to send their children here as well.

This is not necessarily an easy sell. Places, trends and interests change over the years and generations. What was appealing to my parents may not be appealing to me.

I recall the words from the musical *Tell It Like It Is* by Ralph Carmichael—

*They're always talkin' 'bout the good old days,*  
*Days that might have been,*  
*They're always talkin' 'bout the good old days,*  
*But they'll never be back again.*

I sang in that musical as part of the “Contemporaries” in 1970. We wore gold sportcoats, had long hair, and—to the consternation of some of our parents—used drums and guitars. For me, those are the good old days, and thankfully, they will not be back again.

But the legacies of Hesston College are much more profound than fashion, buildings, programs and activities. All of these change over the years. The legacies of Hesston College are a reverence for scripture, lives of service, vocations with meaning and friendships that last lifetimes.

When families invest in a Hesston College education, we accept it as a sacred trust. We are certainly not perfect and sometimes we fall short, but the value of the individual student is so ingrained in our culture that it has become second nature to our faculty and staff. It is seen in the strong IDEA survey scores which show that Hesston is truly exceptional in terms of classroom teaching. It is seen in the van rides and the special bonds that develop between coaches and athletes. It is seen in the hard work and wonderful performances in music and theatre. It is seen in the late-night conversations and expressions of thoughtfulness of the resident directors. It is seen in the personal interest taken in students by those who supervise them in campus jobs. Most of all, it is seen in the lives that alumni lead in the decades following their time here. Other colleges tell us that students who transfer from Hesston are not only well prepared academically, but tend to emerge as strong campus leaders. I believe this is a result of the opportunities and interaction that are a part of this place.

To all of our alumni parents and students, thank you for the trust you place in Hesston College. For all of our alumni, we hope that your children and grandchildren return to this place. It will be different than now, but the enduring values that have guided us to this time will continue in the future.

Howard Keim, President

---

*Perspective*
A family thing
Attending Hesston College has been a family tradition for six generations

by Rachel Schlegel

When David B. and Anna (Musser) Weaver moved their family of nine children from Lancaster, Pa., to Harvey County, Kansas, in 1880, there was little on the expansive prairie except for a few wheat fields and a handful of homesteads and farms. Although the town of Hesston wouldn't be founded until six years later, and Hesston Academy and Bible School wouldn't come along for 23 years after that – six years after Anna's death and four years after David's – the Weavers’ move to the prairie was, essentially, the beginning of a Hesston College legacy.

An impressive 134 people spanning six generations of Weaver descendants have been identified as alumni of Hesston Academy and College, earning them the unofficial Hesston College title of “Family with the Greatest Number of Alumni.” Even more can claim to have been associated with the college – whether they had a hand in organizing the founding of the college, built college-owned buildings, served as faculty or staff or attended for a semester or two.

From their first days in Harvey County, the Weaver family was involved with the church and community around them. David and Anna’s children were adults with families and beyond the age of schooling by the time talk of a college started, yet several of them were involved in the early years of the school. Moses was appointed to the executive committee that established the school and served on the leadership board until his death. Menno built the house that would later be known as “The Elms” and serve as a dormitory for several years.

David and Anna’s grandchildren would be the first generation to actually attend the school and at least 22 of them did.

Wilmetta (Weaver) Ac40, ’42 Dietzel acts as a kind of historian for the family. She remembers hearing a story about David and Anna’s son Reuben who had 14 children, 13 of whom attended Hesston. When asked if he supported the cause of the school he responded, “Of course I’m a sponsor of Hesston, I have 14 reasons to be one!” As his family continued to grow, he would end up with 52 additional reasons.

“When you come from the Weaver family, you usually end up at college with cousins, which was a highlight for me,” said Marlene (Beck) ’76 Yoder.

For an extended version of this and other stories – including the Weaver’s international connection – and a complete list of Weaver graduates, go to www.hesston.edu/hesstoncollegetoday.
“Growing up near Hesston, worshiping on campus each Sunday and attending basketball games, Hesston College was always there,” said Duane Beck Ac63, ’65. “Many years later, I recognize its many intangibles – the power of friendships, opportunities for leadership and the academic challenge provided good soil in which to take root.”

Generations of students found Hesston to be the place for their vocational starts and a love for the church.

“It was through the competent and caring faculty and the strong sense of community on campus that my mind and faith were stretched and grew,” recalled Terry Shue ’77. “I came to understand it was my life which God was asking of me.”

Over the last 94 years, class records indicate a Weaver descendant at Hesston every year except one and a graduate in 78 of those years. The family can easily share ways the college has changed since its early days.

Having grown up and lived in Hesston all her life, Wilmetta remembers hearing about shenanigans on campus, seeing rules and policies change and being a part of those changes as a student herself.

“The former Mennonite Board of Education set the standards by which the college operated for many years,” said Wilmetta. “There were a lot of rules to follow, so it was a big deal when a photo of a female student wearing pants showed up in the 1940 Lark yearbook and the student commencement speaker gave his speech with his shirt tail hanging out.”

Duane and Marlene’s mother Anna Ruth (Weaver) Ac45 Beck (deceased) told her children about the 10:15 lights out rule when she was a student.

An impressive 134 people spanning six generations of Weaver descendants have been identified as alumni of Hesston Academy and College.

Though the earliest Weaver relatives probably wouldn’t recognize campus today, the Hesston College spirit and values remain.

“During my time at Hesston, I made lasting friendships and entered into a network of people from all over the country,” said Kelsey Shue ’08.

“Long after the content of texts and lectures faded into oblivion, I am profoundly grateful for my Hesston Experience,” said Jerry Weaver Ac59, ’61. “There were individuals on the faculty, staff and administration whose lives, character and faith made a significant impression on me.”

Matt Weaver ’13 and Sam Ruth ’14, both fourth generation students, represent the Weaver family on campus now and continue to pave the way for the family name to continue as a Hesston College presence to the next generation.

“I am proud to continue my family’s legacy at Hesston,” said Sam. “Knowing about that history inspires me to stay on track and build a successful life like they did.”

Editor’s note: A special thanks goes to Wilmetta (Weaver) Dietzel, Bob ’70 and Phyllis (Miller) ’70 Weaver and Marcia (Weaver) ’73 Mendez for their help and knowledge in exploring the Weaver family.
May Stallings ’98

Why did you decide to study nursing at Hesston College?
I was working as a CNA and a friend convinced me to go back to school to get a nursing degree. I chose Hesston because I heard it was a good program. I liked the small classes and approachable instructors. I was actually a person instead of a number.

