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One Alumna’s Story of MC Jan Tompkins has an MC story spanning three generations. Read her story and how to discover more in “125 years of Memonies” pages 10-13

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Homecoming, 125th Celebration Huge Success

Homecoming 2012 exceeded all of my wildest dreams. And trust me, I had big dreams. More than 1,000 alumni and friends came to campus to celebrate 125 years of McPherson College. Our annual events had more alumni than ever before. Our new events were packed with people laughing, and rekindling friendships.

Our 125th Anniversary Worship Service, which took place on Sunday morning in Brown Auditorium, was an incredibly moving time to worship together and celebrate the life-changing effect of education. More than 600 people came to McPherson College to worship together. The service was watched in homes and congregations throughout the nation. Individuals from the college and the five diocese Church of the Brethren congregations had leadership roles in the worship service. A mass choir with alumni, students and church members let their voices ring out in worship and celebration.

Three alumni offered a gift to the College that was symbolic of what the College has given to them.

• Faye Brunner of Wichita, Kan., offered a school bell to symbolize her teaching career and a cross with her wedding bands to symbolize the 53 years of marriage with her college sweetheart, Dennis Brunner.

• Karen Tyle of McPherson, Kan., offered theater masks to symbolize her growth as an actor and the transformational effect of learning at McPherson College.

• M. Bowman of McPherson, Kan., offered a coffee mug that one of his students purchased by accepting his (the speaker’s) promise together on their New York trip to symbolize the connections he has made with the students at McPherson College.

Most of the calls I’ve received have asked that this worship service become an annual tradition for the Homecoming festivities, as it highlights the very essence of McPherson College and what our founders wanted for the College. We love that idea! In fact, the Advancement team has already met to discuss ways we can improve all of our events for next year. So get ready! Homecoming 2013, set for Oct. 4-6, will be even better. It’s a great day to be a Bulldog.

Katie Hill

PS – Would you or someone you know be a great Alumni Board member? Fill out a nomination form here: http://alumni.mcpherson.edu/alumni/alumni-board/Nominations must include information about the nominee’s profession, community service work, church service work and service to McPherson College. The Nominating Committee will review all nominations and present a slate to the Alumni Board in February of 2013.
was held at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Preservation Museum of museum artifacts. The conference addressed responding in a healthy way to conflict in the workplace, identifying the fears that underlie anger in conflicts and resolving conflicts peacefully.

Dr. Jerry O’Connell, associate professor of technology, recently earned his master’s degree from Pittsburg State University. He also led book discussions across Kansas on ‘Emma’ by Jane Austen, ‘Carmelita’ by Sandra Caineros, ‘In the Time of the Butterflies’ by Julia Alvarez and ‘The Kansas Poems of William Stafford’ for the 150th anniversary of Kansas statehood. The discussions were sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council.

Dr. Tom Whalen, assistant professor of business, formally received his doctorate degree in leadership studies at a ceremony at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. He also traveled to Barcelona, Spain, at the end of June 2012 to present a paper entitled ‘A Theory of Social Ontology: Explaining the Emergence of Society, Culture and Economy’ at the 7th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Science. Drawing from his doctoral studies, Dr. Whalen worked to explain in his presentation how cultures come into existence.

Dr. Dustin Wilgers, assistant professor of biology, was co-author with E.A. Helbert in the journal Ethology entitled “Seismic signaling is crucial for female mate choice in a multimodal signaling wolf spider.”

Dr. Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, taught a seminar in summer 2012 on Technology and Globalization for the master’s program in telecommunications engineering at the University of Leopzig in Germany. He will teach a similar seminar at the University of Dublin in Ireland next year. On Sept. 22, Dr. Yohn spoke about the effect of the automobile on American culture at the national meeting of the Plymouth Owners Club in Kansas City. He will lead an intern trip to Italy in January 2013 for a “Topics in World History Class.” In June 2013, Dr. Yohn will be attending Bicycle Frame Building School in Canterbury, England, and will design and build a one-of-a-kind long-distance trekking bicycle.
Class Researches Food Habits

A class of McPherson College students this spring learned not only how to research and make persuasive arguments, but also a great deal about college students’ eating habits.

All the Rhetoric II classes in the spring were turned into research courses, with each section taking on a different topic. Dr. Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication, led a section on “Food in America” with a core text of “Fast Food Nation” by Eric Schlosser.

“I think the issue of food is an interesting problem in America,” Dr. Stanley said. “Fast food has changed our diet, our health, the work lives of teenagers and immigrants and food production — just to name a few.”

Students wrote a personal analysis of their own eating habits — both positive and negative. They then broke into groups to conduct informal surveys about student eating habits on the McPherson College campus — investigating habits such as planning, cooking and serving in the cafeteria, students’ experiences and opinions about eating on campus, students’ general eating habits; and fast food options in McPherson.

The results of the non-scientific survey revealed some negatives — for example about a fourth eat fast food three to four times per week and 71 percent eat sweet or salty snacks at least once a day. On the other hand, about 45 percent eat from the salad or sandwich bar often or always and more than half prefer water with meals instead of soda, coffee or tea.

Each student also created an original research project on a variety of topics related to food and eating — including everything from the Slow Eating movement to what makes up American dog food.

2013 Choir Tour to Include Unconventional Venues

In the middle of an art gallery or underneath the wings of an SR-71 Blackbird spy plane aren’t the typical places you’d expect to find a choir concert.

But in 2013, these are a few of the locations being added to the McPherson College choir tour.

