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ALUMNUS IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION WILL SPEAK OF HIS PATH
LINDSBORG, Kan.—On September 2, an alumnus with a career in higher education and public
administration will address the Bethany College community.

The opening year convocation, to be held at 10 a.m. in Presser Hall, is free and open to the
public. Bethany students, staff and faculty will be in attendance.



Kip Peterson '99 is the director of government relations and communications for
the Kansas Board of Regents, the governing board of the state's six universities and the
coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions. Along with
serving as the board's primary spokesperson, he directs government relations and
oversees the development and implementation of legislative initiatives.

"I'm excited for students to hear Kip's story about the paths he has taken using his Bethany
education as a compass and foundation," said Bethany College President Edward F. Leonard III.

At Bethany, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and political science. Peterson then attended
the University of Kansas (KU) to obtain his masters of public administration and is currently working on
his doctorate in higher education administration at KU. Last year, he completed the Senior Executives in
State and Government program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Peterson's career has taken him to two capitals, Topeka and Washington, D.C., where he has
served in the offices of Congressman Jerry Moran, Lt. Governor Gary Sherrer and Governor Bill Graves.
In Washington, he worked on various pieces of federal legislation pertaining to our nation's railroad,
highways and air service infrastructure. In Topeka, among other things, he implemented a statewide
public policy campaign resulting in a five-year, \$400 million higher education building infrastructure
funding package.

He is vice president of the Bethany College Alumni Council and has been a member since 2006. Peterson is also a lifetime member of the National Eagle Scout Association.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to nurture and challenge individuals in their search for truth and meaning as they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at www.bethanylb.edu.

Caption: Bethany graduate Kip Peterson will speak at the college's opening convocation on Sept. 2.