Distinctive CLASS

McPherson College Engages Students With Unique Academic Experiences
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Alex Stillwell, junior, Cunningham, Kan., shows off glasses made with kindergarten students at Washington Elementary School in McPherson, Kan., to help them think about seeing from someone else’s perspective. Stillwell was part of a conflict communication class at McPherson College that had practical experience presenting anti-bullying activities at the grade school. Learn about other unique classroom experiences at MC, starting on page 10.

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125 Years of Outstanding Education

As we prepare to celebrate McPherson College’s 125th anniversary this fall, I realize how deep MC’s history is. After all, I have only been here for a year and half of those 125 years. At McPherson College, though, it doesn’t take long to be swept away by the uniqueness of our employees and students. One of my newest alumni, Zack Gaddis, who finished his education here in January 2012, is a great example of all that we have to celebrate.

Zack had been a poster child for MC since I started as the Alumni Director. He wrote songs about the college, he traveled around with our Director of Service to minister through music, and he was on the cover of the Review Magazine in the fall of 2011. There is just something special about Zack.

As I read through this issue of the Review magazine, I finally put my finger on what that distinctive quality is, and why I see it all over campus in our other students, too.

Zack is the recipient of all McPherson College has to offer. He attended a college where the faculty and staff deeply care about each student and do everything in their power to motivate and inspire them. In Zack, I saw this play out when he took advantage of the Horizon Fund grant opportunity to create his own Christian music label. The administration connected him with an attorney to advise him on the legal aspects of his dream, faculty helped him perfect his song-writing abilities, and staff gave him opportunities to volunteer and perform at churches, schools and alumni events. Right there, you see opportunities in scholarship, participation, and service, helped along by people all across campus.

That is one of the incredible things about McPherson College. Every employee feels a deep commitment to the students. They work together to provide new opportunities for learning and development. Our faculty is never satisfied with what has always been done; they are constantly tweaking their curriculum to make it richer for the students. In this edition of the Review magazine, you’ll see some examples of ways they are enriching the classroom experience.

I can’t help but think how impressed the founders of MC would be to see the institution we have grown to be, with the values we have always held dear.

Katie Hill
McPherson College Alumni Director
**NEWS MAKERS**

Why we give...

The reasons we give are many, but the first is because we have been blessed by God to be able to give.

We give because McPherson College is part of what defines our family.

We give because we are proud of a decision more than 20 years ago to attend McPherson College forever making it a part of our lives. McPherson College is a special place because of the experience it gives its students, and the institution continues to be in our lives today.

Finally, we give because we are selfish. How? It is true what they say, there is no better feeling than knowing you helped someone. We know that through giving, a legacy and tradition will continue. As part of a collective group of alumni, we have a responsibility to pass it on to the current and future generations of McPherson College.

~ Dan Jr. ’94, Robbie, Grant and Brady Noyes

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**Faculty News**

**Dr. Becki Bowman**, associate professor of communication, and **Jd. Bowman**, associate professor of theatre, will present to senior high school students at the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in St. Louis in July on behalf of the Church of the Brethren Collaboration on Admissions. The organization promotes all six Brethren colleges to potential Brethren students.

**Wayne Conyers**, professor of art, received first place honors in the 38th Annual Prairie Art Exhibition for his watercolor “Dining in Tokyo: The Other Red Meat”, inspired by his involvement in an international exhibition in Tokyo two years ago. Other works by Conyers to receive honors include “Too Orange Roswell Night Fish”, included in the “Watercolor Now! 2012” national exhibition in Springfield, Mo., showing now through July 8; and “Still Searching for Weapons of Mass Creation”, which was selected for the Kansas National Watercolor Exhibition at the Wichita Center for the Arts. He has also accepted an invitation for a two-month solo exhibition at the Stiefel Theatre Art Gallery in Salina, Kan., to be held later this year. Conyers served on a three-person panel that reviewed and awarded art-related grants for the Salina Arts and Humanities Commission and also organized the artwork from 25 public schools art educators for the 11th Annual Central Kansas Art Educators Exhibition on campus in March.

**Dr. Kerry Dobkins**, assistant professor of history, spoke at Emporia State University for the Social Sciences Colloquium Series, sponsored by the Boertman Lecture Fund. Based on Dr. Dobkins’ research, the lecture was titled “A Tygerous Mother: The Question of Newborn Child Murder in Early Modern England.”

**Dr. Laura Eells**, associate professor of sociology, attended the Midwest Sociological Society Meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., at the end of March. Dr. Eells is a member of the society’s board and helped them celebrate its 75th anniversary. Three students – Janie Gunther, Amy Mast and Julie Escobar – attended with Dr. Eells and presented a paper at the meeting.

**Dr. Jonathan Frye**, professor of natural science, and **Shay Maclin**, assistant professor of education, received a McPherson College opportunity grant to create an interterm course starting in 2013 to give students a field experience in Puerto Rico. The class will offer an environmental scientist’s perspective on Puerto Rico, including geology, climate, biology and human effects on the island from early inhabitants through the present. The class will spend 16 days at the National Science Foundation Long-Term Ecological Research site’s El Verde Field Station in the tropical rainforests of the El
Dr. Shane Kirchner, assistant professor of education, recently earned a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Kansas State University.

Dr. Cari Lott, associate dean of institutional research and assessment, Dr. Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science, Dr. Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, and Christi Hopkins, vice president for marketing, attended the Higher Learning Commission’s Annual Conference in Chicago, Ill, March 30-April 2. Dr. Lott is the chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee and Dr. Frye, Dr. Yohn and Hopkins serve as members on the committee. The committee is preparing for the 2014 Self-Study by the commission, which accredits colleges and universities in the region. The four met with the college’s accreditation liaison, Dr. Robert Appleson, and Dr. Lott attended a one-day workshop on the Program to Evaluate and Advance Quality for self-study preparation and planning.

Dr. Mark Malaby, associate professor of education and master’s of education director, was co-author on an article published in January in “Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue” entitled “The Dilemmas of Male Elementary Pre-service Teachers” about the challenges faced by males seeking to become teachers in elementary schools.

Dr. Bryan Midgley, associate professor of psychology, presented with Dennis Delprato of Eastern Michigan University at the 2012 meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International in Seattle, Wash. Their paper is titled “Stephenson’s Subjectivity Does Not (Necessarily) Refer to Covert Events.” Dr. Midgley also had a review published in “The Psychological Record” entitled “Not a Black Box: A Review of Rutherford’s ‘Beyond the Box: B.F. Skinner’s Technology of Behavior from Laboratory to Life, 1950s-1970s.”

Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, is planning an interterm trip to Greece, Jan. 15-23, 2013. The topic of the trip will be “Heroes, Saints and Scholars” and will include a three-island cruise and visits to Athens, Corinth, Olympia, Meteora, Epidaurus and Delphi. For a brochure, contact Dr. Smith at smithh@mcpherson.edu.

