Synergy
Manhattan Christian College Summer 2015

A commitment to be ready and relevant for today’s students and those who will come after them.
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3. Technology and security enhancements. The technology attributes of a college cannot compete if the campus requires continual fine-tuning and financial investment to operate at satisfactory levels. Wireless access and optimal Internet speed are no longer optional as the 24/7 demands increase with each student’s multiple devices. Also, the teaching tools in the classrooms such as video projectors and recording equipment, as well as the computers in the library and the faculty lap tops need to be replaced.

The national growing need for campus security is witnessed regularly on the nightly news. MCC has installed video cameras in residence hall entry ways. But, the next step to keep MCC user-friendly and safe is the purchase and implementation of a magnetic strip I.D. card system. This type of system will have multiple uses, including door keys, meal plans, and checking out library resources.

Steps to Success

The projects outlined in the Next Generation campaign will require three million dollars in gifts.

Alumni, parents, and friends of the college are encouraged to prayerfully consider how they can be involved and make a difference. You may choose to make a one-time donation or a recurring donation over a period of time. But,
It is critical that fundraising continues moving forward so that when final City approval is received in August, construction may begin on the parking lot and courtyard.

Before construction may begin, the remaining best-case scenario for the City of Manhattan approval process includes:

- **June 1** - Public Hearing with the Urban Planning Board for the PUD changes
- **June 16** - First Public Hearing with the City Commission
- **June 30** - Second and Final Reading of the Ordinance with the City Commission
- **August 17** - Final Urban Planning Board Approval

The Next Generation campaign provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help MCC build a multi-purpose center, improve student life, and legitimize the college campus experience. More MCC students means more influence on the Kingdom and you can help make that happen. **Click here.**

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Cumulative gifts of $1,000+ will have name recognition in the multi-purpose building.

**Student Awards Presented at Banquet**

Since 1988, the MCC faculty and staff have recognized six upperclassmen for their outstanding Christian leadership and proven commitment to Christ and service to His Kingdom during their student years. The President’s Award recognizes leadership roles and activities on campus while the Young Thunder Award recognizes off campus involvement and the Frank Nunez Servant’s Heart Award honors service both on and off campus. This year’s recipients were (left to right): Krysten Purkey and Will Chisam, Frank Nunez Servant’s Heart Award; Paige Mortensen and Nick Johnson, President’s Award; and Alli Walker and Derek Birney as Young Thunder Award winners. **Click here.**
Peer nominated, the winners of these annual recognitions are chosen by the Alumni Advisory Council. Each year, nominations are due by mid-November and may be submitted online or through the Alumni Office. Award winners are honored and celebrated as a part of the Vision 360° Banquet held in mid-April. Complete biographies for this year’s award winners may be found at www.mccks.edu/alumni-association/awards.

Dr. Edgar (Eddie) Elliston ’66
Professional Excellence Award
Chosen for notable achievements and contributions in a non-vocational ministry career field. Recipient demonstrates high standards of integrity and Christian character in career and personal life.

Steve ’78 and Debbie ’78 Palich
Alumni Ministry Award
Recipients of this award are making a difference for the cause of Christ by the way they serve others in vocational ministry. Known for living their life with the highest degree of integrity and Christ-like character in service.

Dr. Vernon Rodgers ’52
Distinguished Alumni Award
The highest Alumni Award honoring and recognizing a lifetime of service to the Lord, the body of Christ, and the world we live in. Must be 40+ years of age and exemplify MCC with outstanding leadership and character.

Alumni Events 2015-2016

FALL 2015:
August 20 – New student cookie welcome – sponsored by Alumni Association
August 29 – Alumni Soccer Games
October 23 – Alumni Basketball Games
October 29-30 – Alumni Connections Events in Colorado
Month of November – MCC NOW Alumni Campaign

SPRING 2016:
February 26 – Woman’s World
Late night snacks and fellowship time sponsored by the Alumni Association
March 12-19 – Alumni Mission Trips
(in conjunction with Spring Student Kerusso Days)
April 22 – Alumni Panels Luncheon
(for current students)
Vision 360° Banquet
Alumni Awards presented
May 7 – Grad/New Alum Celebration Luncheon and open house before Commencement

Alumni Reunion
WE ARE FAMILY

Alumni who attended the Vision 360° Banquet.

The 2015 “We Are Family” Alumni Reunion took place April 16-18. Alums had the opportunity to pick and choose the events that worked with their schedules, and it was a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, reminiscing, and encouragement.

Events included: an alumni-led Chapel service, bonfire and devotions at Tuttle Creek State Park, golfing, campus tours, ceramics workshop, alumni lunch panels for students, enjoying the Vision 360° Banquet along with other MCC family and friends, showing honor to our 2015 Alumni Award winners, an alumni choir, 5K Run/Walk, and brunch with MCC trivia bowl and devotions.

