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A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY

This issue of *Hesston College Today* celebrates the contributions of those who have come to Hesston College from a variety of cultural backgrounds. This diversity, which we celebrated during Homecoming in September, is part of our history and has become even more prominent

in recent years. Our current student population includes students from 12 countries outside of the United States, representing 11 percent of our total students. In recent years, our student population has included 30 to 35 percent students of color. There is growing diversity in terms of our religious backgrounds as well, with 25 faith traditions represented on campus. Ten years ago, more than 50 percent of our students were Mennonite, and that group is now just under 35 percent. We also have students at various life stages and in different professional programs. It all adds up to a wonderful campus community.

My favorite room on campus is the Dining Hall, surrounded by the flags of all countries represented by our students. It is common to see students from three or four continents and hear conversations in different languages. I do not have comparative data to back this claim, but Hesston may be the most diverse of all private colleges in Kansas.

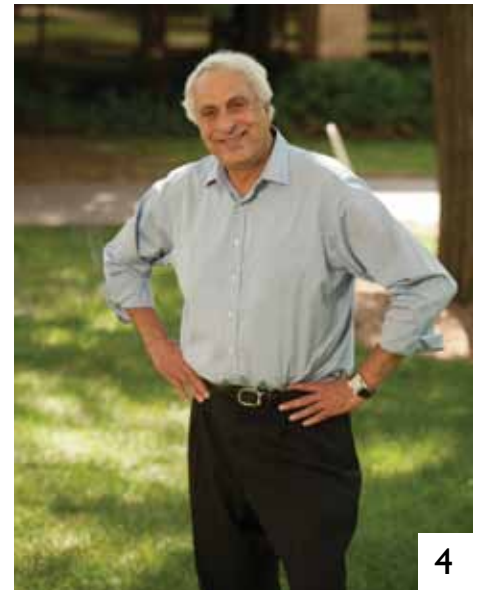
In the last three years, we have been engaged in an inclusion and diversity initiative, with the overall goal of becoming a more welcoming community. A council led by Tony Brown '69, internal consultant for inclusion, Marelby Mosquera '04, faculty member, and Rachel Swartzendruber '00 Miller, vice president of Admissions, develops specific goals and plans to help us become more like the inclusive community envisioned in the New Testament.

This is important work. One cannot adequately learn from other cultures by reading, listening and watching. We learn from each other by being with each other and working and playing together. We hear each other's stories and learn to let go of stereotypes and privileges that come with color of skin, family names and places of birth.

Part of our mission statement reads "educates and nurtures each student in Christ-centered community." The growing richness of our student population and our efforts to learn from each other helps us come closer to realizing this ideal.

Dr. Howard Keim '72, President

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A photograph of three people standing on a grassy lawn outdoors. On the left, a man in a dark suit jacket and glasses is seen from the side, looking towards the center. In the middle, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a light green textured jacket and dark pants, is also seen from the side, looking towards the right. On the right, a man in a light blue button-down shirt and dark pants is partially visible, gesturing with his right hand as if speaking. The background consists of lush green trees and a brick building. The title text is overlaid on the image.

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FOR A G L O B A L I M P A C T

MARATHANA PROTHRO &
DAVE OSBORNE AC64, '66



***I**t only takes one conversation with Sadi Othman '93 to recognize the secret to his success. He's intelligent, diplomatic and charming with just the right blend of confidence and humility.*

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Othman, now a vice president of the investment firm North America Western Asia Holdings (NAWAH), doesn't recall ever having a problem building relationships. He credits his Hesston Experience — especially classes with Jim Mininger Ac61, Phil Osborne Ac61, '63 and Howard Keim '72 — as playing a role in developing communication and peacemaking skills that have served him well as he has sought to help bridge the gap between the United States and Iraq.

“My classes at Hesston helped me learn how important communication is,” said Othman following his keynote presentation at Homecoming in September. “I learned to just keep talking with – not shout at – each other. If you disagree, you can still respect others. It takes courage to express yourself in a manner where you try not to hurt the intelligence, feelings or point of view of the person with whom you disagree.”

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– Sadi Othman '93 –

A Palestinian-American, Othman was hired by the U.S. government in 2003 as a cultural and political advisor to U.S. Army Brigadier General Frank Helmick,



then second-in-command of the 101st Airborne Division. The primary task was to help rebuild the infrastructure in northern Iraq. Within a short time, Othman was asked to assist General David Petraeus, then a major general in the 101st, as a linguist and advisor.

As Petraeus' role and rank elevated over the next several years, so also Othman's role and responsibilities grew as he developed friendships with political leaders from across the Iraqi political spectrum. Othman's role in Iraq from 2003 to 2008 evolved into a pivotal communication link

between the U.S. political/military leadership and Iraqi political leadership.

“The most valuable instrument in [Petraeus'] effort to influence [Iraqi leaders] was his advisor Sadi Othman,” said author Linda Robinson in her book *Tell Me How This Ends: General David Petraeus and the Search for a Way Out of Iraq* (Public Affairs, 2009).

Othman's return to the U.S. in 2010 seemed to provide him an opportunity to start a career in the global business world. His plans were put on hold when the U.S. administration asked him to return to



Baghdad for a short-term focused effort to assist the Iraqis in forming a new government following the March 2010 elections.

Following the short-term assignment in Baghdad, Othman joined the business world when he was named vice president of NAWAH, established in 2011 by Hyatt Hotels executive chairman Thomas Pritzker and former Pentagon official Paul Brinkley. NAWAH has initiated investment projects in the Middle East, North Africa and Asia. It was one of the first American companies to make a multi-million dollar capital investment in re-emergent Iraq.

Othman recently put his business career on another temporary hold when he returned to Iraq at the request of the U.S. administration to work as a communication link between Iraqi political leaders and U.S. leaders. He was tasked with helping in the formation of a new Iraqi political leadership team, with more inclusion than was the case with the previous Iraqi political and military leadership structure.

The Iraqi parliament approved newly appointed Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's new government in September, and

Othman has since returned to his business career at NAWAH.

Othman's start at Hesston was as unique as his go everywhere experience. He grew up in Jordan, and was in the sixth grade studying at the Mennonite school in Beit Jala, near Bethlehem, when he first learned about Hesston College. Dave Osborne Ac64, '66 was teaching in the school in his first of what would become 10 years working as a volunteer with Mennonite Central Committee in the Middle East. The teacher-student relationship developed into a deep friendship. Othman recalls wondering, "Maybe I can go to the same school Dave went to."

After emigrating to the United States, Othman became a citizen in 1977, and started his studies at Hesston as an adult in his 30s. He remembers the campus being empty and hot on his first visit late in the summer of 1991. He immediately wondered whether he would fit in.

He found a place among his classmates, especially Pastoral Ministries students, and is grateful for the ways in which faculty and staff helped guide him. Othman was, in particular, influenced by the Hesston College community's emphasis on relationships and connecting with others.

"Relationships matter a lot in life, including in your professional life as well as political life," said Othman. "Circumstances sometimes lead you to places you never expected to go, and that's where good communication and relationships will always benefit you." [HCT](#)

Sadi Othman '93 discusses his work as a cultural bridge between the U.S. and Iraq during his keynote presentation at Homecoming in September.

A JOURNEY TO ACCEPTANCE

QUINN KATHRINEBERG '15

It's not uncommon for some students to experience culture shock when they arrive on the Hesston College campus. Usually they are international students and occasionally students new to the Mennonite culture, not American Mennonites like Lisa Guedea '81 Carreño (Goshen, Ind.).

