

CONFERENCE REPORT 2026

HESSTON COLLEGE

ENROLLMENT CLIMBS TO HIGHEST TOTAL SINCE 2018

Hesston College reported continued enrollment growth for fall 2025, marking the college's highest enrollment since 2018 with total headcount reaching 394 students. Residential enrollment also grew to 338 students living on campus, the highest since 2011, while new student enrollment reached 209 for the second consecutive year. The college also enrolled students from 27 countries, maintaining a strong global presence.



WHY HESSTON COLLEGE

For Devin Miller, a senior and Hesston native, Hesston College's engineering program stands out for its size, flexibility and real-world preparation. The fruit of this preparation is reflected in his recent acceptance of a full-time position with The Bradbury Group in Moundridge, Kan., where he will begin working after classes end in May 2026. Even though his first engineering job is in place, Miller aims to continue growing personally and professionally. He shares, "I hope that I can continue to learn how to provide value wherever I am at, and also how to continue to incorporate my personal values and faith values into my work."



Aviation program expands fleet with new Piper Archer aircraft

Hesston College Aviation added a fifth aircraft, a 1982 Piper Archer II, increasing student access to flight training and scheduling flexibility. The program's focus on a uniform fleet supports consistent training and efficient maintenance while reinforcing its reputation as a high-quality, accessible flight program.



Larks rise to the challenge

In 2025, Hesston College began its first year competing as a four-year program in the NAIA and NCCAA after nearly 70 years as a junior college. Despite modest expectations, fall teams showed early success, with women's soccer earning a season-opening win, men's soccer and volleyball delivering strong performances and cross country making strides against NAIA competition.



MLK Day service projects

Students, faculty and staff honored Martin Luther King Jr. Day with service projects at more than a dozen locations in Hesston and Newton. Students' collective efforts demonstrated a shared commitment to learning beyond the classroom while contributing positively to the wider community.



GREAT IS YOUR faithfulness

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;

- Lamentations 3:22-23 (NRSV)

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