

CHURCH RELATIONS NEWSLETTER

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STARTING THE YEAR

Hesston College kicked off the 2018-19 year during Opening Weekend, Aug. 17 to 19, and the first day of classes Aug. 20. Enrollment for the year is 420 students from 28 U.S. states and territories and 20 countries. With an institution-wide focus on broadening global engagement, diversity at Hesston is on the rise. The international student number of 56 held steady from 2017, but the countries students call home grew by three in 2018. Hesston is committed to being an institution that welcomes students from all backgrounds and beliefs. As a college of Mennonite Church USA, nearly 21 percent of students come from the Anabaptist-Mennonite Christian faith tradition, and more than 30 other Christian denominations and world religions comprise the campus community.



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT A PRIORITY FOR THE NEW YEAR

The arrival of President Dr. Joseph A. Manickam a year ago also brought a renewed campus commitment to global engagement. "Being globally engaged is unquestionably what it means to be faithful followers of Jesus, and that's what we are at Hesston College," said Manickam. "We can't sit unto ourselves, in our own bubble. Hesston College has something to offer the world, and we are being beckoned to engage widely. It's the missional mandate of following Jesus." Initiatives in place to increase the college's global reach and transcultural opportunities for all students include:



- Mackenzie Miller, a 2018 graduate, is participating in a global experience pilot program. She is spending the year in China through a partnership with Mennonite Partners in China that is allowing her to study Mandarin at Nanjing Normal University, serve with a local organization and experience a new culture.

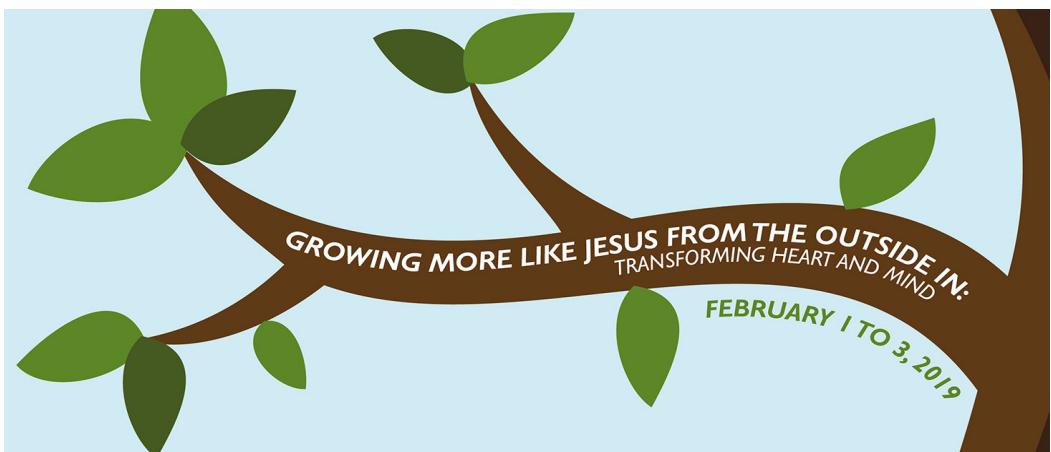
- The development of an Intensive English Language Program, which would allow the college to offer more services and support for English Language learners coming to Hesston. The program is planned to launch in fall 2019.

- On-campus roles that focus on creating transcultural opportunities for all students.

HOMECOMING 2018

Hesston College celebrated Homecoming 2018: A Celebration of 60 Years of Lark Intercollegiate Athletics Sept. 27 to 30. More than 500 campus guests enjoyed events including class reunions, recognitions of distinguished alumni athletes and coaches, a recognition of nurses who are joint alumni of Hesston College and Kansas City General Hospital School of Nursing, the Hesston College Golf Benefit, the Manickam Mosey annual run/walk, a kids' festival and headlining entertainment by bluegrass group, The Steel Wheels.





AVDS 2019

Hesston College's 2019 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference will seek to answer the question: Where can we find support to take new risks to practice the way of Jesus together? With the theme "Growing More Like Jesus from the Outside In: Transforming Heart and Mind," the Feb. 1 to 3 conference will offer a time of spiritual formation that is grounded in community and full of healing and hope. Mark Scandrette, internationally recognized expert in Christian spirituality and founder of ReIMAGINE: A Center for Integral Christian Practice, will resource the weekend and lead participants through the practical Ninefold Path of the Beatitudes, exploring the radical-life giving invitation they provide. See more information at hesston.edu/avds.

BE GREATER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As of this mid-October, Hesston College has just over \$61,000 to raise toward completion of the Be Greater Capital Campaign that will provide facility and program improvements and additions for the college's two largest programs - nursing and athletics. Fundraising is set to be complete before the end of 2018, with construction beginning immediately, and being completed prior to the start of the 2019-20 year in August.



LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

You should have received 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 Admissions at 800-995-2757.

2018-19 Theme Verse

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

- Isaiah 43:19
(NRSV)

Ways you can pray for Hesston College

- For the successful fundraising of the Be Greater capital campaign
- For the planning of the bachelors degree in aviation that, pending accreditation and approval, will be launched in fall 2019
- For the 56 international students from 19 countries who chose to start at Hesston
- For the campus community as we live, learn and work together in harmony, bridging differences that may otherwise divide
- For inspiration and creativity as we dream and plan ways to better serve students now and in the future

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