Tell us about your career.
Shortly after graduating from Hesston and passing my boards, I got a job working in medical-surgical at Via Christi – St. Francis Hospital. I worked there for two and a half years and really enjoyed it. My children were young and I wanted more flexibility and time to be with my family, so I moved to a position as the Maternal and Child Health Coordinator with the McPherson (Kan.) County Health Department. I coordinate the Maternal and Infant Program, perform health assessments, give immunizations and work in the Women’s Health Clinic.

How were you challenged by the nursing program?
I took some of my prerequisite classes through area community colleges, and the classes I took at Hesston were more challenging. Hesston nursing students do clinical rotations throughout the entirety of the program, which at the time was not the case at other two-year nursing programs, so I felt more prepared than some of my counterparts once I got a job.

How was your experience as a nontraditional student different from a traditional student’s experience?
It was difficult to be a college student and care for a young family. I sometimes felt like I wasn’t able to give my children the necessary attention. My second child was born while I was still in school. He was born on a Friday, and I was back in class on Monday. He came to school with me for six weeks because I just felt like it was important for me to be there and working hard. I never felt like I was treated differently because I was a nontraditional student. Professors and students alike were very accepting. People are friendly and respectful to one another. It was an awesome experience.

Which instructors had an influence on you?
All of my nursing instructors were wonderful. I appreciated that I could drop by instructors’ offices anytime I had a problem or question to get help or encouragement. I also really enjoyed Biblical Literature with Marion Bontrager.

What is it like to see your daughter following in your footsteps?
I am so proud Jessica is at Hesston. Hearing about her experiences in the dorms and with friends makes me wish I would have gone to Hesston right out of high school. I am excited to see her having wonderful experiences and know she is getting a quality education.
Jessica Stallings ’14

Why did you decide to study nursing at Hesston College?

Nursing is something I always wanted to do. I don’t remember much from my mom’s time at Hesston, but growing up I always knew that she really liked the college and the nursing program. When I began thinking about college, Hesston was the obvious choice. I didn’t even visit anywhere else.

What are your career goals?

I want to be an obstetrics nurse. I had the opportunity to be in the delivery room when one of my cousins was born and I thought it was really cool.

What are some highlights from your time at Hesston so far?

I enjoy hanging out with friends in the mod. I got close with a group of girls who took Anatomy and Physiology with me. We spent a lot of time together first semester studying, doing homework, working on labs and just hanging out.

Who has been an influence on you?

Hugo Boschmann’s classes are incredibly challenging, but he is funny and knows how to make even difficult material fun and class enjoyable. My RA, Sarah Unruh ’12 and Courtney Mast ’12, who I got to know through Anatomy and Physiology, have been a great encouragement to me even through the difficult classes.

What do you like most about Hesston?

I like how everyone is so friendly. It’s so easy to hang out with people even if you don’t know them that well. I like being able to walk into class, know everyone there and actually have relationships with faculty. That’s rare for many colleges. 😊
A first family

by Rachel Schlegel

The Milo and Clara Kauffman family name is a fixture at Hesston College. Milo Ac22, ’26 was the college’s second president. He served with humility for 19 years, guiding Hesston through the Great Depression and dangerously low enrollment, making his legacy memorable and lasting.

The end of Milo’s tenure as president in 1951 came shortly before his six daughters would step up to make a name for the Kauffman women, embracing and embodying the Hesston College mission statement of educating and nurturing students for service to others in the church and the world.

The six women – Marilyn, Joy, Evelyn, Gloria, Bonnie and Phyllis – along with their brothers, Charles and Milo “Junior,” were brought up in a home dedicated to family, the church and education. While Milo served as the face of the college, Clara focused on raising the children, taking care of the home and supporting Milo.

“Mom saw her role as being a helpmate to Dad,” remembers Marilyn (Kauffman) Ac55, ’57 Miller. “She sensed the best way she could do that was through taking care of the children and home so Dad could be free to devote most of his time to the work of the college and church. I never once heard her complain about all the work she did alone – laundry, cooking, sewing our clothes, milking the cow and feeding the chickens and turkeys. I am extremely thankful that Mom knew who she was, what her Creator desired her to be and lived that role.”

“Hesston College is simply interwoven with our identity as a family.”

With two strong parental influences, the Kauffman women would also discover who they were and live that role. As adults, all six established careers that put them in the business of serving others – as nurses, teachers, a pastor and work in customer care.

“We all seem to value people for who they are,” said Joy (Kauffman) Ac57 Sears. “I think this trait came from Mom who had a knack for finding the best in everyone.”

Hesston College was all the children knew growing up as all of them but the youngest, Phyllis, were born during Milo’s tenure. Therefore, family life revolved heavily around the college.

“Hesston College is simply interwoven with our identity as a family,” said Bonnie (Kauffman) Ac65, ’67 Sowers. “The faith and values of Hesston College were instilled into our home life. Growing up, we learned that college was a place where we would receive help with integrating our thought, life and faith.

Those values were also passed to a third generation with 15 of Milo and Clara’s grandchildren attending Hesston College.

Editor’s note: The Kauffman men also contribute greatly to the family legacy and are not to be forgotten. Charles Ac52, ’54 was in medical school when he died of a brain tumor. Milo “Junior” Ac63, ’69 served as Hesston College athletic director, physical education instructor and coach from 1973 to 1974 and worked many years in camp administration and recreation.
One man, seven starts

by Rachel Schlegel

For Quiet Ncube ’83, Hesston College was a place of transition into a new culture and inspiration for a career. In two years, the college and community became so much a part of him that his experience would inspire six more students to find their start at Hesston.

Quiet’s story speaks to the fact that family legacies are not always left within the immediate family — from parent to child — but are sometimes through the extended family — from uncle to nephews and nieces and between cousins.

Quiet, who grew up in Zimbabwe, heard about Hesston College from Mennonite missionaries in Botswana when he worked with the United Nations. The missionaries’ descriptions of the college caught his attention, and he arrived on the Hesston campus in the fall of 1981.

“I was touched by the college and the Hesston community as a whole,” said Quiet. “With its strong academics and focus on the student and community, I felt that it was an ideal place to get an education.”

African culture is very family oriented, so as a way of giving back to the five brothers and sisters who played integral roles in his life, Quiet made it his goal to bring at least one child from each of their households to benefit from the Hesston Experience. Though he didn’t quite reach his goal, three nephews, one niece and two of his cousins’ children attended Hesston with his financial assistance.

“I wanted to make sure I gave back for what my family did for me as I grew up,” said Quiet. “From my own experiences, I knew that if my family attended Hesston, it would be easier for them to achieve their goals.”

