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The Natural and Applied Sciences: Cutting-Edge Education

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On the Cover

The opportunity to participate in original research—learning science by doing science—has been a hallmark of the Hope experience for decades. Pictured from left to right in the A. Paul Schaap Science Center are Isabel Malone, Jonathan Moerdyk and Amanda Barber.

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"Quote, unquote"

Qquote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things said at and about Hope College.



To celebrate and draw upon the insights of the faculty, the college's chapter of Mortar Board has created a "Last Lecture Series" through which Hope professors share advice as if they were engaged in their last opportunity to address students.

The concept was inspired by the "Last Lecture" delivered by Dr. Randy Pausch at Carnegie Mellon University in September 2007, but the

idea also has a history at Hope. The chapter had previously initiated a series with much the same focus in the 1960s, with Dr. D. Ivan Dykstra '35 delivering the first "last chance talk" in the spring of 1962.

Dr. Dianne Portfleet, adjunct associate professor of English, inaugurated the new series on Monday, Nov. 17. Here are excerpts from the 15 steps she recommended in her address, "Learning to Live Before You Die."

"Never settle for the easy way, but listen to your own voice of gladness and the light of truth and follow those for your life. Don't fear to enter into the darkness of questions and doubts.

"You are the only person in sole custody of your life, your unique potential, and only you can fight your individual battle to live a real life, to become the most human you can be, to live the joyful, abundant life that Christ offers to each of us.

"Dying is only one thing to be sad over. Living unhappily is something else." (Morrie Swartz)

"Find your own joys and uniqueness and open yourself to every precious moment of every day that you live. Live in the now. Enjoy the uniqueness and potential of each moment.

"Don't make your roommates the 'what ifs and

if onlys.' The 'what if this occurs—or If only I could change that.' Don't regret yesterday (you can't change what has happened); forgive yourself and others for what has happened. Don't worry about tomorrow. Have more real problems and fewer imagined ones.

"Each day fight the battle to find peace within your skin, to regain the awe and wonder of each moment of life. Maintain childlike wonder at each miracle of life.

"Don't stifle your emotions. Face sorrow and joy with all you are, and truly live life. Feel deeply, and don't fear that the sorrow or darkness will destroy you. But play hard and laugh.

"Don't allow your fears to keep you from enjoying living. Keep trying new things. Face your phobias.

"Pay attention to everything. Be present every moment. Be a life-long learner, and never lose your love of learning. Read the best books, watch the best movies, talk with those who have learned to live, and constantly grow. Remember that there is no one you can't learn from.

"Randy Pausch stated in his Last Lecture, 'Have fun every day you live. You just have to decide each day if you are going to be a Tigger or an Eeyore.'

"Pay attention to each moment of your life. Keep your eyes and ears open. *Show up for each day of your life.*

"Life is all about relationships, and relationships can be messy, but find the best in other people even if you have to search hard for it, and listen to others, truly listen. Get people to help you.

"Apologize when you screw up, and focus on other people, not yourself.

"Remember that experience is what you get when you don't get what you wanted. Learn from experience.

"It is easy to become trivial. But once you get your thoughts on the important questions, you can't turn away from them: love, responsibility, God, attentiveness, awareness, childlikeness. These qualities fight against mindless triviality." ✍️



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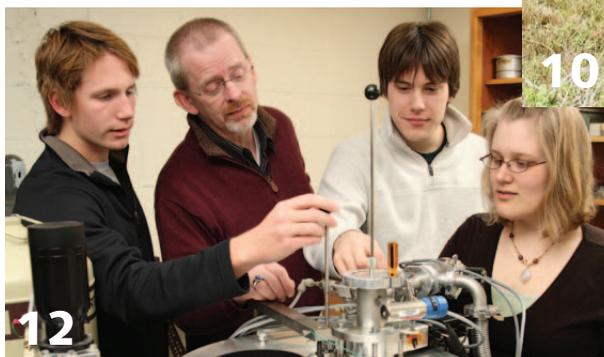
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Spring Semester

April 23, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

April 27-May 1, Monday-Friday—Semester Examinations

May 1, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.

May 2, Saturday—Alumni Day

May 3, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement

May 4, Monday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon

May Term—May 4-29

June Term—June 1-26

July Term—June 29-July 24

Summer Seminars—July 27-31

ADMISSIONS

Campus Visits: The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from September through early June is also open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available during the summer as well as the school year.

Appointments are recommended.

Junior Day: Friday, April 17

Pre-Professional Day:

Wednesday, May 20

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395-7850, or toll free 1-800-968-7850; check on-line at www.hope.edu/admissions; or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422-9000.

TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Dimnent Memorial Chapel
Baccalaureate and

Commencement—Sunday, May 3

DE PREE GALLERY

Senior Art Show—Through Sunday, May 3

“Grafted,” an exhibition of work by graduating studio art majors.

The gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Please call the gallery at (616) 395-7500 for more information.

Admission to the gallery is free.



SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please visit the college online at www.hope.edu/athletics/spring.html for schedules for the spring athletic season, including men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track, baseball and softball. Copies may be obtained by calling (616) 395-7860.



HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

HSRT is planning an exciting 38th season, opening in the DeWitt theatre on Friday, June 19, with *Room Service*, followed by *Suds: The Rocking 60's Musical Soap Opera*, *The Cmplt Wrks of Wm Shkspr Abrdgd*, *Little Women* (the musical), *Dogpark: The Musical* and two children's shows, yet to be determined. More information can be found online at www.hope.edu/hsrt. Tickets go on sale to the public on Monday, May 4, at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse or by calling (616) 395-7890.

DANCE

Student Dance Concerts—

Tuesday-Wednesday, April 14-15

Dow Center, dance studio, 8 p.m.

Admission is free.

Student Dance Concerts—

Monday-Tuesday, April 20-21

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

Admission is free.

Cecchetti International Ballet

School Concerts—Saturday, July 25

Knickerbocker Theatre,

10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Admission is free.

MUSIC

Orchestra and Symphonette—

Wednesday, April 15: Dimnent

Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Verdi Requiem—Saturday-Sunday,

April 18-19: Holland Symphony

Orchestra, Holland Chorale and

Hope College combined choirs,

Zeeland East High School, 3333

96th Ave., Zeeland, Mich., 7:30

p.m. on April 18 and 3 p.m. on

April 19. Tickets are \$17 for

regular admission, \$14 for senior

citizens and \$5 for students and

available online at hollandchorale.org or in person at the Holland

Chorale office or Holland Area

Arts Council at 150 E. Eighth St.,

Holland, Mich. Any remaining

tickets will also be sold at the door.

Women's Chamber Choir--

Monday, April 20: St. Francis de

Sales Catholic Church, corner of

13th Street and Maple Avenue

in Holland, Mich., 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Faculty Recital—Tuesday, April

21: Adam Clark, pianist, Dimnent

Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Wind Symphony—Wednesday,

April 22: Dimnent Memorial

Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is

free.

Tulip Time Organ Recitals—

Wednesday-Saturday, May 6-9:

Dimnent Memorial Chapel,

starting every half hour from

10 a.m. through the final

recital concluding at 1:50 p.m.

Admission is free, although a

freewill donation is collected.



ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 1-3.

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '44 through '84.

Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing—Monday, June 15

At the Macatawa Legends Golf Club.

Educational Tour—Thursday,

Oct. 29-Tuesday, Nov. 10

Hosted by Alfredo Gonzales, associate provost and dean for multicultural and international education, the tour will include stops in Peru, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay.

For more information concerning the above events, please call the Office of Public and Community Relations at (616) 395-7860 or the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (616) 395-7250 or visit the Alumni Association Web site at: www.hope.edu/alumni/.

SUMMER CAMPS

Throughout the summer, Hope will offer multiple science camps for children as well as sports camps

in soccer, football, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, volleyball and tennis. For complete information, please check www.hope.edu/camps, or call (616) 395-8103 concerning the soccer camps, (616) 395-4965 concerning the Tennis Academy or (616) 395-7690 concerning the other sports camps.



INSTANT INFORMATION

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained online 24 hours a day at www.hope.edu/pr/events.html.





MARATHON EFFORT:

Staying both awake and afoot for 24 hours is a significant endurance test, but each spring at Hope it's also a celebration.

The student-organized March 6-7 Dance Marathon culminated

six months of fund-raising and awareness-building on behalf of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital of Grand Rapids. The 500 students who participated in the marathon gathered in fellowship in the Dow Center to line dance, hear testimonials and socialize all as an exclamatory conclusion to the work that they had been doing "for the kids" since the school year began.

This year's marathon raised a total of \$60,715.25. The 10-year total raised by Dance Marathon is more than \$780,000.

A gallery of images is available online.

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GRADUATION UPDATE: Baccalaureate and Commencement are scheduled for Sunday, May 3.

More than 700 graduating seniors will be participating in this year's graduation exercises, the college's 144th.

Commencement will be held at 3 p.m. at Holland Municipal Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimment Memorial Chapel.

The Commencement speaker will be Ellen Tanis '90 Awad, who is director of student life and associate director of the Center for Faithful Leadership at Hope. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. William C. Brownson, who is president emeritus of Words of Hope.

In the event of rain, Commencement will be held at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse. Admission to Baccalaureate, and to Commencement if indoors, is by ticket only.

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PEACE CORPS SERVICE: Hope is in the top-10 nationwide among small colleges and universities producing Peace Corps Volunteers in 2008.

Hope is also the only school from Michigan in the top-25 in the category, according to the "Peace Corps Top Colleges and Universities

2009" listings. With 18 alumni serving as Peace Corps Volunteers, Hope is in a five-way tie for 10th place. In last year's report, Hope ranked 24th nationally for 2007 with 14 alumni serving as volunteers.

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LAKESHORE IDOL: Sophomore music education major Jonathan Weppeler of Libertyville, Ill., has won the second annual "Lakeshore Idol" singing competition organized by Holland Civic Theatre.

He was one of six finalists on Thursday, Feb. 5, in a third round of competition that had started on Thursday, Jan. 22, with 27 singers. He sang Josh Groban's "When You Say You Love Me" and Queen's "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" during the Feb. 5 event, held at the college's Knickerbocker Theatre.

Grand prize is a \$1,000 cash prize courtesy of Fifth-Third bank, a recording package at West Michigan's Bin Bin Studios and the opportunity to perform during Holland's Tulip Time.

CHOIR ABROAD: The Chapel Choir will be visiting South Africa for this year's spring tour.

The tour will run Saturday, May 9, through Tuesday, May 19. The itinerary will include performances at churches, two high schools, an AIDS clinic and an inner-city ministry, and with the Stellenbosch University Choir, in communities including Cape Town, Johannesburg, Soweto and Stellenbosch. Between performances the choir members will tour the communities they are visiting as well as a number of other sites.

The Symphonette conducted a Midwest tour this year during the college's spring break. The March 12-16 itinerary included performances in Wheaton, Ill.; Park Ridge, Ill.; Hingham, Wis.; and South Holland, Ill.

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CHICKEN SOUP:

Coach Brian Morehouse '91 is among the authors featured in the book *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Inside Basketball*, sharing an inspiring story of selflessness from the women's basketball team's national-championship 2005-06 season.

His essay tells about junior guard Becky Bosserd '07, who volunteered to sit out when the NCAA Division III tournament rules required teams to field one less than Hope's total of 16 players. Her gesture subsequently inspired Hope fan Rob Zaagman to establish an endowed scholarship in her name in recognition of unselfish service to others. (And when Hope won the championship game, the team chose Bosserd to be the first to accept the trophy.)

Morehouse's essay is one of 101 in the book. More than 15,000 individuals were invited to contribute an article.

The photograph shows Morehouse and Bosserd when the book was highlighted during a women's game earlier this year.

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SERVICE-LEARNING HONOR: Wilma Hart, who is coordinator of volunteer services, has received a Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award.

The award is the highest that MCC bestows on faculty and staff in Michigan, and recognizes outstanding community service and service-learning by faculty and staff at the colleges and universities that are members of MCC. Recipients are honored for engaging or influencing students to be involved in community service or service-learning through modeling, influence or instruction.

Hart serves as assistant to the Office of Student Life in the college's Student Development Office in addition to her work with volunteer services. She was honored on Thursday, Feb. 12, during MCC's 13th annual Institute, "Service-Learning and Civic Engagement," held in Grand Rapids, Mich.

She is pictured at center above in 2007 during "Time to Serve," one of a variety of programs that she coordinates in addition to working with students in other volunteer efforts.

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LEADERSHIP AWARD: The Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society (MATS) chose senior Molly Smith of Urbana, Ill., as one of only two students who are attending Michigan colleges or universities to participate in the student leadership program of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA).

She was selected to participate in the iLead ("I... Lead, Engage, Activate, Develop") program, held in Washington, D.C., on Saturday-Monday, Feb. 21-23. The program is designed for a maximum of 150 students nationwide and offered a series of interactive sessions designed to help the students develop leadership skills.

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HOPE IN PICTURES: Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope.

Pictured is a moment from this year's Musical Showcase concert, which highlighted multiple soloists, chamber ensembles and large ensembles at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids on Monday, March 9.

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Cause^{and} Effect

The results speak for themselves.

By numerous measures, the college's decades-long emphasis on student-faculty collaborative research as a teaching tool in the natural and applied sciences has earned national distinction.

Every student who is majoring in one of the division's eight departments—biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, geological and environmental sciences, mathematics, nursing and physics—who wishes to participate in research has the chance to do so, and many take advantage of the opportunity. Some 130 students conduct research with faculty mentors during the school year, the figure growing to 160 working full-time with the faculty for eight to 10 weeks each summer, making it one of the largest summer research programs among predominantly undergraduate institutions nationwide. The activity complements classroom instruction that itself regularly includes laboratory work and exploration of original research topics.

"For many years science at Hope has been guided by a defining theme, which is that scientific learning is best achieved by doing science," said Dr. Moses Lee, professor of chemistry and dean for the natural and applied sciences. "We are committed to delivering an excellent undergraduate program of study as well as providing an opportunity for cutting-edge research in all scientific disciplines."

In addition, the division has been working to extend its acclaimed research-based teaching model to students traditionally underrepresented in the sciences. The "REACH" (Research Experiences Across Cultures at Hope) program, which began in 2006 and is now funded through the college's recent multi-faceted grant in the biomedical sciences from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, involves area minority high school students in research during the summer to help encourage them to pursue careers in the sciences. A grant to Hope from the National Science Foundation (NSF) is supporting graduates of community colleges, primarily in Michigan, who wish to complete a four-year degree in the sciences, and Hope is also partnered with the City Colleges of Chicago to involve the system's two-year students in summer research at the college.

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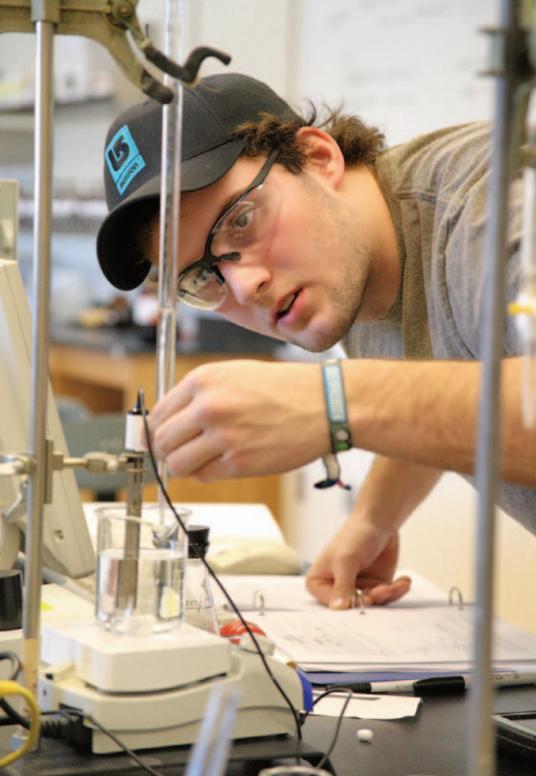


Active learning in the sciences through collaborative research with faculty members is a hallmark of the Hope experience. Here physics students Brianna Wynne and Shannon Alger visit the laboratory of Dr. Stephen Remillard.

With Recognized Excellence

Hope has five grants through the NSF's "Research Experiences for Undergraduates" program, the largest total held by primarily-undergraduate institutions nationwide. Hope is the only college or university in the country to have received "Beckman Scholar Award" support for student research from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation since the foundation began the program in 1998. Since the category debuted, the "America's Best Colleges" guide published by *U.S. News and World Report* has included Hope on its list of institutions—only 33 currently—that are exceptional for their emphasis on undergraduate research and creative projects. The research program is extensively supported through competitive grants from external sources such as the NSF, National Institutes of Health, Department of Homeland Security, private foundations and corporations—some \$3.5 million during 2007-08.





First-rate facilities support research and classroom and laboratory instruction alike. Daniel Ackert is at work in the introductory chemistry laboratory.

How exceptionally well Hope educates students is reflected by the major external honors that the college, Hope faculty and Hope students consistently receive. An assortment within the past year is featured in the highlighted boxes accompanying this article. An essential component in the mix, however, is the *why* of the activity: preparing students for the totality of their lives in the context not only of the division but of the mission of the college as a whole.

“Lives of Leadership and Service”

Students who participate in research learn how to be scientists, as opposed to simply learning about how others have contributed. More generally, however, the skills and

perspective that they gain help them lead and serve beyond the laboratory.