Carreño chose to start at Hesston because she wanted to explore the Mennonite part of her heritage – a part with which she wasn't too familiar. She says her Hesston Experience gave her what she was looking for: it served as a step in her journey to embrace her identity and provided a start in an unexpected career.

Carreño was born in Chicago to a Mexican Catholic father who had converted to the Mennonite faith and a white American Mennonite mother. She spent her childhood in inner-city Denver's Mexican-American ghetto and then in south Texas, just 150 miles north of the Mexican border where her father was the pastor of a “fledgling church made up of equal parts jerked-over Catholics and leftover [Mennonite] Voluntary Service workers.” Discovering and accepting her identity was a difficult process for Carreño because of her mixed heritage, which she calls a “mixture of two mixtures.”

“[I am] the Mexican mixture that is Spanish and Indian, and the ethnic Mennonite mixture that is made up of Swiss immigrants who intermarried with German immigrants,” said Carreño.

Carreño arrived at Hesston College grappling with how to view her identity. As a child growing up in Texas, she experienced cultural criticism from other children. She describes her years in Texas through two very defining life experiences. The first was her identity as a minority, and the second was being on the receiving end of racism. She found it difficult being on the outside, a product of a bicultural marriage, especially in a region where cultural differences were not embraced.

For Carreño, Hesston College was “kind of like the first euphoric phases of culture shock.”

“Coming to Hesston was kind of an anthropological

experiment for me because it was all so different from how I grew up,” Carreño said. “I didn't understand the unspoken rules for how people did things.”

While her Hesston Experience did not provide the moment of clarity in coming to terms with her identity, it was a crucial step in her journey of self-discovery and self-awareness, she says. It provided an opportunity for her to interact and share in new ways that broadened her worldview.

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– Lisa Guedea '81 Carreño –

To add to the pile of new experiences, Carreño, who planned to study music education, was assigned to a work study job in the library. Although it wasn't her first choice to pay her way through college, it proved to be a “right place, right time” situation just a few years later.

Her job in the Mary Miller Library led to a work study position in the Goshen (Ind.) College library when she transferred. It was there, shortly after earning her undergraduate degree in music performance, that a colleague approached her with the idea of pursuing a master's in library science.

Carreño earned her master's degree from Simmons College (Boston) a few years later and has worked in a variety of librarian roles in corporate, academic and public sectors since. She is now the director of Elkhart (Ind.) Public Libraries and previously served for 14 years as library director at Goshen College.

Finding and accepting her identity – in both the sense of her heritage and career – wasn't without feelings of inadequacy, isolation and confusion. However, Carreño is now proud of her multicultural roots and professional accomplishments and ready to explore whatever new opportunities come her way.

“We're all part of this huge mosaic that has many differences and that's fine,” said Carreño. “I don't have it all figured out; I have not ‘arrived.’ I'm still learning and stumbling as we all are.” [HCT](#)





SAYING HEY

“I say hey, wave to the world, this is my day...this is my time, I’m going to shine.”

For singer/songwriter Aaron Young '12, the lyrics from his first single, “Say Hey,” become more applicable every day. Since graduating from Hesston and returning to his hometown of Kansas City, Mo., Young has brushed elbows with some of the biggest names in music and made great strides on his journey of making it in the music world.

In a little more than two years, Young, known by his stage name AY MusiK, has competed as a contestant on FOX’s *The X Factor*, opened for performers including T-Pain and Aaron Carter, released one album, *Above and Beyond EP*, with a second, *FareWell*, slated to be released January 1 and performed on more than 100 college campuses with his innovative power system as part of his #BatteryTour. In November, he appeared on MTV’s reality show *MADE* as a premiere concert band in the “It Girl” episode.

In short, Young is achieving something he has always dreamed of – reaching people with his message of “be true to who you are.”

“The biggest journey I’ve had has been accepting my own music,” said Young. “I didn’t have the courage or complete confidence to do that for a long

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– Aaron Young '12 –

time. I thought people wouldn’t like me because I’m a rapper. Once I started being genuine to who I am, I saw people respond in a great way. I think I’m onto something good.”

In a industry that reflects ever-changing trends and pressure to conform to popular standards, Young refuses to compromise himself and his message just to make it big. His songs resound with positive messages of “be you,” “believe in yourself” and “never give up.”



So far, his high-energy personality and imaginative techniques have been enough to get him noticed.

Young’s success hasn’t come by chance, but by acting on opportunities, taking risks and careful networking, he says. For his most recent endeavor, the #BatteryTour, Young incorporated two pre-existing technologies into one that doesn’t require electricity, allowing him to perform live anywhere and at any time. Many of his connections stemmed from being discovered while performing on street corners and in parks.

As he rises in the ranks of the music world, Young credits his years at Hesston as the most important in his musical growth.

Young had only just begun exploring his musical talents when he transferred to Hesston from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in the fall of 2010. He was recruited as a member of the men’s basketball team, but with a desire to launch a music career, he also found time to be a part of the Hesston College Chorale, take private voice lessons with Matthew Schloneger '92 and create new music.

“Hesston was the single most significant move in my career to date,” said Young. “It’s there that I grew as a writer and musician. My Hesston Experience gave me material that shaped my music. Some embraced it, others didn’t, but it helped prepare me for the realities of the music industry. People can do whatever they set their minds to. I hope I’m living proof of that.” [HCT](#)

Young’s music and videos can be found as AY MusiK on YouTube and wherever digital music is sold.

GO EVERYWHERE ALUMNIUS *profile*

Daniel Moya '08

Mexico City

MAJOR: International peace studies

CAREER: Musician and peace advocate



MUSIC AND PEACE

My interests in music and peace began as a child. I was born in Colombia where there has been armed conflict for more than 50 years. My parents are missionar-

I often helped in their efforts. My parents' efforts that help create peace. My father taught me to play traditional instruments like the accordion, the tambora, and I played

In Hesston, I was disoriented. I wanted to do. I first started playing guitar, but switched to drums. When I discovered my passion for music, I learned about peace and justice. After graduation, I went to Goshen (Ind.)

I majored in peace, justice studies and minored in music. I worked with mental health for immigrants for a year. As I believe health and peace are important, I believe that music and art are important tools for peacebuilding and the foundation of a peaceful society. I also worked as a guitar instructor. I received a master's degree in international peace studies with an emphasis in diplomacy and political science (range from the University of Notre Dame and.). For part of my graduate work, I spent eight months in Israel and Palestine working with a journalist and discovering stories of


peace and hope in the midst of violence.

Music has been present throughout all my endeavors. At Hesston I had a band and was able to share my original music and culture with students and the community. I also studied classical guitar, music theory and took voice lessons. I have played at peace festivals and rallies for undocumented immigrants. I believe carrying a message through music is my mission as a musician and allows me to facilitate awareness about issues. Many of my original songs carry messages of environmental issues, love for humanity and creation and are inspired by my experiences in Colombia, Ecuador and the Middle East.

MUSIC AS VOCATION

My band, La República Rock Latino, formed in 2011 with my brother Juan and a percussionist who comes from the same region of Colombia. We toured throughout the United States then moved to Mexico City in July 2014, which is a cultural hub for Latino arts and music. We are now working with a manager, have opened for a famous Latin rock band and are trying to get our original music out to the masses.

A MULTICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Hesston is a special place because it brings the world to you with students coming from so many places and cultures and sharing their stories. That kind of exchange has transforming power. It encouraged me to be an agent for social change. It's easy to be in an academic institution and be trained to be a professional and make money. A multicultural experience places value not on making money but growing as a member of a global community. 

START HERE

STUDENT *profile*

Irena Xhari '16

Lezhë, Albania

PARENTS: Mersim and Arta Xhari

MAJOR: History

CHOOSING HESSTON

I attended high school at Lezhë Academic Center, a school financed by Virginia Mennonite Missions with both Albanian teachers and American volunteer teachers. One of my teachers, Lisa Mast '02, told me about Hesston. I wanted to come to the United States for college because I wanted a better education than I would have received in Albania. I chose Hesston because it is a small Christian school with a warm community, and from what I had heard, they help international students succeed by being available in all areas of the student experience.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

I have felt very welcome at Hesston from the first day I was on campus – especially when a faculty member gave me flowers. Everyone here is so welcoming and caring and it is the Christian environment that I was very eager to be a part of. Campus Worship, hymn sings and gathering together to have a good time are things that I really value about Hesston. People say hello when you meet them in passing, which is very different than where I come from.

CHANGE AND EXPLORATION

At first, I was afraid of the things I didn't know about. I was nervous about the language and communicating with others, since English is not my first language. It hasn't

been a big problem, but I have had a few incidents when I've felt uncomfortable in the conversation. I am the only student from Albania so I've had

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WOMEN'S SOCCER MAKES PLAYERS' WORLDS SMALLER

ANDREW SHARP '99

When Hesston College women's soccer coach Bryan Kehr recruited midfielder Chihiro Hikita '13 (Hokuto, Japan), he correctly assumed he'd added an unmistakable talent and instant scoring threat. Hikita didn't disappoint in the fall of 2011, leading Hesston to a then program-best seven wins. What Kehr didn't realize is that Hikita was the first of many Japanese players who would make an impact for the Larks.

A year after Hikita led the Larks in goals, Kehr added Myu Kobayashi '14 (Yokosuka, Japan) and Yoshie Ueno '14 (Tokyo, Japan) to the 2012 roster. Kobayashi exploded onto the college soccer scene in her debut, recording a hat-trick in a season-opening Hesston win. Ueno, meanwhile, was becoming a positive leader and role model on the team – a role that Kehr describes as very significant.

Kobayashi, Hesston College's all-time assist leader and team captain her sophomore year, ranks fifth in career goals. Hikita is tied for eighth in that same category, while current freshman Machi Kanematsu '16 (Osaka, Japan) was the Larks' leading scorer this season and has already cracked the career goals top 10.

"I didn't have many American friends before I joined the team, but my teammates quickly became like family to me. The relationships I built on the team enhanced my college life a great deal."

— Yoshie Ueno '14 —

Looking back, the four players' time with the Hesston program has made an impact on much more than just the stat sheet. Indeed, Hikita, Ueno, Kobayashi and Kanematsu have shared their culture and friendship, along with their athletic talents, with their teammates.

Following her first semester, teammate Jessica Donnelly '14 hosted Ueno for several weeks at her Gresham, Ore., home, just as she had done for Kobayashi the year

before. Now an Oregon State University (Corvallis) student, Ueno's time on the Hesston soccer team enriched her college experience.

"Playing soccer gave me so many great memories," Ueno said. "I didn't have many American friends before I joined the team, but my teammates quickly became like family to me. The relationships I built on the team enhanced my college life a great deal."

Japanese students have a long and significant international student presence at Hesston, and the recent women's soccer players from Japan have added to the rich Hesston history of diversity and multiculturalism. Studying in another culture while playing soccer, the Japanese students managed to do some teaching, too.

As part of Kehr's prescribed monthly team social activity, Ueno and Kobayashi hosted a sushi meal their freshman year. About half the team participated, Kehr remembers, with the other half being a little unsure of Japanese cuisine. A year later, Kehr recalls clean plates and a new-found appreciation for new experiences. This year's sushi meal has been scheduled for February.

"Coach Kehr taught me so many things through soccer practice and games," Ueno said. "He gave me a chance to join the team and for that I am grateful. As an international student, playing soccer allowed me to meet many amazing people. Words can't explain how much I love my former teammates."

"Through counting in Japanese instead of English, having a Japanese word of the day and learning to make sushi as a team, we've all enjoyed having international students on our team," said Elisabeth Wilder '15 (Hesston). "It's been a great way to build relationships across cultural lines." HCT

Machi Kanematsu '16 (Osaka, Japan) scores on a penalty kick. Kanematsu was the Larks' leading scorer this season.

WHY I AM A HESSTON COLLEGE PARTNER

MATT LEHMAN '09



Get any group of Hesston alumni together, and you'll get to hear stories – trips to Druber's and Newell's, mod activities, pranks played and more. Just recently, a friend of mine who didn't attend Hesston remarked that he's never met a Hesston alumnus who wasn't passionate about the school and their experience there. It seems to be a fundamental truth that Hesston College has a positive impact on the people who attend there.

As a fundraiser, I get to see every day the way that people's money gets turned into stories and experiences. In the same way, my donation to Hesston College gives new generations of students the chance to learn the Heils, participate in the Talent Show and shape their future as graduates of Hesston College. The reason that I give to Hesston College is that I know that the stories of Hesston College are ones that I want people to keep telling long into the future. HCT

Matt lives in Bel Aire, Kan., and works in development for Mennonite Mission Network.

Partner Program

Hesston College depends on alumni, friends and the church to support the costs of educating students. The Hesston College Partner program is made up of individuals who make ongoing annual contributions to the Hesston College Annual Fund to provide institutional scholarships and grants as financial aid for students.

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

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- Founding Partner – \$84 to \$166 per month (\$1,000 to \$1,999 annually)
- Associate Partner – \$42 to \$83 per month (\$500 to \$999 annually)

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

HONORING LEGACIES, HELPING STUDENTS

Institutional scholarships are vital to the 99 percent of Hesston College students who receive institutional aid. These scholarships are awarded to students who have particular interests, qualifications or financial need. The following scholarships have been added to the list of endowed scholarships since fall of 2013.

THE MARION AND BUETTA (WYSE) BONTRAGER SCHOLARSHIP

Marion Bontrager '57 served in the religious life area at Hesston College for 40 years, teaching Bible, Pastoral Ministries, history and general education courses, including conceptualizing and creating the curriculum for the renowned Biblical Literature course. Buetta took a strong interest in Hesston College, supporting her husband in his teaching ministry. Buetta passed away in December 2006, and Marion retired from Hesston College in May 2014.

The scholarship was established by Marion and Buetta (Wyse) Bontrager in gratitude for the college's contribution to them, their family and the Mennonite church, and will be awarded to students majoring in Bible and religion.

THE JIM AND BELLE BOYTS SCHOLARSHIP

Jim Ac51 and Anna Belle "Belle" (Stoltzfus) Ac51 Boyts are long-time supporters of Hesston College. Jim served Hesston College as a special assistant to the President for Financial Affairs from 1969 to 1972. He passed away in June 2010. Belle continues to be active in the Hesston College community.

The scholarship was established with dollars raised from the 2013 Hesston College Golf Benefit, which honored Jim's legacy and contributions to Hesston College, and will be awarded to students who are sincere about their commitment to learning.

THE JOHN AND BRENDA BURKEY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

John '64 and Brenda Burkey have a longstanding history of involvement and generous giving of time and resources to the college, including co-organizing the annual Nebraska Golf Benefit.

