



VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT 2020

Saturday, May 23, 2020

HESSTON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2020

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Media Prelude

North - Ryan O'Neal, arr. George Chung

Bel Canto Singers
Russell Adrian, D.M.A.

Director

Welcome

Joseph A. Manickam, Ph.D.

President

Prayer of Invocation

Chris & Hannah Nicholson

Parents of Silas Nicholson

Student Speakers

Ian Lecki & Macey Murray

Graduates

Scripture

Mark 4:30-32

Navy Widyani, Sari Nakazawa & Samuel Blosser

Graduates

Commencement Address

“Seeds of Hope for the World”

Joseph A. Manickam, Ph.D.

President

Conferring of Degrees / Recognition of Dean's List

Joseph A. Manickam, Ph.D.

President

Brent Yoder, Ph.D.

Vice President of Academics

Significance of the Nursing Pin

Becky Bartell, M.S.N., R.N.

Nursing Education Director

Recognition of Graduates

Countries Represented by 2020 Graduates

Brent Yoder, Ph.D.

Vice President of Academics

Prayer of Dedication

Jesse Hernandez

Father of Esmeralda Hernandez

Closing Remarks

Brent Yoder, Ph.D.

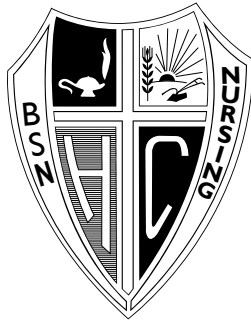
Vice President of Academics

Media Presentation to the Hesston College Class of 2020



**Hesston College, a college of Mennonite Church USA,
educates and nurtures each student within Christ-centered community,
integrating thought, life and faith for service to others in the church and the world.**

**HESSTON
COLLEGE** 
START HERE, GO EVERYWHERE



THE HESSTON COLLEGE NURSING PIN

The Shape of the Pin is a Shield, symbolizing Faith;
The Lamp represents Knowledge;
The Sunrise, Wheat and Plow signify Kansas;
The Initials identify Hesston College
as the Setting for Learning;
The Colors are Red for Courage,
White for Integrity,
and Gold for the Worthiness to Care;
The Cross represents Christ
who gives Purpose to Life and the Desire to Serve.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE CANDIDATES

Meron Leulseged Ageze, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Jacob Francis Aich, Hutchinson, Kan.

Brynne Elizabeth Atherton, Salina, Kan.

Lacey Mariah Biggerstaff, Hesston, Kan.

Samuel Jacob Blosser, Hesston, Kan.

Jenna Marie Boller, Kalona, Iowa

Amanda Jordan Bradbury, Wichita, Kan.

Scott Andrew Brazil, Hillsboro, Kan.

Ashley Louise Call, Wichita, Kan.

Ana Elizabeth Chacon, Wichita, Kan.

Lauren Anne Clark, Sedgwick, Kan.

Alexis Ann Cobb, Kechi, Kan.

Nicole Jean-Dillon Cutler, Hutchinson, Kan.*

Jennifer Jean Decker, Newton, Kan.

Makenzie Dawn Farnham, Galva, Kan.

Lora LeAnn Ferguson, Hesston, Kan.

Bailey Joann Floyd, Rose Hill, Kan.

Krystan Lea Friesen, Inman, Kan.*

Autumn Eve Gehman, Adams, Tenn.*

Brooke Denea Gehrler, Andover, Kan.

Hannah Mackenzie Holem Helferich

El Dorado, Kan.

Kristi Lynn Hill, Newton, Kan.

Breckon Laine Kaufman, McPherson, Kan.

Katelyn Hope Kilmer, Goshen, Ind.

Nicole Noelle Loewen, Hutchinson, Kan.

Sierrah Nichole Long, Highland, Calif.

Chloe Grace McNeil, Valley Center, Kan.

Amanda Deann Ockert, Valley Center, Kan.

Corbin Richard Oliverson, Valley Center, Kan.

Kaitlyn Ryelle Parsons, South Hutchinson, Kan.

Kallie Jo Provost, Wichita, Kan.

Rebecca Suzanne Ramey, Wichita, Kan.

Kendall Danielle Richardson, Lodi, Calif.

Katherine Michelle Ropp, Hutchinson, Kan.

Karlie Shanon Rosenberger, Lawrence, Kan.

Kylie Lynn Shoulders, McPherson, Kan.

Carissa Ann Slabach, Newton, Kan.

Shawna Rena Smith, Wichita, Kan.

Abby Elizabeth Spunaugle, Park City, Kan.

Kennedy Tiana Teach, Hesston, Kan.

Kristen Elizabeth Walters, Wichita, Kan.

Ashton Marie Wiens, Newton, Kan.

Ashley Nicole Yasin, Lake Isabella, Calif.

Paul Stephen Yoder, Hutchinson, Kan.

* denotes Dean's List

ASSOCIATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

A.A. – Associate of Arts; A.A.A.S. – Associate of Applied Arts and Sciences; A.A.H. – Associate of Arts with Honors; A.G.S. – Associate of General Studies; A.S. – Associate of Science