“We think it’s very valuable for them to gain this experience in science even if it’s not what they’re going to do in the long term because it builds a lot of important skills: critical thinking, problem solving, communication,” said Dr. Thomas Bultman ’78, professor of biology and chairperson of the department. “So we think this experience in the lab or in the field can be of value in many different careers.”

“They gain a lot of confidence,” said Dr. Catherine Mader, professor of physics and chairperson of the department. “As they’re in the research programs, they’re slowly migrating from being the person who’s told what to do to being the person who’s given general directions and directing the research or teaching the next group what to do.”

Crucially, they also learn to work as part of a team.

“A key part of the collaborative learning process is getting together and seeing what different skills people bring to it,” said Dr. Darin Stephenson, associate professor of mathematics and chairperson of the department.

Students put their talents to use in a variety of ways. Since 2006, in a project initiated by the student chapter of Engineers Without Borders, engineering and nursing have partnered together to help address issues of water quality and community health in the village of Nkuv in Cameroon (the initiative has since expanded to include the departments of communication and education). All nursing students participate in nursing research in the community and with nursing faculty, and nursing students also regularly engage in health service-oriented spring break mission trips as well as local service work, such as conducting health screenings for members

of the community. Students in a computer science class worked on a database program for Mars Hill church. The students in geology’s Advanced Environmental Seminar have studied the effectiveness of the Macatawa Greenway and investigated best practices to prevent erosion, which they subsequently reported to the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council.

“That’s been a very important connection to the community,” said Dr. Brian Bodenbender, professor of geological and environmental science and chairperson of the department. “It’s brought up some interesting issues.”

Some two thirds of the college’s mathematics majors are planning to teach at the elementary or secondary level, focusing on helping future generations to learn. The mathematics students’ focus matches an increased emphasis by the State of Michigan on mathematics education as a way of building a more scientifically literate and competitive work force. “What we see here at Hope is that a lot of students are opting for that because they see the need, and they want to be a part of meeting that,” Dr. Stephenson said.

The state’s emphasis on mathematics education connects to a larger national concern with preparing trained scientists. According to one estimate, some one million technology-oriented jobs in the U.S. will go unfilled in the next five years. According to another, given current trends some 90 percent of the doctorates in engineering will be awarded to scientists in Asia by 2010.

“When you get nine-to-one you have a lot more minds on the task,” said Dr. Graham Peaslee, professor of chemistry and chairperson of the department and also a professor of geology/environmental science. “Those ideas are going to get generated elsewhere unless we train more people in STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] disciplines in this country.”

“In a Global Society”

Research and study in the division take students around the world. Biologist Dr. Harvey Blankespoor has led popular trips to the Galapagos and Africa for many years, and Dr. Greg Murray and Kathy Winnett-Murray have long involved students in their research in Costa Rica. Mathematics students can study their discipline intensively through a program in Budapest.

Computer science students led by Dr. Mike Jipping have been visiting Africa to participate in technological service projects, and in May will travel to Uganda to install computers in a Christian high school and help teachers learn

With Recognized Excellence

Hope students regularly are co-authors on published research and make presentations at major national professional conferences. The 10-year medical school acceptance rate is 85 percent, and computer science and nursing have found that every graduating senior who wanted a job in their field found one. Last spring, three chemistry majors (Kristin Dittenhafer, Jonathan Moerdyk and Amy Speelman) received prestigious Goldwater Scholarships, out of only 321 nationwide; senior geology major Tyler Depke placed second nationally in the “Preserve Our Planet” College Film and PSA Contest held by National Geographic Channel; and nursing students Jeana Longoria, Angela Sweers and Kalin TerHaar all received competitive regional and national nursing awards.

how to train students in their use.

“Computers and technology can be a very me-centric thing,” said Dr. Jipping, a professor of computer science and chairperson of the department. “It’s important to get students out of here and into the world and exploring cultures and exploring their gifts outside of the confines of here.”

Students in the geological and environmental sciences travel all over the country as well as internationally in the course of their research, including Argentina, Sweden and, this most recent spring break, the Bahamas. Beyond exploring the geology of the places, the department is deliberate about having students experience the people and cultures as well. “We’re trying to get them off campus to get them a broader perspective,” Dr. Bodenbender said.

State licensing requirements preclude allowing nursing students to spend a semester of nursing study overseas, but the department has worked to provide or support a variety of shorter-term experiences in addition to the work in Cameroon. Students go abroad on medical mission trips each spring, and the department is currently developing a summer program in Queretaro, Mexico, through the college’s ongoing relationship with the Autonomous University of Queretaro. “Our students will be able to go to a hospital or clinic in Queretaro and have some hands-on-experience with patients using skills that they’ve developed in their coursework,” said Dr. Susan Dunn, associate professor of nursing and chairperson of the department.

In addition, students often conduct research with students and scientists from around the world as they engage in research projects at Hope and participate in professional conferences.

Such experiences aren’t a luxury or even a bonus, but a necessity.

“Technology is created globally now,” said Dr. John Krupczak Jr., professor of engineering and chairperson of the department. “The teams that work together in the corporate environment in most companies are international teams. Often times, the teams are spread across continents.”

“The profession is one in which people are going to be working with a lot of different

types of people,” he said. “An education that is going to sequester them in their own little bubble is not preparing them well.”

“Historic Christian Faith”

In the sciences at Hope, the college’s longstanding faith tradition manifests with a particular emphasis on how and why students will choose to act as professionals and people based on their values as shaped by their faith.

“We were very intentional about incorporating the Christian faith as one of our themes within the entire curriculum,” Dr. Dunn said of the nursing program. “It’s woven into everything we do, including in relationship to discussing medical ethics. It’s part of who we are.”

“Not every student is a Christian, but every student graduates from our program with an understanding of what it means to provide care from a Christian context,” she said. “In addition, because we as nurses care for people of all faiths, the other component of that is how from a Christian context we care for people of other faiths. That’s a real learning experience for our students.”

The college’s tradition similarly facilitates and enriches discussions of ethics within other

disciplines. The summer research programs in engineering and physics, for example, include joint seminars facilitated by guest speakers who may explore issues ranging from how to credit colleagues as co-authors on publications to what to do with data that don’t support one’s hypothesis. “We talk about it, we have case studies,” Dr. Mader said.

Beyond such seminars, such discussions take place in venues ranging from the “Science and Human Values” Senior Seminar, to classroom discussions, to informal conversations between faculty and students.

“I think we have the opportunity here to delve into those questions—to explore mathematics and philosophy, and mathematics and faith,” Dr. Stephenson said.

The college’s faith tradition also shapes the very character of the place itself. Ultimately, it is the students’ and faculty’s commitment to live out their personal faith in a meaningful way that shapes the priority that the people of Hope place on being of service through the work that they do and how they do it—not only through programs and projects, but through day-to-day interaction, every day, all the time.

“Certainly we have tried to role model a Christian life to students,” Dr. Jipping said. “Sometimes it comes through in how you use examples in class, or how you introduce projects to students.”

“It’s a very caring environment. It’s a very supportive environment, which is unusual,” Dr. Peaslee said. “We don’t wash students out. We always find a place for them, and the students help each other.”



Faculty member Vickie Slot meets with students in the nursing skills laboratory. Instruction in nursing on campus runs in tandem with field placements that provide students with the opportunity to practice what they are learning.





Inside Perspective

So how do students majoring in the natural and applied sciences at Hope feel about the experience? Hope earns high marks for its emphasis on collaborative faculty-student research and the opportunity that working closely with faculty mentors presents to learn to think and to do science, not just memorize what others have discovered. On these pages students active in each of the division's eight departments share reflections concerning their college choice, their time in the program and their preparation for the future. Additional insights from each are available online.

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Major: chemistry
Future Plans: medical school, hoping to combine his interests in French and his West-African heritage with some overseas work
"I have learned that research is rarely a stereotypical guy in a lab solving the world's issues solo, but rather a team of dedicated people with their own slice to add to the pie. Watching the debates on the numerous problems with our medical system, I rub my hands together hoping, waiting, until I have the opportunity to tag-team an 'impossible' situation with a group of other doctors."



Dirk Van Bruggen '09
Hometown: Allegan, Mich.
Major: computer science and mathematics
Future Plans: a Ph.D. in computer science and a career involving research
"I really liked that the computer science department, especially, was small and personal. The professors knew every student by name and knew them on a personal level. I did not like the idea of huge classes and more impersonal schools. I also liked how much emphasis there was on undergraduate research. With the small size of Hope College, I had a better chance of trying out research in different areas than I did at bigger schools."



Caitlin Rice '09
Hometown: Spring Lake, Mich.
Major: biology
Future Plans: medical school or a joint M.D./Ph.D. program and eventually biomedical research
"As a biology major, I have found the integrative and interdisciplinary approach utilized in the courses really helpful in making me approach problems with the critical thinking skills required of a research scientist. Most of my classes have stressed higher levels of learning that require analysis of concepts to solve real scientific problems."



Dan Lithio '09
Hometown: Downers Grove, Ill.
Major: engineering and mathematics
Future Plans: graduate school and then a career teaching at the college level and conducting research
"Completing research in mathematics has taught me to think originally and critically about problems. Lectures and homework are also important, but the mentoring I have received from Hope faculty during each of my research projects has been the most important factor in my development as a mathematician."



Chris Hall '09
Hometown: Pataskala, Ohio
Majors: physics and mathematics
Future Plans: a Ph.D. in medical physics and conducting research in that field
"Don't be afraid to look at doing undergraduate research programs during your first year. There are a lot of great opportunities even for first-year students. The emphasis on student involvement in research is definitely highly beneficial for me as I want to pursue a career in research and already having had experience with research will be very helpful as I enter graduate school."

Rebekah Sexton '07
Hometown: Kalamazoo, Mich.
Majors: nursing (May '09 graduation) and religion
Future Plans: a career in nursing with an emphasis on women's and children's health
"The nursing department stresses the impact that a patient's mental, emotional and spiritual well-being has on his health and teaches us that our calling is to address all aspects of a person's health. As I look to the future, I believe that combining this holistic outlook with Hope's strong science curriculum will allow me to better care for my patients regardless of what their diagnosis is."



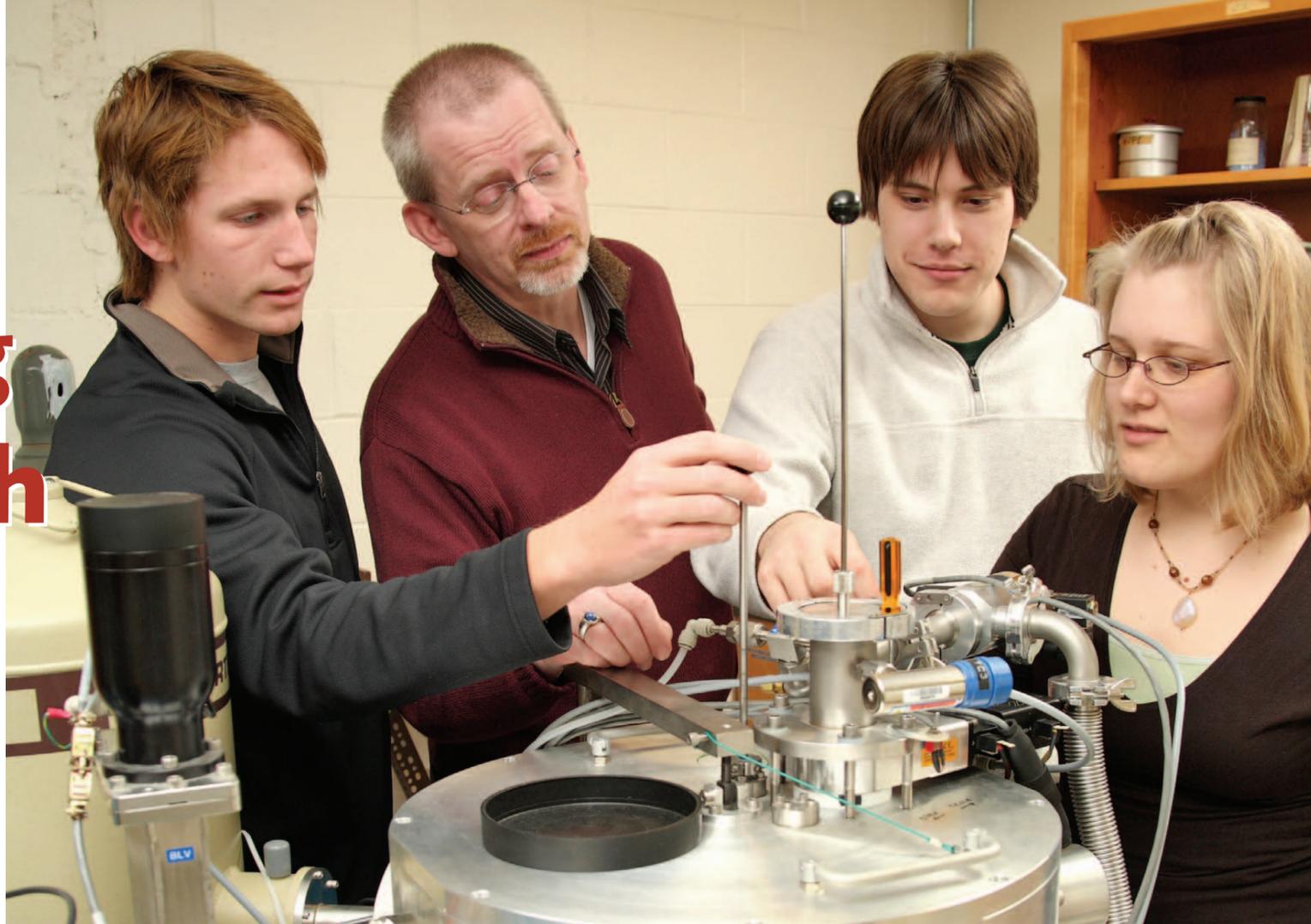
Sarah Dean '09
Hometown: Nashville, Tenn.
Major: geology
Future Plans: graduate school in structural geology and a career in geology
"One of the things I appreciate most about the geology department is its summer research opportunities. I have done research under Dr. Hansen for three summers, and they include some of my best memories from Hope. Conducting research has helped me learn more about what doing geology is like outside of the classroom, and helped me determine that I would be very happy to do similar work after college."

Joel Blok '10
Hometown: Schoolcraft, Mich.
Major: engineering
Future Plans: a graduate degree in civil or structural engineering and a focus on the sustainability of global infrastructure solutions
"The engineering department's faculty have a phenomenal ability to relate classroom theory to practical application. Exercises and design projects at every level of the curriculum model real-world engineering challenges. Nowhere is this philosophy more evident than in the host of student research opportunities. My own research in sustainable structural reinforcement options has allowed me to gain vital understanding of the role of science in everyday life."





Better Learning through Research



Physicist Dr. Paul DeYoung '77 is a dedicated advocate of the college's emphasis on teaching students through involvement in collaborative research. He is pictured in the college's Pelletron particle accelerator with Mark Lunderberg, Tim Nagi and Deb Denby.

By Greg Chandler

Dr. Paul DeYoung '77 doesn't buy the argument that undergraduate students can't conduct research.

"It angers me when I hear my colleagues around the country say, 'you can't do research with undergraduates, because my field is way too complicated,'" said Dr. DeYoung, who is the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Physics at Hope.

In fact, Dr. DeYoung says the teaching he does in the classroom and the work he does in research alongside students go hand-in-hand. He says that's what distinguishes Hope from other liberal arts colleges around the country.

"Every college has a priority on teaching," said Dr. DeYoung. "At Hope College, you have a priority on teaching and research. That's what makes it special."

"You're going to get the good teaching, and you're getting an amazing research experience," he said.

For nearly 25 years, Dr. DeYoung has taught in Hope's department of physics. He has also been involved in numerous research

efforts as part of the college's Nuclear Group, a team that develops applications of nuclear physics to interdisciplinary problems while also measuring the properties of rare nuclei at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory.

The on-campus nerve center of Dr. DeYoung's research activity with students is the college's Pelletron particle accelerator, which was installed in 2003 thanks to a \$660,000 National Science Foundation grant, at the time the largest single grant for scientific equipment in the college's history. The particle accelerator has provided research opportunities not only for those studying nuclear physics, but also chemistry, biology and other scientific disciplines. It's been used to analyze everything from dinosaur bones to sediment from local waterways.

He has also provided research opportunities for Hope students through the college's participation in a collaborative effort known as MoNA (Modular Nuclear Array), which consists of Hope and nine other colleges and

universities. He says the MoNA collaboration gives undergraduate students an opportunity to be on the cutting edge of research in nuclear physics. "It's new science," he said.

Along the way, Dr. DeYoung has been involved in research with more than 60 Hope students, many of whom have gone on to earn doctoral degrees and work in high-tech fields.

"He's definitely one of the leaders in terms of advocating student research, not just on campus, but in the nation."

— Dr. Graham Peaslee, chairperson, department of chemistry

"He's definitely one of the leaders in terms of advocating student research, not just on campus, but in the nation," said Dr. Graham Peaslee, chairperson of Hope's department of chemistry, professor of geology and environmental science, and co-leader of the Nuclear Group. "There are very few people around the country who continue to provide as many student research opportunities as Paul does."