McPherson College welcomes its newest faculty and staff:

Aric Cherry, athletic communications director
Robert Johnson, adjunct professor in behavioral sciences
Carry Long, custodian
Heather Middleton, admissions assistant
Cheryl Miller, admissions assistant
Eric Monder, adjunct professor in English
Rick Tuxhorn, vice president of finance
Cheryl Whalen, success coach in the Royer Center for Academic Development

Dr. Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication, led a discussion on “Kansas Poems of William Stafford” at the Newton Public Library in January as part of the series “Kansas at 150”, celebrating the sesquicentennial of Kansas. The Kansas Humanities Council recorded the discussion for part of a publicity video of the council’s 40th anniversary. Dr. Stanley also led a discussion at the Hesston Public Library in February on “Caramelo” by Sandra Cisneros for the series “Contemporary Immigration.” In April, Dr. Stanley led discussion at the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library in Junction City, Kan., on “In the Time of the Butterflies” by Julia Alvarez for the series “Hispanic Heritage: Mothers, Sisters and Daughters.” Dr. Stanley has also led discussions for the Stafford County Historical Society, the Ulysses Public Library, the Clay Center Carnegie Library and the Hill City Public Library.

Dr. Thomas Whalen, assistant professor of business, received a Ph.D. in Leadership studies from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. in a ceremony on May 12.

Dr. Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, is planning an interterm trip to Italy in 2013, which will include visiting Rome, the Vatican, Florence, Venice and Pisa. Stops on the trips will include architecture, museums, and local craftsmen. For more information, contact Dr. Yohn at yohnk@mcpherson.edu.

Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art, had one of her sculptures on the international stage as a part of the invitation-only “A Perfect Day” exhibition in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, in February. The show displayed the work of more than 50 international artists, including writer Dave Eggers, sculptor Jonathan Borofsky and singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen. The exhibition featured work that combines images with text in humorous and profound ways. Zerger’s contribution, “Farewell”, was a collaborative family effort. Zerger created six elongated, abstract figures; her nephew, Jesse Nathan, wrote poetry relating to the figures; and Zerger’s husband, Chip Parker, integrated the words and sculpture into a single piece with the poetry applied to the sculptures – top to bottom – in vibrant red letters.

Yunque National Forest. Day-trips include: the Northeast Ecological Corridor, the Bioluminescent Bay at Farjado, the Tribes and Caguana Indigenous Ceremonial Centers, the UNESCO Tropical Dry Forest Biosphere Reserve at Guanica, the Arecibo radio telescope, the caves of Aguas Buenas, and the metropolitan area of San Juan. Dr. Frye also visited a community garden at an elementary school near San Juan and has established a “sister garden” relationship with McPherson College’s community garden. The field experience class will also visit the garden in Puerto Rico and help with its maintenance.

McPherson College's community garden. The field experience class will also visit the garden in Puerto Rico and help with its maintenance.
The Bulldog Called. You Answered.

McPherson College teacher education faculty has selected two of their most innovative and creative students to receive the Kansas Department of Education “Teacher of Promise” award – Paula Carpenter and Ben Coffey.

The annual award is given in connection with the Teacher of the Year program. Every Kansas college and university has the opportunity to nominate two students for the award, who then are invited to a statewide workshop led by the Teacher of the Year finalists. Each recipient is also invited to attend the Teacher of the Year banquet in Wichita for recognition.

Carpenter, junior, Wichita, Kan., is planning to teach in an elementary school, possibly in the area of special education. Carpenter first recognized the desire to educate children in high school, where she went on an annual trip every summer to a Christian home for abused children in Colorado.

“I just loved how much of an effect I could have on their lives. I love the imprint I could have on them,” she said. “I want to do this. I want to influence someone’s life.”

In the classroom, Carpenter plans to use children’s natural curiosity to get them interested in their education. Prompting questions and letting children discover the answers is the key, she said.

“I want my kids to be able to learn in a fun way,” she said. “When students are having fun, they aren’t going to realize they’re learning. That’s what I want to do – a creative, hands-on approach.”

Coffey, senior, McPherson, Kan., has been active in the education program at McPherson College – tutoring in the writing center for English as a second language, helping to offer free summer workshops on teaching methods, and taking leadership positions in the Teachers of Tomorrow club on campus.

Coffey is majoring in English and is pursuing licensure in English and English as a second language for 6th to 12th grade. He said he loves working with teenagers, even though sometimes the results of that work aren’t seen for years.

“I think the teenage years are one of the most exciting times of your life. You can literally decide what you want to do for the rest of your life,” he said. “As a teacher of teenagers, you’re not harvesting crops, you’re planting seeds.”
Professors select 2011-2012 Who’s Who

Professors selected six outstanding McPherson College seniors to represent the college as Who’s Who award winners. The students exemplify the college’s values: scholarship, participation, service. More than 50 percent of faculty and administrators voted for each winner. The Who’s Who students select each year’s Professor of the Year.

Lane Allison
Greensburg, Kan.
Business Administration

Kati Beam
McPherson, Kan.
Biology

Melanie Grosbach
Gladstone, Mo.
Business Administration

Sarah Neher
Rochester, Minn.
Biology

Savannah Sievers
Arlington, Kan.
Biology

Andrew Skinner
Montezuma, Kan.
Biochemistry

MC Photographers Chosen For Five-state Exhibition

The photography work of three MC students were chosen as part of the 28th annual Five-State Photography Exhibition in Hays, Kan. Most of the 169 works in the juried exhibition were by professional photographers in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado and Nebraska. The photography selected was by Emilee Reinert, junior, Tipton, Kan.; Bethany Schoenwetter, senior, McPherson, Kan.; and Torey Fry, junior, Wichita, Kan.

Why we give...

McPherson College will always be in our hearts. From the time we met while Glen was attending college, to the 49 moves around the world after we were married, we always knew we wanted to come back to McPherson and back to the campus we loved. We are proud to say that McPherson College has been a part of our family’s life for more than 70 years, and we gladly give to support such a wonderful institution.

~Glen ’41 and Edythe Funk
Biology Student Spends Summer Studying Whale DNA, Teaching Science to Kids

Study humpback whale DNA, teach grade school kids about science, find new methods for cleaning up oil spills – Shelly Brant has an exciting past – and future – in the world of biology. But there’s one thing this senior from Divide, Colo., can’t imagine.

“I’m not a desk-job person,” she said.

Brant spent a week last summer in Beaufort, N.C., with an alumni association program at Duke University conducting DNA sequencing of samples collected in Wilhelmina Bay, Antarctica, earlier that year. Her father is a Duke alumnus and brought her attention to the opportunity. The sequencing was a critical part of a study that looked at genetic diversity as an indicator of the population of humpback whales – a lower genetic diversity would indicate a smaller population and would act as an early warning sign of problems resulting from whaling, changing climate or lack of food.

The experience continued as she worked on her senior research project at McPherson College. She was able to obtain the remaining 28 whale DNA samples from a similar project in 2009 and will be able to do a variation on the Duke study – right in the middle of Kansas.

The professional-level experience helped her have a taste of being a career biologist.

“It’s enlightening and eye-opening the things you can learn,” she said.

But that wasn’t her only summer experience with biology. She worked for G.WIZ – The Science Museum in Sarasota, Fla., for three months as a teacher at weekly science camps. She helped teach between 15 to 30 kindergarten through eighth grade students about science, using creative lessons. Among these were connecting the Harry Potter series to actual science and teaching about crater formation by dropping marbles into trays of sand.

