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Simpson: The Magazine is a bi-annual news magazine featuring College news, alumni activities and highlights, and faculty, staff and student features. The magazine's primary goal is to inform College alumni of current events and news with the secondary purpose of sharing the fascinating and inspiring stories of current and previous students.

The Homeward Bound issue of Simpson: The Magazine looks inward at the College, focusing on the inauguration of Simpson's 25th president, enrollment growth and unique May Term study adventures, including the opportunity to meet the Dalai Lama.

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The Inauguration of Jay Byers '93

Homecoming Weekend 2024 came with the history-making fanfare of Jay Byers' Inauguration as the 25th president of Simpson College. The event put the exclamation point on a thrilling homecoming story, as Byers returns to lead and serve the College that gave him so much.

"Never in my wildest dreams during my time as a student at Simpson did I think I would one day be president of the College. And I am quite sure that my Simpson friends who are here [at Inauguration] today would say the same thing!"

Yet it seems only fitting that the man who created and still leads his "Homeward Bound" band would one day find himself home again at Simpson.



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Reconnect with fellow Simpson alumni and enjoy a relaxing vacation in the heart of the Midwest. The trip includes a scenic drive through the beautiful hills of Iowa, a visit to the historic Simpson College campus, and a stay at a luxurious resort. Don't miss this opportunity to reunite with old friends and create new memories.

Cost: \$1,200 per person (includes airfare, ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, and activities).

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By Jay Byers '93

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Riding Momentum

The past few weeks of riding a historic, hand-crafted wooden roller coaster have been a thrill for many Simpson College students. The ride, known as the 'Simpson Coaster', has become a popular attraction during homecoming events. The excitement and energy of the ride perfectly capture the spirit of the college's traditions and the joy of shared experiences.

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Alumni Honored

The Simpson College Alumni Association recognized several outstanding alumni during Homecoming festivities on Oct. 12. The honorees were celebrated for their achievements in various fields, including business, education, and the arts. The ceremony was a testament to the college's commitment to excellence and the lasting impact of its graduates.

Pi Beta Phi Celebrates 150

Pi Beta Phi celebrated its 150th anniversary with a series of events and activities. The organization, known for its commitment to leadership and service, has a long and storied history. The celebration included a luncheon, a panel discussion, and a display of the organization's rich heritage. The members of Pi Beta Phi expressed their pride in their organization's legacy and their dedication to making a positive impact on the world.

The Power of Perspective

Dalai Lama blessing highlights transformational learning about the power of perspective. His teachings emphasize the importance of compassion, empathy, and understanding. The blessing ceremony was a powerful reminder of the human capacity for growth and change. The Dalai Lama's words resonated deeply with the audience, inspiring them to embrace a more inclusive and harmonious world.

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The Inauguration of President Jay Byers '93

President Jay Byers '93 was inaugurated as the 15th president of Simpson College during Homecoming weekend. The ceremony was held in the historic Old Chapel and was attended by a large number of alumni, students, and faculty members. President Byers delivered a powerful speech, reflecting on his journey and his vision for the college's future. He expressed his commitment to fostering a community of excellence, innovation, and service.

An Unforgettable Homecoming

Homecoming weekend 2024 was a truly unforgettable experience for all who participated. From the excitement of the parade to the joy of reuniting with old friends, every moment was filled with meaning and connection. The college's traditions and the sense of community are what make Homecoming such a special time of year. It's a chance to celebrate our shared history and look forward to the future with optimism and hope.

Inauguration!

President Jay Byers '93 delivered a powerful message during his inauguration, emphasizing the college's commitment to excellence and service. He highlighted the importance of leadership, innovation, and community in shaping the future. His words inspired the audience and reinforced the college's values and mission. The inauguration was a historic moment for Simpson College, marking the beginning of a new chapter in its long and storied history.

Life-Shaping Impact

Call of Service Celebrates 20 Years. The organization has made significant contributions to the community through its various programs and initiatives. Its commitment to service and leadership has inspired generations of students and alumni. The 20th anniversary celebration was a testament to the organization's enduring impact and its dedication to making a positive difference in the world.

Harsh Connections

Students and alumni are encouraged to connect and support each other during these challenging times. The college's community is a source of strength and resilience, and it's important to lean on each other for support and encouragement. By staying connected, we can overcome our challenges and emerge stronger and more united than ever before.

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Seeing Things in a New Light

Students and alumni are encouraged to see the world through a different lens and embrace the power of perspective. The college's commitment to excellence and service is a testament to the human capacity for growth and change. By embracing a new perspective, we can unlock our full potential and make a positive impact on the world.