Quiet’s start, with mentorship from Jim Yoder, Hugo Boschmann and Nelson Kilmer in the Science Department, led to a successful career as a medical scientist working in radiation oncology in Los Angeles since 1989.

“Hesston College molded me and prepared me to live in the United States,” said Quiet. “The community made it easier to mingle, find my way and be ready to go out and meet the world. If I had been in a big city, it would have been a nightmare.”

His family members also settled into careers in the U.S. Muzobanzi “Muzi” Ncube ’91 is a pharmacist; Mkhululi “Muki” Ndabambi ’93 works in marketing and communications; Mlibazisi “Prince” Mabandla ’98 is a computer engineer; Cynthia Ncube ’00 is a nurse; Lenin Mazinyane ’02 works in communications; and Mbonjeni “Bongeni” Ndabambi ’02 is a flight attendant.

“I am who I am today because of Hesston College,” said Quiet. “I am glad my family also got the opportunities Hesston provides.”

Muzi Ncube ’91, right, participates in a lab while a student in the early 1990s. He is now a pharmacist in Indianapolis. Photo by Jay Thomas. To see photos of all Quiet Ncube’s relatives who attended Hesston College, visit www.hesston.edu/ hesstoncollegetoday.
Partners Ponder: Why I am a Hesston College Partner

Hesston College Partners commit to an annual contribution level to help provide student financial aid.

Generations of Giving

by Belle (Stoltzfus) Ac52 Boyts

With 15 members of the Boyts family being Hesston College alumni, the college is special to our family. The family history with the college began with Jim Ac51, ’53 (deceased) and me as students. Hesston is where we dated and then married in 1952.

I grew up in South Texas in a very small church with no youth group, so attending Hesston helped me grow in my faith and made my world bigger. I made friends from all over, and our shared Hesston Experience means we can laugh at things no one else finds funny.

In the spring of 1969, we were living in Elkhart, Ind., when the college asked Jim to come help out as Special Assistant to the President for financial affairs. He served in this role for four years before we returned to Indiana.

Two of our four children attended Hesston – Pam (Boyts) ’73 Gerber and Diana (Boyts) ’81 Young – where they played volleyball and basketball. Seven of our 14 grandchildren also attended Hesston where many of them were athletes, playing basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball and soccer.

Since we moved back to Hesston in 2002, everyone wants to come here for the holidays – especially Thanksgiving – so they can be a part of the activities on campus. As a family we visit cousins in the dorms, attend ball games, plays and concerts and our big event, the Howard Hustle. Nearly the whole family participates in the Howard Hustle each year. If someone questions going, they are told, “Get your shoes on, we are leaving.”

We began giving to the Partner Program because it is a good way to help students. We believe in the youth of today. Giving to the college is a way to remain a part of the community and keep in touch with the college. Seeing the students can bring tears to my eyes – they are so exciting.
Like father, like daughter

by Andrew Sharp

In the ultra-connected community that is Hesston College, it’s normal for alumni to send their children off to the place they attended years earlier. Moms and dads, sons and daughters – it’s sort of a family thing.

In the early and mid-1980s, three young men from three different communities came to Kansas to study and play baseball. And a generation later, those same three men, now fathers, sent their daughters to Hesston to play softball for the Larks.

This spring, pitcher Erin Albrecht, Sebewaing, Mich., and infielders Ashlyn Knepp, Millersburg, Ind., and Olivia Miller, Newton, Kan., daughters of Barry Albrecht ’85, Terry Knepp ’82 and Forrest Miller ’85, will lace up their spikes as freshmen for the Hesston College softball team.

In addition to her father, Ashlyn also has an uncle, Daryl Haarer ’89, who played baseball for the Larks and encouraged her to start her college career at Hesston.

“When I committed to Hesston, my dad and uncle were excited for me,” Ashlyn said. “I think it’s been fun for them to see me follow in their footsteps.”

“I grew up hearing stories about this place,” said Erin, whose parents (mother is Cheryl (Litwiller) ’85 Albrecht), along with an older sister, Brittany Albrecht ’10, all attended Hesston.

“It’s been fun to see my own story develop as I’m walking around the same campus as my family did,” she added. “I’ve felt a lot of support from them in coming here.”

Both of Olivia’s parents work on the Hesston campus, with her dad also serving as assistant softball coach. Still, Olivia sees herself carving out her own path as she balances softball with the rigors of Hesston’s three-year nursing program.

“It’s been fun to be on a campus that my family has so much history with,” Olivia said. “At the same time, I feel like it’s been a new adventure for me – something uniquely my own.”

Like father, like daughter...
Hesston College Vice President of Advancement Yvonne Sieber announced that the college reached its nearly $3 million goal for renovations to the central and west wings of Erb Hall dormitory. The college will complete the renovations by adding an elevator and lounges connecting the separate wings of the building.

Work on lounges is slated to begin once students move out following graduation in early May and will be completed by the time students return to campus in mid-August. The elevator is expected to be completed in 2012.

Enough funds were raised by May 2011 to renovate the dorm rooms and mod lounges, which were completed in August 2011. The elevator and connector lounges were put on hold until additional funds were raised. The college views the addition of the elevator as an important part of the project as it will make all four floors of the building accessible to all students.

“The elevator will meet a number of needs,” said Lamar Roth, vice president of Student Life. “It will make moving larger objects easier when students move in and out, and it will expand accessibility for students who may be physically challenged – whether it is something they live with every day or temporarily for those recovering from injuries. Having an elevator will broaden the residential experience and open doors for social interaction.”

Renovations in the central and west wings of Erb Hall have been ongoing over the last several years as the building, which was constructed in 1969, was beginning to show its age. A new roof and windows were installed in 2007. Bathrooms were renovated during summer 2010 followed by the dorm rooms and lounges in summer 2011. Renovations to the interior of the building included new paint, carpet and furniture, as well as replacing all mechanical infrastructure, rusted pipes and new heating and cooling units.

“These renovations reflect how we want to present ourselves and the experience we provide,” said Roth. “It’s important for our students to know they don’t have to worry about deteriorating pipes and that they have comfortable spaces in which to live.”

About 75 percent of the college’s nearly 470 students live on campus. The student population represents 27 states and 14 countries, so for many students, Hesston College becomes a home away from home for about nine months every year.

“We want our dorm spaces to be comfortable, pleasant and meet the needs of our students,” said Roth. “Inviting spaces have a tremendous impact on student interaction.”

Individual donors and businesses from around the country gave generously to update the dorms, improving the student experience.

