Meet the “A” Team
I agree with Dr. Mohler when he answered the question with a yes, because Jesus Himself said that nothing will prevail against His church, not even the gates of hell. I also agreed when he said this question serves as a great reminder of the importance of Christian education, education like that we provide at Manhattan Christian College. In fact, his statement was emphasized with another question, “What could be more important than theological education?” I couldn’t agree more!

MCC’s mission is “to educate, equip, and enrich Christian leaders.” Our vision is that “every student and graduate would be prepared and motivated to penetrate the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ regardless of their chosen profession.” Why do we strive to fulfill that mission?

So, when the Son of Man comes, he will find faith on the earth!

Our classes focus on God’s Word. We strive to deepen students’ knowledge of the Word of God, mature them in their personal relationship with Christ, and prepare them to be able to share God’s Word with others. We also provide hands-on opportunities for them to use their gifts and abilities now so they can be the best prepared they can be when they leave and go into all the world. We strive to enrich our student’s heart, mind, and soul to be difference makers for Christ.

The articles in this edition of Synergy, give you an overview of some of the many activities we have going on. As you read them, I pray God gives you the ability to see what He is doing through our students currently, and also helps you see the unseen of how He is going to use them to make sure there is faith on the earth when He returns.

To help us continue that mission and fulfill it in greater and greater...
ways, I humbly ask you for three things.

• Your **INVolvement** –
  Invite a team of Ambassadors to your church. It will give you the opportunity to meet some of our amazing students first-hand and let them tell you all that is going on at MCC. When they are there, point out students in your church that need to consider giving their life in service to Christ, regardless of the chosen profession they desire to pursue. I guarantee you, when you meet some of our students you will be motivated to become more involved with MCC!

• Your **INVeStment** –
  When you are considering where you to return some of the blessings of God’s provision in your life, I ask you to consider MCC. As costs increase, the support we receive from our donors becomes that much more important. We need more donors, and generous donors, to help us fulfill our eternally important mission. And, I firmly believe, your investment in MCC is an investment in eternity!

• Your **INtErceSsion** –
  Most importantly, pray for Manhattan Christian College! Pray for God’s protection over all of us. Pray for God’s power to be moving in and among the MCC family. Pray for God’s provision for the college’s needs and the needs of our students. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send MCC workers for the harvest to prepare.

Remember, as we serve Christ together, it produces a synergy that allows us to accomplish far more than we could alone. And, why do we need to be as productive as possible? So, when the Son of Man returns He will find faith on the earth!

God bless.

Chuck and Colleen Schmidt
Valley Center, KS

“The Lord has blessed us financially and in the spirit of Abraham in Genesis 12:2-3, we know it is so that others can be blessed.

MCC has been an inspiration and resource for us and our family for the three decades we have lived in Kansas and attended Riverlawn Christian Church, Wichita, KS. Many respected ministers of the Gospel from MCC have touched our lives. Your college has been there for Riverlawn in times of upheaval and need with counseling and wisdom. You are a beacon of faithfulness to God’s glory. Thank you for your service.”

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*Save the Date!*

**Friday, April 17, 2015**

**VISION 360°**

An evening to benefit Manhattan Christian College.

**Hilton Garden Center**
Manhattan, KS
Meet the “A” Team

The Admissions staff is here to be of service to students and their families. Call 785-539-3571 and let us answer questions and help to make the transition to college easier.

From left to right:

Robyn Kejr  
Admissions Counselor/ Residence Hall 
Supervisor in Kenoyer Hall  
Territories: Manhattan, KS; Salina, KS, Western KS, Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia

Teka Wilson 
Admissions Office Manager/ Campus Visit Coordinator

Trent McGee  
Admissions Counselor/ Women’s Soccer Coach  
Territories: Kansas City, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming

Nick Brown  
Director of Admissions & Recruitment  
Territories: Online students, International students, Nebraska, Alaska, Hawaii

Ethan Pope  
Admissions Counselor  
Territories: Topeka, KS, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia

Kaitlyn Black  
Admissions Counselor  
Territory: Wichita, KS

Sarah Wenger  
Admissions Counselor  
Territory: Northeast, KS

Timothy Days: Leadership and Scholarship Events
February 8-9 and March 29-30

By Ethan Pope’16

Help us recognize the high school seniors who have made an impact in your church or community with a scholarship to attend MCC. Give us your recommendations of those who are making a difference.