“You see kids being passionate about science and learning,” she said. “It’s new, it’s shiny, it’s exciting. It reinforced for me why I like science, why I think it’s interesting.”

Following graduation, Brandt is planning to earn her master’s degree at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla. From there, she would like to work for the Mote Marine Aquarium in Sarasota, Fla., and focus on coral reef restoration – a critical area of environmental concern.

“We receive 70 percent of our oxygen from the ocean,” she said. “If we kill off the ocean, I think we’re in trouble.”

Apart from classwork, Brandt has been part of theatre, served as a mentor in the Serve2Succeed program to help incoming freshmen at MC, worked as president of Tri Beta – the biology honor society, and has participated in track and soccer. It’s that diversity of experience that she appreciates most about McPherson College, she said.

“McPherson College is an incredible school, because I feel like I have received the best opportunities from being a well-rounded person,” she said. “I think that gives me an advantage. It’s a great school and it’s opened a lot of doors for me.”
WHAT $1,000 CAN DO!

The President’s Club recognizes all donors who contribute $1,000 or more to McPherson College annual fund, forming a solid foundation of support for the college’s success. But raw numbers can be abstract.

Here’s what that $1,000 can actually mean for students at McPherson College:

A new PC desktop computer with LCD monitor and printer: Computers are essential for college students today. Making sure the computers in the library and labs are up-to-date ensures MC students are ready to enter the workplace.

New lab microscope, latex gloves for a year: Quality education requires quality equipment, and that requires money. A gift of $1,000 is approximately the cost of a new student microscope in the natural sciences department, each of which can last for more than 25 years. That same amount would also supply a pair of latex gloves for every student in Biology I and II throughout their freshman year.

A McPherson College program: Both the modern languages program and the convocation program (which brings speakers and presentations to periodic all-campus gatherings throughout the year) would be fully funded with a gift of approximately $1,000.

19 New Academic Books for the library: Researching books at Miller Library to write their next paper or prepare a presentation is most useful if students have access to books and textbooks that reflect current knowledge. Doing this takes regular updates and new purchases of books and textbooks.

Two iPads: For the first time, students at McPherson College have the opportunity to experience a completely paperless class, using iPads as essential technology. This equips them with the latest in information technology and prepares them for their future careers.

Interested in joining the President’s Club?
Visit www.mcpherson.edu/giving/presidents.php or call Anna Ruxlow at 620-242-0432.
Not only does it engage students through fun and competition, it made history sink in by turning students into participants.
Think of the classes that have stuck with you; that you remember and use even today. Chances are it wasn’t a lecture, a slide show or a term paper assignment. The lessons that remain are unique, engaging, maybe even a little fun.

McPherson College has long understood and encouraged this in its classes. Now with the advent of the Freedom to Jump entrepreneurship initiative, the college is actively promoting academic experience through new options such as the Faculty and Staff Opportunity Fund. These are funds set aside specifically to support programs, curriculum or departmental development with an entrepreneurial concept.

Dr. Kerry Dobbins, assistant professor of history, is an advocate for unique classroom lessons. For the last three semesters, she has used a curriculum called “Reacting to the Past” to transport her students to be a part of Ancient Greece, American Independence and the Indian Revolution led by Ghandi. There are reading assignments and papers as usual, but the bulk of the class focuses on students competing in a game where they take on a role in historical events and win points for achieving their goals.

“They have to use their imagination applied in a very specific way,” Dr. Dobbins said. “They have to work together, and it’s going to be messy, and I like that. Not only is it what happened in the past, it’s the world that’s out there.”

In addition to engaging students through fun and competition, the games make history sink in by turning students into participants. The classes are so popular, students are starting to ask her specifically which class will have “the game” in it each semester.

“People who thought that history is just sitting and reading books, they really came to life,” she said.

Dr. Michael Reynolds, professor of mathematics, teamed up with a student to lead a calculus class on a scavenger hunt around the area that taught about ancient numbering systems. The hunt started with a worn-looking letter, supposedly created in 1864 and containing latitude and longitude coordinates in ancient Egyptian numbering. As one letter led to another, the idea was to introduce students to the numbering systems of Babylonian, the Mayans and eventually to an
“ancient” clay tablet holding a numbering system wholly invented by Dr. Reynolds.

“The purpose was to get students thinking about different ways of number and math,” he said. “The notations we use are specific to a time, place and culture. It was also meant to be fun and engaging.”

Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, has taken a unique approach in philosophy class to help students understand how ancient cosmologists experienced the universe.

“Today most people spend very little time gazing at the sky,” Dr. Smith said. “This was a major preoccupation for ancient cultures. Thus we spend an hour lying on our backs on a moonless night to experience the beauty of the heavens and to hear about the various mythologies proposed by ancient cultures. This is then contrasted with the contemporary view of the universe.”

Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art, has given her students opportunities to learn through experience and to help direct their classes. In her elements of design course, Zerger teaches about how to create and develop a design as well as the history of functional design. Then the students get to put those lessons into action by creating handmade pottery that is pit fired in a traditional Native American style.

Classes like these mean ownership. They mean engaged students. They mean deep learning.

“They feel like they’re taking part in their learning and not just being fed,” Zerger said. “And it’s fun. They learn better. I’m always looking for ways to bring their attention in.”

The pages in this section highlight just a few of the unique new classes created in the last year at McPherson College and how the college is planning to create an even better academic experience in the coming years.
S tudents came into the first day of “Topics in Literature: Man and Woman” at McPherson College this spring knowing the subject of the class, but not what would be required.

That… was up to them.

Dr. Mark Malaby, associate professor of education and director of the MC masters of education program, decided to take an unconventional approach to this course – no set assignments or papers, no set grading structure, no attendance policy. Every aspect of the course’s structure was determined and voted upon by the students – completely democratic.

“That alarms people, but it’s never failed,” Dr. Malaby said. “Their innate curiosity kicks in. If they’re learning and engaged, everything falls into place.”

Malaby said embracing the concept meant letting go of some control, but since he began using this method, he’s noticed fewer students “checking out”, better attendance and a more collaborative and positive classroom environment. Best of all, these classes tend to produce a higher level of scholarship than classes he has taught with more traditional methods.

Stephanie Kiersey, senior, Inman, Kan., said that having the class requirements being left up to them was intimidating at first. But she appreciated being able to research something she was interested in; she’ll be looking at case studies of how men and women divide household chores.

“The power inequality between students and teachers is lessened a lot because you have a lot more say,” she said. “I think Mark genuinely wants us to get something meaningful, relevant and useful for our lives.”

In the class this spring, the students voted on requirements that were actually rather like what a professor might have come up with to begin with: having set assignments, grade levels and deadlines. But that’s OK, Dr. Malaby said, because the students were able to decide and explore the topics in a way that was interesting and relevant to them.

“I gave them the freedom to explore – now that you see how broad the subject of gender is, where is your passion and where is your interest?” he said.

For one student in the class, Miriam Roof, sophomore, Perrysburg, Ohio, that area of interest is the subject of gender and sex in religion. She said the freedom to decide helped her learn better in the course.