“During these difficult economic years, we appreciate the help we received from the local community, alumni and friends of the college to give our students updated living spaces,” said Yvonne Sieber, vice president of Advancement. “We are glad we were able to renovate our existing dorms to maximize space and efficiency instead of constructing brand new buildings.”

Sophomores Brenda Nieto-Montoya (Three Rivers, Mich.) and Andrea DeAvila Balboa (Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico) show off their newly renovated dorm room to Homecoming 2011 guests Kailie Hamilton, Angie (Maury) ’94, staff Teeter, Rachel Teeter and Kailey Ince.
Three Hesston College voice students earned special recognition at the National Association of Teachers of Singing Regional Vocal Competition at Fort Hays (Kan.) State University in November. Freshman Emerencia Dudas (Toledo, Ohio) earned second place in the Freshman-Sophomore Women’s Musical Theatre division, which was the highest finish for a Hesston College student since 2004. Sophomore Kaedi LeFevre (Hesston, Kan.) advanced to the semifinal round in the Freshman-Sophomore Women’s Musical Theatre division. Sophomore Robert Howell (Newton, Kan.) was selected to sing at a musical theatre master class in front of other convention participants. All three are voice students of Matthew Schloneger and are members of Bel Canto Singers.

More than 300 people, including 93 prospective students descended on the Hesston College campus for the 44th annual Thanksgiving Weekend: Share the Experience. Activities for the weekend included the traditional Thanksgiving meal, music concerts, talent show, men’s and women’s basketball tournaments and the two-mile run/walk, the Howard Hustle, which celebrated its 20th year. The special anniversary event had a record 427 participants complete the route. Two members of the college’s cross country teams, freshman Jacob Landis (Sterling, Ill.) and sophomore Krista Rittenhouse (Mt. Pleasant, Pa.) were the top male and female finishers.

Hesston College received a generous estate gift of more than $400,000 from Gunther Henry Schmitt, a doctor from San Bernardino, Calif., who passed away August 2, 2011. Dr. Schmitt’s estate was left to Mennonite Brethren Foundation to be divided equally among six Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren organizations, including four higher education institutions. Hesston will use the gift to build the college’s endowment and help ensure the longtime financial health of the college and its programs. Dr. Schmitt left no family and had no ties to Hesston College. His gift was a way of giving back to those who had assisted his family financially during World War II.

Hesston College hosted its annual Alumni/Community event Dec. 10, 2011, during the women’s and men’s basketball games versus Johnson County Community College (Overland Park, Kan.) as a way to thank alumni and the community for their support of Larks athletics. Lyle Ac31, ’35 and Erma (Martin) ’35 (deceased) Yost were honored for their major financial gift that made Yost Center a reality in 1981, and that has served as the home of Larks basketball and volleyball for 30 years. Activities during the games included autographs by the basketball teams, halftime contests and a pop-a-shot game.

The spring 2012 semester kicked off as students returned to class Jan. 10. The college community welcomed 31 new students, including 6 international students. Jennifer (Birky) ’07 Smalley joined the faculty to teach a section of General Psychology. Jennifer is also an assistant coach for the women’s basketball team.
Thanks for sending us your very best

102 alumni families sent 107 students to Hesston this year.

Erin Albrecht – Barry ’85 and Cheryl (Litwiller) ’85 Albrecht, Sebewaing, Mich.
Hannah Bachman – Beth ’75 Gerig and Dean Bachman, Tiskilwa, Ill.
Jesse Baer – Sheila Yoder Baer ’84 and Jonathan Baer, Villa Ridge, Mo.
Erin Banman – Teri (Mullet) ’92 and Jeff Banman, Lenexa, Kan.
Tiffany Beisel – Timothy Beisel ’96, Wichita, Kan.
Johnathan Berkholz – Carol (Jantz) ’76 Berkholz, Goessel, Kan.
Seth Bitikofer – Mervin ’87 and Catherine Bitikofer, Saint George, Kan.
Logan Blackford – Rebecca (Jantz’en) ’85 and Daniel Blackford, Orrville, Ohio
Sarah Blosser – Vernyn ’76 and Brenda Blosser, Hesston, Kan.
Karl Buller – Darlene (Diller) ’80, former staff, and Charles, former faculty, Buller, Hesston, Kan.
Jonathan and Joshua Burkholder – Glenn ’79 and Mary Burkholder, Warden, Wash.
Phoebe Cloud – Dorothy (Naffziger) ’76 and Don Cloud, Chandler, Ariz.
Ian Croyle – Timothy Croyle ’78, Goshen, Ind.
Michael Darby – Donna (Miller) ’76 and Carl Darby, Iowa City, Iowa
Joel Dick – Jodi (Brunk) ’81 and Douglas Dick, Wichita, Kan.
Angela Dickson – Tami Temple ’00, Hesston, Kan.
Kaci Diener – Myron ’78 and Donna Diener, Harrisonville, Mo.
Kent Duerksen – Marlo ’77, staff, and Lynette (Slagell) ’78, former faculty, Duerksen, Canton, Kan.
Mallory Eicher – Jim ’77 and Linda (Neal) ’78 Eicher, Berne, Ind.
Jill Eigsti – Janice (Long) ’83 and Michael Eigsti, Goshen, Ind.
Angela Entz – Charis (Wiebe) ’81 and Charles Entz, Whitewater, Kan.
Grant Fenton – Joe ’83 and Annette (Wyse) ’88 Fenton, Hesston, Kan.
Cyrus Graber – Sidney ’78 and Dyann Graber, Crawfordsville, Iowa
Kenny Graber – Joe ’83 and Karen (Miller) ’83 Graber, Stryker, Ohio
Jessica Graybill – Donna (Denlinger) ’84 and James Graybill, Gap, Pa.
Jade Hathaway – David ’87 and Jeanette (Kauffman) ’87 Hathaway, Goshen, Ind.
Jena Hersberger – Jeff ’85 and Juanita Hersberger, Goshen, Ind.
Erin Hershey – Ron ’88 and Rhoda (Lehman) ’87 Hershey, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Matt Hershey – James ’84 and Brenda Hershey, Harleysville, Pa.
Phillip Hochstetler – Tim ’81 and Becky (Steider) ’81, former staff, Hochstetler, Strang, Neb.
Brenda and Obinna Ikironwu – Japhet ’78 and Beatrice Ikironwu, Wichita, Kan.
Caleb Kandel – Jerry ’89, former staff, and Denise Kandel, Kouts, Ind.
Kayla Kauffman – Dan ’83 and Shelly (Martin) ’82 Kauffman, Hutchinson, Kan.
Andrea Kelley – Karen (Kinsey) ’87 and Dennis Kelley, Archbold, Ohio
Esther King – Karlene (Roth) ’75 and Nick King, Sturgis, Mich.
Janice King – Kyle ’84 and Lynda King, Gordonville, Pa.
Jonathan and Justin King – Nick ’72 and Ronda King, Hillsboro, Kan.
Jordan King – Glen ’78, former faculty, and Judy King, Dalton, Ohio
Russell Klassen – Ray ’80 and Eileen (Eigsti) ’80 Klassen, Goshen, Ind.
Ashlyn Kepp – Terry ’82 and Denise Kepp, Millersburg, Ind.
Jacob Landis – Keith ’83 and Lois (Kauffman) ’83 Landis, Sterling, Ill.
Kaeli LeFevre – Dennis ’83 and Jen (Friesen) ’84, faculty, LeFevre, Hesston, Kan.
Fritz Lehman – Ethan ’74 and Virginia (Brubaker) ’73 Lehman (deceased), Dalton, Ohio
Mariah Martin – Lauren ’81 and Kimberly Martin, Glenwood Springs, Colo.
Courtney Mast – Delvin ’78, former staff, and Anita (Nye) ’80 Mast, Weatherford, Okla.
Karena Mast – Ron ’77 and Waneta (Auker) ’77 Mast, Mishiftontown, Pa.
Saralyn Mast – David ’81 and Karen (Stoltzfus) ’82 Mast, Ephrata, Pa.
Valerie Maust – Rene ’82 and Mafra (Swartzendruber) ’82 Maust, Goshen, Ind.
Alex Miller – Lewis ’01 and Norma Miller. Beemer, Neb.
Collin Miller – Philip ’81 and Carol Miller, Wellman, Iowa
Katie Miller – Loren ’80 and Sharon Miller, Rio Rancho, N.M.
Olivia Miller – Forrest ’85, staff, and Nora, staff, Miller, Newton, Kan.
Brandi Moore – Connie (Rogers) ’85 Janzen, Wichita, Kan.
Michelle Moyer – Rebecca (Zehr) ’79 and Ken Moyer, Monticello, Ill.
Joel Murray – John ’81 and Krista (Miller) ’82, staff, Murray, Hesston, Kan.
Mollie Nebel – Brian ’83, former staff, and Brenda (Hooley) ’83, former staff, Nebel, Hesston, Kan.
Emma Payne – Daniel ’82 and Crystal (Schweitzer) ’85 Payne, Paluski, Iowa
Leah and Krista Rittenhouse - Jane (Birky) ’78 and Don Rittenhouse ’78, deceased), Mount Pleasant, Pa.
David Rudy – Carolyn (Peachey) ’79 and Jon Rudy, Manheim, Pa.