Dr. Josh Norris, assistant professor of music and director of the choir, said trying new venues is intended to be fun and creative, and to provide a more informal environment for those who come to see the choir.

“We want to bring the music to them,” Dr. Norris said. “Sometimes you have to go outside of your own comfort zone to serve them.”

Among the new locations are the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, Kan., and the CityArts Gallery in Wichita, Kan., which both will fit into the choir’s theme this year of “Earth, Sea and Sky.”

Among the music being performed is “In the Beginning” and “Achieved is the Glorious Work” from “The Creation” by Franz Joseph Haydn — one of his most famous oratorios depicting the Biblical story of God creating the heavens and the earth.

Other works being performed on the concert are pieces on the subject of water and the sky, such as “Requiem” by Craig Hella Johnson, written for the victims of the 2004 Indonesian tsunami, “Metempsichosis and Glücksche Fahrt” (Calm Sea and Prosperous Journey) by Beethoven, which conveys the sense of people on a sea voyage with a storm and the calm following it, and “Sure on This Shining Night” by Samuel Barber.

The new locations should provide multiple reasons for people to come and support McPherson College music.

“We want to allow all our alumni and our supporters to do more than attend a choir concert,” Dr. Norris said. “Not that a choir concert isn’t enough, it’s just like two for the price of one.”

For more information about Choir Tour or to host students overnight, contact Kathy Hill, director of alumni and college relations, at 620-242-0438 or hillk@mcpherson.edu.

Choir Tour Schedule

All Performances start at 7 p.m.

April 24 Kansas Cosmosphere Hutchinson, Kan.
April 25 Location TBA
April 26 First Central Church of the Brethren Kansas City, Kan.
April 27 CityArts Gallery Wichita, Kan.
April 28 McPherson Opera House McPherson, Kan.

McPherson College Lecture Series Presents Experts in Variety of Fields

The speakers for the 2012-2013 McPherson College Lecture series are top experts in their fields — whether it is the history of McPherson College, prevention of criminal fraud, Palestinian archaeology or leaders in modern technology.

The lecture series began on Nov. 4 with the Mohler Lecture — this year featuring not one speaker, but five. Bill Grove, Dr. Paul Hoffman, Doug Lengel, Paul Miller, and Dr. Shy Shacham joined together in a panel discussion affirming the past, celebrating the present and anticipating the future of McPherson College on its 125th anniversary.

Grove, a 1965 alumnus, has a 39-year career in education as teacher, principal and superintendent — including seven years teaching in Africa. Hoffman was president of McPherson College for two decades, which included the centennial of McPherson College. Lengel is a 1982 alumnus, was a 2007 McPherson College Young Alumni Award recipient and has a decades-long career in education as a college professor and administrator. Miller is a 1967 MC alumnus and has taught at secondary schools in Nigeria, worked in Iowa public and school libraries and works today as a volunteer with a number of peace, justice and sustainable living agencies. She is also a current member of the college Alumna Board. Dr. Macliss is a 2000 alumnus and is the current dean of students and assistant professor of education at McPherson College. Dr. Bruce Clary was the moderator of the panel and is a 1977 alumnus. He is associate professor of English and is the Maurice A Hess Chair in English and has taught at MC since 1983.

Coming up on Friday, Feb. 8, Jeff Lanza will be the Harek Lecture at 4 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre. Lanza is former FBI agent Jeff Lanza. Lanza will speak on the subject “Hooligans and Hackers: How Criminals Commit Fraud and What You Can Do to Stop Them.” The informative and entertaining lecture will explain how criminals, scam artists and hackers take advantage of vulnerabilities to commit their crimes and help those in attendance take steps to keep from becoming a victim. After two decades of experience in law enforcement and criminal investigation, Lanza now helps prevent crime through education and has appeared on Fox News, The Today Show, Good Morning America and CNN.

The Religious Heritage Lecture will start at 4 p.m. March 3 at the McPherson College of the Brethren, featuring Dr. Jonathan Reed, who is currently professor of religion and dean of the college of arts and sciences at the University of La Verne in California. Reed has a career spanning two decades at La Verne and is a leading expert on first-century Palestinian archaeology. He has written five books on the first century, with a focus on topics related to early Christianity — including “Excavating Jesus” and “Archaeology and the Galilean Jesus.” He has been a guest on Discovery, History and National Geographic channel specials, CNN, Good Morning America and NPR’s “Talk of the Nation.”

The final lecture of the year will be McPherson native Brenton Schlender for the Flory Lecture at 4 p.m. April 7 in Mingenback Theatre. Schlender is a writer, editor and communications consultant best known for his work profiling the leaders in the digital revolution of the late 20th century in publications such as “The Wall Street Journal” and “Fortune” magazine, which he’s written for during a 20-year career. His award-winning profiles are distinguished by close access to his subjects and global experience and have included articles on Eric Schmidt of Google, George Lucas and John Lasseter of Pixar. He’s considered an authority on Microsoft founder Bill Gates and is writing an authorized biography of his personal friend Steve Jobs, founder of Apple and Microsoft.

All lectures are free and open to the public.
MC Student Named National Underclassman of the Year

The student branch of the National Education Association has honored a McPherson College student with the Jeffrey J.D. Miller Outstanding Underclassman Award.

Colby Patton, sophomore, Maize, Kan., received the national award given annually to a freshman or sophomore providing excellent leadership in the local student program of the National Education Association.

"It boosted my confidence and helped me realize I was doing beneficial things not only for myself but all of ‘Teachers of Tomorrow,’" Patton said.

