

2023 Western District Conference Report





Why Hesston College

For Kalia Baker, Hesston College was a family tradition she didn't think she would follow. Thankfully, the Hesston Experience is now proving to be everything her parents said it would be and more. While the decision to come from Oregon to Kansas was an adjustment, it was made easier being a part of the close-knit community on campus and quickly being able to find her people. Kalia came to play volleyball and major in education but has been involved in much more on campus, including captain for the flag football team and going to CAB events. She is very grateful the professors know each student and want to see them achieve their goals both in the classroom and in all other areas of life. While Hesston might be a family tradition, she is glad she now has a place in it.

Bible Department & Everence Revitalize Weekend College

Professors Nick Ladd and Michele Hershberger are in conversation with Everence regarding a partnership to bring new weekend college events. They are working together to hold conferences for pastors and church leaders on the topics of burn-out and polarization. Nick and Michele will give input on these topics: causes and remedies for pastoral burn-out, a biblical understanding of unity and leading conflictual groups toward healthy conversations. One conference will be held in Colorado Springs, Colo., for the Mountain States Conference. They are in the works to plan a second conference with more details to come.

Nursing Club presents sizable donations to New Hope Shelter

After a semester of fundraising during the spring of 2023, the Hesston College Nursing Club presented two large donations to New Hope Shelter in Newton. The first donation consisted of clothes, food, hygiene supplies and a variety of other items that filled four cars, and the second donation was a \$1,000 check presented to shelter executive director Brian Bisbee. Bisbee says he was aware of the nursing club's fundraising efforts, and was pleasantly surprised by the donations received. "We were very encouraged by the number of donated items and we were most impressed with the quality and attitude of the nursing program students. They were so willing to help and showed their care," he says. "We are supported by the community with no government tax dollars--and they showed themselves to be part of that community."

Title IX Update

Hesston College will continue to work with external counsel Cozen O'Connor to implement the recommendations from their report on campus policies and practices related to student safety and Title IX. The Title IX Implementation Group is formed and is meeting weekly as of this summer to begin addressing the recommendations. Progress made by this group will be posted to hesston.edu as updates are available.

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The 2023 and 2024 nursing club presidents present a \$1,000 check to New Hope Shelter.

HESSTON COLLEGE THEME VERSE 2023-24

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, ¹⁹to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

<u>LUKE 4:18-19, NRSV</u>