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**On the Cover**

Each year Hope hosts multiple dance concerts, the largest of which involves the entire department and features students performing works choreographed by members of the faculty and visiting artists. Pictured in the cover photo by Erik Alberg '90 is "ephemeral episodes" by visiting artist Anne-Rene Petrarca during Dance 35. The dancers include Kristen Bollinger, Chelsea Harkelroad, Katy Horton, Jeanne Oxendine, Betsy Schaefer and Katelin Takemua.

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"Quote, unquote"

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



To help wrap up the school year's issue-by-issue overview of the college's academic divisions, *News from Hope College* asked Provost Dr. James Boelkins '66 to reflect on academics as a whole and the emphasis on learning in a larger, holistic sense that distinguishes the Hope experience. The year's previous issues are available online at www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc or through the

Office of Public and Community Relations.

For the last few years we've been using the metaphor of *growing world citizens and world Christians in the soil of Hope*. Beginning with the August 2008 issue of *News from Hope College*, we have had the opportunity to read about and better understand the richness of the soil of Hope.

Through the issues we can see how the soil has been enriched through active learning opportunities, the social sciences, the humanities, the natural and applied sciences, and, now, the arts. Each issue provides stories of students and faculty and how they both contribute to and thrive in the soil of Hope. Each story brings to life our mission to educate students for lives of leadership and service in a global society through academic and co-curricular programs of recognized excellence in the liberal arts and in the context of the historic Christian faith.

Recently, my colleague Dr. Jeff Tyler '82, professor of religion, shared reflections on our name and ethos that make Hope what it is today — a place that gives a vision for vocation and hope for the future. With his permission and minor editing, I am sharing the following reasons that make for a rich soil and a vibrant and enduring Hope College.

- We believe in the talent, passion, and potential of our **students**, who inspire us with their commitment and ability, intelligence and industry. Working with our students gives us hope for the present and the future.
- We believe in the excellence of our **academic program**. For nearly 150 years, Hope has offered an outstanding liberal arts education. The faculty is devoted to developing the reading, writing, speaking and critical-thinking skills which will enable Hope graduates to succeed in any field and adapt to a changing economy.
- We believe in our **faculty**, teachers-scholars who are experts in their fields. We hire faculty who are passionate about students, teaching, scholarship and our mission--men and women who collaborate with students on research, creative performance and service-learning projects.
- We believe in the value of our **co-curricular programs**. Our ever-changing society and economy demand that students have a number of essential experiences beyond the classroom to learn about other cultures, leadership and service.
- We believe in the competence of our **administration and staff**. People at every level of Hope College are committed to serving students well, stewarding resources, and providing a safe and vibrant environment.
- We believe in our **distinctive approach to learning and scholarship** which brings rigorous education together with the exploration of belief and values. At Hope the historic Christian faith shapes and informs our quest for learning, living and serving. All students leave Hope only after reflecting on their essential life and world views.

I hope that as you read these issues of *News from Hope College* you've seen these six characteristics in action; these are the reasons we believe passionately in Hope. Yes, Hope College is the whole package—learning, faith and life. Yes, Hope College offers a rich soil that produces world citizens and world Christians who bring hope to the world! 🙌



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

July Term—June 29-July 24

Summer Seminars—July 27-31

Fall Semester

Aug. 28, Friday—Residence halls open for new students, 10 a.m.

Aug. 28-31, Friday-Monday—New Student Orientation

Aug. 30, Sunday—Residence halls open for returning students, noon

Aug. 30, Sunday—Convocation for new students and parents, 2 p.m.

Sept. 1, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.

Sept. 7, Monday—Labor Day, classes in session

Oct. 6-7, Tuesday-Wednesday—Critical Issues Symposium

Oct. 10, Saturday—Homecoming

Oct. 16, Friday—Fall Recess begins, 6 p.m.

Oct. 21, Wednesday—Fall Recess ends, 8 a.m.

Nov. 6-8, Friday-Sunday—Parents' Weekend

Nov. 26, Thursday—Thanksgiving Recess begins, 8 a.m.

Nov. 30, Monday—Thanksgiving Recess ends, 8 a.m.

Dec. 11, Friday—Last day of classes

Dec. 14-18, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations

Dec. 18, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.



DANCE

Cecchetti International Ballet

School Concerts—Saturday, July 25

Knickerbocker Theatre, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Admission is free.

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.

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.



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 Abridgd*, *Little Women (the musical)*, *Dogpark: The Musical* and two children's shows, *Click, Clack, Moo* and *Charlotte's Web*.

More information can be found online at www.hope.edu/hsrt. Tickets are available at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse or by calling (616) 395-7890.

TICKET SALES

For events with advance ticket sales, the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.



ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing—Monday, June 15

At the Macatawa Legends Golf Club.

Fraternity Reunions

Knickerbocker 100-Year

—Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20

Fraternal Society 175-Year

—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-10

Please see the story on page 22 for more information about both reunions.

Homecoming Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-11

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '89 through '04.

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.

Parents' Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8

Winter Happening—Saturday, Jan. 23

Includes multiple seminars and home winter sports action.

Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 7-9.

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '45 through '85.

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/.

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.

TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Opening Convocation—Sunday, Aug. 30

Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.



Pull Tug-of-War—Saturday, Oct. 3

Critical Issues Symposium—Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 6-7

Topic: "At Water's Edge: Complacency, Thirst, Action"

Nykerk Cup Competition—Saturday, Nov. 7

Christmas Vespers—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6

Dimnent Memorial Chapel
Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative

Performance—Friday, April 9
DeVos Fieldhouse

Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 29, 7 p.m.

Dimnent Memorial Chapel



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) 395-7070 concerning the other sports camps.



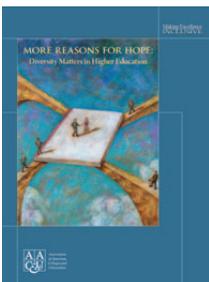


OUTSTANDING PROF: Dr. John Krupczak of the engineering faculty was presented the 45th “Hope Outstanding Professor Educator” (H.O.P.E.) Award by the graduating Class of 2009 during Commencement on Sunday, May 3.

The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

Dr. Krupczak has been a member of the faculty since 1994 and has been actively involved in enhancing technological literacy among non-science students throughout his time at the college. He developed and teaches “Science and Technology of Everyday Life,” in which more than 1,500 non-engineering students have enrolled since it debuted in 1995.

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EXEMPLARY DIVERSITY PROGRAM:

The Phelps Scholars Program has been recognized by the Association of American Colleges and Universities as an exemplary diversity program in higher education.

Hope is one of 32 institutions featured in the AAC&U publication *More Reasons for Hope: Diversity Matters in Higher Education*.

The Phelps Scholars Program—an academic/residential program for students interested in race and culture—is celebrating its 10th anniversary. *More Reasons for Hope* features the program for its ability to create a holistic educational experience through collaboration between student affairs and academic affairs.

A feature about the Phelps Scholars Program is on pages 18-19.

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JAPANESE BOOKS: Hope is one of a select number of institutions in the United States chosen by the Nippon Foundation of Tokyo, Japan, to receive a collection of books intended to serve as useful guides for those who want to understand present-day Japan.