Stephanie Dawn Alleman, Newville, Pa., A.A.
Gabriella Christina Audrey, Semarang, Indonesia,
A.G.S.*
Willow Rose Baer, Marshallville, Ohio, A.A.*
Caden Paul Bartlett, Tuttle, Okla., A.A.
Erin Gail Beachy, Middlebury, Ind., A.A.*
Sabrina Grace Bellar, Conway Springs, Kan., A.S.*
Paige Marie Alice Bittle, Baxter, Tenn., A.A.
Grant Isaac Bloyer, Winfield, Kan., A.S.
Jacob Martin Bontrager, Smithville, Ohio, A.G.S.
Brooke Ellen Brenneman, Parnell, Iowa, A.G.S.
Thomas Dean Brown, Valley Center, Kan., A.A.
Jessica Lynn Buckwalter, Yona, Guam, A.A.A.S.*
Muskan Budha Magar, Gold Hill, Ore., A.A.
Simone Denae Burgess, Los Angeles, Calif., A.A.*
Abby Lynn Busby, Bandera, Texas, A.A.*
Matthew YiWei Byler, Shipshewana, Ind., A.A.*
Tanner Jerome DeGrado, Newton, Kan., A.A.
Paulina Diaz, Elkhart, Ind., A.A.
Justin Leon Durnil, Windsor, Colo., A.A.
Chance Eugene Elliott, Peabody, Kan., A.S.
David Antonio Flores Cano, San Pedro Sula,
Honduras, A.A.
Yusuke Fujii, Takatsuki, Japan, A.A.
Elshaday Kibraleem Geremew, Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia, A.A.
Levi Aaron Geyer, Oxford, Iowa, A.G.S.*
Dimitri Alexander Giannakopoulos, Houston,
Texas, A.A.
Alik Michelle Gillman, Lanesville, Ind., A.G.S.
Brett Taylor Heitschmidt, Lindsborg, Kan., A.A.
Esmeralda Hernandez, Newton, Kan., A.A.

Alyssa Nicole Hershberger, Wellman, Iowa, A.A.
Kyoya Himori, Akita, Japan, A.A.
Mio Hirata, Kani, Japan, A.A.*
Voldie Ngomba Kanku, Lumumbashi,
Democratic Republic of the Congo, A.A.
Sarah Ann Keck, Topeka, Kan., A.S.
Hannah Lorraine Klusman, Ford, Kan., A.A.H.*
Sianeh Diamond Kollie, Columbus, Ohio, A.A.
Connor Dunnagan Leach, Erie, Colo., A.A.
Ian Michael Lecki, Overland Park, Kan., A.A.
Derrick Osebe Magiya, McKinney, Texas, A.G.S.
Bradley Gean McBride, Hesston, Kan., A.A.
Dane Patrick Milburn, Lincoln, Neb. A.A.
Isaac George Miller, Kalona, Iowa, A.A.
Rachel Katherine Miller, Freeman, S.D., A.A.*
Jessie Ann Miranda, Turlock, Calif., A.A.
Masataka Miyake, Tatebayashi, Japan, A.S.
John Augustus Morris, Austin, Texas, A.A.
Ryan Patrick Morrissey, Bettendorf, Iowa, A.A.
Michael Ray Mullet, LaGrange, Ind., A.A.*
Macey Eryn Murray, Denver, Colo., A.A.
Yu Naito, Tokyo, Japan, A.A.
Sari Nakazawa, Tokyo, Japan, A.A.
Reese Landon Nebel, Hesston, Kan., A.A.
Dustin Allen Nichols, Olathe, Kan., A.G.S.
Peyton Allyn Niemann, Mt. Hope, Kan., A.A.
Jonathan Ortiz, Wichita, Kan., A.S.*
Caitlyn Taylor Phillips, Mustang, Okla., A.S.*
Tobie Werner Plett, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada,
A.A.*
Emma Lynn Prowell, Lenexa, Kan., A.A.
Kate Danielle Ramirez Ingold, Goshen, Ind., A.S.

Parris Aleece-Annette Rawls, McKinney, Texas, A.A.

Raelynn Avery Reeves, Abilene, Kan., A.A.*

Adrian Emmanuel Rogers, Newton, Kan., A.A.A.S.

Robert Steven Salcedo Diaz, San Juan, Puerto Rico,
A.A.

Alexis Ann Salmans, Bel Aire, Kan., A.S.

Maleah Raye Sandy, Girard, Kan., A.A.

Jack Logan Shingler, Creston, Ohio, A.G.S.

Naomi James Smith, Farmington, N.M., A.S.

Justus Keith Sneary, Harrisonburg, Va., A.S.

Nathaniel Thomas Solomon, Harrisonburg, Va., A.S.

Madison Elizabeth Swartzendruber, Goshen, Ind.,
A.G.S.

Jasmine Melyncia Taylor, Nassau, Bahamas, A.A.

Rei Vuksani, Tirana, Albania, A.A.*

Navyonny Kiersten Widyani, Jakarta, Indonesia,
A.A.

Tate Stafford Winfield, Kerrville, Texas, A.A.

Dalton Scott Woody, Spring Branch, Texas, A.A.

Laura Yeboah-Appiah, Lancaster, Pa., A.A.

Laurine Yeboah-Appiah, Lancaster, Pa., A.A.

Elizabeth Ann Yoder, Seattle, Wash., A.A.A.S.*

Taitem Lee Zeigler, Natoma, Kan., A.A.A.S.

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2019-20: A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – two days before spring break – was the day that the 2019-20 year changed for the Hesston College community in ways that were never expected. Early in the afternoon, the administration called meetings for both students and employees to inform them of a COVID-19 action plan that would be implemented immediately.

Colleges and universities across the country had been temporarily suspending in-person classes for several days already due to the global health pandemic, and Hesston College had decided that this was the right decision for its community as well. The online learning period would last for at least three weeks following spring break.

On March 18, while the campus was still on spring break, the difficult decision was made to adjust the COVID-19 action plan by moving classes online for the remainder of the academic year.

Even though this year was disrupted with unexpected circumstances, the community persisted, worked hard and was intentional in finding ways to continue the Hesston Experience virtually.

Hesston College Class of 2020, you are launching your go everywhere journey with added skills of adaptability and flexibility. Be proud of your accomplishments!

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