continued on next page

Children of Alumni Scholarship

Hesston College offers a $1,000 scholarship to children of alumni. If one or both parents attended Hesston College, students receive that amount for each year they attend Hesston. The scholarship is awarded automatically as part of the financial aid package. If you have a high school-age student, contact the Admissions Office at 800-995-2757 or admissions@hesston.edu to update his or her information and learn more about the application process.
Sam Ruth – Kathy (Weaver) Ac65, ’67 and Tommy Ruth, Wichita, Kan.
Alyssa Rychener – Carolyn (Diller) ’77 and Kent Rychener, Hesston, Kan.
Malloy Schroeder – Janice (Miller) ’77, staff, and Jim Schroeder, Newton, Kan.
Becca Short – Deb (Grieser) ’79 and Randy Short, Archbold, Ohio
Mara Short-Miller – Eric ’85 and Melody ’85 Short-Miller, Bellingham, Wash.
London Smith – Jeff ’87 and Kathy (Reber) ’87 Smith, Archbold, Ohio
Bethany Snow – David Snow ’83 (deceased) and Karen Snow, Newton, Kan.
Danielle Stauffer – Lora (Leichty) ’76 and Gene Stauffer, Burlington, Iowa
Megan Stauffer – Vince ’86 and Sandra Stauffer, Milford, Neb.
Kate Steury – Doug ’77 and LuAnn (Steider) ’77 Steury, New Paris, Ind.
Kara Stutzman – Dallas ’76, staff, and Jan (Unruh) ’72, former staff, Hesston, Kan.
Jason Stubby – Rick ’93, Newton, Kan.
John Swartley – Teresa (Shumaker) ’84 and John Swartley, Elkhart, Ind.
Derek Swartzendruber – Margaret (Kempf) ’80, former staff, and William Swartzendruber, Shickley, Neb.
Cassie Sweetser – Debra (Fisher) ’83 and Richard Sweetser, Goshen, Ind.
Isaac Tice – Enos ’80 and Carolyn Tice, Salisbury, Pa.
Trevor Toews – Sandy (Wiggers) ’88, staff, and Randy, Toews, Hesston, Kan.
Colby Troyer – Kevin ’79 and Sharon Troyer, Waterford, Pa.
Carly Unruh – Lowell ’77 and Pam (Gerig) ’77 Unruh, Wayland, Iowa
Courtney Unruh – Jay ’89, ’99 and Melissa (Rumsey) ’90, staff, Unruh, Hesston, Kan.
Sarah Unruh – Mark ’83 and Barb (Stutzman) ’83 Unruh, Durham, Kan.
Libby Waltner – Amy (Kingsley) ’80 and Kevin Waltner, Hurley, S.D.
Lauren Weaver – Rodger ’86, former faculty, and Bev (Guy) ’86 Weaver, Hesston, Kan.
Matt A. Weaver – Bruce ’86 and Lori (Eichelberger) ’87 Weaver, Hesston, Kan.
Matt R. Weaver – Burnell ’84 and Shanda Weaver, Goshen, Ind.
Scott Weaver – Lisa (Nunemaker) ’88 and Lonnie Weaver, Goshen, Ind.
Alicia Wenger – Brenda (Steckly) ’79, staff, and Dwayne Wenger, Hesston, Kan.
Rachelle and Ron Wenger – Ron ’82 and Rebecca Wenger, Adair, Okla.
Lorena Weymouth – Yolanda (Huebert) ’81 and Phil Weymouth, Subiaco, Ark.
John Wisseman – Darrel ’82 and Janette Wisseman, Prineville, Ore.
Jesse Woodward – Steve Woodward ’78, former staff, Goshen, Ind.
Corey Wyse – Mike ’83 and Julia Wyse, Archbold, Ohio
Anna Yoder – Velda (Zook) ’78 and Willard Yoder, Garden City, Mo.
Tyler Yoder – Dale ’81 and Phyllis Yoder, Bay Port, Mich.
Jake Zehr – Mark ’82 and Sandy Zehr, Peoria, Ariz.
Micah Zook – Darrell ’71 and Patricia (Troyer) ’71, former staff, Zook, Pulaski, Iowa
Michaela Zook – Marcella (Eberly) ’76, faculty, and Kevin Zook, Hesston, Kan.