ALL-IN FOR IOWA - AND BEYOND

Simpson welcomes largest first-year class in more than a decade.

New Student Enrollment. This year, we welcomed our largest first-year class in over a decade, a testament to the college's reputation for excellence and its commitment to providing a high-quality education. The new students bring with them a wealth of talent, diversity, and energy, and we are excited to see what they will accomplish during their time at Simpson College.

First-Year In-State Enrollment

Enrollment Report for Fall 2023 and Fall 2022. The college has seen a significant increase in first-year enrollment, reflecting its growing reputation and the quality of its education. The data shows a steady upward trend in enrollment over the past few years, indicating a strong and growing student body.

Enrollment Report	Fall 2023	Fall 2022
First-Year In-State Enrollment	285	270
Percentage of First-Year Class	79%	78%

All-In for Iowa Tuition Scholarship Programs

1500K Promise Scholarship: Awarded to students with a minimum ACT score of 28 and a high school GPA of 3.5. The scholarship covers tuition and fees for the first two years of college.

99 County Scholarship: Awarded to students who are residents of one of the 99 counties in Iowa. The scholarship covers tuition and fees for the first two years of college.

ICSD/DMPS Scholarship: Awarded to students who are residents of the Iowa City School District or Des Moines Public Schools. The scholarship covers tuition and fees for the first two years of college.

Simpson Promise Resumes Family Gift

The Simpson Promise Scholarship is a testament to the college's commitment to providing a high-quality education for all students. The scholarship is a family gift that supports students in their pursuit of higher education and helps them overcome financial barriers. The program has a long and successful history, and we are excited to see it continue to make a positive impact on the lives of students across the state.

Fantastic First Impressions

98% of students can ask professors for help. 93% of students made the right decision to attend Simpson College. 92% of students feel a sense of belonging here. The college's commitment to excellence and service is a testament to the human capacity for growth and change. By embracing a new perspective, we can unlock our full potential and make a positive impact on the world.

Out of this World

NASA grant gives students unique research opportunity. The grant will support a team of students in conducting research on the effects of microgravity on plant growth. This is a unique opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in a field that is rapidly advancing and making a significant impact on our world.

Fab Four NASA Researchers

Four students have been selected to participate in a NASA research project. The students are: [Names of the four students]. They will be working on a project that involves studying the effects of microgravity on plant growth. This is a unique opportunity for these students to gain hands-on experience in a field that is rapidly advancing and making a significant impact on our world.

Partnership with DMU Established to Draw Students into Health Care Careers

The college has established a partnership with Des Moines University (DMU) to provide students with a pathway into health care careers. The partnership will involve joint programs, shared resources, and collaborative efforts to attract and support students in pursuing careers in the health care field. This is a significant step towards addressing the need for health care professionals in our community.

Simpson Receives National Science Foundation Grant

The college has received a grant from the National Science Foundation to support research in the field of [Research Area]. The grant will fund a team of students and faculty members in conducting research that has the potential to make a significant contribution to our understanding of the world. This is a testament to the college's commitment to excellence and its dedication to advancing the frontiers of knowledge.

Osborn is Opera "Sänger des Jahres"

Student Osborn has been named "Sänger des Jahres" for his outstanding performance in the opera. His talent, dedication, and passion for the art form were evident throughout his performance, earning him the highest honors. This is a well-deserved recognition of his hard work and the support of his fellow students and faculty members.

Picturing Inclusion

Playground project breaks barriers. The project aims to create an inclusive playground that is accessible to all children, regardless of their abilities. The project involves the design and construction of a playground that meets the needs of children with physical disabilities, ensuring that they can enjoy the same outdoor activities as their peers. This is a significant step towards creating a more inclusive and equitable community.

Back-to-Back Brilliance

Women's soccer returns to nationals. The team's success is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and teamwork. They have earned a spot in the national tournament, which is a significant achievement for the program. The team is excited to represent Simpson College and to compete at the highest level of the sport.

Winning CHEMISTRY

Coach Reinert has soccer rolling. The coach's leadership and expertise have been instrumental in the team's success. His focus on teamwork, discipline, and hard work has inspired the players to reach their full potential. The team's performance has been exceptional, and they are looking forward to continuing their success in the future.

Graciously Invested

Support from the community is vital for the college's success. The college is grateful for the support and investment of its donors, alumni, and the community. This support allows the college to provide a high-quality education and to continue to advance its mission. The college is committed to transparency and accountability in its financial management, ensuring that every dollar is used effectively to support the college's goals.

GO ALL-IN FOR Students!

Support Simpson Students. The college is committed to providing a high-quality education for all students, and we are grateful for the support of our donors and alumni. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our students and helps us to continue to advance our mission. We encourage you to go all-in for our students and support Simpson College.