“You’re apt to do more work on something you’re interested in,” she said. “I think you have a lot more room to explore a topic if it’s not already set up for you.”

Roof said she hopes to see more classes with this kind of format in the future.

“I think it would be a good trend,” she said. “I think it will work out and have a future.”
McPherson College hired a promising investment firm this year to manage $100,000 of the college’s endowment – the college’s own students.

Traditionally, the investments class – taught by Rod Gieselman, associate professor of business – learned about the principles of responsible fund management using “play money.” But thanks to a resolution by the Board of Trustees, the class had the opportunity to manage $100,000 of the college’s endowment. Gieselman said the students worked independently and intensely.

“I think it went really well. They were really engaged with the process,” Gieselman said. “You can go through all of these exercises and do the math in a mock environment, but it’s just not the same.”

As with any investment fund, the students had specific guidelines about how much of an investment category they can purchase. And, like any investment advisor, the college could choose to entrust them with more funds or to cancel their “contract” with the class, depending upon performance. Representatives of the class will present the results to the board later this year.

Before the students made selections, Gieselman taught them the fundamentals of researching and analyzing a company’s stock and how to engage in “rational investing”, not letting emotions affect the decision. The students used these principles and formulas to create their own analysis tools from scratch and make educated selections.

Gieselman said that he would continue to update alumni on the class and keep them connected to the college.

Erik Steffens, junior, Dighton, Kan., said that no matter what field students in the class go into, they’re going to make use of the class. By using real funds, it helps prepare them to invest real funds of their own.

“It’s not just a project on paper,” he said. “It’s way more than a grade. It’s real life.”

In one of the most innovative approaches in teaching, MC is offering its first graduate-level courses in education starting in fall 2012.

Dr. Mark Malaby, director of the graduate courses in education and associate professor of education, has spent the last academic year developing the unique, entrepreneurial curriculum. The classes will assist students in developing a program or initiative that creates change in real-world classrooms. The graduate courses will encourage quality educators who both know the material they teach and have a passion for making a difference in students’ lives.

McPherson College is seeking initial accreditation in fall of 2012 from regional accrediting bodies. The courses have already received the endorsement of local school districts, which are encouraging their teachers to enroll in the classes.

One of the most innovative aspects of the course offerings will be the elective credit courses – which will be truly elective. The students taking these courses will choose precise, useful topics, be matched with an expert instructor and create a customized course from the ground up.

“In this environment we are the facilitators and our students are the experts,” Dr. Malaby said. “This approach tends to make education a lot less authoritarian and a lot more productive.”

For more information or to apply to take graduate level courses in education, contact Teresa Graham, graduate admissions officer, at graham@mcpherson.edu or 620-242-0485. More information and video of Dr. Malaby is also available at www.mcpherson.edu/mastersed.

Want to know how the $100,000 was invested?
Here’s what the Investment Class picked:
First Paperless Class at McPherson College Tests the Frontiers of Technology

In a new classroom experiment at McPherson College, the rustle of papers and tests was never heard. It was, in fact, surprisingly quiet.

“Intercultural Communication,” taught by Dr. Becki Bowman, associate professor of communication, last spring was the college’s first “paperless class.” From the first day, Dr. Bowman did not distribute a single piece of paper – not for the syllabus, not for tests, not for research papers.

Instead, the 20 students in the class were each issued an iPad during the semester, which they used for taking tests, writing and turning in papers, conducting research, reading the textbook and completing video assignments. Throughout the semester, the class was able to take advantage of iPad applications to enhance the classroom experience, such as a US Census app to look at diversity in communities and a class responder app, that allowed the entire class to quickly give real-time responses to questions.

Josh Dunback, sophomore, Wamego, Kan., said the more immersive, interactive experience with the iPads was both exciting and “a little surreal.”

“I think we’re starting to get to a day and age that people know how to use the technology,” he said. “I think paperless is going to be the way to go in the future.”

Dr. Bowman found going paperless both challenging and exciting. The interactive tools that the iPads have available created a more immersive experience, she said.

“They get more interested in the class. They retain more information. They’re more engaged,” Dr. Bowman said. “I think the way our country is moving forward with technology, it’s a great skill for them to have.”

Next Campaign Focuses on Classroom Experience

The classroom experience at McPherson College is already moving in innovative directions, as more classes take on the college’s entrepreneurial mindset.

Now the college’s next fundraising campaign should improve academics even further with endowed departmental positions, classroom facility enhancements and scholarship funding.

During the last three decades, six successful campaigns focused on the annual fund, endowment and physical capital. The result: outstanding physical facilities and a strong, growing endowment. Now the focus will shift to the learning going on inside of the buildings.

Last year, administration presented a 10-year fundraising vision to the board, followed by a feasibility study. With an overwhelmingly positive response, the Board of Trustees approved phase one. Included in the vision for the next three to five years of this phase is $2 million to enhance the college’s academic programs, $4 million for the annual fund in support of scholarships and internships and $8 million to establish four endowed department faculty positions. The plan also calls for $1.5 million for facility enhancements, including “smart” classrooms with technology, flexible-use classrooms, athletic facilities and better accessibility for people with disabilities.

During the overall five to 10 year timeframe of the fundraising campaign, the plan also calls for another eight endowed departmental positions (creating one for each academic department), additional programming, scholarship and internship support and sprucing up the college’s “front porch” along Kansas Avenue with a new welcome center to be the hub of student life, admissions and advancement.

Watch for more information at www.mcpherson.edu.
HOMECOMING 2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 19
8 a.m. Champions Club Golf Tournament, Turkey Creek Golf Course
The entry fee for this four-person scramble is $75 per player, $40 for students, or $300 for a four-person team. This covers green fees, cart, contests, continental breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration is required. (7:15 a.m. Check-in)

1:30 p.m. Honors Convocation, Brown Auditorium
Come see our Young Alumni and Faculty Award Presentations
Young Alumni Honorees: Mark Baus ’82, Jonathan Klinger ’02, Tracy Stoddart Primozich ’97

3 p.m. Alumni Panel Discussions, various classrooms
Immediately following Convocation

SATURDAY, OCT. 20
7:30 a.m. Art Ray 5K, MC Stadium Registration and warm-up at 7 a.m. Pre-registration required. $20

8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bulldog Visit Day, Hoffman Student Union
For high school students.

8 a.m. – Noon Alumni Association Hospitality Registration, Friendship Hall.
Register for alumni activities, meals and class reunions.
Stop by to receive your Complimentary tickets to the Football Game!

9:30 a.m. Softball Alumni Game, Wall Park

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Alumni Association Hospitality Registration, Friendship Hall.
Register for alumni activities, meals and class reunions.
Stop by to receive your Complimentary tickets to the Football Game!

Inflatable Games, Mingenback Mall area For kids of all ages!
Auto Restoration Car Exhibit, Mingenback Mall area

125th Anniversary Historical Exhibit
Featuring new research done by students, Friendship Hall

8:30 a.m. 1K “Dog Dash” for Kids 12 and Under, MC Stadium
Check-in at 8:15 a.m. No entry fee.