At McPherson College, Patton has helped the “Teachers of Tomorrow” club to thrive. In her first year, she served on the club’s Prospectc Student committee, helping lead recruitment days and create marketing materials; helped obtain an entrepreneurial “Horizons Fund” grant from the college to create a local tutoring program; and tutored beginning Spanish students. Dr. Shay Maclin, assistant professor of education, said Patton was a clear choice to receive the award. She said her commitment and passion for education have been obvious even this early in her college career.

"Her actions and professionalism rank with some seasoned seniors. As a professor and advisor to our student group, I feel truly blessed and assured to know that we have Colby to continue the torch of learning and educating our future," Dr. Maclin said. "She is one of those people who touched everyone’s lives on campus, whether they knew it or not," Kitchen said. "If nothing else, he was that person you walked past one day and he gave you a smile and care about Paul."

The times Paul Zieger felt closest to his God was often riding atop a bicycle.

"I’m going on a bike ride to be with God’ was one of his last texts,” said Debra Ziegler, Paul’s mother.

The sophomore from Elizabethtown, Pa., died in an accident on Sept. 23 when an oncoming vehicle crossed the centerline and struck him riding his bicycle.

On Oct. 20, about 200 people honored Paul during Homecoming weekend by putting their feet to the pedals themselves to surpass Paul’s goal of cycling 2,000 miles this year. The event in his honor was called “Pedals for Paul” and involved people from the campus, the McPherson community and many others who care about Paul.

Paul had logged 800 miles at the time of the accident. During the event, 74 riders participated in a bicycle ride in and around McPherson, logging 1,692 miles, and even more were riding on stationary bicycles throughout Saturday in the college’s small gym – pedaling to 1,783 miles. Others who were not able to attend went on rides of their own and sent in what they rode, bringing the grand total for the day to 3,475 miles.

Before the bicycle ride, Kyle Smith, senior, Milford, Kan., said the ride was a way to give back and honor Paul.

“It seems like something he would have really wanted to do,” Smith said. “I would have wanted someone to do this for me.”

Emily James, senior, Westminster, Colo., said Pedals for Paul showed there’s a community who supports him and supports what he loved.

“What’s a better way to spend this day than doing something that he loved in his memory?” James said.

Paul’s personality and spirit drew many to honor him. Respected, ready and willing, talented, passionate, ready with a smile, extraordinary and loving are just a few of the words those who knew him used to describe Paul.

"He was the best of us," said Dusty Kitchen, ’12, director of student activities and resident director of Dotzour Hall. "Everything that was a good human being, he was."

Ziegler was deeply involved in the life of McPherson College as a member of the tennis team and through his work in the sports information office – where he worked with Kitchen and part of his work was to keep statistics for the Bulldogs.

For Kitchen, it was like learning of the death of a little brother. They spent free time together in Mudhuckers – the McPherson College ultimate Frisbee team.

"Paul was one of those people who touched everyone’s lives on campus, whether they knew it or not," Kitchen said. "If nothing else, he was that person you walked past one day and he gave you a smile because that’s the kind of person he was."

Before the bikers started on road ride during Homecoming, Debra Ziegler told the riders that Paul wanted to ride his bicycle in support of world peace. She commented on her son’s trademark grin and said, "Maybe world peace begins with a smile."

Kitchen said that wearing a smile is a way for those who love Paul to honor him. It’s difficult, but also best mirrors Paul’s soul.

“We will have fun just like Paul would want," Kitchen said. “And we’ll live great lives knowing he made us better people just by spending a small time with us."
My whole family grew up hearing stories about McPherson College. After all, my dad and both his brothers had gone to school there in the 1930s. Before that, three of my grandparents (Earl Bower, Mabel Kimmel, Eleanor Slavson) went to Mac. A whole host of uncles and aunts (Kimmels and Bowers, Slawsons and Champions) went to school at McPherson, because we were a Brethren family, and this was a Brethren school.

But it was also our family’s school.

My grandfather Bower and his five sisters were among the earliest classes, since the college began in 1887, and Great-Aunt Kate and Great-Aunt Rachel were enrolled there in 1888 and 1889. Their father, Great-Grandpa David Bower, actually moved his family from their Barton County farm to McPherson specifically so his children could attend this new Brethren school. Granddaddy Earl Bower practically grew up on the college campus because their McPherson farm was so close—part of their farm is now part of Lakeside Park, midway between the college and downtown. In those days, the college itself wasn’t actually in the town of McPherson; there were farms in between, and students who wanted to go to town needed to get permission from the college president. But over the years, “town” grew out to surround the campus.

My Great-Grandpa Henry Kimmel, a good Brethren farmer who lived in Northeastern Kansas, had eight children, and each of them went to McPherson to school in those early years. And a good many Kimmel cousins went to school there, too, since Henry was one of seven children of a Brethren elder. It was at the college that Grandma Bower, who was Mabel Kimmel in those days. One of the girls of our family was occasionally heard to refer to this escapade as the “Great Dumb-bell Barbell Caper.”

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Probably that little bit of history will soon simply disappear, if it hasn’t already. All of the buildings from the early days are gone—replaced by something newer and fancier. Old Fahnestock Hall, Arnold Hall, Sharp Hall, Kline Hall, Harlry Hall, all the buildings I remember except Dotzour, the girls’ dorm, are gone now, I think.