Marriages

Births / Adoptions

In Memoriam

A list of marriages, births, adoptions, and memorial services. The college is a place of joy and celebration, and we are happy to share these special moments with our community. We also remember those who have passed away and offer our condolences to their families. The college's commitment to excellence and service is a testament to the human capacity for growth and change.

Homecoming!

Homecoming weekend 2024 featured a glorious celebration, kicked off by the inauguration of President Jay Byers '24. Perfect weather greeted game-day tailgaters with live music from the Sonny Hammbucker Band providing a winning vibe for football and soccer victories. Nine Gold balloons kept spirits soaring Saturday night, before Sunday worship at First United Methodist Church and TV Best FB's 150th anniversary alumni reunions gathering closed out an unforgettable weekend.



FACULTY PERSPECTIVES

The Power of Perspective

Dalai Lama blessing highlights transformational learning abroad

Professors Jai Forman and Anant Subramanian believe one part of a professor's role is to create life-changing experiences. The May Term course they led in India this spring certainly fits that category. During the 10-day trip, 14 students and two parents of Indian origin joined the faculty on the shores of Thiruvananthapuram while the country. Along the way, they had the thrill of meeting His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama, in person.

"Everything we did was so special, but it is almost impossible to best describe the blessing we received from the Dalai Lama," said student **Meghan Dandekar '24** in an interview with the Dea Mater Region. "I do not consider myself to be very religious, but from understanding the history of the Dalai Lama and the things he has done, this blessing means the world to me, and it is something I will cherish forever."

Making the May Term

Forman, the Robert H. No. 10 Family Foundation assistant professor of Buddhist Studies, knew he wanted to make this trip happen before coming to Simpson. "When I was living in India for the first 11 years of my life, we went to the Middle East, then went back to India for my undergraduate and master's. It is my home," said Subramanian. "Though not born and raised there, Forman lived in India for 15 months during his studies and has returned every year to a monastery in the South called Sri Jay."

He began planning the trip with the help of Professor Sebastian, who was born and raised in India. "I lived in India for the first 11 years of my life, we went to the Middle East, then went back to India for my undergraduate and master's. It is my home," said Subramanian. "Though not born and raised there, Forman lived in India for 15 months during his studies and has returned every year to a monastery in the South called Sri Jay."

"I think what a good teacher does is really instill a sense of curiosity," said Forman. "At Simpson, our faculty can instill that wonder in students and instill that interest in getting involved in the world. When you get that opportunity to be in another country, and you can take a step back, you really come away with a new perspective."

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Meeting the Dalai Lama was an extraordinary experience for everyone. "It was emotional," said Forman. "I've seen the Dalai Lama on several occasions, even back when I was a teenager in Massachusetts, but always from afar. This was my first time having a face-to-face encounter. It really felt like a culmination of years and years being interested in this tradition, and now to have this moment, it was meaningful for me."

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Though he had lived in India for a combined 15 years, Subramanian had also not met the Dalai Lama. But when she did, she was speechless. "We had all absorbed a line or two to greet him, but when you're there and seeing his face, you just forget everything," he was amazed.

The visit of a Lifetime

Forman had similar reactions, including **Bella Tranquillo '24**. "I almost blushed out," said Tranquillo. "I was super nervous but also very excited at the same time. The best way to describe it is surreal."

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More Than a Moment

Meeting the Dalai Lama was the highlight for many students, but there was so much more to the trip. Subramanian wanted to be sure the students saw more than just one piece of the country's vibrant and diverse mosaic of authentic voices of the country.

"I wanted the students to experience a contrast from the slow and peaceful atmosphere. Lifestyle because that's not the India most people see on TV," said Subramanian. "We did a week in Sri Jay, and then we went to Bangalore, which is a major city. We then traveled to Thiruvananthapuram, a northeastern city in the foothills of the Himalayas. It was important for the students to see these different sites, so they didn't just have a monochromatic view of the country. Having and that, even covering these sites didn't give a comprehensive view of India."

They also had the chance to visit the Himalayas, which was a surprisingly calming moment for Tranquillo. "One of the best parts was hiking in the Himalayas because you always hear about them, but it's very rare for people to experience them. And I have a deep love for nature. Being at such a high elevation but still being provided for in an experience you could only dream about."

Forman explained that experiencing new cultures can be "datablinding," but he doesn't believe that is a bad thing. "They started asking big questions and realizing what's important to them," said Forman. "A lot of them said, 'I'm really thinking differently about what I want to do with my life and what is important to me.' To be bombarded with something so different can make you reflect on what was taken for granted before."