9 a.m. Athletic Hall of Fame Brunch, Mingenback Theatre
$10 per person. Pre-registration required. Space is limited, sign up early.
Honorees: 1952 Championship Football Team

10:30 a.m. Softball Alumni Game, Wall Park

3 p.m. Alumni Panel Discussions, various classrooms
Immediately following Convocation

7:30 p.m. Class of 1982 Reunion Dinner, The Upper Room, 100 W. Kansas Avenue
Pre-registration required.

7:30 p.m. Theatre Production “Black Comedy,” Brown Auditorium
(A comedy that’s lighted in reverse – when the lights go out for the characters, they come on for the audience)
$5 adults/ $3.50 senior citizens and students

10 p.m. Pep Rally and Bonfire, South of the Student Union
Join with current students, faculty, staff and alumni to boost the spirit for your alma mater. The theme is “Traditions” and they’ll teach the school song, chant and more.
The first 100 alumni to arrive will receive a FREE commemorative T-shirt!

8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bulldogs Tournament, Doris Coppock Tennis Courts
Pre-registration required. No entry fee.

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125th Anniversary Celebration Means Big Events at Homecoming

You only turn 125 once.

So for Homecoming this fall, McPherson College is going all-out, inviting all its alumni and friends back to campus to experience the traditions of 125 years as well as to introduce new events for the anniversary.

The highlight of the celebration is likely to be the introduction of the “Bulldog Bash” on Saturday night in and around the Student Union. At turns both elegant and laidback, the Bulldog Bash will allow attendees to “pick their party” as they mingle and explore what the celebration has to offer.

Want to relive student life? Go downstairs to have fun with upbeat music, ping-pong, pool and flavored popcorn. There will also be childcare available for children under 12, with a special kids buffet.

In the mood for something a little more high-class? Head upstairs to enjoy a glitzy, festive atmosphere with delicious gourmet food available around every corner.

Enjoy the fall starlight on the deck? Walk outside to the patio where the crisp fall air will be warmed by good company and hot drinks such as cappuccino and hot cider.

Other changes and new events for the 125th include:

- MC has moved the day of the annual bonfire and pep rally to allow alumni and friends to attend. There’s a special gift of a commemorative T-shirt to the first 100 alumni to arrive.
- New for the 125th, check out the historical display in Friendship Hall, covering 125 years of MC history, including birthday greetings from alumni and friends and a student-created display on how the campus has reacted to world events through the years.
- This anniversary also marks the first time an entire team has been inducted to the Athletic Hall of Fame – the 1952 championship football team. Help celebrate the 60th anniversary of their win.
- The college will celebrate its roots in the Church of the Brethren with a new Sunday worship service, bringing area churches together in worship and celebration of the life-changing effect of education.

Watch for more details as they become available at www.mcpherson.edu/alumni.

Don’t miss out!

Watch www.mcpherson.edu for calendar updates as they become known.

125th Anniversary Specials Available for Homecoming Lodging

If there’s a year to come back to McPherson College for homecoming, the 125th anniversary year is it. To make it easier, McPherson College has arranged for special rates on a total of 125 rooms for the weekend at Holiday Inn Express, Best Western or Days Inn. To reserve a room, contact the hotels directly at the following numbers and request the McPherson College Homecoming rate:

- Holiday Inn Express: $98 per night, 620-241-5566
- Best Western: $73 per night, 620-241-5343
- Days Inn: $68 per night, 620-241-3690

Those who take advantage of the reduced rates will also be greeted with an MC welcome bag filled with Bulldog goodies.

See you at the celebration!
Senior students became alumni during graduation ceremonies on Sunday, May 20, with 129 students accepting their degrees. Anyone who wasn’t able to attend may view the ceremony at www.mcpherson.edu/graduation.

Congratulations!

Loni Kilima Tolutau, Jr., Kihei, Hawaii, accepts the congratulations of friends and professors following graduation on May 20.
Horizon Fund
Finishes Second Successful Year

$500. It might not seem like much, but micro-grants of just $500 or less through the college’s Horizon Fund have made a significant difference in the lives of enterprising MC students. Here are the stats on the fund after its second year:

- 72 unique ideas have received funds
- 75 students, approximately, have benefited.
- About half of all ideas have seen full success or significant progress as of fall 2011
- 13 ideas have received multiple grants.

Here are some of the stories behind the numbers:

“There’s this quote from T.S. Eliot. ‘Between the idea and the reality, between the motion and the act falls the shadow.’ I think what he’s saying is that before we can make our dreams real, we have to deal with this scary thing called ‘the unknown’ – the shadow. The purpose of the Horizon Fund is to give students a little light to see into that darkness.”

- Dr. Kori Gregg, executive director of entrepreneurship

Jonathan Wickramasinghe  
Junior, Hesperia, Calif.

Jonathan got his artistic inspiration from a textured ceiling, in which he imagined the rough outline of a monkey’s face. He refined that initial design and created others to propose a design T-shirt company called “Iffy” – a slang term for cool.

“When I got here, I thought, ‘What am I going to do with my life? Now I know how much I like graphic design and can put my work out there.”

Aurore Joigny  
Junior, Deuil-la-Barre, France

Aurore brought with her from France a knowledge of how to make macarons – colorful, sweet, meringue based confections. With a Horizon Fund grant to purchase baking supplies and use of the theatre kitchen, Joigny has turned her passion for baking into a business called “Sucre.” She’s been making macarons to order for events and private groups ever since.

“The Horizon Fund encouraged me to jump in and do it. It’s been a great opportunity for me.”

Natasha Chaney  
Sophomore, Edgerton, Kan.

Natasha’s first Horizon Fund grant was for $75, which she turned into more than $380 for Edgerton Elementary School – more than five times the original amount. Now she’s pursuing a business concept called “Just the Place.” Three nights a week she sets up shop in her residence hall selling snacks, school supplies and personal items to students at a price that’s competitive with retail outlets and more convenient for students.

“Running a business is definitely a lot more work than I thought. It’s a learning process, that’s for sure.”

Katherine Doffing  
Senior, Conway Springs, Kan.

Doffing plans to start her business with something fake – namely “fake cakes.” The idea behind “Strawberry Fields” is that many couples want the look of a beautiful wedding cake, but not the expense. Doffing plans to sell wedding cakes that are really made of Styrofoam and fondant frosting for the look of an expensive wedding cake at about a third the cost.

“I’ve always been obsessed with weddings and always wanted to do something in that field. With the Horizon Fund, it’s nice to be able to start early. It makes me more determined and Strawberry Fields more of a priority.”

Read about all the Horizon Fund winners at www.mcpherson.edu/review.
Voison Restored by MC Alum Takes ‘Best of Show’ at Pebble Beach

For an automotive restoration graduate from McPherson College, there can be few greater thrills than watching one of your restorations taking Best of Show at Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance – the most distinguished and prestigious car show in the world.

For Ligen Vermeulen, ’91, that experience became a reality at the 2011 Concours. As part of his work at Stone Barn in Vienna, N.J., Vermeulen worked on the 1934 Voison C-25 Aerodyne that took top honors this year.