Through the program, “100 Books for Understanding Contemporary Japan,” the foundation is providing English-language books that consider Japan from the perspective of topics including foreign policy, business and management, society and culture, films and animation, classic and contemporary literature, and history. The foundation is making the collections available to a total of 300 selected key libraries, universities and other institutions in the U.S., planning to expand the initiative to other nations and regions in future years.

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GOLDWATER HONORS: Four Hope science students have received national recognition from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Seniors Mark Lunderberg of Grandville, Mich., and Blair Williams of Fenton, Mich., each received Goldwater Scholarships for



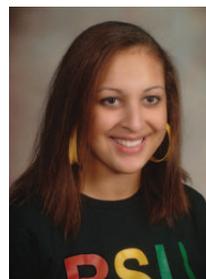
2009-10, out of only 278 awarded nationwide. Seniors Joel Blok of Schoolcraft, Mich., and Paul Frybarger of Muskegon, Mich., each received honorable mention, out of only 175 students to be accorded the recognition. (Pictured left-to-right are Williams, Lunderberg, Frybarger and Blok, with Dr. Moses Lee, dean for the natural and applied sciences and professor of chemistry, at center.)

The scholarships—up to \$7,500 per year for one or two years, depending on the recipient’s year in school—were awarded to undergraduate sophomores and juniors. The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,097 mathematics, science and engineering students nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

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PSYCHOLOGY AWARDS: Hope students have earned three national and regional awards for excellence in research from Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

Krista Mehari '09 Grand Rapids, Mich., is receiving one of only four undergraduate research awards being presented nationwide by Psi Chi during the national convention of the American Psychological Association in Toronto, Canada, in August. Nova Hinman '09 of Portage, Mich., and Ross Knoll '09 of Grand Haven, Mich., each received Regional Research Awards during the April 30-May 2 annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago, Ill.



Several Hope students have received national Psi Chi recognition for research through the years, most recently in 2006, and this was the 10th consecutive year that Hope students won regional awards. Hinman, Knoll and Mehari all received regional recognition in 2008.

Mehari is pictured above. Hinman and Knoll were featured on the cover of the October issue of *News from Hope College* with Dr. Charlotte vanOyen Witvliet, associate professor of psychology.

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NOAA SCHOLAR: Junior Megan Haserodt of North Olmsted, Ohio, has received a highly competitive, two-year Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

NOAA presented the awards to approximately 100 undergraduates to further academic studies related to NOAA science, research, technology, policy, management and education activities. Haserodt is double-majoring in geology and chemistry with a minor in environmental science, and as a career is interested in hydrogeology or some sort of water quality work.

The awards total up to \$29,050, and include academic assistance for full-time study during the recipients’ junior and senior years and a paid, 10-week internship position during the summer of 2010 at a NOAA facility.

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COMPUTER SERVICE: Dr. Herbert Dershem, who played a leadership role in developing the department of computer science, is being recognized through a lasting tribute with a fitting focus: a student research fund in his name.

Alumni and faculty colleagues announced the “Herb Dershem Summer Research Fund” on Saturday, April 18, during a reception scheduled in celebration of the department’s 35-year anniversary. Once fully endowed, the fund will provide support for a student to conduct research full-time during the summers, joining students who are supported through other external and internal sources.

Dr. Dershem (pictured with colleagues Dr. Ryan McFall '93 and Dr. Mike Jipping) is a professor of computer science and director of institutional research. He has taught at Hope since 1969.

Fundraising is ongoing. Those interested in providing support may obtain additional information by contacting the office of college advancement at (616) 395-7775.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc



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 “Spring Fling,” the student celebration-picnic (and shopping cart race) marking the conclusion of spring semester classes with a Friday-afternoon respite before the following week’s final exams.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/gallery





Arts Alive: Shaping the Future

Midway through the spring semester, the arts schedule shows more than a thousand words could ever say.

The De Pree Art Center is showing "The Printed Image," curated by students working with Dr. Anne Heath and exhibiting materials collected by the late Dr. Richard Wunder and made available to the college by Dr. Maurice Kawashima. The Knickerbocker Theatre is hosting the department of dance's major annual concert, Dance 35. In Dimnent Memorial Chapel, the Orchestra and Symphonette are performing. And in the DeWitt Center, theatre is staging *Big Love*, a modern take on Aeschylus's *The Danaids*.

All on the same day.

Throughout the school year, there are seldom more than a few days when there isn't at least one arts event taking place at the college. The volume works because the arts are not only at Hope, but *of* Hope. Yes, the events involve a core group of students who are majoring in the arts, but that nucleus is complemented by hundreds of others college-wide for whom participation is a serious avocation even as they study with other careers in mind.

Crucially, Hope presents students with the opportunity because creating and enjoying art matters.

"I think that the arts are really important to society," said Dr. William Reynolds, dean for the arts and humanities and professor of English. "Celebrating the creative process through art, dance, music and theatre is essential to the richness and fullness of every human spirit."

"They play an essential role in a liberal arts college, and we're very fortunate to have four arts departments and a creative writing section of the English department that operate at such a high level—and at such a high level that we forget that it is a high level compared to other institutions," he said.



Throughout the college's arts programs, students work—sometimes with faculty collaborators, sometimes independently—to bring their vision from concept to reality. Here, juniors Gabriel Rubio of Holland, Mich., and Quinn McIlhargy of Grand Rapids, Mich., examine student ceramics in the kiln in the De Pree Art Center.



Larry Figueroa '11
Holland, Mich.
Music

"Spending time with the music faculty has been one of the most astounding experiences of my life. The music faculty at Hope, apart from possessing complete mastery over their art, are exceptional instructors of the instrument or discipline. Spending time with them is like standing underneath a waterfall of knowledge and passion. They've all taken the time to help me make steps toward my personal musical growth."

Karie Luidens '09
Altamont, N.Y.
Art

"Before my studies at Hope, art, to me, was just about developing the technical skill to produce an appealing image. Over the past few years that's changed. I've come to approach my own artistic endeavors deliberately, conscious of both my historical context and my own identity."



Among other signs of distinction:

- Hope is the only private, four-year liberal arts college in the United States with national accreditation in art, dance, music and theatre.

- Members of the art faculty regularly have work featured in juried exhibitions as well as solo exhibitions and included in permanent collections; and last summer, students Nik Burkhart '09 and Emilie Puttrich '09 were among only a handful of artists chosen to have work featured in an international exhibition in Berlin on the basis of their participation in the New York Center for Art & Media Studies semester.

- In 2008, senior Michael Kafka '08 had an original work selected for performance during the Gala Concert of the regional American College Dance Festival Association; emerita professor Maxine DeBruyn is president of the National Dance Education Organization; and Hope has the only K-12 dance major and minor certification from Michigan's Department of Education.

- Nine Hope student poets have been chosen from among writers nationwide to be included in the forthcoming anthology *25 Under 25* edited by Naomi Shihab Nye; the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series is acclaimed nationwide; and creative writing students learn from faculty who are highly regarded authors and scholars, like Dr. Heather Sellers, past winner of a National Endowment for the Arts grant.

- The Symphonette was one of only four orchestras invited to perform during the 2007 National Conference of the American String Teachers Association; voice students regularly win awards during the state and regional National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions—with multiple first-place awards this year; and violinist Alexandru Hamzea '09 won First Prize in the Senior Division in the 2008

Matt Oosterhouse '09
Holland, Mich.
Creative Writing

"I have found the workshops to be very helpful and I feel that the discussion with fellow students in workshops is stimulating in both helping me develop new ways of thinking about my writing pieces and clarifying what the common reader might think in regard to a particular piece. Equally as helpful and a core strength of the writing program are my professors' reflections and the responses that they have made on my pieces."