Jill Pinter '01 Berryman, a fourth-year graduate student in nuclear chemistry at Michigan State University's National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, credits Dr. DeYoung with helping develop her research experience to fit her growing interest in nuclear science when she was an undergraduate.

A summer research program at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the American Chemical Society, solidified Berryman's decision to switch her academic focus from analytical chemistry to nuclear chemistry. She became involved in the Nuclear

Group, and began to conduct experiments using Hope's particle accelerator, analyzing thin films she had developed for an earlier project.

"I wanted to characterize the films for properties such as thickness and composition, using the accelerator," Berryman said. "I was able to get the data, but I needed help in analyzing it, and that is where Dr. DeYoung came in."

Berryman would present findings from her research at weekly Nuclear Group meetings, and says the experience was a valuable preparation for research meetings when she entered the doctoral program at MSU in 2005.

"With Dr. DeYoung's help, I was able to go through all the required steps of a nuclear science experiment: setting up the experiment on a particle accelerator, acquiring the data, analyzing the data, and writing up the results in a scientific journal," Berryman said.

"It is so important for other undergraduate students to be able to have the same experiences as I did, whether in the field of nuclear science, or otherwise. Undergraduate research is a beneficial experience for the student, one that gives the student a good idea of what graduate school is like," Berryman added.

Dr. DeYoung says that Berryman's undergraduate experience gave her an edge when she applied to MSU. "When she hit the lab, she knew what she was doing," he said.

In addition to his work as a mentor, Dr. DeYoung is a personal testimony to students who may not have a traditional path to a four-year degree. Prior to enrolling at Hope in 1975, he attended and earned an associate's degree from Muskegon Community College, and he says transferring in from a community college doesn't have to be a barrier to a successful undergraduate experience.

Part of the key, Dr. DeYoung says, is making sure to take courses that will easily transfer. "You get the catalog of the school you want to go to, and take the courses that match up," he said. "I did miss out on some of the social aspects of those early years, though."

With the help of the National Science Foundation, Hope is making an effort to provide opportunities for community college students who want to continue their education in the sciences at Hope. The \$564,360 grant through NSF's Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S-STEM) program provides scholarship aid for students who transfer to Hope to major in one of the sciences, and also ensures them a chance to take part in collaborative research projects with a faculty member before they start classes at the college. The first set of eight students

arrived on campus last fall, with additional students set to transfer in this coming fall and in the fall of 2010.

Dr. DeYoung's advocacy on behalf of undergraduate student research was recognized by the American Physical Society in 2001, when it presented an award for outstanding research and mentoring at an undergraduate institution. The award citation recognized his "research on reaction processes using short-lived nuclear beams and for his outstanding leadership, both in his research group and his institution, in creating an undergraduate research community."

Dr. DeYoung, whose two children, Amanda DeYoung '04 Hilldore and Nathaniel DeYoung '07, graduated from Hope, says he will continue to advocate for students playing an active role in research as long as he continues teaching.

"I will fight to see that their role is more than just sitting and watching; I will work to see they get to do new science," he said.



Dr. Paul DeYoung '77 is respected not only on campus but nationally for his work as a research mentor. The American Physical Society in 2001 awarded him its "Prize to a Faculty Member for Research in an Undergraduate Institution," the highest recognition available to a physicist at an undergraduate school.





In Pursuit of Global Health

By Heather Vander Plaats

As a child growing up in Ramallah, Palestine, Jalaa' Abdelwahab '97 went along with his family each year to help harvest olives in his grandmother's field. As he worked, the public health hazards created by the nearby Israeli settlements often drew his attention.

"Seeing the open sewage from these settlements running down to our fields and homes made me realize just how important public health is," said Abdelwahab. He also clearly recalls conditions in the cramped local Palestinian refugee camps.

His early exposure to the concept of public health made a lasting impression. Today, the 33-year-old Hope alum is working to eliminate disparities in health care on a global scale, particularly among children.



Jalaa' Abdelwahab '97 marks the finger of a child after being vaccinated with OPV during an immunization campaign in Afghanistan in 2008.



Jalaa' Abdelwahab '97 was drawn to a career in global public health because of the opportunity that it provided to make a difference on a larger scale as well as an individual level. He is pictured with a child in Merka, Somalia, during a national immunization-day round in 2006.

Abdelwahab works in polio eradication and measles elimination through the Centers for Disease Control. In March he began a new assignment in New York City, where he serves as a Health Specialist on immunizations at UNICEF headquarters, providing technical support to priority countries, including Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

From 2004 until relocating to New York, he had been a technical officer and epidemiologist with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Polio Eradication Unit. Based in Cairo, Egypt, with the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, he was part of a team whose task is to eliminate polio in the region's countries, including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sudan and Somalia. It's an enormous undertaking—the disease is highly infectious and primarily affects children under five, often leaving those disabled by it ignored and abandoned and some dead.

While serving in the field, Abdelwahab traveled extensively to help plan and conduct national house-to-house polio immunization

programs and to find new cases through surveillance. In some of the nations in his region, he provided support for existing vaccination programs. However, many other countries face poverty and political instability and, therefore, don't have strong infrastructure for routine vaccinations. In these places, the WHO's teams recruit laypeople at the local level to administer the vaccine in their own communities, often working alongside them.

"Hope College helped me develop a comprehensive package for life. It helped me develop very strong academic discipline, but it also gave me room to build and express social and artistic skills."

– Jalaa' Abdelwahab '97

"The best feeling is when you reach a child who hasn't been vaccinated," Abdelwahab said. "You know that this beautiful human being in front of you deserves this protection just as much as any other child in the world. That's really the concept behind global public health initiatives: Every life counts; every child counts. Once we realize we're living in a global village and we should all be treated as equal, we all benefit."

That message is one Abdelwahab has brought back to Hope several times in recent years. Last October, he spoke about his work to a full auditorium during the annual Critical Issues Symposium. In 2005, he delivered the annual A. J. Muste Memorial Lecture. In his spare moments, he has sat down with Hope students to discuss their vocational goals.

Dr. Kathy Winnett-Murray, professor of biology, said that Abdelwahab's presence on campus has been valuable to the college community.

"He was one of the first students I can remember having in class that went into public

health, and he's been extremely helpful to us since then in promoting it as a field in which students interested in health care can make big changes in the world without necessarily going the traditional MD route," she said.

Allison Stewart '06 met Abdelwahab during his 2005 visit to Hope. At that time, she was planning to go to medical school, but hearing about his work in global public health set her on a different course.

"It was my first introduction to the field of public health," said Stewart, who is now an epidemiologist with the City of Houston. "I still wasn't completely sure after hearing him speak that I wanted to get into public health, but he presented a different path for me to consider."

Abdelwahab entered Hope intending to go to medical school after graduation. At Ramallah Friends School, his high school in Palestine, he had focused on the sciences but had enjoyed poetry writing as well. His upbringing under Israeli occupation and the school's emphasis on service to community had also instilled in him a deep desire to promote equality in society. So, when an international student advisor from Hope visited his school during his senior year, he saw an opportunity to continue to cultivate all of his passions with a liberal arts education.

"As soon as I met him, I could tell Jalaa' wanted to change the world," recalled Dr. Winnett-Murray, who taught Abdelwahab in an advanced biology class. "Even though he didn't know exactly what he was going to do with his life just yet, I could see he wasn't going to settle for doing small things."

Early in his studies at Hope, Abdelwahab realized a career as a doctor wasn't the right fit. Instead of improving the health of one patient at a time, he wanted to find solutions for large-scale health problems.

"I really enjoyed the public side of health – the one that accounts for social setting, cultural perspective and other factors that should be considered," he said.

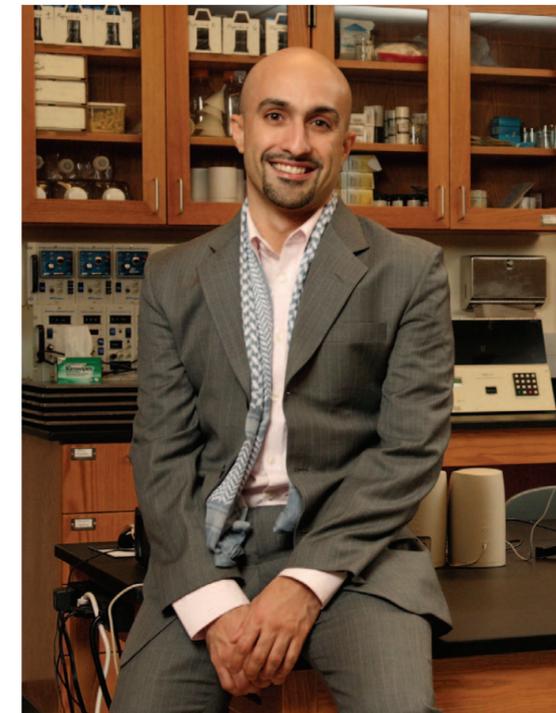
Abdelwahab credits his professors for helping him nurture his diverse interests – from biology to painting and poetry to acting. He also grew from his involvement in activities like a semester abroad in Australia, the Model Arab League, The International Relations Club, and serving as a resident assistant. Each endeavor, he said, gave him an opportunity to hear the stories of students from different backgrounds and to share his experiences with them.

"Hope College helped me develop a comprehensive package for life," he said. "It helped me develop very strong academic discipline, but it also gave me room to build and express social and artistic skills."

After graduating, Abdelwahab earned his Master of Public Health in epidemiology from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Soon after, he was selected for a fellowship program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Under the program, he became involved in the global polio eradication initiative, working in the WHO African Regional Office in Harare, Zimbabwe. He also worked for two years with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on epidemiological investigations of tuberculosis in the city before moving to Cairo.

Abdelwahab is encouraged by the strides being made in polio eradication. In the past 20 years, the number of cases has fallen by more than 99 percent. In 2008, only four countries in the world remained polio-endemic, compared with 125 in 1988. He is especially inspired by the local volunteers in polio-stricken countries who often risk their lives to volunteer with vaccination programs.

"If we take away the layers of hostility and differences, and go back to the basics of humanity, we realize we all deserve the same thing – a better future for all children," he said. 🌍



Jalaa' returned to campus this fall to speak during the college's Critical Issues Symposium, sharing his experiences as a technical officer and epidemiologist based in Cairo, Egypt, with the World Health Organization's Polio Eradication Unit. The Sept. 30-Oct. 1 symposium explored "Global Health: From Catastrophe to Cure."



High Marks All Around

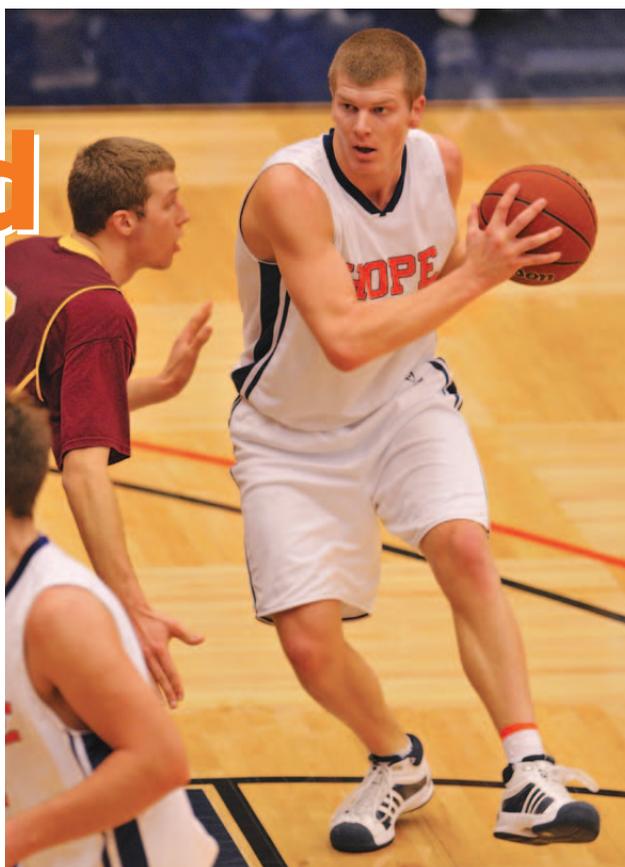
Hope's winter sports teams challenged for titles on the conference and national level, finishing as Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) champions in women's basketball and men's swimming/diving, and league runners-up in men's basketball and women's swimming/diving.

The accomplishments keep Hope atop the MIAA Commissioner's Cup standings for the best cumulative performance in conference sports.

Basketball

The Flying Dutch repeated as conference champions, posted a 28-2 record and advanced to the elite eight of the NCAA Division III tournament, where for the second straight year Hope was eliminated by the eventual undefeated national champion. The Flying Dutch extended their home-floor winning streak to 49-in-a-row. Hope was host to the final four of the NCAA women's basketball championships for the second consecutive year.

The Flying Dutchmen advanced to the NCAA Division III championships for the 20th time in school history by defeating rival Calvin in the conference tournament title game. Hope had finished second in the MIAA's



Basketball All-Americans Jesse Reimink and Carrie Snickers.

regular-season standings. The team's 21-8 season record marked a school-record 29th consecutive winning campaign.

Senior forward Jesse Reimink and sophomore center Carrie Snickers, both from Hudsonville, Mich., were named Division III All-Americans. They earlier were voted the MIAA players of the year. Reimink is a second-generation Hope basketball player. His father Ron '80 also played for current coach Glenn

Van Wieren '64. Junior Jenny Cowen of Dexter, Mich., was named to the All-MIAA first team.

Swimming & Diving

The assault on the Hope record book was unprecedented for a single season as new marks were established in 16 events, including 11 by the MIAA-champion Flying Dutchmen. The league championship was the 30th under coach John Patnott. Hope's entries at the NCAA championships garnered 14 honorable-mention All-America awards.

Thirteen swimmers were named to the all-conference team. Senior Brittaney Reest Delo of Holland, Mich., was honored for a fourth consecutive year. Five swimmers were honored for a third year: senior Laura Ansilio of Western Springs, Ill.; junior Phil Heyboer of Zeeland, Mich.; junior Ryan Nelis of Holland; junior Claire Piester of Columbia, Mo.; and junior Matt Rose of Grandville, Mich. Honored for a second time were junior Christina and senior Ryan Vogelzang of Holland, and junior Mitch Ruch of Zeeland. First-time honorees included freshman Jeff Shade of Davison, Mich.; freshman Matthew Gregory of St. Joseph, Mich.; freshman Sarah Sohn of Arlington Heights, Ill.; and junior Aaron Welsch of St. Peters, Mo.

A complete summary of the winter sports season can be found on the Hope College athletics Web site.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/athletics



There were no sibling rivalries when it came to Hope's swimming program this year as the men's and women's teams had five sets of brothers and sisters. Pictured from left to right are Laura (senior) and Steven (freshman) Ansilio, Lisa (freshman) and Phil (junior) Heyboer, Elizabeth (freshman) and Ryan (junior) Nelis, Andrew (freshman) and Matt (junior) Rose, and Christina (junior) and Ryan (senior) Vogelzang.



Live from New York

Junior Julie Kocsis of South Bend, Ind., spent her fall semester in New York at one of the nation's best-known addresses, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, through an internship at a television icon.

"Last semester, I felt like the luckiest girl in the world," she wrote in a column in the *Anchor* earlier this spring. "I got the opportunity to intern with the music department at *Saturday Night Live*."

A communication major, Kocsis held her internship through the Great Lakes Colleges Association's New York Arts Program. Through the program, in which students can enroll in either the fall or the spring, the participants live in the city and apprentice with artists in the visual arts, performing arts, and the literary, film and media arts.

Kocsis's work with *Saturday Night Live*, which is filmed at the NBC studios at "30 Rock," focused on each week's musical guests—a selection that included Beyonce, Coldplay, Duffy and Kanye West.

"I, and the two other interns, helped the guests from their cars, to their dressing rooms and to the stage," she wrote. "Mostly, we worked with the singers' 'people' (manager, backing band, hair/makeup) and helped cater to the artists' needs."



Participation in the GLCA New York Arts Program this past fall provided junior communication major Julie Kocsis of South Bend, Ind., an opportunity to apply her lessons and learn in the process through an internship with *Saturday Night Live*.

Along the way, she had an opportunity to see in-person other well-known performers and guests as well—people like Alec Baldwin, Tina Fey, Sarah Palin, Hugh Laurie and Chuck Norris—and, especially important, to witness and participate in the production of the live program from the preparations and organizing at the beginning of the week through the live performance each Saturday night.

"Although most of what I did there were very intern-like things—coffee, photo copying, schlepping luggage—it was what I got to observe, first-hand, that I enjoyed and learned from the most," she noted.

When not involved in her internship at *Saturday Night Live* (and an additional internship with the music editor at the *Brooklyn Rail*, an arts and entertainment newspaper), Kocsis took advantage of the opportunity to explore and enjoy The City That Never Sleeps. She visited neighborhood markets and restaurants, rode a Ferris wheel at storied Coney Island, joined the crowd at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, caught the Broadway production of *The Little Mermaid* and even attended the last Mets game at Shea Stadium. She chronicled her experiences and reflections on her time in the city in a blog, <http://livefromnewyorkblog.blogspot.com>.

"Working at *SNL* and living in New York was such an amazing experience," she said. "I miss the city and all my friends and co-workers and all the excitement a lot."

