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Heartland Christian College
Annual Report
2025/2026

Letter from the President

The 2025/2026 year was busy and fulfilling for Heartland Christian College. We welcomed two new staff members, one new full-time faculty member, and two new adjunct faculty. We spent the year intentionally creating opportunities for meetings and fellowship to help these individuals become part of what we do here at HCC. Revisiting our mission and vision and remembering past challenges and victories was encouraging for new members of our team as well as for those of us who have served for many years.

This was also a year when we focused on upgrades to our campus, including work on our physical facilities and grounds. Major projects included the reconstruction of the front brick steps to the Legacy House and tuck pointing, brick cleaning, and sealing at our main building and our student residential homes. These upgrades will ensure that these buildings serve students well far into the future.

A second project focus was the early stages of improved branding around our campus. We designed a new HCC sign that was placed at the entrance to the Legacy House drive. Gifted staff members collaborated to add eye-catching landscaping, and the area is now a focal point that provides a clear identity for the college community. New light pole flags, select bush replacements, and construction of a large fire pit on the grounds completed the first phase of upgrades.

In working toward our mission of preparing students to become effective workers in local churches and communities around the world, HCC had many opportunities this year to send students, faculty, and staff to a wide variety of places and people. Two staff members and one student served in Tanzania, Africa; three staff members served in Colombia; two students took part in services at a Ukrainian church in Iowa; and the entire student body took part in service projects at a Karen church in Omaha, NE, and at Love Packages, a ministry that sends Christian literature around the world. For a small college in the middle of a corn field, we reached many different parts of the world this year!

As you look over this annual report, it is my prayer that you will continue to keep Heartland Christian College in your prayers as we continue to serve God by serving our students. As we steward our infrastructure, build a unique campus identity, and provide paths for service for our students, we never lose sight of the fact that we do this all for the glory of God. It is by His provision and with His direction that we serve His purposes at HCC.

Kris R. Palmer

Monthly Snapshots

August

HCC started this academic year with a week of orientation for eleven students. Students and staff took time to get to know one another and become acquainted with the culture and life of the College. Students explored the theme of "Living at the Altar," were challenged at a team building course, and also traveled to Columbia, MO to serve at a food bank and enjoy lunch together and a round of putt-putt golf.



September

The first semester of courses got underway and first-year students got their first taste of speaking in chapel. Paired with a seasoned staff member, the students practiced both leading the chapel meeting, speaking, and giving a charge or call to respond. Students also had the opportunity to serve at a conference in a nearby town as well as lead groups of school children through a variety of presentations at a special event in Bethel, MO.



October

Students enjoyed a busy month of activities. College Meeting Days provided opportunities to explore a pumpkin patch and work in groups to solve escape-room type puzzles. Student Council held its first Fun Night where student groups competed in an outdoor scavenger hunt. And students ended the month with a mission service trip to a Karen Church in Omaha, Nebraska. Students led worship, helped set up and run activities, and engaged with a culture outside their norm.

November

The Student Council organized the annual Chili Supper fundraiser for missions work. Chili and cornbread, along with drinks and dessert were enjoyed by those attending. The students also provided a variety of children's games, and the evening ended with an auction.

This event was very successful and will provide funds for mission outreaches to a variety of places including the Philippines,

Love Packages, Omaha Karen Church, and other opportunities as they arise.





December

The first semester concluded with final tests and presentations as well as a celebration Christmas party. Students enjoyed doing a gift exchange, worshiping with Christmas carols, and fellowshipping over a brunch prepared and served by HCC staff. President Palmer read the Christmas story, and the festivities ended with the faculty/staff praying over the students as they prepared to go on break.

January

A new semester got under way with some spring orientation activities. New and returning students heard messages around the theme of "Living at the altar" as well as going over key aspects of the student handbook. Safety protocols were reviewed with students having the opportunity to ask questions. The students and faculty/staff enjoyed a morning of relational fun at Scottie's Fun Spot where they skated, played laser tag, and competed at a variety of arcade games.



February

Students completed the first block of spring semester classes as well as gathered with local high school seniors to host a Fun Night. HCC Student Council planned an evening of volleyball and fellowship with HCC students and several high school seniors from local schools around the area. Some of the high school students had interacted with the college previously but this was a first contact with a few of the area seniors.

March

Two Preview Day events were held in March, with HCC students filling important roles in each. Our traditional Preview Day gave attendees an opportunity to visit the college, join a chapel, visit with students and staff, and enjoy a meal together. In addition, a special Preview Day was offered to men and women in Heartland Recovery centers. The day followed a similar format with special information provided regarding the HCC experience for adult learners.