Nominate one or more names at www.mccks.edu or by calling the Admissions Office at 785-539-3571. A special invitation will be sent to each recommended student and their family so they can determine which date works best with their schedule. All of the young Christian leaders will be recognized in front of peers and faculty at a formal banquet as well as receive a $500 scholarship for being nominated and attending.

The 2-day schedule includes an evening banquet, guest speaker and leadership workshops, activities fair, campus tours, a night in the residence halls, scholarship interviews and more.

Timothy Days is an excellent opportunity for high school seniors to catch a glimpse of how God is moving at MCC and how He wants to use them in the next generation of Christian leaders.

Our Fleet of Vans is Wearing Out

Average Odometer: 196,158

Last year athletic teams, camp teams, drama team, employees, and other student groups drove a total of 198,558 miles on 520 trips to represent the college. Make a special gift to MCC with “Vans” in the memo line.

Help us keep everyone safe on the highway.
Student Leaders Set the Pace

By Jolene Rupe

Student Government at MCC is not your ordinary student activity. As a peer-elected group of student leaders, the team works together to set direction, build an inspiring vision for the academic year, and recruit leaders for the wide variety of student committees that serve the needs of their fellow students.

After a prayerful process this summer, the Executive Committee chose “Simply Jesus” as the theme for the 2014-15 year. This theme was chosen because they wanted everything about the year to help the students focus on and live a growing spiritual life oriented around Jesus.

Ethan Pope, Student Body President, says, “As student leaders, we are responsible for setting the standard for the students attending MCC. Our goal is to influence the students around us to pursue Christ more in their personal life, their academic life, and their social life.”

Many roles within Student Government provide an opportunity for a student to grow individually in their leadership abilities. Class officers have the responsibility of planning and executing ideas, projects, and events that will bring unity to their class. In addition, specific committees lead in the defined areas of Student Spiritual Life, Campus Programming, Traditions, and Student Needs.

The members of Student Government care about the college and strive to make it a positive Christian environment that meets all of the students’ needs. In addition to guiding students in their walk with Christ, they facilitate a wide variety of events to help their fellow students get to know each other, support each other, and enjoy themselves.

Students, faculty, and staff contributed 215 hours of service October 20-24 to community programs: Flint Hills Bread Basket, Life Choice Ministries, Shepherd’s Crossing, The Homestead, Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, and Manhattan Emergency Shelter.
One of MCC’s strategic partners is Doulos Discovery School, a Christian school in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic. Doulos offers classes from pre-kindergarten through the twelfth grade, with an emphasis on English-immersion education. The mission of Doulos is “Educating and equipping servant leaders . . . to impact the Dominican Republic,” a mission statement close to MCC’s.

In the summer of 2011, Keith Schoen, an American who worked as a high school English instructor at Doulos, made contact with MCC, asking if the college would be interested in working with selected seniors taking their final English class. MCC began a partnership that fall and it has continued since.

The students take a COM I course with MCC for dual credit (the course is stretched out over two semesters; since many of the students know English as a second language, this gives them more time to develop their skills). Doulos supplies the primary instructor for the course while using MCC curriculum, and a faculty member from MCC receives electronic versions of essays to comment on, to grade, and to return to the students. This allows students to receive instruction in the classroom while obtaining feedback from a college level instructor at a college that aligns with the mission of Doulos.

This experience helps the students prepare for a college or university, if they chose to go that route, and this usually is a big decision for some of the students who come from small villages and who cannot take for granted an education beyond high school.

In the fall of 2014, Keith Schoen turned over control of the program to Katelynn Clark so that he could return to America to further his own education. Katelynn and seven students are working with MCC for the 2014-15 school year, helping to fulfill both the needs of Doulos to equip servant leaders and of MCC to develop its strategic partnerships to educate, equip, and enrich future Christian leaders in other parts of the world. [MCC]