“It was really moving; really satisfying,” Vermeulen said about being on stage when the Voison was named Best in Show. “I was just in awe, really. It was a great feeling to be recognized among all these other restoration shops and people. We rose above and took the prize.”

What’s more, Vermeulen also worked on one of the Best in Show nominees – a 1929 Bentley Speed Six Coupe. Vermeulen said that his McPherson College degree helped him to achieve this level of success, so soon in his career.

“I think it would have taken me a lot longer to get where I am now if I didn’t go to the school,” he said. “It has boosted the restoration part of me.”
Pedal Car Shows Skills in Miniature

It may be small, but a special pedal car created by McPherson College students shows the same craftsmanship and artistry they use on full-size restorations.

The Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles invited McPherson College to create a custom pedal car inspired by the 1932 Ford Deuce – celebrating the popular vehicle’s 80th anniversary. The vehicle created by McPherson College students will be auctioned at the 2013 Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance, benefitting the Petersen Automotive Museum Foundation.

Karpo Murkijianian, committee chairman for the event, said he was wowed by what the college accomplished.

“I was pretty floored,” he said. “I’m just amazed at the thought that went into it and all the work put into it.”

The results of hours of work put in by students and professors lead those viewing it to lean in and explore the quality work and attention to small details – a largely handmade body, a fully functional trunk handle hand-carved from aluminum, and an exquisite burled walnut steering wheel and dash with moveable gauges.

Take one look at the car and you can’t help but be drawn in by the many details,” said Ed Barr, assistant professor of technology and advisor on the pedal car project.

The car pays tribute to the 1932 Ford Track Nose Roadster currently at the college. The Roadster was originally owned by the 1950s drag racer Paul Harris, who set a closed course drag race record with it at the San Jose Speedway. Roger Morrison of Salina, Kan., former member and chairman of the automotive restoration national advisory board, donated it to the college in 2008.

David Berg, senior, New York, spent about 60 hours on the pedal car, especially working on paint, prep, and shaping the sheet metal and the beading that suggests door edges. Berg said the smaller scale enabled him to have the unique educational experience of seeing a restoration all the way through from concept to completion.

“To start from scratch and have a complete vehicle in a few months was really satisfying,” he said. “Stressful, but satisfying.”

Barr said the experience was educational and that the pedal car would represent the college and its students well.

“People unfamiliar with this kind of work think of it as being very mechanical, as if a restoration could be carried out by following a series of rote steps,” Barr said. “Nothing could be farther from the truth, however. Creating a convincing illusion of a ’32 Ford took ingenuity, artistry, and loads of perseverance. All of these attributes are helpful to prospective restorers.”
The host of a national television show; a running Model T assembled from parts in less than nine minutes; and a car that’s just as much “boat” as “automobile” – these were just a few of the highlights at the 13th annual C.A.R.S. Club Car Show at McPherson College on May 5.

Hundreds of visitors came to the MC campus to see the about 250 cars and motorcycles entered in the annual student-run car show. Throughout the day, those visitors could spot Wayne Carini, host of “Chasing Classic Cars” on the Velocity Channel by Discovery, and his crew.

Carini was the featured speaker at ‘An Evening with Automotive Restoration’ dinner the night before the show and was taping for a upcoming episode focused entirely on McPherson College, slated for broadcast toward the end of 2012. With an aging population of automotive preservers and restorers, Carini called the college’s program and the annual car show essential to the future of collector cars.

“We want these young people to take over our own businesses or start their own someday,” Carini said. “If we don’t have that, all of this is going to go away.”

One of the opportunities available at the show was intended to stir interest in collector cars well before college - Hagerty Insurance’s “Operation Ignite” youth judging program. The program allowed about 20 youth to have a close encounter with five diverse cars in the show.

The owner of one of those cars, an amphibious 1965 Amphicar, was John Hollansworth of Hot Springs Village, Ark. Hollansworth has been involved with automotive restoration at McPherson College for about 20 years and was a member on the first automotive restoration advisory board. He described the restoration of his car and its “baptism” – testing it out on the water.

“They only made convertibles, no hardtops,” he said. “If you’re out in the middle of the lake somewhere and it starts to sink, you want to be able to get out.”

Near to Hollansworth’s Amphicar, Jonathan Klinger, public relations manager for Hagerty Insurance and McPherson College automotive restoration alum, talked to Carini’s camera crew as he showed off a 1948 Ford Convertible with rich history.

It was one of 10 such cars designed to give tours of the Sleeping Bear Dunes in Northern Michigan, not far from where Hagerty Insurance is headquartered. The cars were modified for the purpose with heavy-duty suspension and seat springs, big balloon tires and a large cooling system.

“A lot of times the story of a car is what makes the car special,” he said.

It was Klinger’s 12th consecutive car show, and said that Hagerty brought 10 employees, including the CEO, to the college show. There’s a reason they make it a point to come halfway across the country, he said.

“There are far larger shows in the country,” he said. “But being able to come here, to a student-run show, this is where it’s at. These students are the future.”

Read more about the C.A.R.S. Club Car Show at www.mcpherson.edu/review.
Thanks to MC, two groups of Kansas entrepreneurs can pursue making their ideas a reality.

And this even before they’ve graduated high school.

The first-ever Jump Start Kansas competition challenged all high school students in Kansas to submit their ideas for an entrepreneurial venture – either commercial or non-profit. There were 10 finalists – five in each category – who presented their ideas for a shot at the top prize – a $5,000 grant to pursue their idea and a $5,000 annual scholarship to attend McPherson College.

The winners in the commercial category were Damien Gilbert and Colin Johnson, juniors at Wichita East High, with their business SteelSalvation, making scrap steel into water bottles.

The top prize in the non-profit category went to Kenan Meadows and Marcus Sheppard, seniors at F.L. Schlagle in Kansas City, and Joseph Belcher, junior at F.L. Schlagle, with their organization Kcteenlink, a non-profit website designed to give teenagers a forum to ask difficult or hard-to-find questions from experts in a variety of fields – careers, education, fashion, technology sports and more.

Read more about Jump Start Kansas and the winning ideas at www.mcpherson.edu/review

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A FINAL FOUR

This men’s basketball season was one that will live long in the memories of Bulldogs. For the first time in school history, the team advanced to the Final-Four of the NAIA Division II National Basketball tournament. McPherson won the KCAC regular season championship for the first time since 1945 and was the first MC team to be crowned KCAC tournament champions.

This historic season broke 19 college records including most points scored (2,879), most rebounds (1,561), most games played (37) and most games won (33) in a season. The Bulldogs were undefeated (18-0) at home this year, continuing a streak from the 2010-11 season to 25 games.

Senior guard Aaron Frazier (McPherson, Kan.) earned a spot on the All-America First Team, becoming just the third player in MC history to do so. Senior forward Jordan Crawford (McPherson, Kan.) was named All-American Honorable Mention for the second consecutive year.

Seven KCAC All-Conference honors were rewarded to the Bulldogs, the most in the history of the program. Frazier and Jordan Crawford were named to the 2011-2012 All-Conference First Team. Frazier was also given the honor of being the conference’s “Player-of-the-Year.” Kenny Berry (Lee’s Summit, Mo.) received the “Freshman-of-the-Year” award and head coach Tim Swartzendruber was named the “Coach-of-the-Year” in the KCAC.