"Last semester, I felt like the luckiest girl in the world. I got the opportunity to intern with the music department at *Saturday Night Live*."

— Julie Kocsis '10

Kocsis doesn't plan to miss the city for *too* long. She will be graduating this coming December, after which she hopes to move back to New York and find a job that takes advantage of her academic major and internship experiences. She knows that it's a long shot, but she'd also be glad to return to that familiar Manhattan address...

"I would love to work at *SNL*, but even as a previous intern, it is very hard to get a job there," she said. "They can't really guarantee me anything, but returning to work there is certainly a possibility!" ✈



Julie Kocsis took full advantage of her time in New York to visit sites both familiar and hidden. Here she is outside a location known from another NBC show, Tom's Restaurant, which was sometimes seen on *Seinfeld*.

Living Tradition

When asked what's special about Hope, students will often say that it's the people.

Yes, other dimensions are important and the college's demonstrably high quality typically earns Hope its first look, but students consistently praise the warm environment in which they feel like part of the family from the beginning.

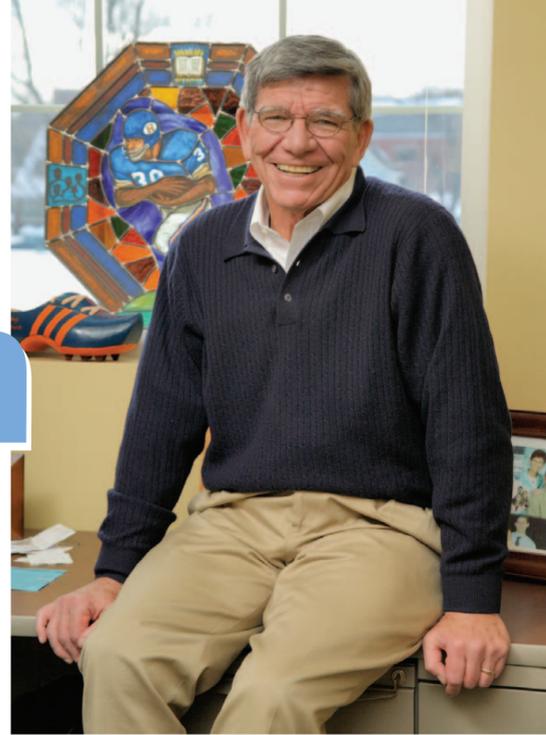
The five professors who are retiring this spring have each spent decades playing their own major role in that experience: **Judy Hillman**, the Howard R. and Margaret E. Sluyter Associate Professor of Art and Design (1989); **Dr. Michael Silver**, the Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biochemistry and Chemistry (1983); **Raymond Smith**, professor of kinesiology and director of athletics for men (1970); **Dr. John Stoughton**, associate professor of mathematics (1983); and **Dr. Stephen Taylor**, professor of chemistry (1985). They leave Hope having shaped young lives and the

college itself for the better for a combined total of 135 years.

Judy Hillman was well familiar with Hope before she joined the faculty, having been active in several renovation projects in downtown Holland as a designer. It was her work that had brought her to the college's attention, since the Sluyter professorship is designated for an active professional designer.

She, in turn, liked what she found at Hope. "My initial interview with the people in this department was so welcoming, and they were people that I knew I would be comfortable with, and would be comfortable working with," she said. "And the people in this department became my family."

She has appreciated her professorship's focus, since her work as a designer has led to many hands-on opportunities for Hope students. "I think the combination really benefits students, because I've involved my students in my outside projects a lot, either as interns or through independent studies," she said.



Ray Smith's impact includes mentoring hundreds of students both in the classroom and on the football field as head coach for 25 seasons, in addition to touching many more lives through his service as director of athletics for men.

"And working with the students is wonderful," she said. "It's great to see them grow and mature in the four years that they're here."

As he wrapped up his postdoctoral work, **Mike Silver** wasn't looking at undergraduate schools as he anticipated the next stage in his career.



Dr. Michael Silver at work in his laboratory with senior Jacob Dickinson. He was drawn to Hope by the college's dual emphasis on teaching and research.

"I liked both teaching and research, but I decided 'You can't do both,' and so I chose research," he said. "I wasn't really considering a small college because I didn't think there was an opportunity to do research."

He was encouraged to interview at Hope by a friend who knew otherwise, and when he saw the high quality of the teaching and research in chemistry he quickly signed on.

Since joining the faculty, he has enjoyed working with students not only in the classroom but also through his research program, mentoring several dozen through the years. "My fondest memories all center around the students," he said.

He has continued to enjoy teaching and academic research, but has developed additional interests as well. He has become increasingly engaged by applied research, and in retirement will stay active as a chemist, both working with a pharmaceutical company and as co-owner of a company developing silicon emulsifiers used primarily in cosmetics.

Coaching was a natural career choice for **Ray Smith**, since he had so greatly appreciated the role of the mentors in his life. He had been a stand-out athlete in high school in California and at UCLA, and had also played professional football in Canada.

"When you're in sport you're around coaches all of the time," he said. "And I wanted to be like them. I saw that they were influencing lives in a positive fashion, including my own."

He had never been to Michigan when he applied for his position at Hope, but he valued the chance to teach at a four-year college with a strong Christian dimension. Football coach from 1970 through 1994 and director of athletics for men since 1980, he has touched hundreds of lives during his time at Hope. As he retires, he appreciates the way that others have touched his life.

"The people here at Hope were just great from the beginning, and we've found that has not changed throughout our time here," he said. "I am a better person for working with the quality people on the faculty and staff all these years."

"There's a certain spirit at Hope that I can't quite capture in words—you can feel it. You can tell that it's there," he said.

Raised in Tennessee and teaching in North Carolina, **John Stoughton** wasn't planning to move above the snow line. Still, he was interested in moving from the university where he was teaching to a smaller school, reflecting his own good experience as an undergraduate, and so when a colleague showed him a Hope job posting he figured that

it couldn't hurt to inquire. And...

"I really liked the department and took the job, and the rest is history," he said.

Interested in many aspects of mathematics, he has appreciated being able to teach in multiple areas within his discipline since joining the faculty. He also especially enjoyed working with students on collaborative research, valuing the opportunity to learn together.

"Part of my very positive remembrances that I have of Hope College is my work with students conducting research in the summertime," he said. "I wound up leading research in areas that I didn't know that much about when I started, so it was fun to learn along with the students who were working with me."

Steve Taylor had participated in collaborative research himself as an undergraduate in California, and valued how important the experience had been. And so it is that he has made collaborative research/learning a priority throughout his time as an educator, ever mindful of the process as a teaching tool.

"Publications are good, but what I wanted to do it for was to get students' names on the publications," he said. "Most of them had one or more."

For several years he has battled multiple sclerosis, the progression of which has recently limited his ability to conduct research or teach laboratory-oriented classes. He notes that he appreciates that the college and his colleagues have been supportive as his mobility has diminished.

In retirement he hopes to continue to teach the "Science and Christian Perspectives"



Mathematician Dr. John Stoughton has enjoyed teaching in multiple areas within his discipline in addition to conducting collaborative research with students.

Senior Seminar valuing the opportunity, as both a scientist and a person of faith, to help students explore the place of both in their lives. "I've told my students many times that I wish that I'd had a course like this when I went to school." 🐦

EDITOR'S NOTE: Biographical sketches of all five professors are featured on the Hope Web site. In addition, during Homecoming in October the alumni H-Club will be honoring Ray Smith for his role in the athletic program, when Hope will also be celebrating its 100th year with football.

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Mentoring students has been a priority for chemist Dr. Stephen Taylor, shown with Deb Denby, Tyler Depke and Kaitlin Anderson in "Science and Christian Perspectives." In retirement he will continue work on a book on faculty involvement in collaborative research as a teaching tool.



Active as a designer professionally in addition to teaching, Judy Hillman has engaged students in a variety of projects through the years. She is shown surrounded by Jaclyn Van Groningen, Kelsey Browne, Alissa Tassopoulos, Kat Mojzjak, Allison Hawkins and Theresa Fernandez.



Faculty Kudos



INTERNATIONAL AWARD: Dr. Alyssa (Lyra) Pitstick, assistant professor of religion, is one of only 12 young scholars worldwide to receive a 2009 “John Templeton Award for Theological Promise.”

The recipients are recognized on the basis of their doctoral dissertations related to the topic of God and spirituality, and chosen by an international and inter-religious panel of 25 judges. Each recipient receives an award of \$10,000 plus an additional stipend of up to \$10,000 for two years to support giving public lectures at the invitation of academic institutions.

The award program is a cooperative effort of the Research Center of International and Interdisciplinary Theology of the University of Heidelberg in Germany and the John Templeton Foundation of Pennsylvania. The winners will be honored during an awards ceremony and also participate in a colloquium at the university in May.

Dr. Pitstick wrote her dissertation while completing her doctorate in sacred theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy. It was published in 2007 by the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company as *Light in Darkness: Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Catholic Doctrine of Christ's Descent into Hell*.

Remarkably, two of the award winners are from Holland and teaching at institutions with Reformed Church in America ties. The honorees include Dr. J. Todd Billings of Western Theological Seminary for his work *Calvin, Participation, and the Gift: The Activity of Believers in Union with Christ*.

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SOCIETY PRESIDENT: Dr. Kirk Brumels '88, associate professor of kinesiology and director of athletic training, is president-elect of the Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society (MATS).

He began a two-year term as president-elect in January and will be president of MATS for 2011 and 2012. Dr. Brumels, a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, has been a member of the Hope faculty since 2001. He had previously spent more than a decade as an athletic trainer with the New England Patriots.

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FAITH AND LEARNING: Dr. Brian Porter, associate professor of management, has received national recognition for blending faith and learning.

He received the “Sharon G. Johnson Award” from the Christian Business Faculty Association (CBFA) during the group's annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., in November. As described by the association, the award “recognizes God-honoring intellectual contributions by individuals who incorporate learning, business and faith into a dynamic process to promote Christian faith integration in business.”



Dr. Porter's research interests are in ethics and faith integration with business and international business. He has several publications and regularly presents his research at academic conferences.

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NURSING HONORS: A Hope student and professor each received individual recognition for excellence during the November induction and installation ceremony of the Kappa Epsilon Chapter-at-Large of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

The chapter presented senior Kalin TerHaar of Zeeland, Mich., with its “Excellence in Student Performance Award” and Vicki Voskuil, assistant professor of nursing, with its “Excellence in Nursing Education Award.”

In addition, Dr. Nancy Barnum, assistant professor of nursing, received a Sigma Theta Tau International Research Grant to support her project, “Why Do Nurses Need So Much Education? The Social, Political, Practice, Educational, and Gender Issues That Influenced Nursing Education's Move from the Hospital to Collegiate Setting.”

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LATIN AMERICAN WRITERS: Dr. Maria C. Andre, professor of Spanish, is co-editor of *Latin American Women Writers: An Encyclopedia*, published by Routledge of New York City.

The book presents the lives and critical works of more than 170 women writers in Latin America between the 16th and 20th centuries. Focusing on drama, poetry and fiction, the encyclopedia features thematic entries as well as biographies of female writers whose works were originally published in Spanish or Portuguese, and who have had an impact on literary, political and social studies.

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POETRY ANTHOLOGY: Dr. Heather Sellers, professor of English, is among the poets featured in *When She Named Fire: An Anthology of Contemporary Poetry by American Women*.

The anthology features 461 poems by 96 poets, and includes photographs and biographical notes. A total of 15 of the other poets with work included in the anthology have previously been featured at Hope through the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series.

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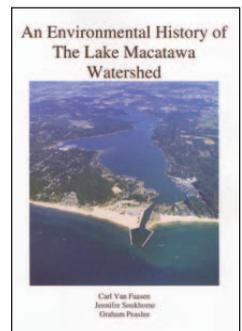
FESTIVAL DIRECTORS: Dr. Andrew Le of the music faculty and Dr. Jennifer Walvoord '02, husband and wife, have been appointed artistic directors of the Chamber Music Festival of Saugatuck.



Held for six weeks in July and August, the festival was directed for the past 10 years by Joan Conway, who retired from the Hope music faculty in 2001. Professor Conway has been named artistic director *emerita*.

A pianist, Dr. Le is an assistant professor of music at Hope, where he has taught since 2005. A violinist, Dr. Walvoord was a visiting member of the Hope faculty during 2006-07 and teaches part-time at Calvin College, and is concertmaster of the West Shore Symphony in Muskegon, Mich.

WATERSHED PUBLICATION: The aerial photograph on the cover of a new book about the Lake Macatawa Watershed was chosen not just because it presents an inviting view of the lake on a picture-perfect summer day, but because of what it shows, literally, beneath the surface.



The image shows how the deep blue of Lake Michigan turns green near the channel, an effect of eroded topsoil washed into the big lake through Lake Macatawa. The sight is just one indication of man-made problems that will continue if left unchecked, according to Dr. Graham Peaslee of the Hope faculty, who edited the book, *An Environmental History of The Lake Macatawa Watershed*, which was co-authored by area high school teachers Carl Van Faasen '91 and Jennifer Soukhome.

The book, published through funding provided by the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council (MACC) and Hope, is intended for a general audience. It is based on the trio's research together concerning the watershed, and has been written to help those living in the area to understand the watershed, how it came to be the way it is and how it can be healed.

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**Mary Boelkins '96
Remenschneider**
Alumni Director

When I arrived on Hope's campus as a freshman in the fall of 1992 I had a plan. My plan was to major in biology, go to medical school and become a doctor. It seemed foolproof; I was to follow in my grandfather's footsteps and help people.

One month later, I realized that my plan was not as perfect as I expected. As I experienced classes in other disciplines, my interests broadened to other areas of study, and I soon realized that my path was heading a different direction.

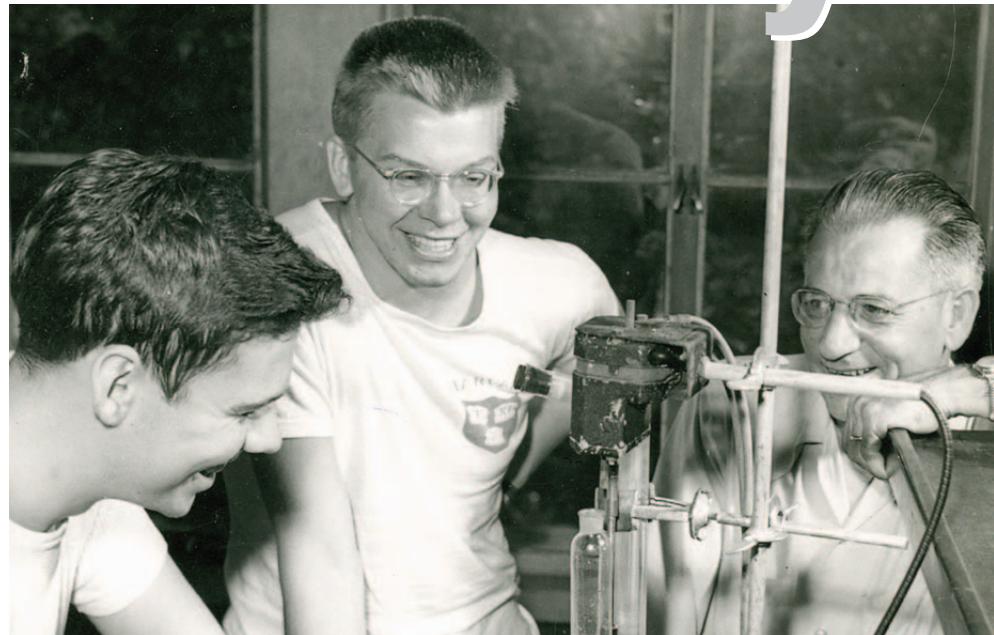
My time spent studying in the natural and applied sciences at Hope was short lived, but it affected the rest of my time as a Hope student and left me with wonderful memories of lab work, field work and experiences with faculty members.

Hope has earned its strong reputation in natural and applied sciences through decades of consistent dedication to the philosophy of teaching science by "doing" science within the context of a liberal arts education. Whether students have experimented in Lubbers Hall, the Peale Science Center, VanderWerf Hall or the A. Paul Schaap Science Center, the importance and impact of student-faculty partnerships have been key to Hope's ability to produce well-educated, well-rounded and well-grounded graduates.

One of my favorite memories from my short venture into a biology major was the trip my Plant Morphology class took to Hope's Biological Field Station. Starting with my professor, Dr. Paul Van Faasen '56, including the time spent identifying various plant species and ending with a riotous ride back to campus, the thoughts of that experience still make me smile.

As a student, I found that the experiential learning philosophy transferred across disciplines, and the opportunities within my chosen field of psychology and my other classes were outstanding. As an alumna, I know the value of my Hope education and am grateful for it. I appreciate my faculty and the way that they opened their offices and their lives to see me succeed. I expect that each of you has at least one faculty member you remember with great fondness; at least one who you knew was invested in your future and committed to seeing that you had the best educational experience possible.

Window to Hope's History



The college's nationally renowned use of faculty-student collaborative research as a teaching tool owes much to the vision and dedication of Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl '18, pictured at right, who was a member of the chemistry faculty from 1923 until retiring in 1964. Dr. Van Zyl was a pioneer in involving students in his research program, which was so highly respected that it obtained external grant support—common at Hope now, but unique then. He is pictured with then-students Dr. George Zuidema '49 and Dr. Eugene van Tamelen '47, both of whom went on to distinguished careers, Dr. Zuidema retiring as vice provost for medical affairs at the University of Michigan, and Dr. van Tamelen retiring from the chemistry faculty of Stanford University. (Photo courtesy of the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland)

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, March 3, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, May 5.