The scholarship was established in recognition of the Burkeys' 25 years of faithful, generous support of Hesston College students through the golf benefit. Recipients will be students from Nebraska.

THE NELSON KILMER SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Nelson Kilmer dedicated 46 years of his life to Hesston College as a professor and administrator. He retired in May 2014.

The scholarship, established by Nelson's children Ron Kilmer '85 and Krista Nelson and their families in recognition of Nelson's long and inspiring career and service to Hesston College, will be awarded to students who demonstrate an aptitude and passion for a career in physics, engineering or the sciences.

THE ORVILLE AND NAOMI RUTSCHMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Orville Ac47 and Naomi Rutschman are Hesston residents with strong family ties to the college and careers that demonstrate their shared commitment of service to others.

The scholarship will be awarded to students enrolled in the college's Nursing and Disaster Management programs.

THE BILL AND SHERRY WHITE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Bill and Sherry White have helped organize and run the Nebraska Golf Benefit for 25 years, one of the most well-organized and enjoyable golf benefits held on behalf of Hesston College.

The scholarship was established in recognition of the Whites' 25 years of faithful and generous support of Hesston College students through the golf benefit. Recipients will be students from Milford, Neb. [HCT](#)





HESSTON COLLEGE HOMECOMING

EACH OTHER'S LIGHT: A MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION





More than 400 alumni and friends were on campus Sept. 25 to 28 for A Hesston College Homecoming: A View from Everywhere with the theme “Each other’s light: A multicultural celebration.”

Opposite page from top: *La República Rock Latino*, with member Daniel Moya '08 (right) performed on the entertainment stage during the Friday evening Family Festival. Also pictured are Juan Moya (left) and David Guevara (center). Other performers providing entertainment were Aaron Young '12 of AY MusiK and Tom Unruh '93 (Sedgwick, Kan.) with his bluegrass group Jammin' Biscuits. The evening also featured ethnic tapas-style entrees from area restaurants, kids' activities and volleyball and alumni baseball and softball games.

Alumni celebrating 50-year or greater reunions enjoy the Golden Gables Luncheon.

Guest presenter Eglá (Birmingham) Hassan, who taught drama at Hesston from 1977 to 80, works with acting students during a theatre masterclass.

Members of the class of 1994 share stories and memories during their class reunion. Pictured from left are Sharla (Saltzman) '94 and her husband Anthony Marriott, Anne (Gingerich) '94 Brenneman, Amy (Yutzy) '94 Harder, Tina (Miller) '94 Yeater and Tonya (Hunsberger) '94, staff Detweiler.

Tony Brown '69 performs his one-man show *I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's Life in His Words and Songs*. The documentary multimedia presentation honors and

celebrates the life of the all-American athlete, scholar, champion orator, international recording artist and star of the stage and screen during the 1930s and 40s.

This page from top: The cast of *Heavenly Voices* performs following the Saturday evening Alumni Banquet. The play, written by Goshen (Ind.) College communications faculty member Pat Lehman, tells the faith stories of Mennonite women of color. The cast included Hesston College alumnae Lisa Guedea '81 Carreño, Robina (David) '87 Sommers and Joy Liechty '79 Yoder.

Dave Ac64, '66 and Sena (Miller) '68 Osborne (center) were honored at the second annual Hesston College Student Scholarship Golf Benefit sponsored by Excel Industries (Hesston) Sept. 25. Proceeds from the benefit were designated for The Dave and Sena Osborne Scholarship Fund for international students. Also pictured are Dave's son Troy Osborne '91, daughter Hannah (Osborne) '99 Troyer and 2014 scholarship recipients Alpha Mavungu Kivuwu '15 (Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo) and Galed Krisjayanta '15 (Sukarta, Indonesia).

Doug '00 and Elizabeth (Heatwole) '99 Maury talk with Dustin Galyon '04 during the Partner Luncheon. More than 250 Partners were present during the time for Hesston College to honor and thank those who give generously in support of student scholarships. Rickey Vick III '10 spoke about “The Evolution of Indecision” and third-year nursing student Makayla Ladwig '15 (Wichita, Kan.) shared her Hesston College story.



ENROLLMENT SEES INCREASE IN NEW STUDENTS

Official fall enrollment numbers show a marked increase in new students for 2014-15. The college welcomed 237 new students, an increase of 10 percent from last year. Total enrollment for the year is 428 students from 33 states and 12 countries. Kansas students make up 46 percent of the total student population while 43 percent of students come from other states and 11 percent are international. [HCT](#)

Jeremy Delly '16 (Port-Au-Prince, Haiti) and Oliver Wisseman '16 (Prineville, Ore.) go head-to-head in an intense Rock, Paper, Scissors match during Mod Olympics Aug. 17.



AUTHOR BRINGS HUMAN RIGHTS MESSAGE

New York Times bestselling author Blaine Harden, author of the campus read *Escape from Camp 14*, spoke on campus Oct. 16 about his work as a writer and human rights advocate. Harden's book tells the story of one man's experience in and escape from a North Korean political prison camp, and is leading First-year Experience with the theme "Power of Choice: Changing Cultures of Oppression." [HCT](#)



THEATRE PRODUCTION IS COMMUNITY EFFORT

The theatre program presented the American classic *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. Set in turn-of-the-century New England, the play is a celebration of small town American life and family values.

"The message of the importance of family and community bonds is relevant to our increasingly fragmented lives," said director Laura Kraybill. "Our production was an opportunity to broaden our own sense of community as actors from across the city and campus worked together."

The cast included President Howard Keim '72 as the Stage Manager, who introduces and narrates the action of the play, as well as students, faculty, staff and community members. [HCT](#)



Shelden Architecture (Wichita, Kan.)

CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING COMPLETE

In early October, the college received the commitment to reach the \$3.8 million goal for the construction of the north campus entrance and renovation of Northlawn performing arts building. The renovation is set to begin in late December and be completed by August 2015, prior to the start of the 2015-16 academic year. A total of 232 donors gave to the campaign project. "We are so grateful for the generosity of so many people that made reaching this goal a full three months in advance possible," said Tonya (Hunsberger) '94 Detweiler, interim vice president of Advancement.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Noreen Anderson, Development Office logistics coordinator; Gerard Birkhauser, physics instructor; Angela (Martin) '99 Brockmueller '13, biology instructor; Curtis Denlinger '11, '14, flight instructor intern; Myron Diener '78 mathematics instructor; Tyler Doerksen, biology instructor; George Felix '14, flight instructor intern; Megan Fowler, athletic trainer; Charlie Hansen '14, flight instructor intern; Heather (Kyburz) '00 Hosford, nursing instructor; Kyle Howell, baseball associate head coach; Mary Martin, post office manager; Maxine Martin '69, development officer; Rachel (Schlegel) '05 McMaster, grant writer; Gil Oliva '91, network administrator; Tony Pezzola, director of Food Service; Bruce Plank, art instructor; Rebecca Schloneger, Chamber Orchestra conductor; Gerry Selzer Ac63, '65, interim registrar; Tomomi Stevenson, food service; Leslie Wheeler, food service; Joy (Smith) '96 Yoder, nursing instructor. [HCT](#)

ALUMNA JOINS DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Maxine Martin '69 joined the Advancement team as a development officer for the western United States in October. She replaces Derek Yoder '96, who served the territory for two years. She will work from her home in Lakewood, Colo.