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Riding Momentum

The good times kept rolling at Simpson. Summer started with Simpson's RAGBRAI team and thousands of others pedaling their way through campus. A few weeks after welcoming a sea of cyclists, we greeted a fresh storm of students — the largest incoming class in more than a decade. Equally exciting, two second-year students increased their percentage grades to 81.3 percent. Our enrollment trajectory is certainly encouraging.

Exciting things are happening in the classroom, too. Extended faculty members in math and biology spearheaded efforts to secure impressive national grants. One grant from the National Science Foundation will be used to enhance our data analytics program. The other grant is making it possible for our students to collaborate in astrobiology research with NASA scientists.

We also formed a partnership with Dea Mater University, which will provide our students with preferred access into DMU's many advanced degree programs for health care professions. We'll read all about this big news and much more in this edition of Simpson: The Magazine. It's inspiring to see the entire campus buzzing with momentum-building energy.

I know that many of you have experienced that energy firsthand, especially when you were able to join us for our glorious Homecoming Weekend celebration. The highlights are too numerous to recount, but a few certainly stand out.

Honoring Alumni Achievement Award winners and newly inducted Athletics Hall of Fame members was inspiring. Showcasing talents with dynamic live music and a special Nike Class made possible by our friends with the National Ballroom Classic was a real treat. And, of course, earning a title of football and soccer home wins was extra special. The cheer concert and joint worship service with First United Methodist Church were special, too. Faculty Dr. Peter's 150th anniversary celebration — featuring the reunion of 225 Simpson student alumni — capped off the weekend.

Having the Presidential Inauguration to lead off Homecoming weekend was a special honor for me. As I have said many times, when I was a Simpson student, I never imagined that I would one day be privileged to serve as your president.

Having my Simpson advisor Dr. John Epperson present me with Simpson Medallions on Inauguration Day was beyond humbling, and so grateful for all who came to share in the special day, especially all the distinguished guest speakers and national performers. What a moving moment Inauguration was at the Simpson College campus.

The stage is set for even bigger and better things to come. We have begun a comprehensive strategic planning process to see ourselves reach new heights of distinction as a nationally recognized leader in liberal arts education. More details to come as we near the clock to 2025. Rest assured, the entire Simpson community, including alumni family, will play a vital role in creating a promising future. Together, we can, and we will, continue to make things happen for Simpson College.

Bill Swartz
Jay Byers '93 JD, President

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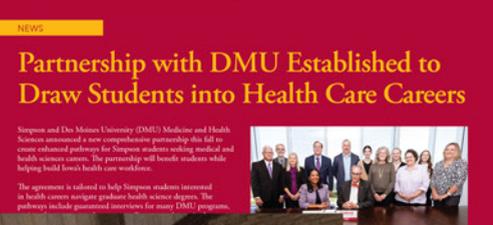
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Partnership with DMU Established to Draw Students into Health Care Careers

Simpson and Dea Mater University (DMU) Medicine and Health Sciences announced a new comprehensive partnership this fall to create enhanced pathways for Simpson students seeking medical and health sciences careers. The partnership will benefit students while helping build Iowa's health care workforce.

The agreement is tailored to help Simpson students interested in health careers navigate graduate school more smoothly. The pathways include guaranteed interviews for many DMU programs.

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Mani Hansen was selected to serve in the newly integrated position of vice president for Student Development and dean of students. Hansen had served as Simpson's dean of students since 2021. Prior to joining Simpson's administration, he provided 20 years of service to St. Ambrose University in Des Moines, Iowa, in a variety of leadership roles.

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LGBTQ Support

Simpson recently created the Partner in Pride Club, which is a community of students and faculty members who support the LGBTQ+ community. The club will be holding its first meeting on October 15th. The mission of the club is to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Mani Hansen was selected to serve in the newly integrated position of vice president for Student Development and dean of students. Hansen had served as Simpson's dean of students since 2021. Prior to joining Simpson's administration, he provided 20 years of service to St. Ambrose University in Des Moines, Iowa, in a variety of leadership roles.

After Joseph S. Willes Finkbein, Ph.D., took both schools for the summer, he will be stepping down as Simpson's interim vice president for Student Development and dean of students. He will be stepping down after three periods to redesign Simpson's data analytics center.

Simpson's math department, led by faculty Dr. Marilyn Vignier and Dr. Heidi Berger, collaborated with Dr. Colby Patton, former director of the College's Writing Center, to develop a new program.

"We're excited about what this NSF grant will do for new students coming into the data analytics center," said Vignier. "Our students will become better data communicators while improving their self-efficacy and gaining highly marketable skills."

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