20s – 50s

Alice Brower '23 Hoffs of Kalamazoo, Mich., celebrated her 107th birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009. The occasion was marked by a feature article in the *Holland Sentinel* about her life, noting that she is Hope's longest-living alumna. She was profiled in *News from Hope College* last April. **Connie Hinga '49 Boersma** of Holland, Mich., reports that eight of her nine grandchildren are Hopeites. Her first three grandchildren graduated from Hope, three grandsons



Bert Davison '54 of Lexington, N.C., and **Chad Sampson '03** met last summer when Bert and his wife stopped at an open-air church service for summer residents of a lake community. The visiting pastor, Chad, announced that he was from Michigan and had attended Hope College. Bert raised and waved his hand, prompting Chad to respond, "You must know about the annual college Pull." The two of them had a chance to talk about their Hope experiences when they had dinner after one of several services that brought them together last summer. Chad is a student at Duke Divinity School.

Alumni to Receive Awards

Hope will honor three alumni with awards during the annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 2.

Milton Nieuwsma '63 of Holland, Mich., and **Dr. Gerald Sittser '72** of Spokane, Wash., will each receive Distinguished Alumni Awards. **Jeffrey Bates '98** of Ann Arbor, Mich., will receive a Young Alumni Award.

Nieuwsma is a two-time Emmy Award-winning documentary writer and producer, and the author of *Kinderlager*, an acclaimed account of three young concentration-camp survivors.

Dr. Sittser is a member of the theology faculty at Whitworth University in Spokane and the award-



Milton Nieuwsma '63



Dr. Gerald Sittser '72



Jeffrey Bates '98

winning author of seven books, including *A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows through Loss*, informed by his own experience of enduring the death of his wife Lynda Dethmers '71 Sittser, daughter Diana Jane and mother Grace in a 1991 automobile accident caused by a drunk driver.

Bates is a co-founder of the online news and discussion site

"Slashdot.org" and currently serves as vice president of platform with SourceForge Inc., of which Slashdot is now a subsidiary. He and Rob Malda '98 created Slashdot while students at Hope, subsequently running the site with Hope friends including Kurt DeMaagd '99, Nate Oostendorp '05 and Tim Vroom '01.

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currently attend, and next year four grandchildren will be attending. Her ninth is just 12 years old.

Edwin C. Coon '56, minister emeritus of Everett, Wash., wrote *Steeple on the Hill*, a book about the history of Everett's First Presbyterian Church. He served the church as senior pastor from 1983 until he retired in 1996. As he tells the story of the church, he also recounts his own story of answering God's call to venture from his East Coast roots into unknown territory.

Mike Brummel '57 of New York City was featured in an article in the September 2008 issue of *Interior Design*. In 1966 he co-founded Kirk Brummel, a company to make hand-printed fabric and wallpaper, with woven designs introduced in the 1970s. In 2004 Brunshwig & Fils acquired the company's name and distribution rights and named Michael director of design.

Erika Volkenborn '58 Nienhouse and **Ev Nienhouse '58** spent February spearheading an expansion of Rehoboth Christian School's Navajo Code Talkers Museum. They co-chaired a committee which prioritized and acted upon a number of upgrades and revisions to the museum, including the gifting of a 52-inch flat-screen TV for the viewing area to play the Rehoboth-generated Navajo Code Talker DVD, upgrading signage, identifying and conducting interviews with code talker families to add detail to the photo exhibit,

and acquiring additional display cases for memorabilia. They also planned and ran two major events: a fund raiser to assist in the expansion, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the viewing area during which they honored four of the 23 living Navajo Code Talkers. Their interest in the code talkers began in 1999 when they co-authored a lead article in the school's quarterly newsletter which highlighted the invaluable contributions made by the Navajo Code Talkers during the "island-hopping campaign" in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Bob Kisken '59 of Glenrock, Wyo., had many of his photographs of barns published in the October issue of *Farm Collector* magazine. His photography has been exhibited in Wisconsin, Wyoming, Illinois, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Finland. Some of his work can be seen on the Web.

60s

Katherine Bitner '61 Reynolds of Durango, Colo., has an art piece, "Journey Of Hope," in a 2009 touring exhibit that began in New York City in October. The works will grace the walls of cancer centers, hospitals, patient advocacy groups and other venues across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The exhibit is sponsored by the National Coalition for Cancer

Survivorship and its purpose is to inspire and encourage all those who are or will be affected by cancer.

Jim Bekkering '65 is vice president for enrollment and student services at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tenn. In 2006 he retired as vice president for admissions at Hope following three decades of service to the college, including a quarter century in the office of admissions.

Ted DeLong '65 of Holland, Mich., is a left fielder for the West Michigan Bob Evans softball team that won the gold medal at the Huntsman Senior World Games in St. George, Utah, last October. The team also was the runner-up at the Tournament of Champions in Winter Haven, Fla., in January. Ted is a CPA at DeLong & Brower PC in Holland.

Carla Reidsma '65 Masselink of Holland, Mich., was named to the 2009 Chairman's Council of Raymond James & Associates Inc. in recognition of proven dedication to her clients and a continued desire for professional growth. She joined the firm in 2007 and is a senior vice president and financial advisor.

Dean L. Overman '65 of Washington, D.C., is author of *A Case for the Existence of God*, published by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers Inc. He examines theories about the origins of the universe, explains why science cannot provide all of the answers, and makes a case for the existence of God. Dean is a former senior partner of



Washington, D.C., and environs have hosted many regional Hope events through the years. This year, the area has also been a center for planning activity back on campus. Above in Alexandria, Va., are five members of the Class of 1964 meeting to help plan their forthcoming 45-year reunion. From left to right are: standing, **Paul and Cindy (Hill) Wackerbarth** of Arlington, Va.; sitting, **Barbara (Freggens) O'Brien** of Alexandria; **John Dryfhout** of Cornish, N.H., and **Audrey (Prins) Rasmussen** of Alexandria. Hope will host reunions for every fifth class from 1944 through 1984 during this year's Alumni Weekend, running Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2.

Winston & Strawn, a large international law firm. He is presently co-chair of the advisory board of First Trust Portfolios L.P., an asset management firm. In 2004 he was appointed as visiting senior research scholar at Hope's A.C. Van Raalte Institute.

Linda Davis '65 Stahelin of Muskego, Wis., is the author of *Ringin' True: Prayers for Handbell Ringers*, a spiritual resource for handbell choir directors and ringers. The book contains more than 60 prayers to begin or end a rehearsal or performance.

Jim Boelkins '66 of Jenison, Mich., is chairman of the board of directors of Wedgwood Christian Services in Grand Rapids, Mich., in addition to serving as provost at Hope.

Al McGeehan '66, the longest-serving mayor in the history of Holland, Mich., announced that he will not seek re-election to a ninth consecutive two-year term. He has served on the city council for the past 32 years.

Marcia De Graaf '67 of Brewton, Ala., was elected to the board of directors of Covenant Hospice, active from Tallahassee, Fla., to Mobile, Ala., on the Gulf Coast and into lower Alabama. The honor resulted from her activities with Covenant in the Brewton area.

70s

Robert Kouw '70 retired last June from Plainwell (Mich.) High

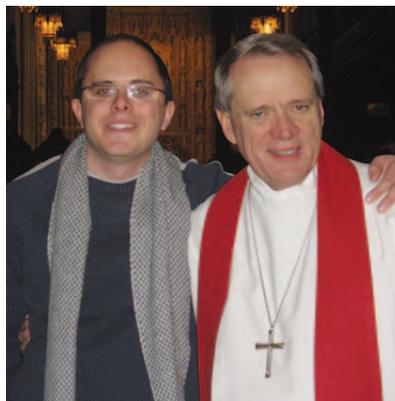
School after teaching high school English for 38 years and serving as English department chairperson for many years. Throughout his career he was involved in many facets of student and academic activities and received numerous accolades for his contributions as a teacher. He recently received a citation from Hope College naming him as one of the most influential high school teachers. Last summer he returned to live in his hometown, Holland, Mich.

Timothy DeVoogd '71 was named one of the U.S. State Department's seven 2008 Jefferson Science Fellows. As a fellow, he will work for a year in the State Department's Bureau for Western Hemisphere Affairs, traveling throughout Latin America to promote science and technology education and entrepreneurship through partnerships with U.S. universities.

Robert Schellenberg '73 of Jenison, Mich., was appointed a director of Wedge Energy International Inc. He is an attorney and CPA and an owner of the CPA firm Schellenberg & Evers PC.

Robert Kibbey '74 recently came out of retirement to accept a position as senior financial investigator for the U.S. Department of Justice in Atlanta, Ga. He is assigned to the Drug Enforcement Agency working under the OCDETF Program as one of three investigators assigned to a six-state region, working high-level drug cartels operating out of those states.

Rich Williams '75 of Albuquerque, N.M., was promoted to deputy division director of the Economic Development



Father and son **Wesley Granberg-Michaelson '65** and **J.K. Granberg-Michaelson '04** drove to Washington, D.C., for the inauguration of President Barack Obama on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Wes, of Kentwood, Mich., delivered the benediction at the National Prayer Service in the Washington National Cathedral on Wednesday, Jan. 21. He is the general secretary of the Reformed Church in America. J.K. worked for the Obama campaign, coordinating volunteers in Kentwood.

Peter Brown '75/'02 of South Haven, Mich., was the 2008 adjunct instructor of the year at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Mich. He was selected for the award from among 200 adjuncts. Peter just completed his M.Ed. in instruction and curriculum, and is working on his Ph.D. He has two sons, Dmitri Brown '04 and Keene Brown '12.

Division of the New Mexico Economic Development Department. His new duties will be internal operations and oversight of the Community Economic Development Team, the Business Development Team and the state's Job Training Incentive Program.

Thomas K. Johnson '77 wrote the first book in the Global Issues Series of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA), *Human Rights: A Christian Primer*. Published in Germany, it was presented to the public at the WEA General Assembly in Thailand in October. He serves as professor of philosophy and vice president for research at Martin Bucer Seminary, which has study programs in the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Turkey. He and his wife, **Leslie Pett '77 Johnson**, director of the Christian International School of Prague, live in Prague, Czech Republic.

Jon Post '77 and his wife and three children are in their seventh year of church planting in Kyrgyzstan with Greater Grace World Outreach. Jon reports that they hope to get back to the East Coast each June for a month or two and that they would love to hear from Hope alumni. They attend their church's international convention the last full week of June and, when they can, the Appalachian String Band Music Festival in Clifftop, W.Va., beginning of August. He reports that the Kyrgyz government is increasingly pro-Arab and pro-Russian and that he would appreciate your prayers for the Christians there.

Abby Woodby '77 Searls of Zeeland, Mich., received a "Cool Teacher" award and earned a pizza party for her class from WGUV-TV, the public television station in Grand Rapids, Mich. A student in Abby's classroom at Roosevelt Elementary School nominated her. Abby has been teaching in the Zeeland Public Schools for 28 years.

Kevin Clark '78 of Holland, Mich., was named to the 2009 President's Club of Raymond James & Associates Inc. in recognition of proven dedication to clients and a continued desire for professional growth. He joined the firm in 2007 and is a senior vice president and financial advisor.

David Boundy '79 of Chestnut Hill, Mass., is vice president of intellectual property for Cantor Fitzgerald L.P.

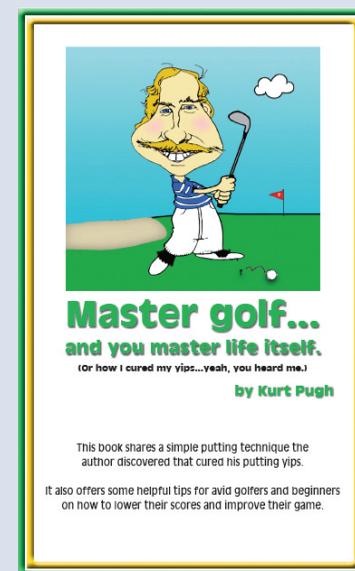
Bob Synek '79 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was elected to the Kent County Commission, District 19, which covers the southeast corner of the city of Grand Rapids.

Peter Warnock '79 of Columbia, Mo., recently became assistant professor of anthropology/archaeology at Missouri Valley College. He reports that he is the entire anthropology department.

80s

Steven Maas '81 of Grandville, Mich., was elected to Capitol Bancorp's board of directors in February. He is an attorney and co-owner of River Valley Title L.L.C. He is also active in professional and community organizations and serves on the Grandville City Council, the Interurban Transit Partnership, and the City of Grandville Planning Commission.

Lori Sievert '81 Sanders of Hamilton, Mich., received a "Cool



Kurt Pugh '75 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is author of *Master golf...and you master life itself. (Or how I cured my yips... yeah you heard me.)*, published by AuthorHouse. Pictured in caricature on the cover, he shares the technique he discovered that cured his yips (involuntary motion of the hands or wrists when putting) and offers help to golfers improve play in general. Kurt works in marketing and business development with Terra Contracting LLC, a company that provides environmental remediation and construction services. For more news of alumni books, please see separate entries for **Edwin C. Coon '56**, **Dean Overman '65**, **Linda Davis '65 Stahelin**, **Thomas K. Johnson '77**, **Eric Post '92** and **Jeff Baxter '94**.

Teacher" award from WGVU-TV, the public television station in Grand Rapids, Mich. A student in Lori's third-grade classroom at Blue Star Elementary School nominated her. The station gave the class a pizza party and later aired a taped segment about Lori.

Susan Weener '81 Van Dop of Westerville, Ohio, was selected the Outstanding Elementary Music Educator of 2008 by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra last May.

Douglas Deutch '82 of Santa Maria, Calif., retired from the Air Force last October. He is now in the Civil Service as director of intelligence for military command, responsible for the control and defense of U.S. military space operations and satellites.

Greg Ver Beek '83 of Clarendon Hills, Ill., moved from senior vice president to executive vice president, institutional sales & marketing, at Morningstar Inc. in Chicago. He is responsible for Morningstar's Advisor Software Group serving all U.S.-based brokerage, insurance, banking, retirement, and asset management clients with desktop and Internet-based portfolio, retirement, research and asset allocation solutions. Greg and his wife celebrated their 20th anniversary last year. They have two children: a son in college and a daughter in high school.

Lorna Nyenhuis '84 Cook of Holland, Mich., was appointed to the board of directors of Good Samaritan Ministries. Her other volunteer work includes Luke Society Medical Brigade, Holland Public Schools, CROP Walk and Upward Bound.

Denise Dykstra '84 Lamoureux is a foreign affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy, Seoul, Republic of Korea. She is accompanied by her husband,

who is serving with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East Division Headquarters, and her two children.

Timothy J. Lundgren '85 was elected partner at Varnum Attorneys at Law, Grand Rapids, Mich. He is a member of Varnum's Environmental Practice Group, where his practice deals with all areas of environmental law. He is also a member of Varnum's Telecommunications Subgroup, and represents municipalities and educational institutions in cable and telecommunications matters at both state and federal levels.

Joanna Martin '86 Menolasino of Hudson, Ohio, accepted a newly-created position as the itinerant early childhood special education teacher for the Solon City School District. She provides direct and indirect services to preschool-aged children and serves as a consultant to community-based preschool teachers who have students on Individualized Education Programs. Joanna continues to work as a center-based special education teacher in the district's Integrated Preschool Program. Outside of work, she attends her own children's numerous soccer games and plays handbells in her church's bell choir.

Virginia Walters '86 Vos and her husband, along with two business partners, opened Mainstreet Beanery in downtown Zeeland, Mich., in February. The coffee shop is connected to their existing business, Don's Flowers and Gifts.

Barbara Good '87 VanHeest of Grand Haven, Mich., is a vice president and relationship manager for Chase's business banking group in West Michigan's Lakeshore area. She was previously a business banking officer for National City Bank.

Charyn Hain '89 was elected partner

Friends and family have established a scholarship at Hope in memory of **Nicole McClain '98 Liechty** of Thibodaux, La., who died on Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, from injuries she sustained in a car accident while en route to campus for her 10-year reunion. The "Nicole McClain '98 Liechty Scholarship Fund" was established by the Starnes & Atchison law firm, where she was an attorney; family; friends; loved ones; and business associates, all of whom Nicole influenced or was influenced by

during her short time on earth. The fund will provide financial assistance to deserving students with financial need, with first preference given to female students with a dream to further their education and make a difference in the world. More information may be obtained from Lance Pellow '99, regional advancement director, who can be e-mailed at pellow@hope.edu or called at (616) 395-7073. In addition, her fellow Dorians have purchased a bench in her honor for the front porch of the Dorian house on campus.

at Varnum Attorneys at Law, Grand Rapids, Mich. Her practice includes commercial and healthcare litigation, business torts, family law and appellate issues.

90s

Mark Van Genderen '90 of Cedarburg, Wis., was promoted to vice president and managing director of Latin America for Harley-Davidson. He is responsible for the company's overall performance and ongoing business development of the Latin American market.