1930-1939
DEATH
Willard Vogt Ac31, husband of Verle (Hershberger) Ac33 Vogt, Hesston, Kan., Nov. 12, 2011

1940-1949
DEATHS
Eldon Nafziger, husband of Laverne (Vogt) Ac48, ’50 Nafziger, Goshen, Ind., Oct. 6, 2011
George Schiedel ’48, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Aug. 16, 2011

1950-1959
Everetta Boehme Ac53, Winter Haven, Fla., retired as coordinator for Dr. Charles F. Stanley's In Touch Ministry and is publishing a book of her life experiences.
Alumni News

Rose (Hostetler) Ac54, ’56 and Hank Kliewer, Rochester, Minn., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Rose continues to work in her private counseling practice at A Brief Therapy Center of Rochester, LLC.

DEATHS
Jean (Langenwaltner) Ac51 Derstine, Hesston, Kan., Sept. 24, 2011
Jim Millen, husband of Joyce (Burkhart) Ac53 Millen, Lancaster, Pa., July 2, 2011
Ivan Schwabbauer, husband of Marian (Histand) Ac56, ’58 Schwabbauer, Iowa City, Iowa, Nov. 26, 2011

1960-1969
Ken Yoder Ac64, ’66, Goshen, Ind., completed a five-year journey of running a marathon in all 50 states with his son, Ben Yoder, of Boston, Mass. Their last marathon was the Phunt Trail Marathon in Maryland in January 2011. The Yoders are the only known father-son combination to have accomplished this feat.

DEATHS
Tom Stutzman ’67, Lakewood, Colo., Oct. 3, 2011

1970-1979
Sid Burkey ’70, Milford, Neb., started in a half-time role as Chief Engagement Officer for Mennonite Economic Development Agency in April 2011.

1980-1989
Randy Graber ’82, former faculty, Nashville, Tenn., teaches junior high and high school math at Montgomery Country School District.

Kelvin Friesen ’73, Hesston College Board of Overseers member, Luther Gautsche ’73, and Phil Bontrager, father of Darin Bontrager ’10, Archbold, Ohio, were instrumental in helping Sauder Manufacturing earn the Best of Competition and Nightingale awards at the Healthcare Design Show in Nashville, Tenn. Friesen serves Sauder Manufacturing as vice president of Marketing, Gautsche is vice president of Operations and Bontrager is CEO.

Nina Hostetler ’79, Los Angeles, Calif., attends Los Angeles City College where she is working on her Human Services Generalist certificate and is a member of Alpha Mu Gamma, the national collegiate honorary foreign language society.

DEATHS
Renee (Burkholder) ’74 Swartley, Perkasie, Pa., Aug. 26, 2011
Linda (Egli) ’79 Kym, wife of Ray Kym ’79, Tomball, Texas, July 28, 2011

ADOPTION
Tim ’78 and Sheryl Schrag, Manhattan, Kan.: Wolfgang, adopted April 11, 2011

1990-1999

David Pusey ’92, St. Catherine, Jamaica, completed his master’s degree in engineering management in 2008 at Florida International University (Miami) and works at Bank of Jamaica as an information technology specialist.

Scott Barge ’97, Goshen, Ind., is director of Assessment and Institutional Research at Goshen College. He is a 1999 graduate of Goshen College and holds a doctoral degree from Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.).

Darrin Lechty ’98, West Liberty, Ohio, is a third grade teacher at West Liberty-Salem and coaches junior varsity boys golf and basketball.

MARRIAGES
Rhonda Good ’90, former staff and Randy King, Grantham, Pa., Oct. 22, 2011
Isaac Hooley ’99, former staff and Emily Hershberger ’05, Filer, Idaho, Aug. 20, 2011

BIRTHS
Denise (Wohlgemuth) ’90 and Dennis Chittick, Kalona, Iowa: Kolbi Raye, July 1, 2011
Chad ’92 and Mary Frey, Newton, Kan.: Elizabeth Ann, May 11, 2011
Merrill ’93 and Jennifer Friesen, Hastings, Neb.: Joanna Elisabeth, Nov. 11, 2011
Gregory ’93 and Jennifer Larson Sawin, Melford, Mass.: Leela Lesedi, Dec. 1, 2011
Melissa (Adamire) ’94 and Shawn Delancey, Mifflintown, Pa.: James Donald, April 14, 2011
Rebecca (Miller) ’96 and Perry Shank, Denver, Colo.: Hazel Jane and Olive Anne, Nov. 6, 2011
Lew ’96 and Jean Wagner, Royal City, Wash.: Malachi Aaron, Jan. 14, 2011
Steve ’97 and Monica (Swarzentruhe) ’97 Janzen, Nampa, Idaho: Genevieve Grace Marner, Aug. 8, 2011
Nate ’97 and Heather Wyse, Middlebury, Ind.: Judson James, July 8, 2011
Monica (Miller) ’98 and Korey Bromley, Middlebury, Ind.: Lilly Jo, Sept. 23, 2011

DEATHS
Jim Millen, husband of Joyce (Burkhart) Ac53 Millen, Lancaster, Pa., July 2, 2011
Ivan Schwabbauer, husband of Marian (Histand) Ac56, ’58 Schwabbauer, Iowa City, Iowa, Nov. 26, 2011

1960-1969

Ken Yoder Ac64, ’66, Goshen, Ind., completed a five-year journey of running a marathon in all 50 states with his son, Ben Yoder, of Boston, Mass. Their last marathon was the Phunt Trail Marathon in Maryland in January 2011. The Yoders are the only known father-son combination to have accomplished this feat.

DEATHS
Tom Stutzman ’67, Lakewood, Colo., Oct. 3, 2011

1970-1979
Sid Burkey ’70, Milford, Neb., started in a half-time role as Chief Engagement Officer for Mennonite Economic Development Agency in April 2011.

1980-1989
Randy Graber ’82, former faculty, Nashville, Tenn., teaches junior high and high school math at Montgomery Country School District.

Kelvin Friesen ’73, Hesston College Board of Overseers member, Luther Gautsche ’73, and Phil Bontrager, father of Darin Bontrager ’10, Archbold, Ohio, were instrumental in helping Sauder Manufacturing earn the Best of Competition and Nightingale awards at the Healthcare Design Show in Nashville, Tenn. Friesen serves Sauder Manufacturing as vice president of Marketing, Gautsche is vice president of Operations and Bontrager is CEO.