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McPherson College still look up Maurice A. Hess online and find his oft-quoted defense of Leavenworth for nearly two years. Even those of us who weren’t his peculiar standards concerning use of such words as “here” or “this,” of his chemistry students, we were told, were playing around in the classroom door, so that late comers had to knock. The uncles and my grandparents, buried in our family archives. Uncle John went on after his days at McPherson with more of those Brethren kids. Sometimes I visited from churches in the other nearby towns. I went to “Youth Rallies” in the gym, a form of dancing which was permissible, while ballroom dancing was not…yet. The girls’ dorm moving from Arnold and Maxwell streets in McPherson, in 1923, when he saw a meteor shower and decided that was the field he wanted to know more about. He was Mac’s biology teacher at the time. Dr. Nininger was a long-time friend of the Bowser family, but we knew he was yet another good science teacher at Mac. On a vacation trip when I was still a kid, our family included a visit Dr. Nininger’s museum at the Arizona Meteor Center, and Daddy introduced his family to this distinguished gentleman. I think it was on that same trip that we made a special visit to see the LaBrea Tar pits in California, because, after all, Daddy told us, it was a McPherson College alumnus named James M. Tompkins’ grandmother, Mabel Kimmell, Jan 125 Years

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help to pay their college expenses. I think they shared a room. Uncle John (who just turned 100 in December 2011) had a birthday while they lived there, and my dad made him a birthday cake from some pan-cake mix. He said it was a little flat.

Uncle John wrote a humorous column for the college newspaper while he was a student there, using the pseudonym of Gordie Green or some such alias. His humorous works included verse and parodies. Somewhere I have copies of a few of those literary offerings, buried in our family archives. Uncle John went on after his days at Mac to become a Brethren pastor and a Kansas legislator, as well as a successful farmer. But the prank I remember him blaming Uncle Gordon for involved a great alarm clock which was passed surreptitiously from hand to hand during chapel, and it was in Uncle John’s hands when it finally went off. His brothers were not above chiding him that “You weren’t that innocent, you didn’t have to accept it, you know.”

Another of Mac’s teachers to achieve scientific recognition was Harvey H. Nininger, acknowledged as the father of the science of meteorigraphy. Dr. Nininger’s inspiration came at the intersection of Euclid and Maxwell streets in McPherson, in 1923, when he saw a meteor shower and decided that was the field he wanted to know more about. He was Mac’s biology teacher at the time. Dr. Nininger was a long-time friend of the Bowser family, but we knew he was yet another good science teacher at Mac. On a vacation trip when I was still a kid, our family included a visit Dr. Nininger’s museum at the Arizona Meteor Center, and Daddy introduced his family to this distinguished gentleman. I think it was on that same trip that we made a special visit to see the LaBrea Tar pits in California, because, after all, Daddy told us, it was a McPherson College alumnus named James M. Tompkins’ grandmother, Mabel Kimmell, Jan 125 Years

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There has always been this notion that the Midwest was a utopia during the establishing years and during the years of the Great Depression. It continues today with the general notion that Midwesterners and Kansas citizens specifically are “just the sweetest people.” Using phrases and descriptions like these reaffirms that society has a naive view of Kansas’s state history. It is with these condescending tones that assumptions are made about the intelligence of the state’s inhabitants.

In truth, Kansans are highly educated and industrious. Former McPherson College professors H.H. Nininger and J. Willard Hershey are perfect examples of breaking the stereotypes of the dull-witted Kansan. These men had national and even world acknowledgement for their work in science. These scientists were champions in applied and industrial sciences. The issue that has arisen in recent years is that few today of these achievements and of high achievement have been forgotten in public memory.

The first individual that should be refreshed in society’s memory is Professor J. Willard Hershey of McPherson College who taught from the 1920s to the 1960s. Dr. Hershey was able to create synthetic diamonds from sugar carbon and iron fillings.

“On June 7, 1929 a mixture of two parts of chemically pure iron filings and one part of pure sugar carbon, parts taken by volume, was placed in a graphite crucible, which in turn was placed in the furnace and heated continuously for one hour and seven minutes, after which the crucible was removed and plunged into freezing mixture.”

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Hershey’s paper elicited the widespread interest of scientists, making synthetic diamonds.

Another professor at McPherson College who deserves modern recognition is H.H. Nininger of the 1920s, who focused primarily on the observation and the cataloging of meteorites. His spark of curiosity about meteorites ignited while walking home with another professor from the campus in the fall evening. Suddenly a large bright object went flying over his head on Euclid Street. Nininger stopped immediately and marked the direction of the object on the street with a piece of chalk. After marking the initial sighting, he took off in hot pursuit of the soon-to-be-identified meteorite. Alas, finding a meteorite is difficult, and he sent out public announcements to the local papers calling for anyone with any information to come forward. Since that moment, he made giant efforts to collect more samples inviting other citizens with diverse levels of education around the state to assist him. As his research continued, he collected enough samples to own and operate a museum. Through his personal writings, it is evident that he took pride in his endeavors to make science relatable to all and in his campaign for meteorites to be studied in specialty and general science.

“it therefore becomes important that every student of geology, astronomy, and of general science, as well as of meteoritics, from the most elementary to the most advanced, prepare himself to aid science by learning to make reliable reports of any meteoritical phenomena that it may be his privilege to observe.”

Nininger not only hunted the meteorites but also documented shape, marking, patterns, and composition of the samples while creating a system accessible and understandable to all.

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Prof. H.H. Nininger, during the past two years, has been devoting considerable attention to the study of meteorites, particularly those found in Kansas. He has called attention to the fact that though Kansas has been the finding place of more of these rare visitors from space than any other state in the union, there is at present no considerable collection of them within the state. Through his activities in this field the museum has acquired specimens from eleven different meteoric falls.