Tim Cerny '91 and **Michele Brown '92 Cerny** have lived in Toronto for eight years raising three boys. Michele writes children's books in her free time and is always looking for illustrators. She invites alumni to see her contact information on the Hope Alumni Career Network Web site for further information on publishing

illustrations.

Charlene Fisher '92 Foss of Park Ridge, Ill., has been a corporate counsel consultant at LexisNexis for four years in Chicago. She has also been working with the LexisNexis Cares program to support organizations who support veterans, and she was recently appointed to the board of directors for the Veterans Legal Support Center at John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

Joe Miklosi '92 was elected to the Colorado State House of Representatives on Tuesday, Nov. 4. He represents District 9, which encompasses southeast Denver. **Eric Post '92** of Sellersburg, Ind., was promoted to director-controller, international operations, at ResCare Inc. and will move with his family to Birmingham, United Kingdom, for up to 18 months.

Rebecca Vomastek '93 Hagerty of Traverse City, Mich., is a physician at the Grand Traverse Women's Clinic. **Mike Nowlin '93** of Hilliard, Ohio,



A Financial and Philanthropic Win-Win

A regular, life-long income stream at a very good rate through a charitable gift annuity arrangement made good philanthropic and financial sense to Helen VanLoo '54 of Kalamazoo, Mich. Helen cares deeply about Hope and the college's covenant relationship with the RCA. Helen has continued relationships with many of her former college classmates. After a fulfilling education career in eastern Michigan, Helen retired to Kalamazoo and is an active member of Second Reformed Church. Hope College would like to thank Helen VanLoo and all the 680-plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting Hope through planned gifts. For more than 30 years, planned gifts from donors such as Helen have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community. Please let us help you create your Hope legacy.



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is associate director of performance improvement with Franklin County Children Services in Columbus, Ohio. He reports that it is odd not having direct contact with clients and their families as he had for the last 12 years, but he enjoys the behind-the-scenes management and program improvement aspects of his new position.

Kathryn Markwood '93

Ochampaugh of Garden City, Kan., reports that she is a stay-at-home mom, busy with four sons and volunteer work.

David Schnaidt '93 of Granville, Ohio, was appointed to the Ohio State Auctioneers Commission by Governor Ted Strickland last November. David is vice president and co-owner of Apple Tree Auction Center. He has been a full-time auctioneer for the past 12 years.

Jeffrey Baxter '94 wrote *Following Jesus into College and Beyond*, published by Zondervan in March. He is pastor of singles and student ministries at Foothills Bible Church in Littleton, Colo., where he lives with his wife,

Laurie Klein '96 Baxter, and their three children, Lillian, Levi and Lara.

Andrew Rassi '94, who is an attorney at Siebers Mohny PLC law office in Grand Rapids, Mich., and a co-worker have been collecting business suits and other professional clothing from their peers every holiday season for the past decade through their "Santa Brings a Law Suit" program. They have the clothing cleaned and then donate it to Goodwill Industries for use in its employment training and placement programs.

Jenna Jung '95 of Chicago, Ill., is one of 19 finalists for five 2009 Kohl McCormick Early Childhood Teaching Awards, which recognize teachers of infant through third-grade children who exemplify the best practices of quality education. Jenna teaches in the "Preschool for All" program at Oriole Park Elementary School in Chicago.

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Patricia Dyer '96 Bruininks of Spokane, Wash., is associate professor of social psychology at Whitworth University. She also lectures and writes about the topic of hope.

Travis Buth '96 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a property casualty account executive with Berends Hendricks Stuit Insurance Agency Inc., a company with offices in Grandville, Holland and Byron Center.

Tim Schoonveld '96 of Zeeland, Mich., was honored as the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan "Class B Coach of the Year" last fall. He coaches the girls' basketball team at Holland Christian High School, where he is also athletic director. The team advanced to the state semifinals in 2008.

Tim Witvoet '96 of Holland, Mich., teaches seventh- and eighth-grade English at Black River Public School, where he is also the girls' varsity basketball coach.

Stephen Bovenkerk '97 completed his residency in otolaryngology/facial plastic surgery and joined a private practice in St. Joseph, Mich.

Justin Crawford '97 of Portage, Mich., was promoted from associate to principal at the law firm of Miller Canfield. He specializes in employee benefit plans and general corporate matters.

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of Rockford; **Joe Cossey '89** of Muskegon; **Josh Rumpsa '04**, **Josh DeHaan '06** and **Matt Workman '03** of Holland Christian; and **Cary Harger '94** and **Jim Smith '96** of Muskegon Oakridge. Each played football at Hope under current coach Dean Kreps and/or former coach Ray Smith. Additionally, **Pete Stuursma '93** was named the Detroit Lions "Coach of the Year" and honored at the Lions' Sunday, Dec. 21, home game; and **Cary Harger '94** was awarded a Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's "Assistant Coach of the Year Award."



Paul McKee '99 of Louisville, Ky., is one of only 20 recipients of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education from the American Academy of Family Physicians. The award recognizes doctors in the second year of their accredited family medicine residency who have demonstrated leadership, outstanding community involvement, social commitment and exemplary patient care, and who have built solid interpersonal relationships. Paul is chief resident physician in family and geriatric medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

own label, RiverBeat Music. On Sunday, Feb. 22, they performed at the Jammie Awards in Grand Rapids, Mich., where they were nominated in three categories.

Shannon Gould '98 Witvoet of Holland, Mich., teaches high school history part time at Black River Public School.

Janelle Coffey '99 of Holland, Mich., joined the Biggs/Gilmore agency as an associate account executive, handling the firm's health-care accounts. She was previously a marketing administrator at Tiara Yachts.

Mike Traver '99 completed his residency in urology at Wake Forest University last June. He is now a fellow in the department of urology at the Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle, Wash., where he is sub-specializing in laparoscopic and robotic surgery.

Kelly Zweering '99 Wierenga of Zeeland, Mich., is a registered nurse and clinical coordinator for Holland Hospital Home Health Services. She and her husband have two children, Joshua (age four) and Luke (age two).

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Gary "Todd" Cooper '00 of Carmel, Ind., is a financial advisor, WMS, with Raymond James & Associates.

Sarah Bussing '00 Vlnka of Grass Lake, Mich., recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and has two new jobs. She a research

coordinator and studying social anxiety disorder and unemployment, as well as trichotillomania disorder, for the University of Michigan School of Social Work, and also writing a manual for the Welcome Back Veterans Initiative through the department of psychiatry at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Jeffrey Howard '01 of Chicago, Ill., is the director of the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer) Programming Office at the University of Chicago.

Douglas Mulder '01 moved to Indianapolis, Ind., where he is employed by Wellpoint.

Jon Kucinski '02 of Portage, Mich., was named vice president of Fifth Third Bank Western Michigan Commercial Banking in November. He is also pursuing a master's degree in business administration at the University of Michigan.

Amanda Pomp '02 of Holland, Mich., is a member of Engedi Church's Zambia Focus Team. She and other Engedi riders bicycled in the Holland Hundred to increase awareness about the effects of unsafe drinking water and to raise money to finance the construction of wells in Zambia.

Shannon Wixson '02 of Kalamazoo, Mich., recently passed the National Certification Board examination to become a Certified Diabetes Educator. She is a diabetes nurse educator at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, and is also pursuing a master's degree in nursing.

John J. Collins III '03 of Detroit, Mich., is an associate in the Detroit office of the Dykema law firm. He focuses on general corporate and securities matters. During the summer of 2006 he interned for The Honorable Nancy Edmunds in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. Prior to attending law school, he was a full-time volunteer for Habitat for Humanity International.

Luke Rumohr '03 and **Lindsay Brown '05 Rumohr** of Cadillac, Mich., named their baby daughter after former Dean of Women (1963-68) Isla Pruim '24 Van Eenenaam (please see "New Arrivals").

Cynthia Bachhuber '04 and **Jessica Honeysett '04 Bachhuber** announce that they were married on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Madison, Wis.

Katherine Budris '04 moved from Chicago, Ill., to the East Coast, where she is an adjunct faculty member at two community colleges. She teaches upper-level composition and literature at Mercer County Community College in Princeton Junction, N.J., at the rank of assistant professor, as well as composition at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J.

Amanda Dykstra '04 of Somerville, Mass., is an editorial assistant in U.S. history at Pearson Education.



Steve Lepper '04, Phil Lepper '06 and Devin McNeil '06 are among former Hope soccer players who have recently earned success and recognition as coaches of the sport. Steve has been coaching soccer in Colorado since graduating from Hope, first as director of coaching for junior boys at Boulder Force club and now as director of coaching at St. Vrain FC (Football Club). He also coaches high school soccer -- at Skyline in 2007, where he led the team to a playoff berth, and at Niwot in 2008, where he led the 4A team to the Colorado State Playoffs. The *Longmont Times* named Steve "Coach of the Year" in 2007 and 2008. Phil and Devin helped coach the East Kentwood (Mich.) soccer team to the Michigan State Championship for the second consecutive year.

Emily Frey-Wagg '04 and Stephen Frey '05 have lived in Pittsburgh, Pa., since their marriage in 2005. Emily recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and hopes to begin teaching soon. They both continue as partners in the Pittsburgh coffee shop they started with several other Hope graduates.

Sooyeon Kim '04 of Seoul, Republic of Korea, is studying for a master's degree in mass communications at Ewha Women's University. She will graduate in 2010.

Jung Koral '04 became an international student advisor at the Michigan State University Office of International Students and Scholars in February. He previously served as senior undergraduate admissions counselor for the University of Michigan-Flint since the fall of 2007. He reports that the transition from "maize and blue" to "green and white" has no bearing on athletic loyalty.

Mark Nichols '04 moved to Knoxville, Tenn., last June to teach American history and government and coach football at Fulton High School in the Knox County Schools.

Jessica Patrick '04 of Haymarket, Va., is a history teacher at Liberty High School.

Abby Rogers '04 recently finished work on two Bollywood movies that filmed in Philadelphia, Pa.

Chris Van Pelt '04 of San Francisco, Calif., is co-founder and CTO of Dolores Labs, a company that specializes in projects using crowdsourcing techniques.

Emily Zeig '04 of Waterford, Pa., is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

T.J. Carr '05 of Marysville, Mich., will begin studies in the Doctor of Chiropractic program at Palmer

College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, in July.

Allison McCabe '05 Koster of Holland, Mich., is wildlife and exhibits coordinator at the Outdoor Discovery Center.

Allison Kurtze '06 is a second-grade teacher at Stoney Creek Elementary in Comstock Park, Mich. She has begun study for a Master in Education degree with a specialization in reading and language arts at Grand Valley State University.

Bethany Metters '06 Stob and Kyle Stob '06 moved to Chipata, Zambia, last August to be country partnership managers through Partners Worldwide. They facilitate partnerships between North Americans and Zambians to develop strategies for using business and the Gospel to transform communities.

Mike Vagle '06 opened a new Edward Jones office in Holland, Mich. The company offers financial services for individual investors.

Ashley Van Arkel '06 is teaching third grade in Hudsonville (Mich.) Public Schools.

Erica Oosting '06 Zeiders and her husband (please see "Marriages") are living in Big Rapids, Mich., while she finishes her optometry degree at the Michigan College of Optometry.

Shannon Harburn '07 Foerch of Atlanta, Ga., is in her second year of teaching second grade in the Gwinnett County Public Schools.

Jessica Hendricks '07 of Chicago, Ill., was a bridesmaid in the September wedding of Sarah Burkett '07 (please see "Marriages").

Jenn Pyle '07 of Hinsdale, Ill., is a manager of member services with Comp TIA, the leading international IT trade association. She manages more than 400 corporate accounts.

Adam Ringnald '07 of Caledonia, Mich., is a claims representative with Farmers Insurance.

William Shuman '07 of Aurora, Ill., completed teaching certification in December and is teaching sixth grade in an elementary school in Woodridge, Ill.

Maggie Hellner '08 of Harbor Springs, Mich., is a music teacher at Blackbird Elementary School.

Anna Jonkman '08, who is in the Army National Guard, graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina and was promoted to the rank of specialist. She is now attending advanced individual training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. Upon graduation, she will return to West Michigan to pursue dance choreography.

Marriages

Margaret J. Lorince '79 and James E. Quilici, Oct. 29, 2005, Woodridge, Ill.

Charlene Fisher '92 Foss and Mark G. Eggemann, Aug. 25, 2006.

Kelli DeHaan '96 and David Jonas, Nov. 22, 2008, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Sara Hewitt '97 and Mark Deen, March 1, 2008, Coral Springs, Fla.

Brooke Sherrod '97 and Matt Jaeky, Sept. 13, 2008, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Julie Morin '99 and Douglas Komejan '03, Aug. 16, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Robin Aalderink '00 and Kyle Wright, Sept. 14, 2008, Estes Park, Colo.

Michael Ladd '00 and Elizabeth Dangel, Sept. 20, 2008.

Douglas Mulder '01 and Robyn Thomas, Aug. 30, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Michael Sigmund '01 and Kemery Twining '04, Nov. 8, 2008, San Diego, Calif.

Carla Carrozziere '03 and Andy Prescott, May 31, 2008, Rochester, N.Y.

Daniel James '03 and Jennifer Mills '03, Oct. 25, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Amanda Kerkstra '03 and Michael Williams, May 16, 2008, on the shore of Lake Michigan.

Erica Miedema '04 and Joel Siltala, July 12, 2008, Pierson, Mich.

Kara Sayger '04 and Jeffrey Martindale '05, Oct. 25, 2008, Winona

Lake, Ind.

Joseph Verschuere '04 and Allison Pawlowski '06, Dec. 20, 2008, Ann Arbor, Mich.

John Boote '05 and Christine Jochim, Aug. 16, 2008, Clinton, N.Y.

Melissa Gifford '05 and Lucas Hedding, June 14, 2008, Minier, Ill.

Marcy Haik '05 and Paul Adams, Aug. 15, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Jeffrey Heydlauff '05 and Katherine Pocock, Aug. 2, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Lindsay Jane Fach '06 and Morgan Elliot Maul, Aug. 9, 2008, West Branch, Mich.

Sarah McDonald '06 and David Gebben, Aug. 1, 2008.

Stephen Murphy '06 and Jennifer Schwartz '07, Aug. 2, 2008, Jenison, Mich.

Erica Oosting '06 and Jonathan Zeiders, Aug. 2, 2008, Hudsonville, Mich.

Andrew Rose '06 and Lauren Mueller '07, Sept. 13, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Rachel Streelman '06 and Aaron Paulucci, July 18, 2008, Hudsonville, Mich.

Sarah Burkett '07 and Brandon Cortese, Sept. 20, 2008, Ada, Mich.

Global Impact...



Laura Petrasky pictured with a water filter.

Laura Petrasky Class of 2011

"Students at Hope are looking for more than a degree and seeking knowledge beyond topics related solely to our chosen career paths. We want to make a positive impact on the world.

At Hope I am not only able to study engineering in the classroom and participate in collaborative research with my professors, but also have the opportunity to put that knowledge into practice. Through an Engineers Without Borders project in Cameroon, I am helping improve an entire community's overall health by helping them find ways to access clean water.

When you're asked to support the Hope Fund this year, please do. Your gift will help ensure that Hope College remains a place where students like me can take what we learn in the classroom and put it to work for the benefit of the global community."

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Shannon Harburn '07 and Luke Foerch, July 18, 2008, Okemos, Mich.
 Rachel Keech '07 and Kevin Formsma '08, Aug. 15, 2008, Zeeland, Mich.
 Jeffrey Layman '07 and Lissa Moore '07, Dec. 27, 2008, Battle Creek, Mich.
 Adam Ringnald '07 and Megan Werley '07, Dec. 27, 2008.
 Whitney Thomas '08 and Clay Eads, Oct. 11, 2008, Nashport, Ohio.
 Erica Wilson '09 and Jeremy Simpson, Aug. 2, 2008, Holland, Mich.