Martin earned a B.S. in gerontology/community health from the University of Oregon (Eugene). She worked in the gerontology field for about 10 years and in medical sales and marketing for 22 years.

"I'm very excited to be working at Hesston College," Martin said. "I see it as a new adventure. I love making new friends, and I'm looking forward to assisting Hesston College in raising funds for student scholarships and future capital projects." [HCT](#)





President Howard Keim '72 and Interim Vice President of Advancement Tonya (Hunsberger) '94 Detweiler present Doug '62 and Connie Dorsing with a gift of appreciation for their \$1 million gift to the college at the annual Partner Luncheon Sept. 27.

\$1 MILLION GIFT TO ENHANCE STUDENT AID AND OPPORTUNITIES

Hesston College received a \$1 million gift in support of student scholarships and a future capital campaign project from longtime supporters Doug '62 and Connie Dorsing of Fruitland, Idaho.

The Dorsings have designated \$250,000 for an endowed scholarship fund. Hesston College will not use any part of the gift for annual operating expenses, rather, administrators are in conversation with the Dorsings for a specific designation for the remaining amount to be used in a way that benefits Hesston College and its students for the long term.

The gift is one of the largest in Hesston College's history. Another \$1 million gift was made for the construction of Kropf Center which was completed in 1991.

“We are incredibly grateful for the relationship Doug and Connie have maintained with Hesston College over the years and for this generous gift,” said President Howard Keim. “This is truly a transformative gift that will make a difference for students, facilities, faculty and staff. We will work with the Dorsings to discern the best use for their generosity to maximize the far reaching effects the gift will have.”

Doug serves as president and head of sales of Dorsing Seeds of Parma, Idaho, a worldwide producer and processor of vegetable seeds. Connie is a member of the pastoral staff of Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church, Caldwell, Idaho, and an active volunteer in the community. [HCT](#)



LABYRINTH DEDICATED AS SACRED SPACE

EMILY KAUFFMAN '16

The campus and local communities have a new place to go for quiet contemplation or prayer with the completion of Hesston College's prayer labyrinth.

Candles lit the path as the labyrinth was dedicated Oct. 30. Bible and ministry faculty member Michele (Schrock) '81 Hershberger led participants through the labyrinth in prayer while guitar and mandolin music set the mood.

Prayer labyrinths offer a way of praying that brings a person's whole body into the prayer. Individuals walk toward the center of the labyrinth and back out – a physical action that serves as a reminder of the spiritual action they are taking.

"Our physical bodies and spiritual beings are interconnected," said exercise science faculty member Clay Stauffer '99. "The labyrinth, with its walking and praying, activates this interconnectedness."

The idea for a prayer labyrinth on campus started in 2002 when former physical education instructor Jen (Friesen) '84 LeFevre returned from a sabbatical where she experienced a prayer labyrinth and thought it would fit well here. By chance, at a meeting of Hesston College Partners, LeFevre was approached and given a donation that became seed money to build a labyrinth. Over the years, LeFevre and students in the Recreational Leadership

class also channeled proceeds from the annual class-organized Thanksgiving Weekend Howard Hustle Two-mile Run/Walk for the project.

As funds were raised, a committee of faculty and staff including Hershberger, LeFevre, Stauffer, Physical Education Instructor and Women's Soccer Coach Bryan Kehr, Campus Facilities Director Jim Mason '75 and Psychology Instructor Kevin Wilder was formed to manage the project.

Materials were purchased in 2013, and the location behind Northlawn was selected in early 2014. First-year Experience students and the women's soccer team built the labyrinth under the supervision of Miller Construction (Newton) during the FYE Service Week in September.

The committee chose a variation of the Santa Rosa labyrinth design, which is a seven-circuit labyrinth divided into four quadrants including a unique space called the "heart space," which is an area not walked but serving as a sacred vessel for holding symbols of an individual's issues, needs or celebrations.

"We hope that this labyrinth will be a sacred space to be used for prayer by the college community and the larger Hesston community," said Kehr. [HCT](#)

ATHLETICS NEWS UPDATES



VOLLEYBALL DEMONSTRATES COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

The Hesston College volleyball team battled many challenging teams this season under the guidance of fourth-year coach Jessica Cleveland '06, and came away with a strong winning record of 21-8. Cleveland assembled a talented and athletic roster for the 2014 season that proved it could compete with the region's best teams, some of whom were ranked nationally. A loss at seventh ranked Cowley County Community College (Arkansas City, Kan.) brought an end to an 11-match win streak, the longest since an 11-match win streak in 2006. The Larks' season came to an end Nov. 8 with a loss to Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College in the regional tournament. [HCT](#)



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY HAS CONSISTENT SEASON

The men's cross country team competed consistently during the 2014 season. Muoch Keak '16 (Lincoln, Neb.) and Ryan Dungan '15 (Wichita, Kan.) were the top Lark finishers at every meet, and both competed at nationals Nov. 8 in Lubbock, Texas. Out of 256 runners, Keak finished 113th and Dungan finished 134th. Nine Lark runners represented the men's team during the season. [HCT](#)

Photo by Alex Leff '15



WOMEN'S SOCCER RELIED ON SOPHOMORES FOR LEADERSHIP

The women's soccer team looked to a strong group of sophomores for leadership during the season, and the challenge was enthusiastically accepted. Megan Baumgartner '15 (Hesston, Kan.), Dusti Diener '15 (Harrisonville, Mo.), Cadie Kiger '15 (Jeffersonville, Ind.) and Rachel Short-Miller '15 (Bellingham, Wash.) were often instrumental in Larks victories, while Skylar Tripp '15 (Craig, Colo.) provided solid protection in the goal. The Larks ended their season Nov. 1 in the first round of playoffs against Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College. They finished with a 4-10-3 record. [HCT](#)



Compiled by
Emily Kauffman '16

HOW HAVE YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCES AND CLASSES TRANSFORMED YOUR WORLDVIEW?



Jenna VonBargen '16, Baldwin City, Kan.

“Already my college experience has changed my perspective on the world because I have been exposed to so many different kinds of people. I have been fortunate to interact with students from all over the world, all walks of life and different faith traditions. Each student has different backgrounds, experiences and opinions to bring to the table. It is incredible how eye-opening it can be to simply be exposed to people who know and believe things that I hadn't even really considered before.”



Andry Stutzman '16, Harrisonburg, Va.

“I think that anyone who attends Hesston for a significant amount of time will quickly see that just because the college adheres to the Mennonite faith statement doesn't mean that there aren't a wide variety of views and backgrounds represented on campus. Through CAB activities and talking to people in classes and on campus, I have encountered people who have challenged me not to immediately dismiss others' views, but instead consider the way my own views have been shaped by my life experiences and, ultimately, understand how these experiences have given me a unique worldview that might differ from others.”

HOW HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED MULTICULTURALISM AND DIVERSITY AT HESSTON COLLEGE?



Natsuki Mizutani '16, Mie, Japan

“As an international student, I am sometimes surprised by Americans or other international students ideas and behaviors, but being exposed to others' ways of thinking and customs has helped me experience multiculturalism and diversity.”



Austin Mitchell '16, Plano, Texas

“I have experienced multiculturalism and diversity simply through meeting people on campus and making new friends. I have also attended the campus group Nations Mixer, which gives students the opportunity to interact with one another and learn about each other's countries and cultures.”

WHAT IS IT LIKE ATTENDING COLLEGE WITH STUDENTS FROM ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND WORLD AND FROM A VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS?



Ty Gwess '16, Wichita, Kan.