The Bulldogs punched their ticket to the NAIA Division II National Tournament after defeating Bethany College to close out the regular season on Feb. 18, becoming the KCAC Champions.

“What a joy to do it on Alumni Night, Senior Night, and our Pat Noyes Scholarship recognition night,” said Swartzendruber. “It was a big highlight for me and certainly for our team.”

In the conference tournament, McPherson’s victories over Bethany and Tabor College led them to their second straight KCAC championship game where they faced No. 2 seed University of Saint Mary. A 40-minute battle with USM ended in McPherson’s favor at 86-79, giving MC the title of KCAC tournament champions.

The Bulldogs then traveled to the NAIA D-II national tournament at the College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Mo.

“After having the opportunity to participate in the 2010 National Tournament, I told our team, ‘This is where we want to end our season each year,’” Swartzendruber said. “In 2011, we were back and took a couple steps forward – winning two games and advancing to the Elite Eight. This year, we took another step and advanced to play in the semi-finals.”

In the opening round, it took overtime for the Bulldogs to defeat a resilient Dakota State (S.D.) team, 69-63. In overtime, McPherson scored all nine of its points in the extra period from the foul line and limited Dakota State to just one field goal in the extra time.

Round two gave MC an impressive 86-74 win over No. 12 St. Thomas (Fla.). With the score tied at 52, McPherson went on an 11-2 scoring run, to take the lead for good. St. Thomas did not get any closer than seven over the final eight minutes. McPherson made a 2012 tournament-high 12 three-pointers and advanced to their second-straight round of eight.

Against No. 4 Dordt (Iowa) in the quarterfinals, the Bulldogs, down seven with 51 seconds to go, scored 11 points in one of the biggest comebacks in tournament history. McPherson scored a go-ahead 3-pointer with 14 seconds left capping off their 82-78 come-from-behind win.

Swartzendruber said, “Our win over Dordt will go down as one of the most amazing of all time; not just in McPherson College history, but in the NAIA National Tournament. Our guys never gave up and made all the plays to get it done.”
In the final four, facing top seed Northwood University (Fla.), McPherson charged out to a 17-8 lead behind a couple of three-pointers but Northwood scored the next 10 points and took its first lead (18-17). In the second half, McPherson scored the first five points, making it a seven point game (37-30) but Northwood proved to be too much. The Seahawks built up an 18-point lead and led by double-digits the rest of the way. NU had an answer for every run and ended the Bulldogs’ tournament run.

“It was an incredible season, one that I will remember for a long time,” said Swartzendruber. “The leadership we had from our seniors this year was tremendous. Playing in the national tournament is a tradition that we certainly hope will continue every season at McPherson College.”

Watch the historic comeback victory of McPherson College over Dordt to take them to the Final Four.

Go to www.mcpherson.edu/review for a link to YouTube.

The McPherson College men’s basketball team and Bulldogs fans celebrate after a dramatic comeback victory over Dordt to make it to the Final Four of the NAIA Division II national tournament.
Q&A WITH PETE STERBICK

What is your vision for the program?

My vision is to establish a foundation that will get to the point where we can compete for a championship year-in and year-out, doing it the right way by getting kids that want to be here for four years and graduate.

How and where do you plan on recruiting?

We are going to recruit with a lot of energy and we’re also going to be organized in that facet too.

Location-wise, do the best that we possibly can in the state of Kansas to get the homegrown players here, which is something I think we can do better than we have in the past. There are some great states that are nearby. Oklahoma and Texas are a big part of our plan. And then I know that there has been a good pipeline to California junior college players here and some Arizona junior college players, so we’ll try to utilize that as well.

Having kids from long distances, what is the key to keeping them here?

We have to get kids who understand what McPherson is. I think that’s a big part of it. We have to find kids that academically understand that we have some great things to offer. Things like auto-restoration, that’s unbelievably unique. You get kids that are interested in that and seek them out, let people know that that’s what we’ve got, I honestly think that’s pretty cool and I think that we can take that and run with it.

How do you see football fitting into the overall picture at McPherson College?

Football is such a different dynamic within a college because there are so many people involved with it. Especially at a school with 600-650 students, it’s one-sixth of the college and so it has to be a priority at this school. It’s arguably the nation’s most popular spectator sport and so having a quality football program, doing it the right way, really does create a window to your institution. And I think that people realize that, and it’s exciting to be a part of that.

What do you bring to the program?

I’ve always prided myself on hard work ethic and really taking things to the max as far as not stopping on finding out how to make things better. Being prepared, it’s hard to be ready for anything if you’re not prepared so I’ll always try to go into every meeting knowing what we’re going to meet on, every practice knowing exactly what’s going on that day at practice. And then game-day, if you can do all those other things, being organized at practice and meetings, game-days end up taking care of themselves because your expectation level is so high and you end up expecting to win because of it.

“I could tell from the first time meeting the kids here that we can do something special here. We just have to get going.”

– PETE STERBICK

2011-2012 Season Highlights

Men’s Soccer
• 55 goals scored this year ranks 2nd all-time for most goals scored in a single season
• 25 goals conceded this year ranks 3rd all-time for least goals allowed in a single season
• 11 wins ties for 2nd all-time for most wins in a single season
• Juan Garcia was named KCAC Newcomer of the Year

Cross-Country
• Sophomore Aspen Frey (Newton, Kan.) was a National Qualifier, the first woman Bulldog since 2005

Women’s Soccer
• 9 shutouts for the season: ranked #19 Nationally for total shutouts, and #21 Nationally for shutouts per game (0.45)
• NSCAA Team Ethics and Fair Play Award Recipient
• All-time winningest coach in program history- Robert Talley

Women’s Basketball
• Received three All-KCAC honors, the most in recent history

Football
• Senior wide receiver Andy Skinner (Montezuma, Kan.) logged college records for most career touchdown passes caught (34), receptions (189), and receiving yards (3,063).

Volleyball
• Senior Kory Hiebert (Goessel, Kan.) NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, ranked #5 Nationally in blocks per game (1.38)
• Set school record with most Kills (116) and Digs (163) per set in a season

McPherson College welcomes its newest athletic staff:

Aaron Childress, assistant baseball coach
Adam Dutcher, assistant football coach
Jodi Ehling, assistant volleyball coach
Steve Fox, head baseball coach
E.J. Peterson, assistant football coach
Pete Sterbick, head football coach
Justin Van Houten, assistant football coach
The last year has been one of exceptional achievements for McPherson College athletics, and not just during game time. In all, 14 different student-athletes have been bestowed with 21 awards in the fall semester alone.

Junior quarterback Jake Snodgrass of Derby, Kan., highlighted the list of honors with his selection as the Capital One Academic All-American of the Year in football, College Division, by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Snodgrass was also named a first team Capital One Academic All-American.

"Just being selected to the All-American team was an honor itself and then I found out that I was academic All-American of the Year, that was even more exciting. I was very honored to get that award," Snodgrass said.

