



Hesston College Church Relations

REPORT TO ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Hesston College, the two-year 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.

Enrollment – Official fall 2012 numbers showed a total enrollment of 447, including 225 first-year students. Spring semester enrollment remained steady with 32 new students and the best fall to spring retention in the past 10 years. North American students represent 29 states, while 50 international students represent 17 countries and 10 percent of the student population.

Fiscal year ends in the black –Hesston College met the Annual Fund goal for the 2011-12 year for the fifth consecutive year. About 800 households from 40 states and three countries are members of the Partner program and are a primary reason for the success, as 80 percent of the \$1.24 million goal came from Partner gifts. All of the money raised for the Annual Fund provides institutional scholarships for students.

Survey results reflect exceptional academics – Hesston's results from the 2012 Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) were above the average scores of the top ten percent of all 2012 CCSSE participants in all five areas of measured student perceptions of their engagement in academic work – active and collaborative learning, student effort, academic challenge, student-faculty interaction and support for learners. The results surpass the 2009 data which earned the college a number two national ranking among other two-year colleges from *Washington Monthly* magazine in 2010.

Nursing program signs articulation agreements – During the 2012-13 year, the Hesston College nursing program established articulation agreements with two four-year institutions, University of Kansas School of Nursing (Lawrence) and Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) to streamline the transfer process for Hesston nursing graduates to earn their BSN degree in each school's RN-to-BSN online program.

*2012-13 Campus Theme Verse—Rather, seek you the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
-Luke 12:31, King James adapted*

Aviation receives full-motion simulator – As part of Hesston's Delivering the Promise capital campaign, the aviation program received a generous anonymous gift in honor of alumnus Wilbur Bontrager, which helped fund a Redbird MCX C182 GFC700 flight simulator. The simulator is a full-motion device geared toward Crew Resource Management and two-pilot cockpit training with single and multi-engine configurations. It provides real-world situational experiences as students learn to operate in the pilot/copilot environment most common in the aviation industry.

Hesston College Pastoral Ministries meets crucial needs for those considering ministry – a two-year course of study for the non-traditional student for whom seminary is not an option and the ability for pastors to consider a bi-vocational ministry – while offering practical pastoral training. If there are people in your congregation with a gift for ministry and who may benefit from ministry training contact Hesston College Pastoral Ministries for more information at 620-327-8295 or TimL@hesston.edu.

A new look at immigration – Spearheaded by the First-Year Experience seminar, the campus-wide focus for the 2012-13 year is immigration and the experiences of migrants. Several events and discussions related to the topic were held throughout the fall semester, including a visit by Sonia Nazario, the author of the First-Year common read book *Enrique's Journey*.

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2012-2013 Academic Year Students—0

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