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Refreshing The Memory of Society

By Jacob Patrick, Junior, Elizabeth, Colo.

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MC Alums Reunite with Faculty, Staff for Anniversary

It took a while, but President Michael Schneider was finally able to make his voice heard over the cheerful babble filling Friendship Hall.

“Happy Birthday, McPherson College,” he said, adding, “We ordered up 77 degrees and sunshine, so it’s going to be a perfect day.”

The atmosphere was bright inside as well, with as many as 150 alumni, students, faculty and staff (current and former) and five presidents of McPherson College gathered for the Faculty and Staff Celebration on Saturday during Homecoming and the 125th Anniversary celebration of McPherson College.

Lisa Irle ’82 and Kevin Hambberger ’82 chatted during the celebration, having joined 30 of their classmates the night before in their 30-year class reunion.

Life couldn’t be so close to the theatre without being reminded of her education at MC in speech, theatre and English.

“I spent almost all of my time in Brown,” she said. “And I practically lived in this building.”

Just moments before, he had cheerfully greeted a personal friend and a friend of MC – Nancy Faus-Mullen, who has lived in Wichita, Kan., for decades and has connections to the college through common roots in the Church of the Brethren. She is currently the interim pastor of the First Church of the Brethren in Wichita.

“I’ve been so much fun because I’ve seen people I haven’t seen for 30 or 40 years,” she said. “It’s been delightful.”

Schneider said it was personal connections, such as these, that makes the college such a special place.

“We know we’re not alone,” he said. “McPherson College is not a place to call home; it’s a community who lifts each other up.”

The weekend was filled with events for everyone to enjoy:

- Athletic events including a golf tournament; running races for adults and kids; alumni softball, basketball and soccer games; an alumni and friends tennis social; and Ultimate Frisbee in Lakeside Park.
- The theatre production of “Black Comedy” and the choir concert “Songs of Life and Love” on Sunday.
- The student fair, including a free photo booth, a psychology test to see if people could tell the difference between homemade and store-bought cookies and “So you think you can teach,” which challenged people to give drawing instructions to a blindfolded person.
- Autobiographical restoration students assembling a Model T from parts to running in 8-47.
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One of the first aspects of Entrepreneurship at McPherson College was the Horizon Fund – offering up to a $500 grant for students to pursue good ideas. But students aren’t the only ones with innovative ways to improve the college.

Enter the Faculty and Staff Opportunity Fund. The fund is one of the entrepreneurship-related projects made possible by a $1.2 million anonymous donation to the college in April of 2011. The fund was established the following year, and it allows any faculty or staff member to apply for a grant to support programming, curriculum development or a particular department that demonstrate the entrepreneurial spirit and which benefits the college, its students or both.

Since the beginning of the fund, it has made possible everything from gift cards to test educational apps to global interterm classes to providing daily newspapers.

“McPherson College has great employees with great ideas of how to bring entrepreneurship into our culture,” said Dr. Kori Gregg, director of entrepreneurship. “Tapping into that with the Opportunity Fund has been a great experience.”

A number of the recipients have applied for funds to create a new Interterm class or enhance an existing class in an innovative way. Among these was Dr. Allan Ayella, assistant professor of biology, who traveled to visit family in Uganda in July and August of 2012. The fund helped Dr. Ayella travel to four East African universities while he was there in order to explore the establishment of an entrepreneurial exchange program. He visited universities in Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and Rwanda. The journeys are leading to an agreement with the National University of Rwanda. Two students will be selected in the spring of 2013 for the exchange program in January 2014, continuing annually after that time. Those McPherson College students will have the opportunity to travel to Rwanda to study, learn the culture and work with a local mentor to develop a project that meets local needs. In addition, the program will allow for two Rwandan students to travel to McPherson College to study for a semester.

Dr. Ayella said the program would not have even gotten started without the entrepreneurial vision of the Opportunity Fund. “The idea of infusing entrepreneurship into the liberal arts – that’s right,” he said. “It’s where we need to be, especially when you think of where the world is going – it’s global and it’s big.”

Dr. Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, also received Opportunity funds to travel to Panama for two weeks in January 2012, exploring the possibility of establishing an intense, immersive Spanish course during interterm in the area. The trip allowed him to know what no brochure or website ever could – that the site just wasn’t suitable. “Until you get there you don’t know,” Dr. Yohn said. “If I had just taken a group of students there, it would not have been a good education for them.”

But because Dr. Yohn had multiple objectives, he still successfully gained firsthand experience in the culture of Panama and the history of a local pirate port – both of which he can incorporate in his classes. Moreover, he went from knowing basically no Spanish to effectively navigating the language in the short time. He said even exploring the concept would not have been possible without the Opportunity Fund. “It would have worked, it would have been amazing,” Dr. Yohn said. “It would have been life-changing.”

Other recipients have received grants to help them with professional development, which translates into better, more engaged classrooms. Since starting at McPherson College, Dr. Kerry Dobkins,
Team To Help Guide Entrepreneurship Program

Lifting up traditional Liberal Arts education through the more recent concept of Entrepreneurship has been the focus for McPherson College now for more than two years. Now a new Entrepreneurship and Liberal Arts Team composed of faculty and staff has been named, and the members are working together to help find the next steps for entrepreneurship as the concept continues to be woven across the curriculum and student life.

The goal is to engage the entire college community, clearly and simply express the mission of the entrepreneurship initiative, and help give direction to the innovative program.