Nina Hostetler ’79, Los Angeles, Calif., attends Los Angeles City College where she is working on her Human Services Generalist certificate and is a member of Alpha Mu Gamma, the national collegiate honorary foreign language society.

DEATHS
Renee (Burkholder) ’74 Swartley, Perkasie, Pa., Aug. 26, 2011
Linda (Egli) ’79 Kym, wife of Ray Kym ’79, Tomball, Texas, July 28, 2011

ADOPTION
Tim ’78 and Sheryl Schrag, Manhattan, Kan.: Wolfgang, adopted April 11, 2011

1990-1999

David Pusey ’92, St. Catherine, Jamaica, completed his master’s degree in engineering management in 2008 at Florida International University (Miami) and works at Bank of Jamaica as an information technology specialist.

Scott Barge ’97, Goshen, Ind., is director of Assessment and Institutional Research at Goshen College. He is a 1999 graduate of Goshen College and holds a doctoral degree from Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.).

Darrin Lechty ’98, West Liberty, Ohio, is a third grade teacher at West Liberty-Salem and coaches junior varsity boys golf and basketball.

MARRIAGES
Rhonda Good ’90, former staff and Randy King, Grantham, Pa., Oct. 22, 2011
Isaac Hooley ’99, former staff and Emily Hershberger ’05, Filer, Idaho, Aug. 20, 2011

BIRTHS
Denise (Wohlgemuth) ’90 and Dennis Chittick, Kalona, Iowa: Kolbi Raye, July 1, 2011
Chad ’92 and Mary Frey, Newton, Kan.: Elizabeth Ann, May 11, 2011
Merrill ’93 and Jennifer Friesen, Hastings, Neb.: Joanna Elisabeth, Nov. 11, 2011
Gregory ’93 and Jennifer Larson Sawin, Melford, Mass.: Leela Lesedi, Dec. 1, 2011
Melissa (Adamire) ’94 and Shawn Delancey, Mifflintown, Pa.: James Donald, April 14, 2011
Rebecca (Miller) ’96 and Perry Shank, Denver, Colo.: Hazel Jane and Olive Anne, Nov. 6, 2011
Lew ’96 and Jean Wagner, Royal City, Wash.: Malachi Aaron, Jan. 14, 2011
Steve ’97 and Monica (Swarzentruhe) ’97 Janzen, Nampa, Idaho: Genevieve Grace Marner, Aug. 8, 2011
Nate ’97 and Heather Wyse, Middlebury, Ind.: Judson James, July 8, 2011
Monica (Miller) ’98 and Korey Bromley, Middlebury, Ind.: Lilly Jo, Sept. 23, 2011
Jeff Yoder '03, Federal Credit Union, Harrisonburg, Va., has enrolled at an RN-BSN program at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Darrell Wenger '02, a nurse in Sioux Falls, S.D., is program director at Swan Lake Christian Camp in Viborg, S.D., and Alison Renee Neufeld '04, Sioux Falls, S.D., will hike the Appalachian Trail from April to October. Renee is program director at Swan Lake Christian Camp in Viborg, S.D., and Alison is a nurse in Sioux Falls.

Renee Neufeld '00, Hurley, S.D., and Alison Neufeld '04, Sioux Falls, S.D., will hike the Appalachian Trail from April to October. Renee is program director at Swan Lake Christian Camp in Viborg, S.D., and Alison is a nurse in Sioux Falls.

Darrell Wenger '02, Harrisonburg, Va., works as a financial advisor at Park View Federal Credit Union.

Jeff Yoder '03 and Angie Lederach '04, Rollinsville, Colo., began a six- to eight-month volunteer position with Peacebuilders Community, Inc. in Davao, Philippines, December 2011.

Luke Krehbiel '04, Garden City, Mo., graduated from Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) with a sonography degree registered in general, vascular, and cardiac.

Fjaere Harder '05, Brooklyn, N.Y., has participated in several acting and singing roles and held the role of Rosie Taylor, one of the lead roles in the musical Confession, which ran summer 2011 at the Blue Gate Theatre in Shipshewana, Ind. The musical is based on books by Beverly Lewis.

Christopher Johnston '09, Goshen, Ind., began a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service term August 2011 in Madison, Wis., as a program assistant with the Madison-Area Urban Ministry.

Annali Murray '09, Orrville, Ohio, is serving in Kuito, Uganda, as a school social worker, chaplain and educator with Church of Uganda through Mennonite Central Committee's SALT (Serving and Learning Together) program.

Jason Unruh '09, Peabody, Kan., is serving a two-year term with Mennonite Central Committee as a meat cutter in Akron, Pa.

Marty Yoder '09, Goshen, Ind., works with Walk4Water to raise awareness and funds for clean water across the world. He will drive the support vehicle for a team of walkers leaving Cape Town, South Africa, and traveling to Cairo, Egypt, beginning February 2012. The journey of 7,000 miles is expected to take about two years.

DEATH
John Beachy '04, Sarasota, Fla., Sept. 25, 2011

MARRIAGES
Rene Hostetter '01 and Hillary Shlosio, Indianapolis, Ind., June 25, 2011
Tanya Stuckey '02 and Christopher Soterau, Sioux Falls, S.D., June 16, 2011
Kristin Walker '02 and Adam Jones, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 17, 2011
Daniel Jantz '04 and Allison Isaac, Wichita, Kan., June 25, 2011
Stephanie Kautz '04 and Duane Breneman, Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 13, 2011
Kyle Mast '05 and Hannah Johnson, Canby, Ore., May 14, 2011
Aaron Miller '06 and Rachelle Nitzsche '08, Omaha, Neb., June 25, 2011
Matt Sutzman '07 and Libby Aldis '08, Minnetonka, Minn., Oct. 22, 2011
Kayla Jo Short '08 and Ty King, Billings, Mont., March 4, 2011
Phil Tyson '08 and Pratiksha Pathak '08, Elkhart, Ind., May 28, 2011
Isaac Wyse '08 and Rachel Yoder '08, Charlotteville, Va., Sept. 22, 2011
Rebecca Bender '09 and Linden Friesen, Otterbein University, Oct. 22, 2011
Kendall Landis '09 and Julie Weaver '10, Greenwood, Del., Dec. 31, 2011