New Arrivals

Margaret Hallacy '86 Gorno and Steve Gorno, Michael Joseph, Nov. 21, 2008.
 Renee Germeraad '89 Cramer and Mark Cramer, Shane Carson, Sept. 6, 2007.
 Brenda Hutson '90 Popek and Jack Popek, Alice Hutson, April 26, 2007.
 Charlene Fisher '92 Foss and Mark G. Eggemann, Wilhelm James Eggemann, Aug. 26, 2008.
 Eric Hass '92 and Kimberly Back '92 Hass, Lily Jane, Feb. 3, 2009.
 Marshall Michmerhuizen '92 and Marcelynn Van Dyke '94 Michmerhuizen, Joseph Russell, July 9, 2008.
 Esther Maksymovitch '92 Penn and Daniel R. Penn, Misha Elle, Oct. 6, 2008.
 Daniel Van Iwaarden '92 and Dorothy Van Iwaarden, Davina Johanna, Dec. 3, 2008.
 Tammy Blackburn '93 Hartman and Robert Hartman, Paislee Belle, Dec. 20, 2008.
 Jennifer Sebestl '93 Laaksonen and Wally Laaksonen, August Michael, Oct. 6, 2008.
 Mike Nowlin '93 and Carol Nowlin, Sylvie Grace, May 30, 2008.
 Raymond Touw '93 and Shannon MacLaren '93 Touw, Jenoa Grace,

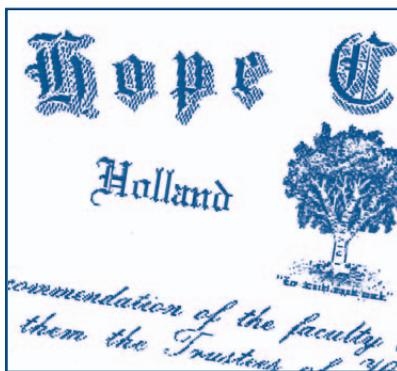
Nov. 25, 2008.
 Ali Kooistra '94 Breen and Sean Breen, Molly Elizabeth, Jan. 1, 2009.
 Marcee Miller '94 Daly and Shannon Daly, Logan David, Sept. 21, 2008.
 Jason Gibbs '95 and Mary Hoyt '98 Gibbs, Rowan Gray, Dec. 8, 2008.
 Dan Knapp '95 and Andrea Rossi '98 Knapp, Lillian Grace, Dec. 10, 2008.
 Chad Miller '95 and Vanessa Ramirez '00 Miller, Maya Jo, Jan. 13, 2009.
 Marnie Ivan '95 O'Connell and Ryan O'Connell '97, Emmy Ryan, Nov. 7, 2008.
 David Van Farowe '95 and Sarah Watkin '97 Van Farowe, Josiah David, Feb. 13, 2009.
 Jon Carpenter '96 and Becky Maitner '98 Carpenter, Emerson Anne, June 8, 2008.
 Teresa Friedrich '96 Finnern and Travis Finnern, Sonnet Dae, June 22, 2008.
 Anne Lucas '96 and Eric Palmer, Owen Emerson Lucas-Palmer, Dec. 21, 2008.
 Tim Witvoet '96 and Shannon Gould '98 Witvoet, Piper Cassidy, June 5, 2008.
 Amanda Schuld '97 Gaul and Jeff Gaul, Kallyn Faith, Feb. 24, 2008.
 Anne Colenbrander '97 Huizinga and Scott Huizinga '97, Samuel Johannes, Feb. 1, 2009.
 Donald Keller '97 and Sally Pavlik '97 Keller, Molly Lillian, June 3, 2007.
 Camie Hoeksema '97 LaPorte and Jeff LaPorte, William Jack, Aug. 21, 2008.
 Matthew Lappenga '97 and Debra Lappenga, Greta Joy, Dec. 22, 2008.
 Jennifer Strauss '97 Looman and Ryan Looman, Lukas Ryan, Sept. 13, 2008.
 Christa Wierks '97 Murphy and Robert Murphy, Shamirah Grace, Nov. 25, 2008.
 Julie Moes '97 Smith and Douglass Smith, Megan Grace, Nov. 26, 2008.
 Derek Vander Heide '97 and Rachael Goei '98 Vander Heide, Sophia Annelise, Dec. 29, 2008.
 Tara Ackerman '97 Webb and Craig Webb, Ryan James, Sept. 6, 2008.
 Jamey Harris '97 Wolbert and Christopher Wolbert, Grant Alvin, Nov. 3, 2008.
 Genanne Hays '98 LaCrosse and Mike LaCrosse, Jacob Theodore, Jan. 7, 2009.
 Laura Bonnema '98 Lappenga and Ben Lappenga '99, Amelia Josephine, Dec. 22, 2008.
 Kristin Nowak '98 Pecora and Mike Pecora, Madison Joan, Nov. 15, 2008.
 Julie Seidel '98 Schmidt and Jeff Schmidt, Alexa Claire, Jan. 7, 2009.
 Jill Hickey '98 Thorpe and Alan Thorpe '99, Ainsley Catherine, Dec. 3, 2008.
 Angela Benson '99 Donner and Daniel Donner, Elizabeth Kimberly,

Oct. 15, 2008.
 Phung Lam '99 and Lynette Lam, Peyton Allen, Dec. 2, 2008.
 Jeff Penney '99 and Autumn Penney, Jack Barrett, Oct. 30, 2008.
 Guy Risedorph '99 and Sarah Kuipers '99 Risedorph, Samuel Lincoln, Sept. 27, 2008.
 Arika Weckwert '99 Roelofs and Drew Roelofs '99, William Andrew, Oct. 20, 2008.
 Ryan Tanis '99 and Jill Harkema '00 Tanis, Graham Nathaniel, Nov. 7, 2008.
 Carrie Koop '99 Traver and Mike Traver '99, Anders Koop, June 24, 2008.
 Gary "Todd" Cooper '00 and Kristi Cooper, Alexander, March 17, 2007.
 Phillip Haan '00 and Elizabeth Jetter '04 Haan, George Wesley, Oct. 9, 2008.
 Michael Harris '00 and Erin Hubbard '03 Harris, Michael William, Nov. 14, 2008.
 Anne Jakosz '00 Henry and Jeremy Henry, Emerson Grace, Oct. 10, 2008.
 Amy Otteson '00 Speakman and Shane Speakman, Tirion Aulani, Dec. 26, 2008.
 Todd Tulgestke '00 and Katrina Gier '01 Tulgestke, Graham David, Jan. 16, 2009.
 Paul Vander Heide '00 and Amanda Nelson '01 Vander Heide, Emily Adrian, Dec. 22, 2008.
 Kerri Haveman '00 Weldon and Thomas Weldon, William Oliver, July 1, 2008.
 Kristyn Sundstedt '01 Bochiniak and Josh Bochiniak '03, Eli Bojay, July 25, 2008.
 Nicole Kuhn '01 Hatfield and Peter Hatfield, Abigail Elise, July 31, 2008.
 Jill Schaap '01 Kraker and Bradley Kraker, Ellery Jean, Feb. 22, 2009.
 Stephanie Velander '01 Peterson and Richard Peterson, Richard Micah, Dec. 7, 2008.
 Kimberly Grotenhuis '01 Petroelje and Eric Petroelje, Brooke Elyse, Dec. 9, 2008.
 Greg Piccolo '01 and Katie Lenz '01 Piccolo, Mia Rose, Aug. 24, 2008.
 Joellen DeLong '01 Shellenbarger and Andy Shellenbarger, Liam Andrew, Aug. 24, 2008.
 Rachel Bigelow '01 Steen and Dan Steen, Jillian Joyce, Nov. 24, 2008.
 Rebecca LaRoy '01 Town and Gregory Town '02, Karissa May, Jan. 19, 2009.
 Lori Schilling '01 Van Haitsma and Jared Van Haitsma '02, Aliza Louise, Jan. 3, 2007, and Nora Ann, Nov. 2, 2008.
 Lisa Doorlag '01 Worden and Gerry Worden, Hannah Elizabeth and Julia Abigail, July 25, 2008.
 Julie Hofman '02 Karsten and Dave Karsten, Charlee Kaelyn, Jan. 14, 2009.
 Tamala Habers '02 Schippers and Eric Schippers, Kyla Joy, Dec. 1, 2008.
 Pamela Alvesteffer '02 Schuitema

and Kyle Schuitema, Aiden David, Dec. 2, 2008.
 Erich Shoemaker '02 and Sara Maile '02 Shoemaker, Elizabeth Louise, June 11, 2008.
 Chris Winkler '02 and Christie Winkler, Judah Macrae, Dec. 15, 2008.
 Kristen Beelen '03 DeLange and Christopher DeLange, John Christopher, Feb. 9, 2009.
 Lisa Moores '03 Jabaay and Rich Jabaay, Brasen Allen, Oct. 18, 2008.
 Emily Selden '03 Morgan and Andrew Morgan, Alexander James, Nov. 15, 2008.
 Luke Rumohr '03 and Lindsay Brown '05 Rumohr, Isla Ann, Nov. 6, 2008.
 Laura Cheek '04 Mitchell and Daniel Mitchell, Ella Rae and Ava Paige, Aug. 25, 2008.
 Jen Troke '04 Neubert and Frederic R. Neubert, Frederic Jerome, Nov. 19, 2008.
 Amy Van Hoven '04 Wolters and Jonathon Wolters, Corbin Marc, Jan. 30, 2009.
 Megan Jager '05 Kelder and Michael Kelder, Owen Michael, Jan. 4, 2009.
 Candice Chavez '05 Siersma and Jason Siersma, Michael Jay, Feb. 21, 2009.
 Rachael Zwar '05 Swearingen and Keith Swearingen '07, Luke Adam, Dec. 16, 2008.
 Amanda Smits '06 Austhof and Bernard Austhof Jr., Bernard Lee III, Dec. 13, 2008.
 Adriana Canche '06 Higgins and Jesse Higgins '07, Isabella Grace, Nov. 13, 2008.
 Jennifer Stults '07 Dykema and Mark Dykema '07, Audrey Elizabeth, Dec. 7, 2008.

Advanced Degrees

Keith Granger '89, Master of Business Administration, University of Michigan, April 2008.
 Joel Anderle '90, Master of Theology (ThM) in Theology, Harvard Divinity School, June 2008.
 John Roehm '93, Master of Information Systems, University of Phoenix Online, January 2009.
 Jessica Parrish '97, Master of Arts in school counseling, Oakland University, 2008.
 Anthony Petkus '99, Master of Education in educational leadership, Grand Valley State University, August 2008.
 Paul Lillie '00, Juris Doctorate (J.D.), Hamline University School of Law, May 2008 and Certification in Global Arbitration, University of London-Queen Mary, London, U.K., July 2007.
 Sarah Bussing '00 Vlnka, Master of Social Work in mental health and interpersonal practice, University of Michigan School of Social Work, December 2008.



A total of 37 seniors graduated with honors in December. Please visit the college's Web site for the list.

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Betty Ann Daniels '02 Kittle, master's degree in school and community counseling (nationally certified counselor), Oakland University, August 2008.

Kevin Kittle '03, master's degree in educational leadership and administration, Saginaw Valley State University, May 2008.

Amanda Dykstra '04, M.F.A. in creative writing (fiction), Emerson College, December 2008.

Emily Frey-Wagg '04, master's degree in education (social studies major), Duquesne University, Dec. 19, 2008.

Stephen Moreau '04, Master of Education in applied kinesiology with an emphasis in sports management, University of Minnesota (Twin Cities), December 2008.

McKenna Troyan '04, master's degree in educational technology, University of Toledo, summer of 2008.

Emily Zeig '04, Master of Divinity, Columbia Seminary, 2008.

Deaths

The college is often privileged to receive additional information in celebration of the lives of members of the Hope community who have passed away. Please visit the expanded obituaries we have made available online if you wish to read more about those whose loss is noted in this issue.

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Lois '41 Glerum Alofs of Zeeland, Mich., died on Friday, March 20, 2009. She was 88.

She taught in the Zeeland Public Schools for 35 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Alofs, and a step-daughter, Susan Spierenburg.

Survivors include her step-children, Larry (Joan) Alofs, Roy (Jan) Alofs, and Peggy (Bill) Becker; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

John J. Arnold '49 of Zanesville, Ohio, died on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008. He was 80.

He was an ordained RCA pastor and a chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He later taught philosophy at Ohio University, retiring as professor emeritus.

Survivors include his wife, Rhea Van Heest '47 Arnold; three sons, John Arnold Jr., Mark (Joan) Arnold and Philip Arnold; three daughters, Deborah (Franco) Iulianelli, Martha (Steve) Heather and Mary Arnold '86 (Paul) Cornish; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Randall J. Baar '57 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008. He was 73.

He was a financial representative

with Northwestern Mutual for 45 years.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Judith Rypma '57 Baar; their children, Scott R. Baar '84, Sarah Baar '87 (Tim) VandenBerg and Ann (Robert) Feyen; and five grandchildren.

Jason A. Blout '05 of Aurora, Colo., died on Friday, Sept. 12, 2008, following a long battle with melanoma. He was 25.

Survivors include his parents, Marcus and Betsy Blout.

Jean Ruiter '43 Brondyke of Beverly, Mass., died on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008. She was 87.

She taught pre-school while raising her family.

Survivors include her son, Ronald Brondyke; her daughter, Barbara Brondyke '81 (Charles) Thomas; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

James T. Burger '43 of Simsbury, Conn., died on Friday, Dec. 5, 2008. He was 87.

He had a career in finance and estate planning, serving as vice president of marketing & sales and trust services for Hartford Bank (now Bank of America).

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Phyllis Van Duzer '44 Burger, and a son, James T. Burger Jr.

Michael J. Camburn '94 of Saint Johns, Mich., died on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008. He was 37.

He was employed at Emergent Bio-Solutions in Lansing.

Survivors include his wife, Terri Tigelaar '84 Camburn; a daughter, Zoe; and his parents, James and Eleanor Camburn.

Ralph P. Cornell '49 of Dearborn, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009. He was 82.

He retired from teaching and coaching at Edsel Ford High School.

He and his wife, Phyllis Dietrich '48 Cornell, established a scholarship at Hope.

Survivors in addition to his wife include his children, Ken (Lindsay) Cornell, Paul '75 (Deborah Maxwell '75) Cornell, Dave (Mary) Cornell and Scott (Dorothy) Cornell; eight grandchildren, including Emily Cornell '06 and Katherine Cornell '08; and two great-granddaughters.

A. Ruth Van Alsburg '31 Cotts of Jefferson City, Tenn., died on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008. She was 100.

She served as Christian education director at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Cotts '34, in 1970 and two brothers, including Donald Van Alsburg '27.

Survivors include her son, Ronald '60 (Sonja) Cotts, and her sister, Esther Van Alsburg '40 Aardsma.

Leon J. DeJongh '36 of Bradenton, Fla., died on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009. He was 94.

He was an accountant in the quality control department of General Motors Fisher Body Plant #1 in Grand Rapids, Mich., retiring in 1974 after 33 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Margaret DeJongh, on Friday, Dec. 26, 2008.

Survivors include two sons, L. Carl (Veda) DeJongh and Curt (Mary) DeJongh; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Milton Denekas '40 of Roanoke, Va., died on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008. He was 90.

He worked for Upjohn and was later a professor of chemistry at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma for 10 years. He also worked for Standard Oil (now Exxon) in Tulsa, and then transferred to Houston, Texas, to work on tertiary oil recovery and oil chemistry until he retired.

Survivors include his son Alan.

Dorothy Irene Marie Atkins '46 Dugan of Bristol, Tenn., died on Monday, Aug. 25, 2008. She was 84.

She taught for many years at Valley Pike Elementary School, Bluff City High School and East High School.

Survivors include three sons, Edward, Terry and Kevin; two sisters, including Rosanna Atkins '45 Wallace; and five grandchildren.

Jack L. Dykstra '53 of Muskegon, Mich., died on Thursday, May 1, 2008. He was 76.

He was a veteran who served in Korea in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He taught mathematics for Grand Haven High School for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Dykstra.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Marlene DeVette '56 Dykstra; two children, Douglas '80 and (Diana) Faller '78) Dykstra and Denise Dykstra '84 (Robert) Lamoureux of Seoul, Republic of Korea; two grandchildren; and five sisters, including Helen Dykstra '50 (Gerald) DeLoy.

Wesley C. Dykstra '46 of Alma, Mich., died on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008. He was 86.

He taught philosophy for several years at Muskingum College and then taught at Alma College until he retired in 1987.

He was preceded in death by his father, B.D. Dykstra, 1896; four brothers, D. Ivan Dykstra '35, Adelphos A. Dykstra '35, Anthony P. Dykstra '41 and E. David Dykstra '49.

Survivors include his brother, Vergil Dykstra '49.

Carolyn DeLeeuw '72 Essenburgh of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008. She was 58.

She had worked at Meijer and Big Dutchman and later was a substitute teacher in area schools.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Thomas Essenburgh; her children, Susan Essenburgh '96 (Drew) Berendt and Robert Essenburgh (Lindsey Fulks); two grandsons; and 12 brothers and sisters, including Warner '71 (Lynne Girod '71) DeLeeuw.

Julius Essink (Prep '33) of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 12, 2009. He was 93.

He taught school in the Overisel and East Saugatuck area for four years. Then he farmed in the Overisel area for many years.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Minnie; his children, Orval "Junior" (Marilyn) Essink, Marilyn Cranmer, Larry (Gay) Vander Bie and Rick '78 (Gayle) Vander Bie; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **June P. Fiedler '54** of New York City, who died on Monday, Aug. 18, 2008. She was 75.

During most of her career as an RN, she served at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in the Bronx (N.Y.) as a cardiovascular clinical nursing specialist.

M. Eugene Flipse Jr. '40 of Gainesville, Fla., died on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008. He was 89.

He founded the University of Miami's Student Health center in 1957 and directed it until he retired in 1994. Prior to that, he was a medical researcher in lung disease and tuberculosis, a professor at the Miller School of Medicine (University of Miami), and head of a private practice.

Survivors include his children, Lynn Flipse Lesousky, Sharon Pederson, Marja Robinson, Andra Flipse, Callie Flipse and M. Eugene Flipse III. A grandson, Michael Lesousky, will enroll at Hope in August.

Rosalind Scholten '47 Gainsborg of Ewing Township, N.J., died on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008. She was 84.

She taught school in New Jersey and then was personnel director for the American Sugar Corp. in New York City. Next she was office manager for her husband at the Trenton Bearing Company. Before her retirement, she was employed by the state of New Jersey as personnel director for the Division of Labor and Industry.

Survivors include her children, Edward R. (Laura) Gainsborg Jr. and



Joy Elspeth Smith; a sister, Elaine Scholten '45 Stephen; and three grandchildren.

Frances Price '40 Hallan of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009. She was 90.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Hallan '39.