Michigan Solo Competition sponsored by the Michigan String Teachers Association.

- Theatre's original production of *Rose and the Rime* was one of only three full-length college- or university-staged plays invited to be presented during the 2008 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Washington, D.C.; and Hope Summer Repertory Theatre is so highly regarded that it draws theatre professionals and student interns from throughout the U.S.

Accolades reflect that the college's arts programs not only compare favorably but lead on a larger stage, but they're not really the goal toward which the programs are working. They are, instead, reflections of the way that Hope faculty in the arts pursue the deeper purpose of transforming students' lives.

"Lives of Leadership and Service"

Students in the arts may serve in a direct way—for example, the student-run Strike Time Dance Company visits schools throughout the

state, and some music students teach lessons *gratis* simply to help area children—but the programs work with the idea that learning about and doing art teaches lessons that prepare students to make a difference in the world.

"Theatre itself is in many ways a service. It is here to serve its audience, to give something to its audience," said Dr. Daina Robins, professor of theatre and chairperson of the department. "A part of theatre's service to its community is that it can raise questions that are worthy of the community's attention and give those questions a form."

"Contributing, investing in something bigger than yourself can, I think, lead students to a better understanding of service in many areas in their lives," she said.

Students in the arts conduct research with faculty mentors. They engage in original projects of their own as well—Amy Weber '09, for example, curated the exhibition "The Tangible Intangibles: Lyman Jellema and the Face, Figure and Form," and students in all of the departments have a chance to create and present their own work.

"They really start from scratch," said Linda Graham, professor of dance and chairperson of the department, of the department's students, who present multiple concerts of student-choreographed work each year. "We start with a blank canvas and we put into that empty room, empty space, human bodies, and then we interpret that space."

"We create truly independent, risk-taking, creative thinkers," she said. "We foster the development of imagination, the ability to think both knowledgeably and instinctively at the same time."

The way the work is done also teaches lessons. Students in the writing program, for example, critique each other's work in a spirit of collaboration rather than competition.

"I think there are a lot of good life lessons to be learned in the workshop, apart from what you might learn about your story or your poem," said Carla Vissers '88, who coordinates the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series and is an adjunct assistant professor of English. "If you're open to it, you can learn a lot about being a generous spirit, about being a good listener, about humility, and about kindness and gentleness, and above all about honesty, because the workshop only works when people are being honest."

"In a Global Society"

All of the arts programs are deliberate in reflecting the diversity of human experience through their activities on campus and in encouraging students to look beyond campus to enhance their understanding of the world and, ultimately, to enhance themselves as artists as well as members of the global community.

Students can pursue internships in any of the arts through programs in Chicago, Ill.; New York City; and Philadelphia, Pa. Students have studied art history in France, dance in France and Mexico, music in England and France, and theatre in England and Ireland—and the list goes on.

"The dance world is global," Professor Graham said. "If you don't think in those terms, if you don't operate in those terms and function well, you're going to have problems."

Accordingly, no less emphasis is placed on bringing the nation and the world to Hope. The department of dance, for example, regularly brings guest faculty and artists to campus, like Hiroko Maeda and Dancers of Japan this fall. In addition to taking advantage of the range of programs offered by the Great Performance Series, like the Cuban Chuchito Valdes Quartet, the department of

Amy Weber '09
Hoffman Estates, Ill.
Art History

"I found all of the opportunities that I have been afforded by the department of art as noteworthy, such as curating the Lyman Jellema show. Students are able to walk away from the department with experience already in the field in which they would like to work."



music schedules guests artists representing a range of traditions—including from Ireland, Japan and Trinidad this past year.

"The music students get to intersect and interact a great deal with other cultures through the common language of music," said Dr. Brian Coyle, professor of music and chairperson of the department.

In the same way, the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series presents a diversity of voices across each program year, and the department of art emphasizes a range of traditions in the exhibitions in the gallery. Recent shows have highlighted political unrest in the Congo, Native American regalia, and the industrialization of China.

"Every one of our exhibitions fits into a package that looks at the broad spectrum of human experience," said Professor Steven Nelson, associate professor of art and chairperson of the department. "We look at the whole structure of the gallery program as a way to challenge our students with global issues."

"Historic Christian Faith"

In some cases, the arts' linkage to the college's faith tradition is expressed directly. It's made manifest through events like the long-running Christmas Vespers, presented by the department of music, and through organizations like the student-run Sacred Dance group, which participates in the college's Chapel services.

More deeply, however, the connection is made through the issues that the faculty and students in the arts explore, and how they explore them.

"All theatre is spiritual in that it's basically examining what it is to be alive—what it means to be in relationship to other people," Dr. Robins said. "It explores the meaning of life and beyond as humans seek answers."

"When a student makes a decision to be an artist, they can choose the direction that they want to take, and if they have social issues or issues of faith that they want to address, they can approach them through their art," Professor Nelson said.

"I really admire students who are willing in their writing to grapple honestly with their questions, maybe even their doubts, about their faith and spirituality, and who they are and who they want to become," Professor Vissers said.

The explorations can happen because faith is part of the institutional mix. Discussions regarding faith aren't discouraged, they aren't even merely tolerated. They're encouraged, and even expected.

"We can approach pieces from many perspectives—technical, spiritual, human. Often times at many places one of those is left out for whatever reason," Dr. Coyle said. "We can talk about the spiritual. We can talk about the technical. We can talk about the human. I think that's what's really special about this place." 🎨



Laura Van Tassell '09
Spencer, Iowa
Theatre

"I found the acting classes that I took to be interesting and beneficial to my acting career. That acting career was short lived in college, though, because the theatre department also, and more importantly, opened my eyes to the other areas of theatre production that exist."



Sarah Williams '09
Indianapolis, Ind.
Dance

"The dance department offers so many incredible opportunities to its students. At any given time, there are performance opportunities from clubs, companies, the semi-annual Student Choreographed Dance Concerts, and the Faculty Dance Concert. With all of their dual-major programs, they make it possible to pursue interests outside of dance; for example, I'm graduating in four years with two majors and two minors having studied abroad."





Signature Ensembles Exemplify Hope

By Greg Chandler

Generations of Hope students have shared their musical talents with audiences around the world through their participation in the Chapel Choir and Symphonette.

Chapel Choir and Symphonette are the college's two touring ensembles, each with its own rich history and its own unique story



Tradition and present come together each Homecoming as Chapel Choir alumni perform during the weekend's Sunday worship service. Brad Richmond works with the group in 2006.

of providing Hope students, music majors as well as those from other academic disciplines, opportunities to share their love of music – whether it's part of the annual Christmas Vespers at Dimnent Memorial Chapel, or an overseas tour, such as one the Chapel Choir recently completed to South Africa.

The Chapel Choir tour, which ran May 9-19, provided the choir with an opportunity to sing in a variety of venues – ranging from performing at Stellenbosch University in Johannesburg, one of South Africa's top universities, to singing informally for children dealing with AIDS at a small clinic.