Alums who graciously helped lead portions of the reunion include:

Chapel Speaker – Bill Thornton ’79
Chapel Worship Band – Harold Pittman ’95, Logan Pittman ’13, Bryani Pittman ’13, and Tandra Pittman ’13, Trenton Pittman ’15
Music and Devotions for Bonfire – Josh Nelson ’03, Holly Frost ’15, and Nicci Sammons ’12
Alumni Lunch Panels – Dave Cook ’04, Elizabeth Mattke ’08, Will Eickman ’14, Mike Willich ’91, and Deb Klutz ’99
5K Run/Walk – Reasa Grogg ’02, and Michael Shahin ’13
MCC Trivia (Bible Bowl style) – Marcy Cassel (honorary)
Brunch Devotions – Doug Ingmire ’72

Our next “We Are Family” All School Alumni Reunion is scheduled for 2019.
Summer Camp Teams

Sixteen students are currently traveling across the United States to tell the MCC story and to build the Kingdom of God. In eight short weeks, working alongside multiple camp and conference staffs and church volunteers, these student teams will help lead thousands of middle school and high school students in their own personal experiences with God.

The summer camp teams are trained to be relationship builders and to share Christ with those who do not know Him, strengthen relationships with those who do, encourage students, staff and other fellow teams and serve in any way needed. Their high level of energy is utilized to teach lessons, lead small groups, plan awesome rec games, and whatever else might be needed.

This year’s trips will include events in California, Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Missouri. Join us in prayer for their safety over the many miles they will travel, opportunities to share Jesus, and that many will come to know Jesus as their Savior. 

2015 Timothy Days Scholarship Winners

Sheigh Carpenter and Cole Kedney will be seeking a Dual Degree with Kansas State University. Madison Sanders and Paden Goucher will be seeking a degree in Christian Ministry. All four will be starting Fall 2015. For more information on the Timothy Day Scholarship www.mccks.edu/timothydays.

Attention High School and Middle School Students!

November 13-15 come and develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Unique classes and events for each age group
- Keynote Speaker: Blake Bergstrom
- Dynamic Worship: Jordan Howerton Band
- Engaging workshop speakers
- Fellowship activities

For more details, go to www.oasisconference.org or call 785-539-3571.

Manhattan Christian College is proud to announce the 2015 Timothy Day Scholarship winners: Sheigh Carpenter of New Strawn, KS., Madison Sanders of Peoria, AZ., Paden Goucher of Litchfield Park, AZ. and Cole Kedney of Overland Park, KS.
**Online Degree Program Earns Recognition**

The two accredited degree completion programs in Biblical Leadership and Management and Ethics have recently been recognized as "one of the best." Rated by BestColleges.com as one of the top three online Christian College, a top affordable choice by OnlineColleges.net, and as one of the best in Kansas by AffordableCollegeGroup.org, MCC’s distance education program helps busy men and women successfully integrate learning the Bible into life and work.

Each of these rankings recognized the MCC online program for its outstanding academic program and support services. Although the decision methodology changed for each list, the overall assessment included an evaluation of acceptance, enrollment, retention, graduation rates, and more.

Nationwide, the fastest growing demographic of college students is adults who work 20 hours a week or more. Distance learning caters to these busy, working adults and creates a learning environment that is both welcoming and structured.

Adult students who have a minimum of 40 transferable hours can begin to complete their degree in the MCC online program throughout the year. Each course meets for eight weeks and earns three semester hours of credit.

Online students may take any two of the distance education courses during each 8-week term, and there are two 8-week terms per semester. These terms begin in August, October, January, March, and June. Generally, students spend an average of 14-15 hours per week on course work. Time commitment varies on how quickly a person reads and is able to complete the assignments.

The MCC online programs are ideally suited for anyone wanting to improve their ability to study the Bible and share the Gospel or are interested in a career focused on service. Whether this means working for a non-profit, working as a pastor or staff member in a local church, or working in areas such as Christian counseling and education, a Bible college degree gives students a strong biblical and ethical base to be an effective Christian leader.

For those who do not wish to complete a full bachelor’s degree, MCC offers a 21-hour Certificate of Biblical Leadership. Still others may want to take just one course to increase biblical knowledge or provide additional training for their current career (e.g. teachers in ACSI Christian schools or business professionals needing academic credentials) as non-degree students. MCC’s online program is flexible, affordable and is also known as a Military Friendly School. **www.mccks.edu/academics/online-degrees**
“Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”
~ Joshua 1:9

Momentum is a new annual Christian conference specifically designed for men and women 55+. Held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan, KS, the two-day event will be a time of spiritual renewal and inspiration.

Each year’s theme-oriented program will include practical seminars, a dynamic keynote speaker, buffet meals, times of worship, and lots of other surprises.

In addition to being personally encouraging to those who attend, the conference will provide an opportunity for senior adults/groups to fellowship with each other and better connect with one another for ministry purposes.

The involvement of MCC President Kevin Ingram and a variety of MCC students will give attendees updated information as well as a personal connection with the ongoing ministry of the college. Attendees will be encouraged to acquaint themselves with the campus as well as participate in a special event held there.

- Early bird registration rates expire Sept. 15.
- All conferees are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements.
- Hilton Garden Inn, $109+tax, 785-532-9116.

Register online www.mccks.edu or call 785-539-3571.