To be eligible for Capital One Academic All-America consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.30, and have reached sophomore standing. Snodgrass is the first McPherson College student-athlete to receive the Academic All-American of the Year honors.

"They weigh it several different ways, you have to make a contribution to your team on the field and obviously the majority of it is your grades and up to the point when they had made the decision, I had a 4.0 in biology," Snodgrass said.

Snodgrass wasn’t the only football player to be granted the title of first team Capital One Academic All-American. Senior wide receiver Andy Skinner of Montezuma, Kan., and senior offensive lineman David Kraft of Peck, Kan., were also named to the first team. This was the first time any Bulldog football player was selected to the first team.

Men’s soccer senior Tyler Tank of Austin, Texas, was voted to the Capital One Academic All-American first team for the College Division as well. He is the first McPherson College soccer athlete to earn this award and was among just 11 student-athletes nationwide named to the Academic All-American first team.

"It shows the type of athletes that we’re bringing in, high character, high quality people that are well rounded individuals," Snodgrass said. "Putting that priority on academics is really important to a lot of students here and clearly to the coaches because they are bringing in those types of players. I think it shows with how many academic All-Americans we’ve had in this past year; it speaks volumes to how the athletes here are really buying into the student-athlete, not just the athlete part."

Jake Snodgrass was named the Capital One Academic All-American of the Year in football, College Division. The Bulldogs received numerous honors in 2011-2012.
Meet the Citation of Merit Recipients

The McPherson College Citation of Merit is given to the college’s most distinguished alumni for lifetime accomplishments in service to profession, community, church and to McPherson College. The recipients are recommended by the Alumni Awards Committee and approved by the College Board of Trustees.

Harold and Lynda Connell
Classes of ’62 and ’61
Major: Harold – Economics/Business Administration: management; Lynda – Elementary Education.
Career highlights: Harold – Salesman with Northwest Mutual, maintained forms and procedures at Boeing, where he coordinated the matching gift program.
Lynda – 25 years as an elementary school teacher in Buhler, Salina and Wichita; 27 years as a retired volunteer at Wichita Collegiate School.
Community connections: Years of volunteering for the Red Cross, Civitan Club, Salvation Army and with international mission trips, including relief in Mississippi and Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina, recovery from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, distributing toys to families in need at Christmas and working in Paraguay and Guatemala.
MC Memories: Harold – Unloading his possessions through the window into Fannestock Hall and making a lifelong friend with one of the other students helping him unload.
Lynda – Working in the registrar’s office and knowing everyone’s name on campus.
“Volunteering just seemed like the natural thing to do. I think it’s just a matter of our religious training to ‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.’” – Harold Connell
“The career of teaching is a service occupation. We educate people with the idea of making their lives better. While that part of my life wasn’t volunteerism, I gave a lot.” – Lynda Connell

Eldred Kingery
Class of ’72
Major: Industrial Education
Career highlights: President/CEO, Calvin Community – a Presbyterian retirement community in Des Moines, Iowa; CEO, Spurgeon Manor Brethren Retirement Center in Dallas Center, Iowa; Executive director, Country Club Care Center in Warrensburg, Mo.; Administrator of Residential Services/director of development, The Cedars, McPherson, Kan.
Community connections: Past president of Kiwanis and McPherson Leadership Alumni; McPherson College Board of Trustees for 14 years total; volunteer for Central City Café, American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, American Heart Association, Rotary and Chamber of Commerce.
MC Memories: Playing football and taking speech as one of his first classes. He was scared to death to talk in front of people, but knew he had to face it and took care of it early.
“Once you get into providing nursing home care, you usually stay in it. The residents get ahold of your heartstrings and it’s really rewarding to work for and care for people.”

John Ferrell
Class of ’51
Major: Economics and business
Career highlights: Multiple positions at Central Christian College in McPherson, Kan., across a 33-year career; including vice president for development and admissions, dean of students and registrar. Also taught behavioral science part time at Central.
Community connections: Founding board member of the Scottish Heritage Society in McPherson, Kan., and co-founder of annual Highland Games; former chairman of the board of McPherson Family Life Center; former president of Rotary Club; named “Hometown Hero” in 2002 by the McPherson County United Way and McPherson Chamber of Commerce.
MC Memories: “I began the process of understanding the diversity and universality that exists in our world. I found caring people at McPherson College.”
“Going to college is about getting a degree while not letting that get in the way of getting an education. I’ve learned long ago the two are not the same. It’s the relationship between schooling and learning. They’re different, but not contradictory. You take with you the learning; you leave behind the schooling. It’s about the relationship between a student and a teacher.”

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“M”y dad, my grandma and my grandpa all attended McPherson College. My grandparents even met here. The connection with the Church of the Brethren was important to me, too – I’d like to be part of Brethren Volunteer Service after I graduate. Coming to McPherson College felt familiar, like being at home.”

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A McPherson College alumni’s discovery that changes the history of mankind in the Americas was recently confirmed by a prestigious scientific paper.

Carl Gustafson, ’60, was working on an archaeological site in 1977 on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington when he discovered a mastodon bone with what appeared to be a crafted bone spear point embedded in it. The find would place humans crossing from Asia into North America about 13,800 years ago — 800 years sooner than previously thought in the science community. That difference means early humans settled in the Americas in a colder climate, with blocks of ice the size of haystacks scattered across the landscape.

The find was questioned by some other scientists, who proposed the object was a piece of elk antler rammed into the mastodon rib. But recently the Institute for the Study of the First Americans at Texas A&M used a modern CT scanner to look inside the bone. This high-quality image revealed tooling marks, providing concrete evidence that it was manmade. Gustafson said the results were the culmination of a lifetime of study and he hopes it will lead archaeologist to reconsider other early sites. “It takes a lot to get me excited, but I was pretty darned excited then,” Gustafson said. The results were published in the journal “Science” on Oct. 21, 2011, and made national news.

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If you are looking to expand your business with new employees or find a new job for yourself, check out College Central Network. Employers can post jobs and internships, while students as well as alumni can manage their job search.

Students and alumni may access College Central by going to the career page on www.mcpherson.edu or www.collegecentral.com/mcpherson and creating a profile.

Employers wishing to post a job should contact Chris Wiens at wiensc@mcpherson.edu.
Coming Events

July
7-11 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference St. Louis, Mo.
8 MC Family and Friends Luncheon at Annual Conference St. Louis, Mo.
27-29 Church of the Brethren Western Plains District Conference McPherson, Kan.

August
12 MC Family and Friends Water Park Gathering and Picnic McPherson, Kan.
22 First Day of Class McPherson, Kan.

September
7-16 MC at Kansas State Fair Hutchinson, Kan.

October
19-21 Homecoming Weekend and 125th Anniversary Celebration McPherson, Kan.

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Local artist Roy Gerard demonstrates wheelthrowing technique to a Kansas high school student during a workshop at the Central Kansas League Art Festival at McPherson College on April 25. Now in its second year being held at McPherson College, the event used to take place in high school gymnasiums and academic classrooms. Now, about 275 works of art by 100 high school students are displayed and judged in a professional gallery setting and the workshops are held in studio classrooms. Read more at www.mcpherson.edu/review.