If you’re always looking from the top down, you’re going to end up getting one very limited perspective,” said Dr. Kori Gregg, director of entrepreneurship. “By bringing in people from across the organization of the college and welcoming feedback and input from everyone, we hope to end up with a stronger program that everyone involved has a stake in.”

The eight members of the team have committed to serving for two years. They met initially at a workshop lasting two full days Sept. 25 and 26 to build the team, formulate an extraordinary goal for the entrepreneurship initiative and develop their first projects to help the team reach that goal. Since then, the team has been meeting weekly while working individually on a variety of projects and research.

The members of the team were selected from multiple departments and organizational units, both faculty and staff. Watch www.mcpherson.edu and the spring issue of “The Review” to learn about the results of the team’s work.

Internship Takes Student to Brethren Roots

It was 125 years ago that McPherson College grew from the Church of the Brethren. In her summer internship with the Church of the Brethren “Ministry Summer Service,” Sarah Neher got in touch with Brethren roots that run almost as deep. She represents the fourth generation to attend McPherson College... on both sides of her family.

The Rochester, Minn., senior said growing up in the Church of the Brethren encouraged her to spend her summer in service.

“One of the primary foundations of that denomination is putting your faith into action,” she said. “It’s a way of putting renewal in life and making me feel like I have a purpose.”

Ministry Summer Service gives college students the opportunity to work with a mentor in the Church of the Brethren, serve the church in a variety of essential jobs at the Elgin, Ill., headquarters; and share their leadership abilities by taking charge of weeklong Church of the Brethren work camps for high school students.

Neher opted to work in two camps in Puerto Rico -- one painting a church and one painting a community center – and one in Roanoke, Va., assisting a multi-state rescue mission that feeds up to 900 people at every mealtime.

“This was a different level of leadership than I’d ever had,” she said. “If something went wrong, it was on my shoulders.”

The time spent in Ministry Summer Service has confirmed to Neher her planned career direction – to help youth in impoverished areas. After her graduation in the spring, she plans to join Brethren Volunteer Service, a full-time volunteer program through the church that involves a commitment of one or two years.

“Ministry Summer Service helped me realize that’s something I want to have in my future,” she said. “To have that responsibility.”

Even the work at headquarters helped her develop essential skills -- like seeing how an organization works, how to assemble and make sense of statistics, and how to create and keep a budget. Along with this experience, she brings something else valuable back to MC – a $2,500 scholarship for her last year.

The benefit of McPherson College, however, has been more valuable than money, and more intangible.

“McPherson College is the next step, not only on your education, but also on your faith journey,” she said. “It wasn’t just about education, it was about the experience, inside and outside the classroom.”
The annual Great Race is test of endurance, of precision driving and navigation, of mechanical skill and of mental math. And, of course, the race is an opportunity to see collector cars that are both beautiful and durable on the road.

In 2012 three MC automotive restoration alumni – Tabetah Salsbury ’09, Kacy Smith ’09 and Jonathan Klinger ’04 – all participated in the Great Race as a driver or navigator in this unique competition. Salsbury and Klinger were drivers and Smith was Salsbury’s teammate as navigator. All three work for Hagerty Insurance, which specializes in insuring collector cars.

“The cars are truly wonderful, but it’s the people in the hobby who make it enjoyable,” Salsbury said. “And that’s the key to the Great Race.”

Since 1983, the Great Race has attracted collector car enthusiasts in a competition that’s not based on how quickly a course is completed, but rather on how precisely it’s driven. At the beginning of each day of the nine-day race, each team – consisting of a driver and navigator – are given a precise set of driving instructions including speeds and maneuvers. Competitors are scored based on how close they come to a specific time at random checkpoints along the course.

The challenge comes with the inevitable deviations from the instructions, such as unexpected stops, missed turns and breakdowns.

“You had to think quickly on your feet on how you were going to adjust that,” Smith said.

This year, the Great Race circumnavigated the Great Lakes at the end of June – starting in Traverse City, Mich. (where Hagerty is headquartered), looping north through Canada and ending back at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich. Salsbury and Smith were the only team in the 2012 race with both a female driver and navigator, drawing positive attention – including a feature article in the “New York Times” – as they expertly guided an early cab pickup, a 1962 International Harvester Travellette.

Klinger entered with his 1930 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan – the same vehicle that he drove as his commuter vehicle for a year, blogging about the experience at www.365daysofa.com. He said the competition requires constant awareness and thinking.

“They don’t call it an endurance event for nothing,” he said. “It is both physically and mentally exhausting. It’s a totally different level of competition – against each other, but also against the clock and yourself.”

It wasn’t just alumni involved this year – Casey Maxon, senior, Lawrence, Kan., participated in The Great Race as a back-up driver, mechanic and photographer with the Historic Vehicle Association’s Team, which entered a 1954 Oldsmobile Rocket 88.

Many more McPherson College students will be getting into the game in 2013, as the college will enter a 1957 Ford Fairlane into the Great Race – running from St. Paul, Minn. to Mobile, Ala., in a “Rally Down the Mississippi” from June 22 to 30, 2013. Amanda Gutierrez, vice president for automotive restoration, said the race would give students great experience as well as an opportunity to show their skills and talent. At the same time, people across the nation who might never have heard of McPherson College will see the students working on a car and restoration businesses in Portland, Conn., and has a special interest in getting young people involved in the collector car hobby.

“This program is so important in the automotive industry because as the older people get out of the restoration business, there’s not any new young blood that’s coming in – especially people that have the knowledge and have the passion that really come out when you’re going to a four-year college,” Carini said in the program. “When you’re here, you’re here to really set your future.”