"It's like no tour that any ensemble, or any group from Hope, has ever done," said Dr. Brad Richmond, professor of music and director of choral activities at Hope, who has directed Chapel Choir for the past 11 years. "We have, of course, groups that have gone on mission trips ... but to integrate the kind of things we're doing into a choir concert tour is really terrific."

The South Africa tour marked the Chapel Choir's first tour to Africa. The choir has toured Europe seven times, most recently in 2005, and has also toured extensively in the United States and Canada.

Richard Piippo, director of orchestral activities and associate professor of cello/chamber music at Hope, knows well the value of having students go on tours. He took the Symphonette on its last international tour in 2007, visiting Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic, and earlier this year took the group on a spring break tour, performing at venues in Illinois and Wisconsin.



As directors of the Chapel Choir and Symphonette respectively, Brad Richmond and Richard Piippo shepherd ensembles with a rich history at the college.

"I'm always amazed at the audience response and the kind of audiences we get," Professor Piippo said. "We don't charge anything, and yet we have large crowds. To me, that is amazing."

Professor Piippo, who joined the Hope faculty in 1999, recalled one story from the Symphonette's 2007 tour that struck an

While music majors at Hope make up the majority of members of both Chapel Choir and Symphonette, it is by no means a requirement to be part of the ensembles. In fact, both directors agree that having students from other academic backgrounds adds to the intellectual depth of the ensembles.

emotional chord for him and members of the ensemble, when they performed at a rest home in Germany.

"We played for them, and I must tell you, there were tears in the audience, and it had a powerful impact on the students," said Professor Piippo, who has been an adjunct cellist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. "That's a very important connection for me."

"To them, they knew about music, they wanted us to talk, they wanted me to talk about pieces, so they could understand what we were playing," Professor Piippo added.

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"Chapel Choir reflects the liberal arts ethos of Hope, as well as anything at Hope," Dr. Richmond said. "It is comprised of music majors, as well as chemists, philosophers, religious studies majors, historians and everything (else) under the sun."

Dr. Richmond adds that opening up Chapel Choir to students who don't major in music provides opportunities for music majors to

connect with other students from around campus.

"Socially, it opens it up, but I also think there are different kinds of intelligence that can contribute to the musical arts, and I think it's to our advantage to have different-thinking people and styles of minds in a group like Chapel Choir," he said.

When Professor Piippo talks to potential students about coming to Hope, he not only highlights the opportunities in the music program, but also the ability to balance that with other academic pursuits, something that can be more easily accomplished in a liberal arts setting.

"You can come here and be a chemistry major and you can work in one of the finest science departments in the world – it's right here," Professor Piippo said. "Then if you wish to take cello or violin or viola or clarinet, you're also able to do that."

"It's a wonderful place to be involved in the arts, because even if you're not a musician or a music major, you can get involved."

Chapel Choir is the oldest of Hope's musical ensembles, having formed in 1929, long before the college had a major in music.

"There's a long choral tradition here. I suspect if you go back 40-50 years, the vast majority of singers were not seeking a professional music degree," Dr. Richmond said.

The choir began touring annually in 1953. Members must audition before being selected to join. Often, students who join Chapel Choir have started out singing with one of the other college singing groups, such as the College Chorus, a non-audition ensemble, Dr. Richmond said.

The Symphonette, meanwhile, got its start in 1953. Members of the group are selected from the 80-member college symphony orchestra. Over the years, the 32-member Symphonette has toured across the United States from coast-to-coast, and has also performed in Canada, the British Isles, Australia and New Zealand.

In 2007, the Symphonette was one of only four orchestras from around the country selected to perform at the National Conference of the American String Teachers Association, selected from more than 100 orchestras that had applied.

Both Chapel Choir and Symphonette have made numerous television and radio appearances, including on the nationally-televised *Hour of Power*, from the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., which was founded by Hope graduate Dr. Robert Schuller '47.

In addition to the performance aspect

of the two ensembles, there are educational opportunities – both formal and informal – for students who participate. Ten of the Chapel Choir members selected their trip as the basis for their Senior Seminar, which involves extensive reading, guest speakers and a paper based on their experiences and how it has shaped their lives, Dr. Richmond said.

But even within learning pieces of music, there are opportunities for instruction.

"We can dig way back and get involved, and even do a medieval studies course, in the middle of a French (song) from the 13th century...and we can move all the way to the present and do pieces that might have been set to poetry based on the Holocaust," Dr. Richmond said.

"From a liberal arts perspective, we get to do it all."

Both directors say they plan to continue to bolster the professionalism of both ensembles, and they hope to continue touring as well. "It's a very positive experience," Professor Piippo said.



The college's Musical Showcase is a fast-paced concert featuring the entire department of music in a single evening at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids. Richard Piippo offers credit during this year's installment, the 21st.





Setting the Stage for Success

By Heather Vander Plaats

When Reagan Chesnut '08 entered Hope, she had a specific goal in mind: to meld her passions for theatre and Ireland into a vocational path.

For years, her father had fostered in her a love for theatre and music. Not only had she watched him perform in a barbershop singing group, she'd accompanied him to numerous plays and musicals. Also close to the family's heart was their Irish heritage. So when Chesnut was working in New York City the summer after her first year of college, she jumped at a chance to see a Broadway production of *The Pillowman*, a Tony award-winning play by Irish playwright Martin McDonagh. The performance turned out to be a departure from the lighthearted theatre to which she'd been accustomed, and it also altered her fanciful view of Ireland as simply a country of green valleys and leprechauns.



Reagan Chesnut '08 is onstage as Lady Olivia in Hope College Theatre's production of *The School for Scandal* in February 2007.



At Hope, Reagan Chesnut '08 found the opportunity to pursue her passions for theatre and Ireland, developing a specialization that has led naturally to graduate studies at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. (Photo by Carl Morrison '09)

"[*The Pillowman*] was a very dark piece, extremely well-written and well-acted," said Chesnut. "After I saw it, I left the theatre and walked around Times Square for a while not knowing what to say or do because it had such an impact on me. I just thought, 'That's what I need to do – create a play like that.'"

Since then, Chesnut has made considerable progress toward realizing her dream. Shortly after graduating from Hope last year with a degree in theatre, she began a one-year master's program in theatre and performance at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. She plans to complete her degree in October. Her study has focused on the interplay between violence and comedy in Irish drama. Interestingly, she has examined closely the works of McDonagh, whose recent segue from stage to film has drawn much attention, particularly for his second film, the Oscar-nominated *In Bruges*.

"It's easy to dismiss violence in drama as gratuitous – and the drama I'm studying has

extreme violence – but when you start looking at how extreme the violence was in Ireland's history, you realize that some of it is essential on stage," Chesnut explained.

Beginning next year, Chesnut will take her studies another step further – she was recently

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accepted into Trinity's Ph.D. program and plans to research the effect violence on stage has on audiences.

All in all, Chesnut is exactly where she wants to be – and she asserts her Hope education played a pivotal role in preparing her for the path she's taken since graduation.

"When I think about the knowledge I gained in classes and the great drama faculty who gave me gems of wisdom from their own careers, I can't imagine how my life would have been different had I not gone to Hope," she said. "I definitely wouldn't be specializing in what I am."

