

STARTING THE YEAR

Campus kicked off the 2016-17 year during Opening Weekend Aug. 19 to 21, and the first day of classes Aug. 22. Hesston College's official fall 2016 enrollment numbers following the 20th day of classes give a total student headcount enrollment of 401. Included in total enrollment is a larger group of new students who started at Hesston in 2016 as compared to fall 2015. The number of domestic students increased to 198 from 185 in 2015, and with 17 new international students, the total number of new students in 2016 is 215.



2016 COMMUNITY READ

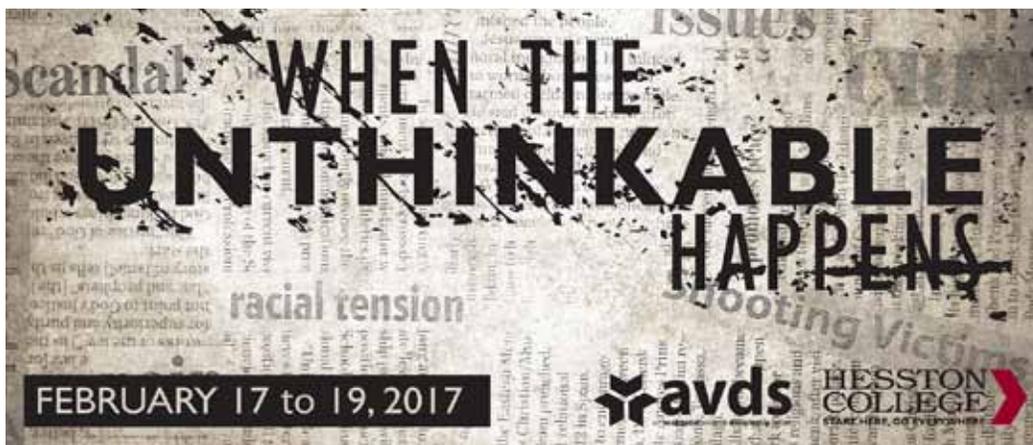
For the fifth year, Hesston College invited individuals and groups in the local communities to join students, faculty and staff for a community read during this fall semester. The book selection for the 2016 read was "Spare Parts" by Joshua Davis. The book tells the true story of four undocumented teenagers, born in Mexico but living in Phoenix, who were inspired by their high school science teachers to build an underwater robot out of "spare parts" and compete against corporate-sponsored collegiate teams. Davis shared about his work in a presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church Oct. 4, to an audience of about 500.



HOMECOMING 2016: HOME SWEET HESSTON

Hesston College celebrated homecoming 2016, "Home Sweet Hesston," Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, along with Hesston High School and the larger community. Homecoming 2016 marks Hesston High School USD 460's 50th anniversary, which transitioned from the former Hesston Academy. More than 450 people registered and more than 265 Hesston College alumni attended 13 class reunions. Dual alumni that attended both Hesston High School and Hesston College resourced the weekend as presenters and performers. Many events throughout the weekend were shared events and open to the community including the keynote presentation "Compassion and Integrity in an Age of Fragmentation" by 1973 HHS and 1975 Hesston College graduate John Paul Lederach, Go Everywhere career seminars, the dual alumni art show, a kids' festival, a free tailgate picnic and the "Promise of Living" Gala concert.

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2016-17 Theme Verse

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or I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

- Jeremiah 29:11-13
(NIV)

AVDS CONFERENCE “WHEN THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS”

Hesston College’s 2017 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) event When The Unthinkable Happens, seeks to answer questions like: How can congregations and our communities work together to be ready for traumatic events? How do we work together to build resilience and bring healing and hope in the immediate aftermath and in the days and months following? On Feb. 17 to 19, Kate Wiebe, director of the California-based Institute for Congregational Trauma and Growth, will give keynote presentations on campus along with STAR (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resiliency) trainer Donna Minter, Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Executive Director Kevin King and area resource persons.



WOMEN’S SOCCER NEW SCORING LEADER

To say that sophomore Allison Ebersole (Boulder, Colo.) is having a good season would be an understatement. It’s barely half over and Ebersole has already grabbed the Hesston College career scoring record. On Sept. 20, only eight games into the season, she recorded her 10th season goal, giving her 29 career goals at Hesston College and surpassing 2016 graduate Mikaela Zook’s impressive career record of 28 goals set during the 2015 season. Her 17 goals in 13 games have launched the Larks to an impressive 11-2 record. Ebersole’s new record at Hesston is more remarkable considering that soccer was not her main sport in high school. A four year letter winner in volleyball at Centaurus High School (Lafayette, Colo.), she didn’t originally plan on playing collegiate soccer. Coming into college, Ebersole seemed as if volleyball was her path, however late in the process she decided to commit to Hesston College for soccer, a decision appreciated by both her teammates and coach Bryan Kehr.

LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

You will soon receive information from Hesston College about referring students in your congregation for a leadership scholarship. This is a great way for you to encourage young people in your congregation to consider Mennonite higher education while also helping them financially and nurturing their leadership potential. By simply referring three students to Hesston College, those students will receive a Leadership Scholarship should they decide to start at Hesston. If you have questions about referring students for this opportunity, please contact Hesston College Admissions at 800-995-2757.

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