The episode featuring McPherson College, which premiered on Oct. 23, focuses on Carini’s search for an apprentice from among the automotive restoration students seeking a four-year bachelor’s degree at McPherson College. Viewers of the program had the opportunity to see Carini meet and interview MC students, including the candidates showing Carini the projects they were working on and a surprise test to identify some of the smallest parts of an engine.

The show also included a team of students assembling a Model T from parts to running in 8:55, Carini attending the C.A.R.S Club Car Show in May. An entire episode focused on McPherson College premiered Oct. 23. (Photo and Logo Courtesy Essex Television Group)

The show and a student letting Carini have a spin in his 1951 Ford Custom. Carini was the special guest at “An Evening with Automotive Restoration” dinner Friday, May 4, this year. He stayed on through Saturday to attend the student-run car show and to interview candidates for a summer intern. At the end of the show, he announced who he had selected for the internship – Taylor Adams, a senior from Ashland, Va.

“He’s curious. He’s a very bright young man,” Carini said. “He’s got a lot going for himself.”

To view schedules for rebroadcasts of the episode – which is Episode 316: “Wayne’s Apprentice” – visit velocity.discovery.com and click on “TV Schedules.” Clips from the episode are also available on the site.

Wayne Carini, host of “Chasing Classic Cars” on the Velocity Channel by Discovery, spoke to automotive restoration students during the 13th annual C.A.R.S. Club Car Show in May. An entire episode focused on McPherson College premiered Oct. 23. (Photo and Logo Courtesy Essex Television Group)
For the second year in a row, McPherson College automotive restoration alumni have been key team members on the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance Best of Show award winner – the highest honor at the world’s most prestigious car show. Stacy Puckett ’04, resource manager, and Chris Hammond ’03, restoration technician at Paul Russell and Company in Essex, Mass., had key roles in restoring the rare 1928 Mercedes-Benz 680S Saoutchik Torpedo. Puckett coordinated project task lists and conducted historical research, and Hammond, acting as project crew chief, oversaw the mechanical restoration of the car from top to bottom and coordinated with other departments. Paul Russell and Company used the opportunity with the Best of Show win to bring attention and funds to McPherson College and help support the next generation of restorers in the automotive restoration program. On Nov. 3, an event in Essex, Mass., attracted more than 200 auto enthusiasts, sponsors and supporters, who got a first-hand explanation of the custom coachbuilder’s art from the restoration team on the car, including Puckett and Hammond. The event raised more than $60,000 in support of automotive restoration at MC.

“We are thrilled to champion the automotive restoration program at McPherson College, and to have program graduates involved in a restoration project of this magnitude – an exquisite example of the extraordinary car was trim made from German silver as well as a wood from Southeast Asia called “purple heart.” One of the more unusual tasks for the car was recreating trim such as it would have had in the 1920s. This involved tracking down more than 750 custom-dyed dark red lizard skins from Thailand – each barely the size of a standard sheet of notebook paper – sorting them by color and stitching them into large sheets in order to create the upholstery for the interior.

Both Hammond and Puckett said their McPherson College education was key to where they are in their career today. It both gave them direction and helped them make valuable connections to people at the center of the collector car industry. “It’s such a huge deal to go to McPherson and then years later – and not as many years as I thought it would take – standing there with that trophy,” Puckett said. “It was pretty phenomenal.”

MC alum Ligen Vermeulen ’91 was one of the restorers on the 2011 Pebble Beach Best of Show winner, a 1934 VISION C-25 Aerodyne, as part of his job at Stone Barn in Vienna, N.J.

Young Alumni Award Recognizes Career, Life Achievements

The annual Young Alumni Award honors accomplished McPherson College alumni who graduated approximately within the last 30 years:

Mark Baus
Class of 1982
Major: Technology
Career accomplishments: A fifth-generation farmer and rancher, Mark Baus splits his time between farm work and the necessary office work. Beyond the fields, Baus has served as the mayor of Alexandria for more than two decades, keeping city services running and funded.

MC Memories: Competing on the soccer and basketball teams and joining up as a yell leader during his senior year – an experience that helped him overcome a natural shyness and develop leadership by being in front of others.

“Do you have a sense of awe at waiting to watch seeds grow? It’s not describable. I helped make this possible, but God designed this. It’s watching God perform. It’s knowing that you’re a part of something that’s bigger than you are”

Jonathan Klinger
Class of 2002
Major: Automotive Restoration Technology
Home: Traverse City, Mich.
Career accomplishments: Jonathan Klinger began his career at his alma mater, working as director of automotive restoration development at McPherson College to promote and advance the college’s unique program. Since 2007, Klinger has been the public relations manager at Hagerty Insurance, the largest insurer of classic cars in the world. There, he’s explored a number of unique concepts for promoting Hagerty, including the “365 Days of X” project, where he drove a Ford Model A as his daily commute for a year and blogged about the experience. He was recently selected for the McPherson College Board of Trustees – the first restoration graduate on the board and one of the youngest to serve. In his spare time, he is a marathon runner – competing in three in the last four years.

MC Memories: Traveling with fellow MC students to the Bonneville Salt Flats to see a test of a working recreation of the 1954 land speed record holder.

“Most events that I travel to for my job are places where I would love to go on vacation. I’ve made a career in the industry which is also where my hobby lies.”