Chesnut transferred to Hope after spending her freshman year studying music at a college in Pennsylvania. Having grown up near Grand Rapids, she was familiar with Hope and had travelled to Holland several times during her first year of college to watch her best friend, a Hope student, perform in college plays. Impressed by the quality of the productions, Chesnut decided Hope was the ideal place for her.

As a student, she took advantage of every opportunity to nurture her interest in Irish theatre, discovering in Hope a community that helped her personalize her education around her passion.

"Being able to steer everything I did toward Irish drama has prepared me very well for grad school, because it made me very strong in a particular area," she said. "The faculty strongly encourage students to strike out and find their own paths and help to cultivate students' interests in whatever ways they can."

During her junior year, Chesnut collaborated with theatre professor John K.V. Tammi on an independent study course about Irish drama. The same year, she joined his May Term in Ireland, touring the country and learning about Irish culture. Later that summer, she took a course at Queen's University in Belfast on Northern Ireland's history, politics and culture.

Upon returning to Hope to begin her senior year, Chesnut undertook a major project: co-directing with Tammi a main-stage production of *By the Bog of Cats*, a play by Irish playwright Marina Carr. Chesnut had read the script two years earlier on the recommendation of theatre professor Dr. Daina Robins, who knew of her fascination with Irish drama. Captivated by the play, Chesnut proposed to Professor Tammi that he direct the play at Hope that fall. He agreed on the condition she be assistant director. Only a few weeks into preparations, though, he promoted her to co-director.

"I couldn't have done the production without Reagan," said Professor Tammi. "She was the one who initiated it, so she had ownership simply because of that. She was also very good about making it a cooperative venture and communicating that idea to everyone, especially to the younger actors who hadn't been part of a project like it before."

While Chesnut had worked previously as a stage manager and completed an internship with the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, being a co-director carried with it more privilege and responsibility.

"Although I went to the same meetings and rehearsals as a stage manager would, as co-director I could chime in and give my opinions about how we should do certain things," she explained. "Collaborating with faculty on a peer level and having them regard my artistic opinions was amazing – it really prepares you for the real world."

Chesnut spent her last semester taking classes on Irish history and drama at Trinity College, where she is currently pursuing her master's. One highlight of the past year is that Carr, who wrote *By the Bog of Cats*, has

been teaching at Trinity. In fact, she led a playwriting course Chesnut took that included a trip to London to see the premiere of her play *The Cordelia Dream*.

As Chesnut looks to the future, she hopes to teach playwriting herself after earning her Ph.D. For now, though, she's focused on completing her master's degree. Recently, she submitted for assessment a full-length play titled *Kyrie*, which tells the story of a couple hashing out their relational problems while caught in an ice storm in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

"Although I'm happy where I am, I've really missed Michigan and Hope and my mentors there," Chesnut admits, "and that's manifested itself very strongly in my creative work."

As she continues to meld her art and interests, Chesnut demonstrates the same focus and vision that marked and shaped her time at Hope. Professor Tammi, in turn, is pleased that the opportunities available at Hope helped prepare her for the journey.

"I've never had a student who worked so closely with us go on to continue pursuing her interests the way Reagan has," said Professor Tammi. "As a Hope student, she was always serious and grounded and took a lot of initiative, and, because of our liberal arts approach, we were in a position to encourage her in her goals." 🦋



As a Hope student, Reagan Chesnut '08 had the opportunity to co-direct the college's production of *By the Bog of Cats* by playwright Marina Carr, pictured at right. This year Carr has been among her instructors during her graduate work at Trinity College.



Haiku for Living

Sharing their own words in the form of haiku, Ellen Tanis '90 Awad encouraged the members of the Class of 2009 to approach their futures with a sense of joy and confident in their growth as undergraduates.

"As you look ahead, think about how you will choose to be in each moment," she said. "You have the ability to choose how you will greet each day and each person or situation you encounter."

Awad, who is director of student life and associate director of the Center for Faithful Leadership at Hope, presented "Haiku of the Day: 2009 Hope College Commencement Address" on Sunday, May 3, at Holland Municipal Stadium.

More than 700 graduating seniors participated in the ceremony, the college's 144th. The class consisted of students from throughout the United States as well as Ethiopia, France, Kenya, Nigeria, Palestine, Peru, Romania, the Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates.

Awad explained that she had initially started writing haiku—three-line poems with a 5-7-5 syllable pattern—as a way of refocusing her frustration when raking leaves that had blown into her treeless yard.

"As I raked and festered with frustration that day, I was struck by the words of the 118th Psalm: 'This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it,'" she said.

"So, as I raked, I composed a poem about the leaves. Choosing to refocus my mind alleviated my anger toward the multitude of rogue leaves in my yard, and that day started a new hobby for me of composing haiku poetry," Awad said. "It has become a way for me to change my perspective on a situation as well as to celebrate loved ones on special occasions. To rejoice and be glad in each moment God gives us."

It was in the spirit of celebration that she drew upon reflections from the seniors in composing two of three haiku for the ceremony. "transforming journey/ challenging, full of learning/ exponential growth," she recited, followed by, "best years of my life/defining, spirit filling/prepared to move on."

In analyzing the brief phrases, she cited a variety of the experiences that had shaped the graduates' lives—academic work, co-curricular activities, service to others and participation in campus spiritual life—and how together they comprised an education completed.

"You are not the same kid you were at Play Fair. You have mastered the scramble system," Awad said. "Your first college roommate may now be one of your closest friends. You have moved from figuring out what liberal arts means in your First-Year Seminar to being able



Joy at achieving a milestone. More than 700 graduating seniors took part in the college's Baccalaureate and Commencement on Sunday, May 2.

to articulate your philosophy of life in your Senior Sem."

"Your journey here at Hope has transformed and defined you," she said. "You have become the person you are today as a result. You are a young adult prepared for the next part of your journey."

Awad's third and final haiku derived from the words of priest, theologian and author Henri Nouwen in *Bread for the Journey*: "let your center speak/courageous, deeply rooted/ keeping hope alive."

She recalled a Hope senior at her church being recognized for serving and working with middle school youth during the past four years. "While at Hope, she had let the choices she made in life represent her center or the

core of who she is. Her decisions came from her heart—her authentic self," she said.

"She was courageous," Awad said. "Her courageousness allowed her passion and choices to guide her in a life that is deeply rooted, not superficial. She let her center speak through a life deeply rooted in faith, calling, leadership and service."

Awad called upon all of the graduates to reflect the same values whatever the circumstance, even in times of frustration.

"It seems to me that 'raking leaves' is really what makes up about 90 percent of life," she said. "And, each day, you have the choice to rejoice in the day the Lord has made while you rake through the paperwork on your desk, clean up the muckiness of a strained relationship, or bring order to the chaos of your wind-blown schedule."

"Here's what I want you to remember: rake leaves with authenticity," Awad said. "Authenticity grows out of all that you are. It is living into your faith daily, not just for an hour on Sundays. It is through being a reliable friend each day, not just when it fits in your schedule. It is through acting on your

convictions when faced with adversity. It is through living an authentic life—in each and every moment—that you will be able to keep hope alive."

The graduation activities began in the morning with Baccalaureate in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, during which Dr. William Brownson, president emeritus of Words of Hope, delivered the sermon "Aiming for the Best." He built his message around II Corinthians 5:6-15, which discusses aiming to please Christ in keeping with the selfless love that Christ demonstrated through dying on the cross.