BIRTHS
Brad '00 and Kristen Hoffman, Denver, Colo.: Adelyn Suzanne, April 2, 2011
Jason '01 and Andrea (Wiebe) '01 Ramer, Goshen, Ind.: Piper Sue, Oct. 27, 2011
Ryan '01 and Sarah Schrock, Lancaster, Pa.: Leah Catherine, July 18, 2011
Jeremy '01 and Laura (Schwartz) '01 Shue, Goshen, Ind.: Josiah Tucker, Aug. 7, 2011
Matthew '01 and Shawna (Stutzman) '01 Yoder, Ritzville, Wash.: Orin Gray, June 6, 2011

Geoffrey '02 and Danielle Kimel, Glendale, Ariz.: Harper Ann, June 28, 2011
David '02 and Stephanie Saffer, Flagler, Colo.: Adalyn Marie, Nov. 18, 2011
Darrell '02 and Hannah (Kratzer) '02 Wenger, Harrisonburg, Va.: Aaron Glen, Sept. 20, 2011
Amy (Whetstone) '03 and Kurt Ruepke, Kansas City, Mo.: Jaden Edward, Sept. 29, 2011
Katie (Simmering) '03 and Phil Walters, McPherson, Kan.: Emory Rose, April 14, 2011
Denae (Kendel) '03 and Ben Weaver, Green Lane, Pa.: Ellie Renee, April 18, 2011
Justin '03 and Stephanie (Jackson) '02 Yoder, Hesston, Kan.: Briley Jade, June 7, 2011
Joel '04 and Laura (Waters) '04 Garber, Goodwell, Okla.: Olivia Caye, Oct. 7, 2011
Luke '04 and Hannah (Hartzerl) '04 Krehbiel, Garden City, Mo.: Mia Renea, Sept. 10, 2011
Eric '04 and Stephanie Sents, Broadway, Va.: Addison Ruth, Aug. 21, 2011
Camille (Birky) '05 and Russell Adrian, Madison, Wis.: Hannah Joy, Nov. 10, 2011
Michael '05 and Becky (Friesen) '05 Armstrong, Millcreek, Pa.: Alyncia Joy, Oct. 28, 2011
Nicky (Swain) '05 and Chris Goering, Pretty Prairie, Kan.: Olivia Lynn, July 5, 2011
Jon '05 and Katie (Martin) '05 Yoder, Goshen, Ind.: Jacob Ivan, Jan. 5, 2012
Tony '06 and Tanna (Yoder) '05 Boshart, Kalona, Iowa: Brynna Marjorie, May 16, 2011
Joel '06 and Annrose (Leichty) '07 Lederman, Goshen, Ind.: Tenley Brooke, Dec. 9, 2011

Faculty/Staff
Gregg Schroeder '86, faculty, Goessel, Kan., co-authored Theoretical Basis of Nursing Care (2011, The Ministry of Education and Sciences, Moscow, Russia) a result of several years of visits to Veliy Novgorod, Russia, and presentations based on his theories of nursing care and education and their futures.

DEATH
Cookie Wiebe, former staff, Newton, Kan., Oct. 31, 2011
College offers China trip

Alumni and friends of the college are invited to join students on a three-week trip to China during the May 2012 term beginning May 7. Sociology professor and artist-in-residence Anthony Brown will lead the trip and Chunrong Li, a Chinese citizen living in Philadelphia, will serve as the group’s tour guide. Three hours of social science credit may be earned as part of the trip.

“Global awareness is a big part of what we do at Hesston College,” said Brown. “The trip is meant to be an intercultural experience for people to experience and explore China’s history and culture.”

Other than the International Chorale trip which travels to Europe for three weeks every other May, study-abroad trips have not been a regular part of the Hesston College curriculum since Interterm ended in 1996.

The itinerary includes ancient attractions like Tiananmen Square, the Great Wall, Ming Tombs and a variety of temples, museums and markets. With the connections and contacts Li has in her home country, the group will be able to experience the sites in a way most people cannot.

Availability for the trip is limited to 20 people. The cost per person is based partially on the size of the group and the option of taking the trip for course credit, but is estimated to be between $3,200 and $3,800. All expenses, including airfare and other transportation, lodging, meals and admission to attractions are included in the cost. Deposits for the trip are due by March 1.

Contact Tony Brown at 620-327-8285 or tonyhb@hesston.edu for more information or to reserve a spot.
A family, a start, a home

All nine members of our family squeezed into a Kaiser-Frazer sedan for the move to Hesston from Indiana in the summer of 1952.

Hesston College was the sole reason we came here. My father, Chester ’54, who had pastored churches in Michigan and Indiana, did not have a college education and was attracted to Hesston’s short-term Bible and religion courses. My oldest brother, Conrad Ac55, ’57, was interested in Hesston Academy.

Our family quickly became connected to the college. My parents purchased a two-story house from Lyle Ac31, ’35 and Erma (Martin) ’35 Yost and moved it from north of Hesston to a wheat field on the north edge of town, now North Weaver Street. The Yosts asked my parents to make the mortgage payments to Hesston College rather than to them.

What we thought was going to be a temporary stay in Hesston became a permanent home, with Hesston College at the center of our permanency. My father did take Winter Term courses, my brother did enroll at Hesston Academy and Hesston College, followed by siblings Zonda (Osborne) Ac57, ’59 Befort, Phil Osborne Ac61, ’63, former faculty, Rachel (Osborne) Ac63, ’65 Koppenhaver and me. Three of our spouses are also Hesston College graduates.

With eight third-generation Osbornes and three of their spouses attending Hesston College, and four members of the extended family who have been employees, there has been an Osborne at Hesston College as a student or employee for most of the past 60 years.

If I could produce a Google Map of significant influences on my life, it would show Hesston College as the starting point but quickly expand to include a broader world. As a student at Hesston during the Vietnam War, I became convinced of the need to make a positive contribution through service abroad, which started 10 years of volunteer work with Mennonite Central Committee in the Middle East and shorter periods of living in Japan and India.

In nearly 35 years of working at Hesston College, I find personal importance in the confluence of being present in the global family but having a centering place of home, both in residence and in employment. I owe much to this place.

The shaping of my life began with that crammed carload of Osbornes journeying to Hesston. The Kaiser-Frazer got us here but could do no more than that. It went. We stayed.

-Dave Osborne Ac64, ’66, director of International Admissions, international student advisor

The Osborne family pictured from left: Rachel, Grace, Dave, Chester, Phil, Grandpa Osborne, Stan, Eva, Zonda and Conrad in 1970. Courtesy photo.
HOMECOMING: A view from everywhere

September 28 to 30, 2012

START by saving the date:

Take a look: Is it your reunion year?

A HESSTON COLLEGE HOMECOMING: A view from everywhere

Special emphasis in Performing Arts