Manhattan Area Technical College
By Randy Ingmire ’77

Manhattan, Kansas, is a college town. Everyone knows about Kansas State University founded in 1863. Then there is Manhattan Christian College with its beginning in 1927. Since 1969, these two institutions have been in an academic partnership together. The dual degree program between Manhattan Christian College and Kansas State University has proven to be one of MCC’s greatest assets as students have the opportunity to live on a Christian college campus, to take courses that nurture them in their faith, and to study toward a degree in their chosen profession. But another institution of higher education is located in Manhattan, and MCC entered into an academic partnership with them in April 2012. Manhattan Area Technical College provides unique professional studies options that are attrac-

Rend Collective Concert Sells Out
By Dr. Bill Jenkins

The collaboration of Crestview Christian Church, University Christian Church, and Manhattan Christian College brought the Irish band, Rend Collective, to Manhattan on Thursday, October 23. This night of worship is the second concert that this newly formed community partnership has brought to the area to reach out and minister to all ages with a unique worship celebration. All Sons and Daughters was the first musical ensemble to sell out the UCC Family Life Center venue earlier
The five year strategic plan for Manhattan Christian College (2013-2018) presents five areas of assessment and improvement: Campus Culture, Campus Development, Processes and Systems, Resource Development, and Strategic Partnerships. The last one, Strategic Partnerships, deals with the relationship between MCC and other institutions where students receive more education or apprenticeship opportunities.

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Manhattan Area Technical College

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MCC students can take advantage of new dual-degree professional studies programs that are now available. With associate degree programs in nursing, dental hygiene, medical laboratory technician, building trades, automotive technology, computer-aided drafting technology, and business administration to name a few, new dual-degree professional studies programs are now available to MCC students.

Unlike the dual-degree program with Kansas State University in which students graduate with bachelor degrees from both institutions, in this dual-degree program with Manhattan Area Technical College, the student will receive a bachelor degree in Bible and Leadership from MCC and an Associate of Applied Science degree from MATC. Just as with the dual-degree program with KSU, all credit hours from both institutions are combined for financial aid purposes.

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As part of MCC’s strategic plan, strategic partnerships are a key focus. MCC envisions being involved in strong academic partnerships by further enhancing our current relationships and developing new ones that are mutually beneficial. Our partnership with Manhattan Area Technical College is one more proof that Manhattan Christian College continues advancing as an institution of Christian higher education.

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A NEW ATHLETIC TRADITION BEGINS AT MCC

The Athletic program at Manhattan Christian College has a new look and a new mascot! Beginning with the fall 2014 seasons, MCC athletes and teams will be known as the THUNDER.

“We are excited to announce this change because we believe THUNDER represents the region that our college is located in, the uniqueness of our educational programs, and the well-rounded alumni leaders we are striving to produce,” says Athletic Director Shawn Condra. “Students, alumni, and fans will continue to wear navy and white, but now a silver accent has been added.”

The change to THUNDER will allow the MCC teams to compete for the first time with a distinctive name in the Midwest Christian College Conference and the National Christian College Athletic Association. Since 1947 when the first men’s basketball team took the floor, the athletic tradition has been an important part of student life and campus spirit. It is noteworthy that over the last 20 years MCC teams have won six NCCAA National Championships and over 30 Regional Championships without the college having its own facilities.

MCC President Kevin Ingram explains, “The new THUNDER icon consists of a shield with a lightning bolt and a contemporary font. It is our hope that all friends of the college will be proud to wear it because in more ways than one, thunder represents who we are.”

Manhattan Christian College is located in the Flint Hills, an area known for its rain storms. Thunder is one of the identifiable attributes of those storms. It can be heard from a great distance and it warns everyone to get ready for what is coming their way.

In Scripture, thunder also represents the voice and authority of God. Job 37:5 says, “God’s voice thunders in marvelous ways; He does great things beyond our understanding.” MCC’s academic programs are rooted in the Bible and help students grow spiritually and intellectually.

Thunder may also represent the personal attributes of MCC’s 2,100 alumni who are currently serving around the world sharing God’s greatness. Students and graduates are educated, equipped, and enriched to be Christian leaders who are prepared and ready to use their voice to change the world. Just as thunder comes before the blessing of rain, MCC graduates are Christian trailblazers who are leading others to a more fulfilling life with Jesus.

MCC athletes compete in eight varsity sports: baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross-country, men’s and women’s soccer, and volleyball. In addition to enhancing sport skills, MCC coaches focus on developing the practical life-skills of discipline, teamwork, and leadership.