He recommended that instead of seeking worldly goals, such as wealth, fame or success, the graduates follow the example of those who instead chose to live committed to their faith. He cited people like William Wilberforce, the British Parliamentarian who fought against the slave trade; Eric Liddell, the Olympic champion portrayed in *Chariots of Fire* who set aside fame to serve in China as a missionary; Mother Teresa, who worked with the poor in Calcutta; and William Borden, a 1909 Yale graduate, heir to the Borden Company fortune

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who left his privileged existence to become a missionary.

"Each one of these incandescent careers was sparked and moved by devotion to Jesus Christ in response to His love," Dr. Brownson said. "And what moves me about it as I read of them and think of them is not only the self giving, but also the joyful abandon that there was in doing it—and the love. What a powerful love!"

Dr. Brownson noted that the graduates had also seen examples of commitment to Christ and service demonstrated during their Hope experience by the faculty and staff as well as by their fellow students. He asked them to live in the same spirit of aiming for the best.

"Let the love of Jesus Christ draw you to a life of self-giving service to others and to Him," he said. "Live near to Him in prayer and in the Scriptures. Seek out a fellowship of caring hearts where you can be accountable. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. Trust in Jesus Christ to live out in you His life of self-giving love."

[NOTE: Both the Baccalaureate sermon and the Commencement address are available in their entirety online.]

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As generations before them, the members of the Class of 2009 and their families gathered in Dimnent Memorial Chapel for Baccalaureate. Dr. William Brownson, president emeritus of Words of Hope, delivered the sermon.



Prior to Commencement, speaker Ellen Tanis '90 Awad had asked the members of the graduating class to share their thoughts concerning their Hope experience as she crafted her address. From their words she crafted haiku that embodied her message to them.



Athletes Shine in Stellar Season

History has shown that it takes a collection of individual and team accomplishments to build Hope's successful intercollegiate program, and the 2009 spring sports season was a perfect example of just that.

Honors at the conference and national level this past spring provided the capstone for Hope athletes to maintain the college's long established tradition of excellence.

It was highlighted by Hope winning the Commissioner's Cup of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) for a ninth consecutive year and the 31st time in school history, a conference record. A year ago Hope shared the Commissioner's Cup with rival Calvin, but that clearly wasn't the case this year as the Flying Dutchmen and Flying Dutch each finished atop their respective MIAA All-Sports standings.

The list of accomplishments is innumerable.

The Flying Dutch won the MIAA women's tennis championship for the first time in a decade, but it was the story behind the victories that should be told. Midway through an

undefeated conference season, head coach Karen Page had to leave the team to undergo emergency surgery in her ongoing struggle against cancer. The team rallied behind assistant coach Dwayne "Tiger" Teusink '58 and in support of Coach Page to win the MIAA tournament and earn a berth in the NCAA Championships where they advanced to the second round. Coach Page was able to join the team at the national tournament.

Hope crowned its first national champion in women's track and field. Senior Nora Kuiper of Parchment, Mich., won the gold medal in the 100-meter dash at the Division III championships. A Phi Beta Kappa chemistry major, she came back just an hour later to take the silver medal in the 200-meter dash.

Nora Kuiper was one of four senior spring sports athletes to receive most valuable player awards from the MIAA. She was joined by tennis standout Samantha (Sammy) Stille of Holland, Mich., and John Pelton of Rock Hill, S.C., and softball first baseman Kelli Duimstra of Hudsonville, Mich.

Stille was a four-year All-MIAA honoree while Pelton, an All-American, became the first MIAA player from a school other than Kalamazoo College to win back-to-back most valuable player awards. He was undefeated against conference opponents in both 2008 and 2009, another first for a Hope tennis player. This spring he put together a string of 20 consecutive victories before bowing in the round of 16 at the NCAA championships.

The Flying Dutch set a season record for home runs (30), including 11 in a doubleheader against Albion. Kelli Duimstra set Hope (10) and MIAA (7) homerun records en route to being named a first-team Division III All-American.

John Donkersloot (pictured on page three), a multi-talented sophomore from Zeeland, Mich., won the bronze medal in the high jump at the NCAA track and field championships. A chemistry major, Donkersloot is also an accomplished pianist who was featured at the college's Musical Showcase concert and was chosen to attend a master class with an internationally acclaimed pianist.

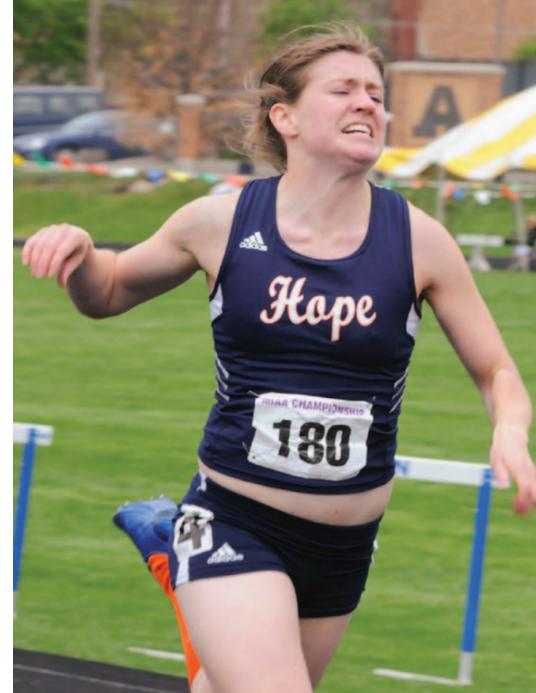
The baseball team finished the season strong to gain a .500 record (20-20). At one point the team was seven games below the .500 mark. A season highlight was the no-

hitter thrown by sophomore Derek Fairchild of Saline, Mich. The 8-0 gem against Albion was the sixth in school history.

The club men's lacrosse team qualified for the Collegiate Conference Lacrosse Association tournament for the first time, advancing to the semi-finals. Sophomores Eric Weber of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Duncan Wierengo of East Grand Rapids, Mich., were named MCLA All-Americans. Weber led the nation in scoring with 77 goals in 12 games.

The accomplishments of the spring went beyond scores and statistics. The men's tennis team was honored nationally in April for its sportsmanship in a 5-4 dual match loss by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. John Pelton received the MIAA's Stowe Sportsmanship Award and the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Leadership and Sportsmanship Award for the Central Region.

Sometimes success comes from unexpected places, especially when recruiting student-athletes to a Division III (non-scholarship) college like Hope. Hope's coaches work tirelessly recruiting student-athletes to develop their programs. The story of Leonie Grosse, an international student from Everswinkel, Germany, is outside the recruiting norm. During the school year she contacted track



Sprinter Nora Kuiper sped to a national championship in the 100-meter dash, a first in Hope women's track and field.

coach Kevin Cole to ask if she could borrow a javelin. Coach Cole "discovered" a very talented athlete who joined the team and by season's end had broken the Hope javelin mark, won an MIAA gold medal and recorded one of the best throws in Division III. Her storybook season had an unusual ending. Leonie could not compete at nationals because she needed to return home before the NCAA championships. One can only imagine what might have happened to further cap an outstanding year.

More details about spring sports accomplishments may be obtained at the Hope athletics Web site, www.hope.edu/athletics.



Four-time all-leaguer and MVP Samantha Stille keyed an MIAA championship tennis season.