April

HCC students were busy this month as they served at Love Packages and the Friends of the College banquet, as well as completed spring semester courses.

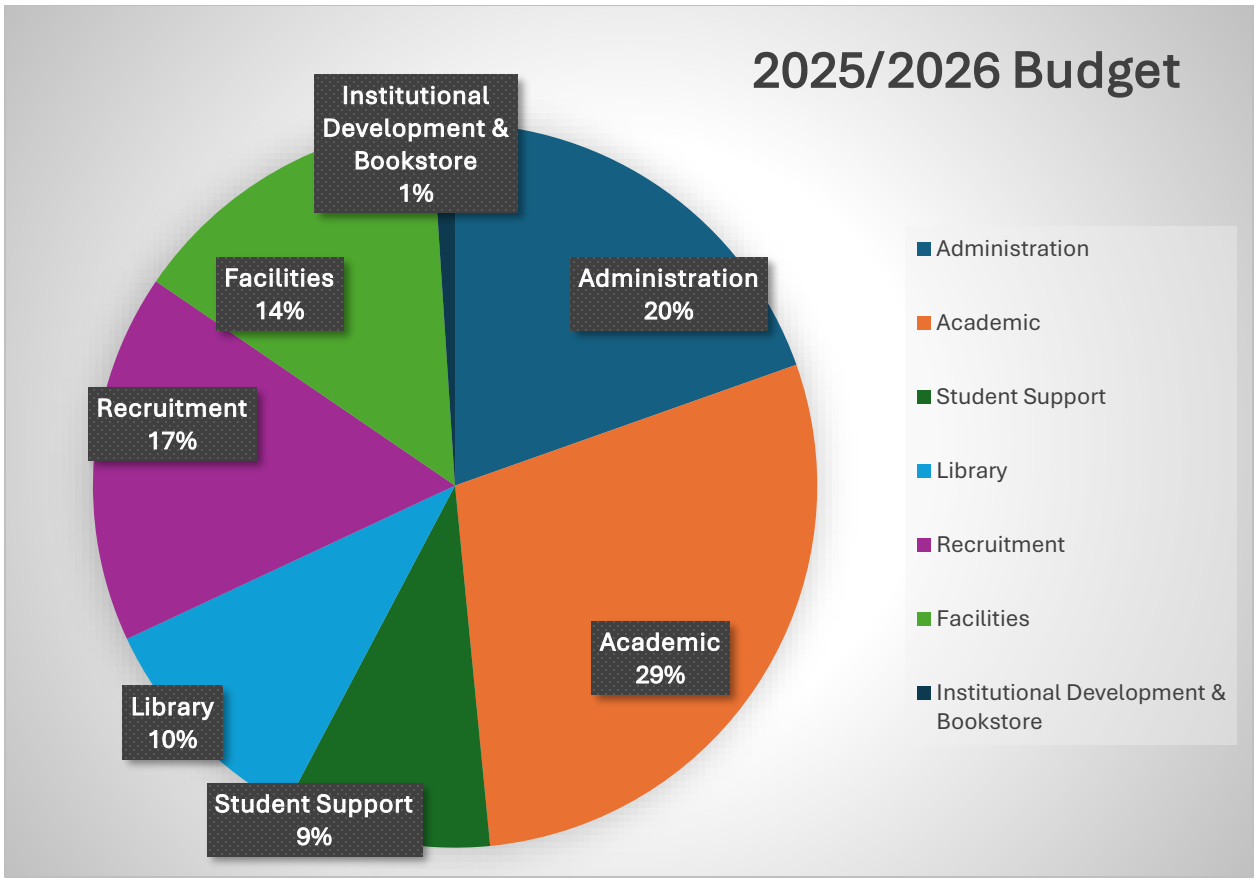
The month ended with individual graduating students bringing encouraging words to undergraduates, and the students and staff taking the opportunity to pray over each graduate.