Survivors include her children, Bobbi (Tom) Frey, Sally Laukitis and Jim (Beth) Hallan; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two siblings, including her sister, Jeanne Price '42 Prince.

Word has been received of the death of **Florence R. Hampton '40** of Hamilton, N.Y., who died on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008. She was 91.

Charles B. Hazekamp '54 of Muskegon, Mich., died on Saturday, March 7, 2009. He was 77.

He served overseas in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He owned and operated Hazekamp Meats.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Hazekamp.

Survivors include his sons, Charles Jr. (Karen) Hazekamp, David (Julie) Hazekamp, Jeffery (Gwen) Hazekamp, and Michael (Michelle) Hazekamp; 12 grandchildren, including Stephen Hazekamp '10; and one great-grandson.

Irving D. Hellenga '44 of Toccoa, Ga., died on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009. He was 86.

He was a retired physician.

Survivors include his wife, Myra Hellenga, and a brother, Wayne '49 (Janice) Hellenga.

Donald Ihrman '49 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008. He was 83.

Following teaching jobs in the Michigan cities of Muskegon, Benton Harbor and Paw Paw, he served as superintendent of the Holland Public Schools from 1964 until he retired in 1985.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Lynne VanWeelden '51 Ihrman; his children, Laurel Ihrman, David Ihrman and Claire Ihrman '84 (Tim) Vogelzang; and two grandchildren.

Priscilla G. Inkpen '69 of Boulder, Colo., died on Saturday, March 21, 2009. She was 62.

She was a minister in several congregations before moving to Boulder in 1985 to begin work in campus ministry at the University of Colorado. She was most recently associate dean of students at Naropa University.

Survivors include her partner, Paula Zoller; her daughter, Margaret Ronda (Tobias Menely); and one sister.

Patricia Kort '75 Klingenberg of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. She was 55.

She was co-owner of Major Brands Oil Co.

Survivors include her sons, Kyle (Mandy) Klingenberg and Justin Klingenberg; two granddaughters; her mother, Jean Kort; and five siblings, including Kevin Kort '78 and Debbie Kort '86 (Steve) Matson.

Cynthia Schipper '40 Knickel of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Dec. 19, 2008. She was 91.

She taught in the public and Christian school systems, and she and her late husband, William Knickel, spent several years as missionaries in the Midwest.

Survivors include her sister, Eunice Schipper '52 Vandenberg, and two brothers.

Sharon Meeuwse '63 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009. She was 67.

Survivors include five siblings.

J. David Menchhofer '49 of Ellenwood, Ga., died on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008. He was 86.

He was a retired United Church of Christ minister who served in ministry for 55 years.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Menchhofer; his sons, Earl Menchhofer, Joseph David (Kimberly) Menchhofer III and Dale Menchhofer (Martha Hunting); and five grandchildren.

Lois Koopman '44 Miller of Clyde, Ohio, died on Monday, Feb. 9, 2009. She was 85.

She taught at Clyde-Green Springs Schools for 20 years, retiring in 1983.

Survivors include four children, Mary Kay (Dennis) Blair, Diane (Craig) Husch, Bruce Miller and Cheryl Miller; and two grandchildren.

Lester I. Nienhuis '45 of Tulsa, Okla., died on Monday, Feb. 2, 2009. He was 87.

During the Korean War, he served as a M.A.S.H. unit chief of surgery. He also served in the Army Medical Corps as a captain until 1954.

In 1954 he moved to Tulsa to establish a medical practice and later became a founder of Surgical Associates.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Evelyn Rayzor Nienhuis; his children, James I. Nienhuis, Gay (John) Greer and Lisa (Jack) Allan; and six grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Dawn Downey '69 Ohlsen** of Richton Park, Ill., who died on Friday, Oct. 28, 2005.

She was a teacher for 25 years. Survivors include her husband, Rand Ohlsen, and her mother, Trudie Downey.

Torsten Reuterdaahl '40 of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. He was 91.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He worked for various automotive parts manufacturing companies.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve Reuterdaahl.

Survivors include his daughter, Sandra (Wallace) Morey; his sons, Kenneth Reuterdaahl Sr., Lars Reuterdaahl and Quinn Reuterdaahl; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Raymond Henry Rigterink '38 of Midland, Mich., died on Monday, Feb. 23, 2009. He was 92.

He worked for Dow Chemical Co. as a research chemist.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Merle Rigterink '33.

Survivors include his wife, Leta Rigterink; a son, Randy Rigterink; daughters, Karyn (Gene) Boyd and Paula (Larry) Teter; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two siblings, including Hulda Rigterink '41 (Irv '43) Folkert.

Nathan J. Roelofs '42 of Muskegon, Mich., died on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008. He was 87.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and the Korean conflict. He retired after teaching mathematics at Muskegon High School for 40 years.

Survivors include his children, Nathelee Roelofs '70 (James) Bowman, Nancy Bloomquist, Scott (Gayle) Roelofs, Steven Roelofs and Jeffrey Roelofs '86; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Gwendolyn Schow Rule '94 of Wilson, Wyo., died on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008. She was 77.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Ronald Rule; their three children, LeeAnn (Lannie) Ziemann, Bradley Rule and Brian Rule; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Paul Schieringa '57 of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Feb. 27, 2009. He was 74.

He had several careers, some of which included accountant, professional actor and singer.

Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Patti; children, Paul (Barb) Knoll, Rochelle Knoll and David H. Knoll; and three grandchildren.

Douglas E. Schlaff '95 of Manistee, Mich., died on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008. He was 35.

He was a high school guidance counselor at Manistee Area Public Schools from 1996 to 2008.

Survivors include his wife, Polly Schlaff; his parents, Raymond and

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Claire Schlaff; his three sons, Grant, Drew and Benjamin; and his brother, Paul '93 (Regina) Schlaff.

Walter A. Scholten '50 of Beloit, Wis., died on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009. He was 81.

He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army in the occupation in Italy.

He was employed with the Beloit Clinic as a board certified obstetrician and gynecologist, retiring in 1995.

Survivors include his children, Beth (Joseph) Woodruff, Timothy (Lisa) Scholten, Paul (Lorraine) Scholten and Jamie (Heidi) Scholten; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and three siblings, including Frances Scholten '52 Rinkus and Constance Scholten '45 (Laverne) Bawinkel.

Roland J. Schut '60 of Carmel, Calif., died on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008. He was 70.

He retired from teaching in 1981.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Roger Schut '60.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Schut; his daughters, Aimee (Kamal) Abu-Shamsieh and Allyson Schut (Murat Ozgur); four grandchildren; and three siblings, including Robert Schut '54.

Doris VanLente '41 Slager of Spring Lake, Mich., died on Friday, Feb. 27, 2009. She was 88.

She was a teacher and also operated Millpoint Plaza and the Front Porch Ice Cream Parlor with her husband from 1972 until 1986.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harold VanLente '44.

Survivors include her children, Jane Slager, Ellen (James Rose) Slager, Ann Slager '75 (Michael '75) Kincheloe, James Slager '69 and Joel '72 (Barbara) Slager; nine grandchildren, including Jenny Slager '06 (Jonathan) Emlet; three great-grandchildren; and two siblings, including Elizabeth VanLente '47 Curti.

John E. Smallegan '51 of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Dec. 19, 2008. He was 80.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

His was a broker for DeBruyn Produce Company. He also owned the Old Schoolhouse Restaurant in Borculo, Mich.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Evelyn Van Dam '50 Smallegan; his children, Barbara Smallegan '69 Huizenga, Edward (Cheryl), Jack (Lisa), Donald and Elizabeth Smallegan '85 (Jeff) Ebihara; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Charlotte Stolberg '52 of Muskegon, Mich., died on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007. She was 79.

She had been employed as a medical records clerk at Mercy Hospital for 30 years.

Survivors include four siblings.

Anna Carrigan '29 Taylor of Greenfield, Mass., died on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009. She was 101.

She was first a teacher and then a school librarian and media specialist.

Survivors include her children, J. Lewis (Barbara) Taylor and Anne (Phill) Babcock; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Todd A. Taylor '90 of Colorado Springs, Colo., died on Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008. He was 47.

He enjoyed working with the developmentally disabled.

Survivors include his father, Bill, and his brothers, Drake and Clay.

Harris B. (Tim) Timmer '50 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009. He was 83.

He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, serving as a staff sergeant in the 69th Infantry Division.

He was a science teacher and athletics director in the Grand Rapids Public Schools for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his brother, John Norman Timmer '38.

Survivors included his wife, Hazel Timmer; his children, Mary Ann Timmer, Joan (Art) Azevedo and Jane Timmer '82; two grandsons; his sister, Mildred Timmer '43 Van Oostenburg; and in-laws, including Barbara Dee Folemsbee '43 Timmer.

Sharon Tucker '71 of San Francisco, Calif., died on Friday, March 13, 2009. She was 59.

She was founder and principal of Tucker-Elie Communications. Prior to that she had worked at Bank of America, leaving as senior vice president in 2000.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harold T. Tucker.

Survivors include her mother, Barbara Elie Decker.

Donald W. VanderJagt '59 of Jenison, Mich., died on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. He was 71.

He retired as professor emeritus from Grand Valley State University, where he taught for 42 years. He also taught at Central College in Iowa for two years.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Sonnega VanderJagt; his children, Nancy (Doug) MacDonald, Susan (John) Fullington, Rebecca (Eric) Slotegraaf, and Doug (Dorothy) VanderJagt; and eight grandchildren.

Harold E. Van Dyke '45 of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Feb. 6, 2009. He was 85.

He was a veteran who served in World War II and the Korean War.

Survivors include his two children, David A. '84 (Nancy DePree '78) Van Dyke and Kimberly (Steve) Morris; two grandchildren; his sisters, Barbara Van Dyke '49 Vande Waa, Erma Van Dyke '57 (Thomas '55) Keizer and Judy Van Dyke '60 (Roland '60) Van Ess.

Robert J. Wagner '54 of Redlands, Calif., died on Monday, Oct. 20, 2008. He was 78.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict in the early 1950s.

He began the physical therapy department at Redlands Community Hospital in the late 1950s. He later worked in real estate and development, primarily in Redlands.

Survivors include his former wife, Muriel Wagner; his children, Jann Provonsha and Christopher R. Wagner; and 13 grandchildren.

Derwin "Dick" Walvoord '36 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008. He was 94.

He was a teacher in the Muskegon Public Schools for 38 years, retiring in 1977.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Jean Walvoord; his children, Douglas '64 (Kay) Walvoord, Charles '67 (Sandra) Walvoord and Barbara Walvoord '70 (Keith '71) Van Tubergen; 11 grandchildren, including Derek Walvoord '98 (Cynthia Hillman) and Jennifer Walvoord '02 (Andrew Le); and eight great-grandchildren.

Vangie Gibson '81 (Norton) Williams of Congress, Ariz., died on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008. She was 70.

Survivors include her husband, Dwight Williams, and her children, Gary Norton and Diane Spencer.

Sympathy to

The family of **William G. Bylsma** of Holland, Mich., who died on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009. He was 99.

After 49 years of service at Steelcase, he retired as superintendent of tooling.

Survivors include his son, Gary '60 (Judy) Bylsma; grandchildren, Dan '84 (Janice) Bylsma, Tom '86 (Susan Beswick '86) Bylsma and Betsy Bylsma '91 (Russell) Kopp; and eight great-grandchildren.

To the family of **Philip G. Crook** of Westbrook, Maine, who died on Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

He was a professor of biology at Hope, teaching from 1955 until 1968.

Survivors include a niece, Candice Walters.

To the family of **Mary Angalutis Dean** of Holland, Mich., who died on

Wednesday, March 25, 2009. She was 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert P. Dean in 2003, and a daughter, Martha Lotano in 1999.

Her daughter, Eva Dean '83 (Calvin '81) Folkert, is assistant professor of kinesiology at Hope, as well as director of athletics for women and coach of women's golf.

Additional survivors include her other children, Patricia (Salvatore) Page, Judi Dean Sloan, Denise Larrabee, and Robert C. Dean; a son-in-law, Paul Lotano; and six grandchildren, including Peter Folkert '10 and Matthew Folkert '13.

To the family of **Dr. Jeanne McKee Jacobson**, who died on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009. She was 77.

She was the widow of Dr. John H. Jacobson (1933-2005), who was the president of Hope from 1987 to 1999. Her career in education culminated with her retirement from Hope as adjunct professor emerita of education in 1999. She remained a senior research fellow with the college's A.C. Van Raalte Institute.

The Hope Board of Trustees established an endowed chair in honor of the Jacobsons in recognition of their retirement.

She was preceded in death by a son, James George Jacobson '95.

Survivors include three children, John E. Jacobson, Jean Pokrzywka and Jennie Jacobson, and eight grandchildren.

To the family of **Esther Molenaar** of Holland, Mich., who died on Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

She worked at Hope as manager of the department of advancement services from 1980 to 1993.

Survivors include her husband, Harold E. Molenaar '56; their children, Daniel '81 (Susan Kuipers '81) Molenaar and William (Astrida) Molenaar; and four grandchildren, including Ellen Molenaar '09.

The family of **Joan E. Mueller** of Ferryville, Wis., who died on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008. She was 79.

She was an English professor who taught at Hope from 1960 to 1977. Her specialty was Renaissance literature.

To the family of **Brooks Wheeler** of Holland, Mich., who died on Friday, Dec. 26, 2008. He was 66.

He taught classics at Hope from 1968 until 1977, when he began a career with the Internal Revenue Service as office manager, district director, systems analyst and trainer, retiring in November 2008.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Wheeler, who also taught classics at Hope from 1968 to 1977, and his sister, Shirley (Carl "Pete") Peterson.



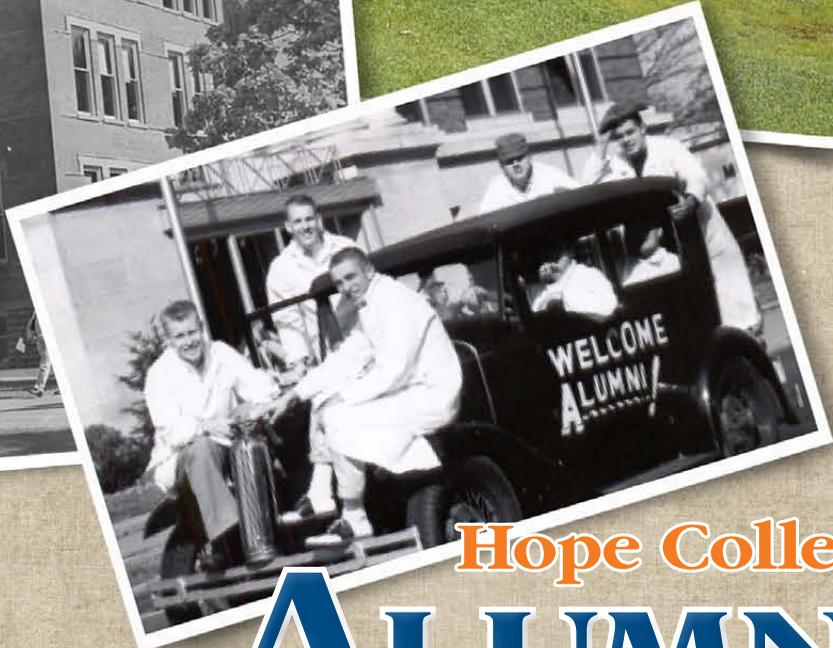
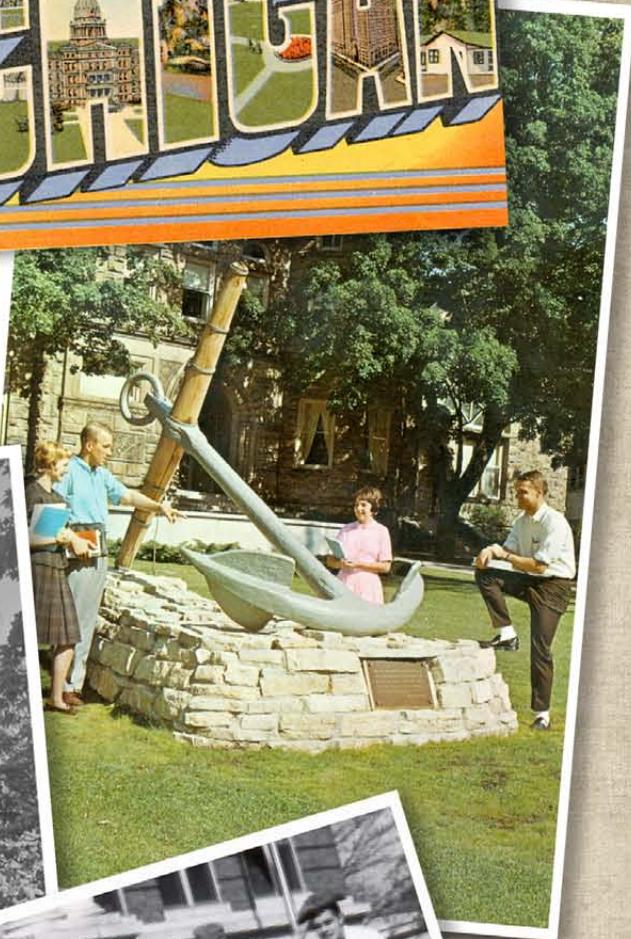


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