

COMMENCEMENT 2015

Based on the 2014-15 theme verse from John 15:4-5, the 148 graduates of the Hesston College Class of 2015 were encouraged to look past society's messages of materialism and self-worth and into deeper connection with Christ, self and others. Kevin King, executive director of Mennonite Disaster Service, delivered the May 10 commencement address "Abide in Me." Student speakers were Malcolm Mann (Plano, Texas) and Jordan Waidelich (Stryker, Ohio). Special ceremonies on May 8 and 9 honored graduates in the Pastoral Ministries, Nursing, Disaster Management, Aviation and Air Traffic Control Programs.



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

Hesston College gained final approval from the Kansas State Board of Nursing March 25 to offer a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree program starting in August. The introduction of the program to the existing associate degree program (ADN) will make Hesston the only college or university in Kansas where students may choose to pursue either the ADN or BSN. The impetus behind the bachelor's degree program stems from a 2010 report from the Institute of Medicine that set a national goal of 80 percent of the nursing workforce having a bachelor's degree in nursing by 2020.

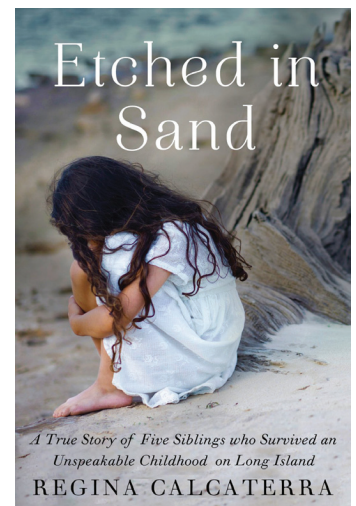


CRIMINAL AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM

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

FALL 2015 COMMUNITY READ

Etched in Sand by Regina Calcaterra has been chosen as the fall 2015 community read as part of Hesston College's First-year Experience program. The theme will be "Be the Change: Caring that Matters." The *New York Times* bestseller is the author's memoir tracing her and her four siblings' childhood experiences with abandonment, physical abuse and fear of the foster system that was put in place to protect them. The book's theme and content will be the focal point of discussions, presentations, service opportunities, chapels and forums throughout the year. Individuals and groups are invited to participate in activities and presentations or simply by reading the book along with the Hesston College community.



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SPRING BREAK 2015



Students, faculty and staff dispersed across the globe during spring break March 7 to 15. A group led by nursing instructor Gregg Schroeder, traveled to Russia to learn about the culture, history and their field of study in a different cultural context. A disaster management team traveled to Pilger, Neb., to help Mennonite Disaster Service rebuild homes destroyed in a spring 2014 tornado. Faculty members Tony Brown and John Sharp and 1972 alumnus Bruce Rogers (Goshen, Ind.) led a group to the Deep South to learn more about the 1960s civil rights movement and retrace the Selma to Montgomery, Ala., march in remembrance of the 50th anniversary.

PREPARING FOR SERVICE

During Hesston College chapel April 29, 52 students, faculty and staff were commissioned for Christian ministry and service for summer and fall placements by campus pastor Todd Lehman. The service assignments are world-wide in positions from camp counselor to Mennonite Church USA convention volunteers and supervisors at disaster sites.

CONFERENCE MOTIVATES NONVIOLENT ACTION



More than 180 people participated in Hesston College's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference Feb. 13 to 15. The weekend's theme, "Overcoming Evil: Ordinary People Making a Difference," featured peace activist and 2008 and 2015 Nobel Peace Prize nominee Father John Dear, who led participants in exploring how followers of Jesus Christ pursue nonviolence in a world full of violence. Breakout session presenters spoke of peace in different contexts and from a variety of backgrounds and faith traditions. Join us for another inspiring conference in winter 2016. Details will be communicated soon.

CONGREGATIONAL STUDENT AID

Hesston College offers a match grant for scholarships provided by students' churches. During the 2014-15 year, 87 churches contributed \$195,193 in student scholarships to 121 recipients. Hesston College matched a total of \$127,621. The average church aid per student was \$1,613 while the average church-and-college aid per student was \$2,667. If your congregation is interested in providing a scholarship program to support Mennonite higher education, contact the Church Relations Office at **866-437-7866**.

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