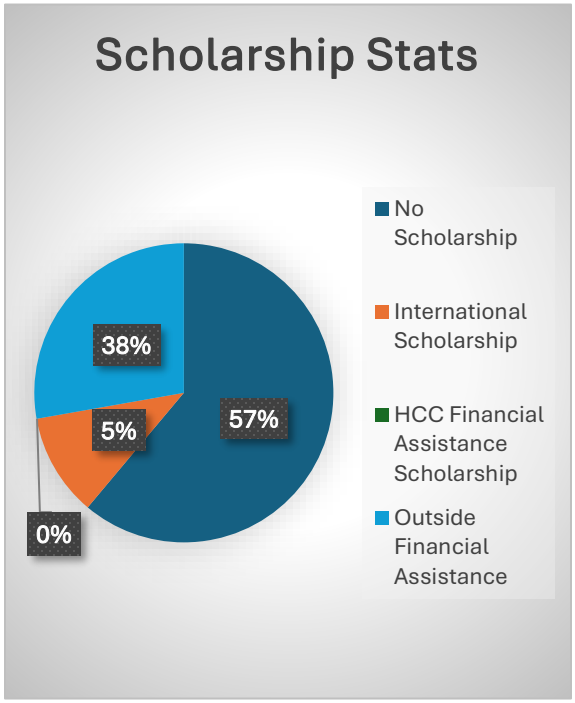


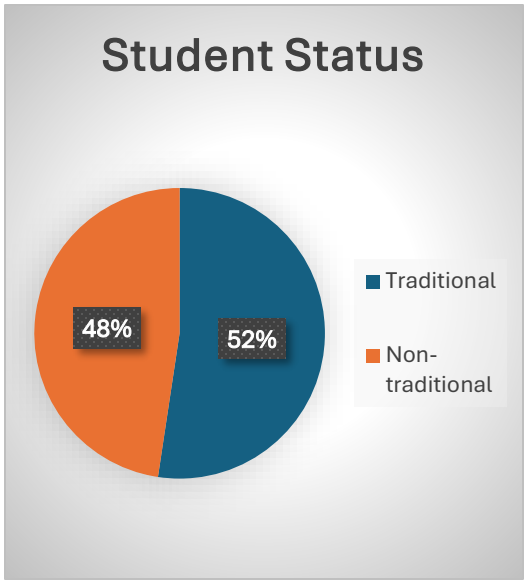
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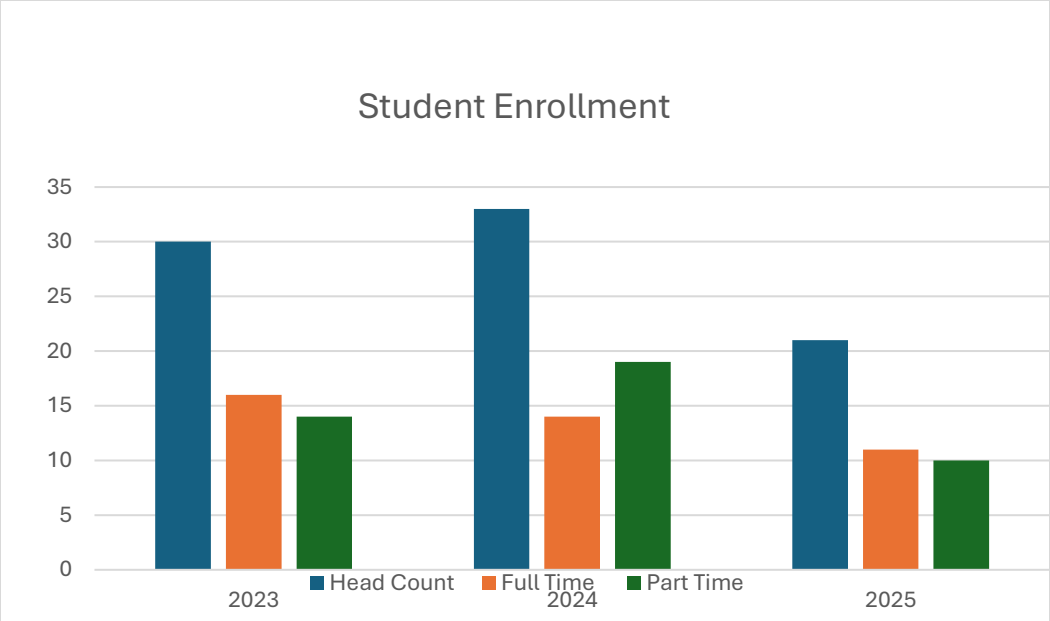
HCC graduated seven students on May 1st. Five of these received Associate Degrees and two received Certificates in Biblical Studies. The day included a baccalaureate service, the graduation ceremony, and a reception following the ceremony. The graduation was well-attended with family and friends joining us in celebration of the graduates.




2025/2026 Budget
Institutional Development & Bookstore 1%
Administration 20%
Facilities 14%
Recruitment 17%
Academic 29%
Library 10%
Student Support 9%
Administration
Academic
Student Support
Library
Recruitment
Facilities
Institutional Development & Bookstore


Scholarship Stats
38%
57%
5%
0%
No Scholarship
International Scholarship
HCC Financial Assistance Scholarship
Outside Financial Assistance


Student Status
48%
52%
Traditional
Non-traditional


Student Enrollment
35
30
25
20
15
10
5
0
2023
2024
2025
Head Count
Full Time
Part Time