“It gives me a good opportunity to learn about places that I wouldn't have had the ability to learn about at a lot of other colleges.”



Sarah Anyar '16, Towson, Md.

“It's amazing that I am attending school with students from around the country and the world because it gives me a good sense of other cultures.”



Nate Gingrich '15, Goshen, Ind.

“I love being part of such a diverse campus because I am able to interact and learn about other students who come from very different backgrounds than my own, while strengthening my understanding of my own culture and identity.”

ALUMNI NEWS

1930-39

DEATHS

Freda (Brenneman) Ac37
Bush, Iowa City, July 18, 2014

1940-49

H. Dwight Swartzendruber Ac46, '49, Harrisonburg, Va., authored *Forty Years of Service Beyond Our Borders* (2012, Masthof), chronicling his years of service beginning with Mennonite Central Committee in Europe during World War II and spanning service assignments through Church World Service in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America.

DEATHS

Ora Bender, wife of Daniel Bender Ac44, Harrisonburg, Va., Jan. 20, 2014

Ruth (Nussbaum) Ac44, '48 Martin, Goshen, Ind., June 17, 2014

Amy (Janzen) Ac45, '49 Hershberger, Hesston, Kan., June 13, 2014

Marvin Miller Ac45, Parnell, Iowa, July 12, 2014

Ross "Donovan" Coopridner Ac46, husband of Edith (Schrock) Ac48 Coopridner, Wayland, Iowa, June 18, 2014

Marvin Zook Ac46, husband of Dorothy (Reber) Ac55 Zook, Hesston, Kan., Aug. 28, 2014

Lavern Gerig Ac48, '50, Goshen, Ind., June 24, 2014

Mary (Weaver) Ac48 Shue, Harper, Kan., Aug. 18, 2014

Myrtle (Loucks) Ac48 Stutzman '56, wife of Orville Stutzman '49, Hesston, Kan., July 21, 2014

Don Yoder Ac49, '51, Sugar Land, Texas, June 7, 2014

MARRIAGE

Don Reber '49 and Elizabeth (Glick) Ac47, '49 Grandfield, Goshen, Ind., March 29, 2014

1950-59

Naomi (Kauffman) '50, former faculty and John, former faculty Lederach, Goshen, Ind., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July. The Lederachs have served the church together for most of their married life, including pastorates at Sunnyside Mennonite Church (Dunlap, Ind.) and Zion Mennonite Church (Hubbard, Ore.). They developed Recovery of Hope, a marital-therapy program at Philhaven Hospital (Mount Gretna, Pa.), and served for four years with Mennonite Central Committee at Mediation Network for Northern Ireland. They also spent a sabbatical in West Bank, Israel, teaching at Bethlehem Bible College, Bethlehem University and Arab College of Nursing.

DEATHS

Melvin C. Buller '50, former staff, Asheville, N.C., Aug. 28, 2014

Leo Miller '50 husband of Dorothy (Gingerich) Ac46, '49 Miller, Orrville, Ohio, Feb. 27, 2014

Ernest Jennings Ac51, Cottonwood, Idaho, July 11, 2014

Irvin Nussbaum '51, husband of Nelda (Zehr) Ac50, '52 Nussbaum, Goshen, Ind., June 10, 2014

Dwayne Taylor Ac54, Orrville, Ohio, Nov. 11, 2013

Melva Garber, wife of Eugene Garber '58, Albany, Ore., Aug. 28, 2014

MARRIAGE

Floyd Miller, Jr. Ac54, '56 and Julia Sampietro, Twin Falls, Idaho, May 18, 2014

1960-69

Jikyo Cheryl Wolfer '68, Port Angeles, Wash., a Soto Zen Buddhist priest for 13 years, edited a collection of Zen teachings titled *Seeds of Virtue, Seeds of Change*, (2014, Temple Ground Press) which is available on Amazon.

Mary (Mast) '61 Litzinger, Columbia S.C., is retired from full-time teaching. She has made six trips to Haiti in the past 10 years, and will soon return to Goniave, Haiti, to a children's nutrition center where there is a children's home and school. She sponsors two boys from the home.

DEATHS

Kenneth W. Schmidt '61, Newton, Kan., April 22, 2014

Tom Ruth, husband of Kathleen (Weaver) Ac 65, '67 Ruth, Wichita, Kan., Aug. 3, 2014

John Myers '67, Columbus, Ohio, May 26, 2013

1970-79

Ronald Blaum '73, Goshen, Ind., was elected to a two-year term on the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) – Indiana Board of Directors. Ronald just completed his fourth term as President of the NAIFA Elkhart County Association. He has served as director of gift planning for Church World Service in Elkhart, Ind., since 2003. He also manages an insurance practice focusing on estate planning and sells life insurance and annuities. He is a member of the Estate Planning Council of Elkhart County.

Rachelle Goering '74, Cloverdale, Calif., is a nurse practitioner and psychotherapist working in the California Bay Area and Napa Valley. She specializes in age management and regenerative medicine and recently joined an innovative age management medical group. She also developed a program for holistic weight loss, integrating the body, mind and spirit.

Karl Swartz '77, Wichita, Kan., was named Lawyer of the Year by the *Wichita Business Journal*. Karl works for the Law Offices of Morris Laing and has been in the law profession for 29 years.

Shirley (Ficke) '78 Davis, Jacksonville, Fla., graduated with an associate of applied science degree in medical office administration in May 2014 from Asheville-Buncombe (N.C.) Technical Community College.

Michael Zehr '78, Key West, Fla., moved with his wife, Rebecca, from northwest Ohio in August 2013 to plant The Gathering Tree, the southernmost Mennonite church in the continental United States. Michael and

Rebecca have two young adult daughters, **Lauren Zehr '09** (Lancaster, Pa.) and **Taylor Zehr '15**.

Joy (Liechty) '79 Yoder, Goshen, Ind., works for Mennonite Central Committee – Great Lakes as the Thrift Shop Coordinator, where she manages 12 MCC shops in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

DEATHS

Patricia (Kreider) '71 Johnson, wife of **David Johnson '68**, Lititz, Pa., June 17, 2013

MARRIAGES

Elena Entz '77 and **David Wiebe**, Newton, Kan., April 19, 2014

Ray Kym '79 and **Patricia Bokenkamp**, Tomball, Texas, Sept. 20, 2013

1980-89

Wilma (Ressler) '81 Cender, Valparaiso, Ind., graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Ind.) in May 2014 with a master of arts in Christian formation with a concentration in Christian spirituality.

Connie Rempel '81, Littleton, Colo., is a Zumba instructor at South Suburban Parks and Recreation in Denver.

Jeff '87 and **Kathy (Reber) '87 Smith**, Key West, Fla., moved from Archbold, Ohio, in August 2013 to plant The Gathering Tree, the southernmost Mennonite church in the continental United States. Jeff had previously served as pastor at Central Mennonite Church (Archbold) for 14 years. He now works part-time at Florida Keys Community College (Key West) in addition to his pastoring duties. Kathy works at the Key West Butterfly and Nature

Conservatory in the gift shop and art gallery. They have three children, **London Smith '12** (Nashville, Tenn.), **Therin** and **Savannah**.

