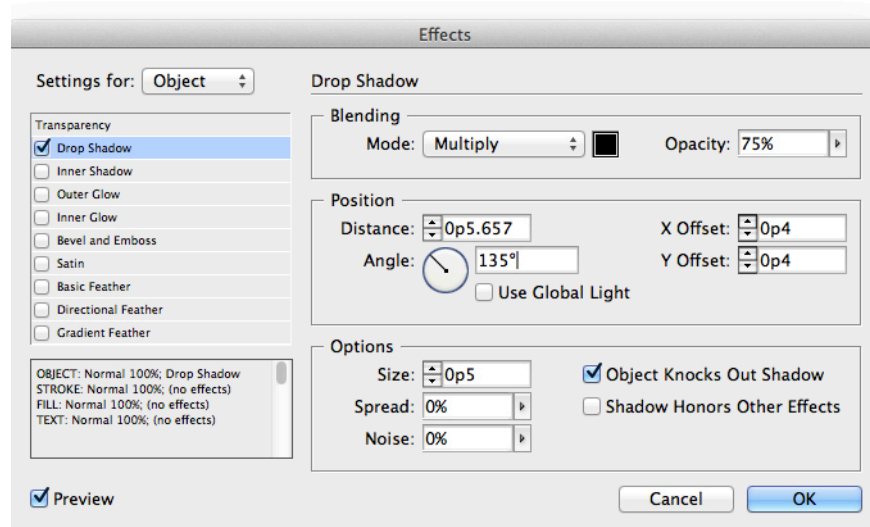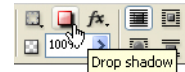# HOW TO CREATE A TEXT DROP SHADOW IN ADOBE® INDESIGN®

Drop Shadow

CREATE THE DROP SHADOW

- Create your text or headline using the Text tool.
- Select the text with the Selection tool.
- Open the Drop Shadow dialog box:
  - Select **Object** > **Effects** > **Drop Shadow** (Win:Ctrl+Alt+M, Mac:Comand+Option+M) or
  - Use the **Effects** panel and choose **Effects** > **Drop Shadow** from the panel menu
  - Or use the **Drop Shadow** button on the Control palette.
- Click the **Preview** check box to see the changes take place.

- Choose a blending **Mode**: such as Multiply.
- Enter the **Opacity** amount.
- Enter the **X Offset.**
- Enter the **Y Offset.**
- Change the **Angle**, if needed
- Enter a **Size** (Options section), to change the blur amount.
- Click on the color chip between Mode and Opacity if the shadow will be a color other than Black.
  - Only use a color for the drop shadow if the page will print in four-color. Check with your Herff Jones Sales Representative about the use of color in your yearbook.
- Experiment with the settings to get different shadow effects.
- Click **OK**

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