New Digs for Soccer

Hope soccer players will soon be playing in a new state-of-the-art facility.

Construction of the Van Andel Soccer Stadium is underway as the college continues a program of upgrading its intercollegiate facilities.

A lead gift of \$3 million from the David & Carol Van Andel Foundation has made the project possible. A groundbreaking ceremony was held Friday, May 1, and a dedication is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, when both Hope soccer teams have home games.

David Van Andel is a 1983 Hope graduate and serves on the college's Board of Trustees. Carol Girod Van Andel is a 1981 Hope graduate.

"As Hope alumni and the proud parents of two Flying Dutchmen, Carol and I are honored to be involved in a project that will enhance the school's athletic program and provide our community with one of the finest soccer stadiums in the country," David Van Andel said.

"Our gift is a tribute to the tireless dedication of players, coaches and staff, a recognition of the impressive records set by

both the men's and women's soccer teams, and an opportunity to engage the community and energize its youth," Carol Van Andel said.

The stadium will be located on the college's existing soccer fields. It will include stadium-style and bleacher seats for 1,400 fans, locker rooms for Hope's teams and other amenities such as a press box, training room, concession stand and terrace areas for picnics and tailgating. The playing surface will be an artificial turf and the stadium will have lights to allow for night games.

Van Andel Stadium will complement the college's nearby Wolters softball and Boeve baseball stadiums and DeVos Fieldhouse, which have all been constructed in recent years.

"Hope is committed to excellence in programs and facilities that enable faculty, staff and students to perform at the highest levels," said President James E. Bultman '63. "We are grateful to the Van Andels and for others whose gifts are enabling the college to construct quality academic and athletic facilities that will serve generations of students to come."



Seniors John Pelton and Kelli Duimstra distinguished themselves as MIAA MVPs and Division III All-Americans.



Many voices one world

For 10 years, the Phelps Scholars Program has been helping prepare students to better bring hope to the world by bringing the world to Hope.

The freshman-year program emphasizes preparing students to understand and thrive in the diverse, interconnected world in which they will find themselves after graduation. It takes a holistic approach, with the students—60 to 70 annually—not only studying about diversity-related issues but continuing the discussions on their own while living in community in a single residence hall.

“Numerous research studies show that college students with diversity-related experiences do better academically and achieve greater personal development than students without those experiences,” said Dr. Chuck

Green, professor of psychology, who has directed the program since it began in 1999. “The underlying purpose of the program is to give people the opportunity to get to know a wide variety of folks, to work on developing relationships and to explore cultural diversity in a supportive environment.”

The program is named for the Rev. Philip Phelps, the college’s first president, who made international outreach an institutional priority in the college’s earliest years. This fall, the Phelps Scholars Program was recognized nationally as an exemplary program by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, which profiled it in the book *More Reasons for Hope: Diversity Matters in Higher Education*.

Living together in Scott Hall, the Phelps Scholars all attend one of three sections of the

fall First-Year Seminar “Creating Community Together” and bi-monthly meetings on a range of topics related to diversity. They also attend field trips to destinations like Detroit’s Holocaust Memorial or Chicago’s World Music Festival, and additional events like dinners and ice cream socials.

The planned activities provide structure and concrete lessons, but Dr. Green noted that it’s the interaction and fellowship that are at the heart of the experience.

“What the students tell us is that they found the classes valuable, that they had fun on the trips, that they sensed a great deal of support from faculty and staff, but far and away what they say is that the most meaningful to them is developing a strong network of friendships with people from a wide variety of backgrounds,” he said.

Coming to school in West Michigan represented a major change for junior Grace Olamijulo of Brooklyn, N.Y. Her family background is Jamaican and Nigerian, and she attended a predominantly Asian high school. She enrolled at Hope drawn to the new experience of attending a Midwestern college that reflected another tradition and



Recognized recently as an exemplary program by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the Phelps Scholars Program takes a holistic approach in linking academics and residence life for first-year students interested in studying issues related to diversity. Although across its first decade the program has earned praise from students on many counts, one stands foremost among the others: the enduring, strong network of friendships that they form as participants. Pictured this spring from left to right above are Diane Hawke, Rebekah Chew, Esther Moon, Mikella Bryant and Joshua Williams. At lower left last year are Derek Terrell and Anabay Mamo.

the opportunity to participate in campus discussion related to diversity. She has appreciated the Phelps Scholars Program for helping her adjust to her new environment while providing a venue for the exploration she sought.

“The program was incredibly helpful,” she said. “Coming here was a really big culture shock, and it was very far from home.”

“Whenever I had a problem, it gave me an outlet with other students that would listen to me, number one; would respect my opinions; and would help me,” Olamijulo said. “I feel like there’s definitely an open-minded atmosphere that’s created here—very friendly.”

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– Grace Olamijulo ‘11
of Brooklyn, N.Y.

She stayed involved this past year as a resident assistant, a role in which she will continue next year, working with new groups of students as they experience the program. She is also proud to highlight the program when working with prospective students on behalf of admissions.

“I like to host prospective students. I feel like the Phelps Scholars Program is one of the best places I can show,” she said. “When they come to this building and meet other participants in the Phelps Scholars Program who are having a positive experience, it shows them the best things about Hope.”

The program’s impact continues beyond Hope as well. Jennica Skoug ‘06 has recently completed two years as a mathematics teacher in Vanuatu, an island nation in the Southwest Pacific, through the Peace Corps. She credits the Phelps Scholars Program with helping prepare her to work with people from other cultures.

“Although values, beliefs and customs vary with different cultures, I think that overall, most people want the same fundamental things: to have a home to belong to, to be loved and accepted, to have enough food and clean water, to have the opportunity to create a good life for

themselves and their family, to be happy,” she said. “I started learning this during the Phelps Scholars Program when I was able to live with people of various backgrounds, and I continued to learn it when I moved to Vanuatu.”

“Cultural differences are a vehicle for valuable and interesting friendships and a rich, informed worldview,” Skoug said. “I have found them at times to be a challenge but never a barrier.”

As they complete their freshman year and move from Scott Hall to other residences on campus and become active leaders in a variety of organizations, the students who have participated in the Phelps Scholars Program continue to embody, and serve as informal ambassadors for, the program’s message. The Phelps Scholars Program, however, is also working to connect with the larger Hope community in other ways.

“Over the last 10 years, we have developed a rich array of opportunities for students who are interested in pursuing issues pertaining to race and culture,” Dr. Green said. “Part of what we’re trying to do is take what we have to offer and cooperate with other offices on campus.”

In March, working in cooperation with the department of economics, management and accounting, the program hosted a panel on cultural competence in the workplace that featured representatives from Fifth Third Bank. In April, the program and the department of psychology co-sponsored the address “Identity-safe environments: How positive environments can unlock latent ability” by Dr. Steve Spencer ‘88, professor of psychology at the University of Waterloo.

Dr. Spencer’s address was a particularly appropriate anniversary highlight. As a member of the Hope psychology faculty from 1997 to 1999, he had originally proposed the Phelps Scholars Program based on his previous work while a graduate student at the University of Michigan, during which he studied the university’s “Twenty-first Century” program, which also brings together minority and majority students in a supportive residential situation.