Tracy Stoddart Primozich
Class of 1997
Major: Elementary Education
Home: Dayton, Ohio
Career accomplishments: Tracy Primozich started off her career in education, working as a substitute teacher, but decided she wanted to have broader experience in case she burned out on teaching. To that end, she took a job organizing nonviolent protests and speaking with legislators with a Washington, D.C., nonprofit called School of the Americas Watch. From there, she worked for the Church of the Brethren national denomination offices in Elgin, Ill., as an orientation assistant, helping recruit volunteers and help them decide where to serve. Today, she works as the director of admissions at Bethany Theological Seminary, helping to counsel and advise people who might be a good fit for theological education.

MC Memories: Creating a campus “sorority” their senior year and dressing up as Punky Brewster and walking across campus as their “initiation.”

“My job feels like a perfect blend of my skills and my gifts and my passion – a passion for listening to people’s stories and walking with them on the journey of where they are in their life. What it really boils down to, it fits.”

Read more about the 2012 young alumni winners at www.mcpherson.edu/review.
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Athletic Achievements

**Softball**
- Senior Katie Logan (Clay Center, Kan.) Named to Capital One Academic All-America First Team.
- Three NAIA Scholar-Athletes: Seniors Katie Logan, Taylor Medler (Gilliamville, Texas) and Janie Gunther (Scott City, Kan.)
- Free All-KCAC Athletes

**Track & Field**
- Senior Derek Teney (Salina, Calif.) finished first in the KCAC High Jump and second at NAIA Nationals, making him a three-time All-American.
- Three NAIA Scholar-Athletes: seniors David Parry (Morganville, Kan.), senior Josh Niles (Goddard, Kan.) and senior Callie McCaffrey (Vina, Colo.)
- Free All-KCAC performers

**Baseball**
- Brought in 33 new recruits for 2012-13, the largest recruiting class in the history of the program.
- Sophomore Taylor Werts (Mansfield, Texas) named All-KCAC Pitcher and Outfielder.
- Senior Curt Campagnone (Salina, Kan.) named NAIA Scholar-Athlete

**Tennis**
- Most tennis finished second in the KCAC Tournament.
- Three NAIA Scholar-Athletes: junior Stav Bakutis (Moscow, Russia), senior Katie Doffing (Corvallis, Oregon) and senior Wylie Finkle (Wichita, Kan.)
- Seven men earned All-KCAC honors

McPherson College welcomes its newest athletic staff members:
- Shalayne Richmond Head coach and dance coach
- Quadrick Sanders Assistant football coach

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Erik Steffens
Year: Senior
Home town: Dighton, Kan.
Major: Business – Marketing and Management
Minor: Entrepreneurship
Scholarships: Provost Scholarship; Alumni Legacy Scholarship
Activities: President of Business Club; Resident Assistant for Dunstan Hall; Volunteer with StepMC, Red Cross blood drive and Nokomis
Internships: Crops USA, Lane Scott Electric, Farm Bureau Insurance.

"I transferred to McPherson during my freshman year from a larger college. Coming to McPherson relates to me. I got to know people and they know me. I'm a face-to-face person, and McPherson College is a very genial school. People care about you and look out for your best interest. I've made friends for life. There's no way I would have met that wide of a variety of people at another school.

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I got some real-world experience in my Investments class, where I was one of the first students to help manage $100,000 of the college endowment. Those below have established endowed scholarships to honor friends and loved ones or encouraging the development of particular causes, areas of study or types of students. Those below have already made this valuable decision, we invite you to do the same.

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Endowed Scholarships

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1950s
John Forrell ’51, McPherson, Kan., received the Citation of Merit award from McPherson College in May 2012.
The 1952 Bulldog Football Team will be inducted into the McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame at Homecoming 2012.
Dale Carpenter ’52, Great Bend, Kan., retired after teaching for 43 years at Bender, Kinsey, and Great Bend, Kan.
Bob Kerr ’52, Ardenrose, Okla., was recognized recently for 50 years as a pharmacist in Ardmore.
James “Jake” Shrader ’52, Chadron, Neb., retired after teaching in the Political Science Department at Chadron State College for 41 years.
Shirley Knackstedt Fick ’57, Hutchinson, Kan., volunteers at the Hutchinson Salt Mine.
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Garth & Diane Browning Werner ’61, McPherson, Kan., welcomed their eldest granddaughter, Ashley Browning, as a freshman at MC – third generation. She plans to be a biochemistry major and will play soccer as a freshman at the end of 2011 after 44 years in the insurance industry.

Harold ’62 and Lynda Igol Connell ’61, Wichita, Kan., received the Citation of Merit award from McPherson College in May 2012.
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Bob Kerr ’52, Ardenrose, Okla., was recognized recently for 50 years as a pharmacist in Ardmore.
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Scottsdale, Ariz.
17-20 Starbird-Devlin Rod & Customs Charities Car Show  
Wichita, Kan.

FEBRUARY
18 Harter Lecture: Jeff Lanza  
McPherson, Kan.
16 Red Out basketball game vs. Bethel  
McPherson, Kan.

MARCH
3 Religious Heritage Lecture: Jonathan Reed  
McPherson, Kan.
8-10 Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance  
Amelia Island, Fla.
20 Gold Key Event  
McPherson, Kan.

APRIL
7 Flory Lecture: Brenton Schlender  
McPherson, Kan.
24-28 Choir Tour  See p.6 for locations

MAY
3 An Evening with Automotive Restoration  
McPherson, Kan.
4 C.A.R.S. Club Car Show  
McPherson, Kan.
11 Lisa Snell Memorial Concert  
McPherson, Kan.
24-25 Alumni Weekend and Commencement  
McPherson, Kan.