Many of MCC’s home games are broadcast on the MCC Network located on the athletics webpage www.mccks.edu/athletics. THUNDER fans may also follow the athletic department on Facebook (MCC Athletics) and Twitter (@mccathletics).
Since 2009, the MCC NOW campaign has been promoting school spirit, building school pride, and drawing attention to a specific financial project on campus. It is a fun tradition that allows everyone to work together for a common goal that will benefit our campus community now and for the future.

This year’s funds will be used to update the Campus Center Dining Room. The plan is to replace the interior sheetrock wall on the east side with a new contemporary glass one that would include double doors for easy entry into the cafeteria as well as the serving line.

Gifts of $25 or more will receive one of the new maroon MCC NOW t-shirts with the mosaic design shown at the right. Contributions may be made online at http://www.mccks.edu/articles/mcc-now-alumni-gifts
Tell us your favorite characteristics about Manhattan Christian College.

“Both in and out of the classroom, I am gaining practical ministry experience and growing as a Christian leader.”

Collin Nitcher  
Wichita, KS

“I have been challenged by the courses and the professors to make a difference.”

Alex Blechle  
Washington, MO

“This is a contagious community full of passion, encouragement, and inspiration.”

Michael Gugel  
Phoenix, AZ

“As a dual-degree student in elementary education, I am being trained to be a Christian influence in the lives of my future students and their families.”

Abbey Coffin  
Norfolk, NE

“I feel at home here. The size of the campus has helped me develop close relationships with students, faculty, and staff.”

Hannah Schmitt  
Omaha, NE

“My small group is helping me grow spiritually through study and accountability. We are building lifelong friendships.”

Lauren Wilson  
Wichita, KS

“The fellowship in the residence halls is great! I enjoy this campus community that helps me be the best I can be.”

Cortney Bobb  
Wichita, KS

“Thunder athletics provides a competitive varsity sport program with experienced coaches.”

Amy Tippin  
Hillsboro, KS

“Every aspect of MCC is part of its intentional plan to train students for placement in the kingdom of God.”

Ethan Pope  
Topeka, KS

“Weekly chapel services unite the campus as a body of believers.”

Dominic Puccio  
Phoenix, AZ
Scholarships are a Win-Win

By Jolene Rupe

Scholarships are a lifeline to students wanting to pursue their educational goals at MCC and a personal way for donors to experience the joy of giving to the future of the church. Awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement, these grants or payments are often the determining factor in the decision-making process for a student and their family choosing a college.

Consider the following statistics for MCC students:
- 94% receive financial aid
- 38% receive federal grants
- 85% take out student loans

The average MCC scholarship awarded to each student is $4,623. These awards make a $961,614 impact on the annual budget. The need for additional scholarship funds is growing as the cost of a college education continues to rise and the federally funded student aid programs continue to decrease.

To help make up the difference, MCC has a goal in its strategic plan to add two new scholarships each year. These scholarships, awarded on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis, help to underwrite the institutional scholarships given to recruit and retain students who are committed to winning the world for Christ. MCC scholarships may be used toward tuition and residential housing/dining plans in the residence halls at MCC. It is also required that the student be seeking an MCC degree, be making satisfactory progress toward an MCC degree, and be enrolled full-time.

Scholarship gifts of any amount are unlike any other gifting vehicle. They allow donors the opportunity to pay tribute to a lost loved one, acknowledge academic achievement, or perpetuate a special interest they are passionate about while at the same time providing direct benefit to a scholarship recipient. These contributions are added to the endowment that underwrites the MCC General Scholarship Fund.

Gifts of $10,000 or more may be used to set up a special named endowed scholarship fund. These funds provide MCC with a permanent asset from which students can receive support. The gift becomes a fund managed by MCC, with the investment objective of achieving growth that is sufficient to preserve the value of the gift so the annual award is not diminished by inflation. Gifts of $50,000 or more are known as a Distinguished Endowed Scholarship and are awarded through a separate application process.

Consider making a tax-deductible scholarship contribution to the MCC General Scholarship Fund. These gifts are a win-win: they provide a direct benefit and blessing to both the donor and the recipient.

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In cooperation with Church Development Fund

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Register online at www.mccks.edu or by calling Nita Prickett, 785-539-3571.