

Bible Department & Everence partner present a Weekend College

Professors Nick Ladd and Michele Hershberger joined with Everence to bring a Weekend College to Mountain States Conference of Mennonite Church USA. This conference, entitled There is a Balm in Gilead, focused on the topics of burn-out and polarization. Nick and Michele addressed these topics: causes and remedies for pastoral burn-out, a biblical understanding of unity and principles for leading conflictual groups toward healthy conversations. To bring these presentations to your conference, contact michele.hershberger@hesston.edu.



Michele Hershberger talks with pastors at Mountain States Mennonite Conference retreat in Denver.



Why Hesston College

An Ohio native, Isaac Troyer '22, '24, became familiar with the Hesston College Experience early on as part of the business management program. Now an HC alum, Isaac reflects on the close-knit community he found at Hesston. "We talked multiple times in class about the importance of having a safe, comfortable and nurturing environment in order to have an effective team," he says. "Our class works together well and made a safe place to learn and grow together. As I move on from Hesston, I am confident that the education I have received and the skills I have developed will help me succeed in the future."

Nursing Club shows support for local youth

The Hesston College Nursing Club demonstrated the greater Hesston community's generosity through a fundraising effort benefiting Hesston public schools to settle unpaid student lunch balances and enrollment fees. The club collected donations from local businesses, assembling three baskets to be offered through raffle ticket sales, and was able to meet their \$1,000 goal which will resolve the majority of overdue accounts for the school district.

Academic new direction

In fall 2023, the Hesston College Board of Directors announced the college will shift its academic focus to bachelor's degree offerings. Associate degrees, though still available to all students, will become secondary. "We have firmed up an identity for the college, one that is expressed in the programs we're setting up and relevant to today," says Dr. Ross Peterson-Veatch, interim president. Under this new direction, faculty developed three new four-year programs which are now approved to begin in fall 2024. They are: 1) health science (encompasses pre-medical, pre-vet, pre-dentistry, etc.); 2) health and human performance (pre-physical therapy, pre-athletic training and exercise science), with tracks in wellness and recreation sports studies; and 3) sports management. "Hesston looks to continue expanding our professional degree offerings," Peterson-Veatch shares. "We are currently preparing to explore computer science and related careers like cybersecurity."

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And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, **I AM making all things NEW.**"