DEATHS

Scott Morgan, husband of **Sondra (Gross) '84 Morgan**, Kearneysville, W.V., June 1, 2014

Collette (Hill) '86 Stairhime, wife of **Eric Stairhime '87**, Hicksville, Ohio, Nov. 2, 2014

MARRIAGE

Beverly Bontrager '85 and **Kevin McCarthy**, Houston, Texas, March 8, 2014

1990-99

Matt Schloneger '92, faculty, North Newton, Kan., presented on his doctoral dissertation in vocal pedagogy at the National Association for Teachers of Singing National Convention in Boston in July. He won the Best Poster Paper Presentation from among about 40 presentations. Matt is working on his Ph.D. through the University of Kansas (Lawrence).

Stephanie (Harvey) '96, former faculty Danker, began as assistant professor of Art Education at Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) in August 2014.

BIRTHS

Ryan '96 and **Debbie Friesen**, Omaha, Neb.: twins, **Titus Irvin** and **Renee Ruth**, March 6, 2014

Gentry (Schmidt) '99 and **Jeffrey Deggendorf**, Holly Springs, N.C.: **Jay Daniel**, Dec. 5, 2013

Tim '99 and **Karla Friesen**, Washington, Iowa: **Naomi Jo**, July 11, 2014

2000-09

Chris Nachtigall '01, Orange City, Iowa, received his master's degree in coaching and athletic administration from Concordia University (Irvine, Calif.). He is the head softball coach at Northwestern College (Orange City). His 2014 team finished the regular season first in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Rachel Neufeld '01, Westbank, British Columbia, Canada, and **Del Hershberger**, husband of **Michele (Schrock) '81**, faculty **Hershberger**, spent five weeks traveling by motorcycle across the United States in summer 2014. Their final destination was Prudoe Bay along the Arctic Ocean in Alaska.

Isaac Landis '02, Hesston, Kan., was ordained into the ministry at Whitestone Mennonite Church (Hesston) May 18. Isaac has served as youth and young adult pastor since 2011.

Angie Lederach '04, South Bend, Ind., a Ph.D. student in anthropology and peace studies at Notre Dame (Ind.) University's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and Notre Dame Presidential Fellow, was one of two students named Mullen Family Fellow for the 2014-15 year. Lederach received a fellowship to research reconciliation efforts in Sierra Leone. Her research, combined with undergraduate research she conducted with the West African Network for Peacebuilding, resulted in the co-authorship of her book *When Blood and Bones Cry Out: Journeys Through the Soundscape of Healing and Reconciliation* (Oxford University Press, 2011) with her father, **John Paul Lederach '75**. Angie has also researched peacebuilding and reconciliation in Southeast Asia and South America, on

the role of truth-telling in reconciliation and women's needs in truth-telling.

Philip Kauffman '05, '14, Haven, Kan., was licensed for pastoral ministry at Journey @ Yoder (Kan.) Mennonite Church Oct. 12. He serves as part of a team ministry that includes other Hesston College graduates **Dave Horst '07** and **Mark Horst '08**.

Kyle Mast '05, Canby, Ore., is a certified financial planner and recently assumed ownership of the fee-only financial planning firm, Clarity Financial, LLC, in Portland, Ore.

Addie (Miller) '07 Leaman, Wakarusa, Ind., is director of Youth and Worship at Pleasant View Mennonite Church in Goshen, Ind.

Todd Stutzman '08, Nacogdoches, Texas, received an interdisciplinary master's degree from Stephen F. Austin University (Nacogdoches) in May 2014, and is employed as director of basketball operations for the women's coaching staff at the university.

Caleb Waidelich '08, Kykotsmovi Village, Ariz., graduated from the Navajo Nation Fire Academy (Window Rock, Ariz.).

Rhonda (Miller) '09 Butler, Newton, Kan., graduated from Wichita (Kan.) State University with a Doctor of Physical Therapy in May 2014. She was adopted into the Alpha Eta National Honor Society in May 2014 and awarded the Outstanding Orthopedic/Sports Medicine Student for the WSU Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2014.

Travis Duerksen '09, former staff, is part of the first team of young adults that left in September to serve with Mennonite Mission Network in Indonesia. They work with ministries of the Jemaat Kristen Indonesia

church in Ungaran, helping with the Happy Holy Kids Kindergarten/Preschool, graphic design and multimedia projects, after-school tutoring and organizing data for World Vision.

MARRIAGES

Marc Schlegel '00 and Jenna Preheim '05, Boise, Idaho, July 5, 2014

Laura Sommers '00 and Chad Steenerson, Terre Haute, Ind., July 27, 2013

Allison Faulkner '05 and Ralph Miller, Goshen, Ind., July 12, 2014

Andrew Froese '05 and Cassidy Yeackley '10, '13, La Junta, Colo., Sept. 6, 2014

Meghan Morford '05, former faculty and Jason Landwehr, Wichita, Kan., Oct. 12, 2013

Andy Steckly '05 and Jessica Janke, Ponca, Neb., June 7, 2014

Lara Hershberger '06 and Wayne Kaljumaa, Hutchinson, Kan., Oct. 5, 2013

Shawna Gerber '07 and Zac Boyd, Millersburg, Ohio, July 19, 2014

Hannah Gillham '07, '12, former staff and Chris Dunlap, Shickley, Neb., July 5, 2014

Mulya Nugroho '07 and Olivia Margaretha '11, Wichita, Kan., July 19, 2014

Kara Mishler '08 and Corey Short, Stryker, Ohio, June 28, 2014

Abby Erb '09 and Shawn Stover, Harrisonburg, Va., July 26, 2014

Tiffany Friesen '09 and Michael Simmons, Pucallpa, Peru, May 31, 2013

Kelly Green '09 and Jason Ohnmacht, Greenwood, Del., Aug. 8, 2014

Mitch Stutzman '09, staff and Jasmine Martin '09, staff, Hesston, Kan., June 21, 2014

Jason Unruh '09 and Anna Yoder '12, Peabody, Kan., Aug. 16, 2014

Kendall Wenger '09 and Emily Miller, Harrisonburg, Va., May 24, 2014

BIRTHS

Philip '00 and Amy Blount, Bluffton, Ohio: Evan William, May 15, 2014

Michelle (Stutzman) '00 and David Guengerich, Pennsburg, Pa.: Boaz Gabriel, Nov. 11, 2013

Jennifer (Backhus) '00 and Michael Jay, Hillsboro, Kan.: Emery Michael, May 29, 2014

Jonathan (JJ) '01 and Emily (Shirk) '03 Birky, Portland, Ore.: twins, Lincoln Ray and Collin André, July 24, 2014

Larisa Friesen '01 Hall and Desmond Hall, Washington, D.C.: Elliana Marie, Aug. 21, 2014

Rebecca (Stutzman) '01 and James Patterson, Pittsburg, Pa.: Titus William, Dec. 11, 2013

Ryan '01 and Sarah Schrock, Lancaster, Pa.: Noah Lehman, July 5, 2014

Josh '01 and Jaclyn Suderman, Ann Arbor, Mich.: Jaren Kai, April 13, 2014

Jennifer (Eberly) '02 and Timothy Freed, Harrisonburg, Va.: Isaiah Samuel, July 1, 2014

Zack '02 and Mary (Wittmer) '02 Kooker, Dalton, Ohio: Jase Howard, March 5, 2014

Tanya (Stuckey) '02 and Chris Stoterau, Sioux Fall, S.D.: Grady Early, July 21, 2014

Michael '02 and Yolanda Wiens, Granger, Ind.: Isaiah Robert, Sept. 17, 2014

Andy '03 and Kristen Davis, Hillsboro, Kan.: Drew Clayton, June 19, 2013

Stephanie (Kautz) '04 and Duane Breneman, Lancaster, Pa.: Addison Grace, Sept. 29, 2014

Carmen (Schrock) '04 and Joe Fernau, Wellman, Iowa: Sadie Rose, May 2, 2014

Andrew '04 and Annie Gerber, Harper, Kan.: Magdalena Ann, Nov. 11, 2013

Monte '04 and Luella Glanzer, Charlottesville, Va.: Lola Madison, Oct. 13, 2013

Rachel (Mullet) '04 and Josh Mullet-Cline, Norfolk, Va.: Mary Elizabeth, Aug. 8, 2014

Eric '04 and Stephanie Sents, Broadway, Va.: Avery Lynn, June 22, 2014

Craig '04 and Krista (Shue) '04 Shue Mast, Goshen, Ind.: Benjamin René, Aug. 28, 2014

Katie (Dyck) '05 and Joseph Brownstone, Tucson, Ariz.: Zuri Beth, Sept. 11, 2014

Becky (Horst) '05 and Derek King, Moundridge, Kan.: Evelyn Horst, Sept. 23, 2014

Chelsea (Jackson) '05 and Matt Villines, Weatherford, Okla.: Landon, July 25, 2014

Matt '06 and Kierra Freed, Engadine, Mich.: Joel Alexander, July 30, 2014

Jared '06 and Addie (Miller) '07 Leaman, Wakarusa, Ind.: Brooklyn Grace, April 27, 2014

Grant '07 and Julia (Klassen) '07 Baker, Middlebury, Ind.: Alexa Raeleen, Sept. 1, 2014

Eric '07 and Lauren (Janzen) '07 Eberspacher, Milford, Neb.: Andersyn Joy, Sept. 22, 2014

Nathan '07 and Brittany (Knox) '07 Steiner, Goshen, Ind.: Aubrey Mae, Aug. 7, 2014

Cacee Schwartz '08 and Sean James, San Antonio, Texas: Corbin Alan James, March 28, 2014

Andrew '08 and Brittany (King) '08 Spotts, Stryker, Ohio: Corbin Jack, Feb. 23, 2014

Naomi (Blosser) '09 and Thomas '10 Tennefoss, Greenwood, Del.: Cortana Evelyn, Aug. 28, 2014

2010-14

Laura Gehman '10, Orlando, Fla., began at the Youth Ministry Institute (Orlando) in September 2014.

Liz (Miller) '10 Linscheid, Altadena, Calif., graduated from the Gemological Institute of America (Carlsbad, Calif.) in spring 2014, where she earned a degree in graduate gemology. Liz works at a jewelry store in Los Angeles County as a staff gemologist, where she does appraisals, sales, custom design and buying jewelry and loose stones.

Kara Stutzman '12, Harrisonburg, Va., received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg) in April 2014. She did a summer 2014 study term at YMCA Anthony Bowen in Washington D.C., which, founded in 1853, is the first African-American YMCA. She is employed as a catering manager at James Madison University (Harrisonburg).

Libby Waltner '12, Freeman, S.D., graduated from Stewart School of Cosmetology (Sioux Fall, S.D.) in late 2013 and began working at Mane Attraction in Freeman. She purchased the salon in February 2014 and changed the name to Flawless Nail & Hair Salon.

JD Hershberger '14, Hesston, Kan., is serving at Discovering Opportunities for Outreach (DOOR) in Denver. He will be a student at Goshen (Ind.) College beginning with the 2015-16 academic year.

Nathanael Ressler '14, Mount Vernon, Ill., served at Silverwood Mennonite Church (Goshen, Ind.) as part of the Ministry Inquiry Program during the summer, and is now a student at Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Va.).

Becca Slabaugh '14, Goshen, Ind., served as an intern at North Main Street Mennonite Church (Nappanee, Ind.) during the summer, and is now a student at Goshen College.

Jeffrey Smoker '14, Harrisonburg, Va., served as an intern with Mennonite Disaster Service's projects logistics coordinator for eight weeks during the summer, and is now a student at Eastern Mennonite University.

Josh Thomas '14, Johnstown, Pa., is serving as an intern at Kaufman Mennonite Church (Conemaugh, Pa.).

MARRIAGES

Craig Buller '10 and Caitlyn Suttles, Harrisonburg, Va., June 28, 2014

Emily Hornung '10 and Clint Janzen, Manhattan, Kan., Aug. 9, 2014

Chad Newcomer '10 and Kate Craul, Lancaster, Pa., June 28, 2014

Anne Troyer '10 and Nelson Winkel, Prosser, Neb., June 28, 2014

Kirsti Graffenberger '11 and Colton Troyer '11, Albany, Ore., June 28, 2014

Ryan Sprunger '11 and Colleen Neuenschwander, Apple Creek, Ohio, June 21, 2014

Kyle Albrecht '12 and Erika Dorsch '13, North Newton, Kan., July 25, 2014

Jesse Baer '12, '13, faculty, and Kaedi LeFevre '13, Hesston, Kan., July 5, 2014

Andrea deAvila Balboa '12 and Nate Yoder, Kalona, Iowa, Aug. 30, 2014

Kenny Graber '12 and Mara Short-Miller '12, Bellingham, Wash., July 19, 2014

Alyssa Horst '12 and Zachary Masters, Orrville, Ohio, June 21, 2014

Kendra Mast '12 and Joel Edinger, Millersburg, Ohio, July 26, 2014

Grace Yoder '12 and Bryson Huxman, Moundridge, Kan., July 26, 2014

Josh Yoder '12 and Kara Ropp '12, Kalona, Iowa, June 21, 2014

BIRTHS

Danielle (Minder) '10 and Jerad Carmichael, Sedgwick, Kan.: Ellie Mae, July 6, 2014

Mark '11 and Amanda Abrahams, Hillsboro, Kan.: Jolene Ruth, May 12, 2014

Jennifer (Rhoten) '13 and Ryan Jones, Wichita, Kan.: Bella Rose, Sept. 17, 2014

Miller, Hesston, Kan.: Isaac Henry, Sept. 23, 2014

DEATHS

Paul Brunner, former faculty, Hesston, Kan., Sept. 14, 2014

Arnold Dietzel, former faculty, husband of Wilmetta (Weaver) Ac40, '42 Dietzel, Hesston, Kan., July 4, 2014

Vernon Nikkel, former faculty, Hesston, Kan., Aug. 24, 2014

Faculty/Staff

BIRTHS

Emily, former staff and Aaron



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Box 3000
Hesston, KS 67062

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 4 First-year Experience symposium
- 10 End of fall semester

JANUARY

- 7 Spring semester classes start
- 18 to 19 Prospective student visit weekend
- 19 to 23 Martin Luther King, Jr. Week
- 23 to 25 Know Jesus junior high event
Biblical Literature Bible Series with Michele Hershberger at Bethesda Mennonite Church (Henderson, Neb.)
- 29 Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts: St. Louis Brass (Hesston Mennonite Church)

FEBRUARY

- 13 to 14 Prospective student visit weekend and Performing Arts Scholarship auditions
- 13 to 15 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series: "Overcoming Evil: Ordinary People Making a Difference"
- 14 Prospective student Open House
- 15 to 16 Prospective student visit days
- 23 Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts: The King's Singers (Yost Center)
- 27 to 28 Academic and Leadership Scholars Weekend
Hesston College Board of Directors meeting

MARCH

- 9 to 13 Spring break
- 27 to 29 Spring musical: *Little Women*



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