“The Phelps Scholars Program is near and dear to my heart,” Dr. Spencer said as he addressed a standing-room-only audience in VanderWerf 104. “I think it’s a credit to Hope that they put the work into it. Certainly it’s a credit to Chuck and the other people that work on it that they have put together such a successful program.”

(Editor’s Note: For more about the program’s recognition in More Reasons for Hope, please visit the college online.)



Transforming Hope

Their days at Hope ranged across five decades, their paths were varied, but within the experiences of the graduates honored at this year's Alumni Banquet lay a singular emphasis on communicating ideas and ideals.

Jeff Bates '98 of Ann Arbor, Mich., was honored with a Young Alumni Award for his ground-breaking work in the area of online news and open-source content. Milton Nieuwsma '63 of Holland, Mich., received a Distinguished Alumni Award for his award-winning publications and documentaries on the Holocaust. Dr. Gerald Sittser '72 was recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award as a talented teacher, gifted writer and inspirational speaker.

A capacity audience of more than 300 filled the main ballroom of the college's Haworth Inn and Conference Center for the Saturday, May 2, banquet. As he reflected on not only the achievements and contributions of the three honorees but also on the impact of the alumni gathered to celebrate them, President James Bultman '63 noted that he wished the assembly could have included hundreds more.

"My regret is that every Hope student isn't here to see what it means to live a life well—lives that our recipients are living, and lives that so many of you in this room have lived throughout your lifetime."

— President James Bultman '63

"My regret is that every Hope student isn't here to see what it means to live a life well—lives that our recipients are living, and lives that so many of you in this room have lived throughout your lifetime," he said. "It's so important for the future of our country that young people at the college age would see role models like yourselves, that they would in fact look around and observe what it means to be



The media in which they work vary, but this year's three alumni award recipients share a common focus in communicating ideas and ideals. From left to right are Dr. Gerald Sittser '72, Jeff Bates '98 and Milton Nieuwsma '63.

a person living in the 21st century and living a life that makes a difference in the lives of others."

Bates is a co-founder of the online news and discussion site "Slashdot.org"—a model for today's Web log—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.

He noted that while he doesn't typically use the particulars of his majors in history and biology, he finds his education invaluable. "What I learned while I was here at Hope and what I use every day while I'm working is the ability to think about things," he said.

Citing the lessons taught by professors like Drs. Marc Baer, Earl Curry and Larry Penrose of the history faculty, Bates said, "What they taught me is the ability to think analytically, to think critically, and to actually put together cogent and cohesive arguments for the idea that you're trying to express."

Nieuwsma is the author of *Kinderlager* (reissued as *Surviving Auschwitz: Children of the Shoah*), an acclaimed account of three young concentration-camp survivors, and wrote and co-produced a PBS documentary based on the book that won honors including a Michigan Emmy. He noted that he was moved to share the story not only for the three who survived, but for the 1.5 million Jewish children who

didn't—and as a message in opposition to the hatred and indifference that prompt inhumanity to others.

"Whatever our religion or ethnic background, we need to be vigilant against racism or prejudice whatever form it takes," Nieuwsma said.

"Let's remember we all belong to the same human family. We're all God's children," he said. "If we remembered that, we'd all be better off."

Dr. Sittser is a member of the theology faculty at Whitworth University in Spokane, where he has won multiple awards for teaching. He is also the award-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.

He focused not on loss, but on gratitude—for the opportunity that he has had to observe and mentor students at a decisive time in their lives; to share in the lives of his three children, now grown; and to hear through his work from others, confused and broken at having endured their own loss, of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ transformed them for the better.

"I really consider myself nothing more than a witness to the redemptive work of God in the world," Dr. Sittser said. "Jesus Christ wore a crown of thorns so all of us here can wear a crown of honor." ✎





**Mary Boelkins '96
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The arts enrich our lives. Most of us dabble in artistic expression. We make music, art, poetry, and motion through our hobbies and pastimes. We spend our spare time at concerts, performances, plays, or exhibits to experience the talents of others. For others, the arts are a way of life. They are a vocation, a calling, an innate need to create that directs the path taken in life.

The wonderful thing about a liberal arts education is that it supports both types of individuals. What makes Hope unique is the breadth of the opportunities and applications in the arts that are available to students. Students don't have to major in music, theatre, dance or art to have meaningful experiences in groups and classes, and those who do choose to major in the arts have four outstanding accredited areas in

which to study.

Throughout the course of the year, Hope takes many opportunities to showcase students' and the faculty's artistic talents. Hope also hosts a variety of guest artists in concerts and readings that are open to the public. These events often engage members of the Holland community as much as the Hope community and serve as a wonderful outreach tool to involve many people in the life of the college.

My Hope experience was greatly enhanced by my participation in the department of music. As many of you may know by now, I sang in choirs during all four of my years at Hope. I also enrolled in private voice lessons and piano lessons. Two of my roommates majored in the arts—one in dance and one in theatre. I watched as they completed their requirements and balanced the demands of academic rigor and creative performance. Our lives are still enriched and guided by the lessons learned in the classroom and in the performance halls.

Much like experiential learning and research, the arts pervade a Hope education. They enrich students' experiences in and out of the classroom and encourage them into a lifetime of appreciation for the music, theatre, dance and art.

Window to Hope's History



This May the Chapel Choir added a new first to its rich history as a touring ensemble, a visit to South Africa. The photo above shows an earlier milestone, the choir's first-ever tour overseas, to Europe in the summer of 1967, with Dr. Robert Cavanaugh directing the choir in rehearsal while en route aboard the Italian liner *M.S. Aurelia*. The performance itinerary included sites in Belgium, the Netherlands, West Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Yugoslavia and Austria. The tour concluded with a performance in Vienna in conjunction with the beginning of that year's Vienna Summer School.

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, May 5, 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, July 7.

40s

Alice Laughlin '46 Veldhuis and **Jerome Veldhuis '49** of Atlanta, Ga., are great-grandparents of four whose father (their grandson) is serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq.

Rodger Decker '49 of Laurinburg, N.C., traveled to Ireland in May.

George Zuidema '49 of Holland, Mich., received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Johns Hopkins University in 2008.

50s

Gertrude Wierenga '51

VanderPloeg and her husband have six grown children and live in Sheldon, Iowa. She is retired.

Lavina Hoogveen '49 of Grandville, Mich., recently returned from Trinidad, where she spent three months in the Reform Presbyterian Primary School as a teacher aide or substitute, depending on the absence of a teacher. There were 160 Presbyterian, Muslim, and Hindu students.

David Angus '54 of Lansing, Mich., has retired from the editorship of *The SASA News*, after developing it into an online publication. The newsletter serves alumni of the Shanghai American School in the U.S. and around the world.

Robert "Bud" Prins '54 of Canon City, Colo., was appointed to the board of the Hillsdale Group, which invests in emerging markets in Asia, and was attending a meeting in Hong Kong at the time of his reunion in May.

Nevin Webster '54 of Lincoln Park, Mich., biked throughout the U.S. and Canada between 2001 and 2007. He had back surgery in February of this year as a followup to a May 2007 accident during the last leg of the planned 52,000-mile ride. Despite the mishap, Nevin and Dot report that the mission was well worth it, and they learned again the importance of being obedient to God.

Kenneth Roberts '59 of Holland, Mich., is retired from the pharmaceutical (Parke-Davis after 17 years) and orthopedic (Depuy Co. after 18 years) industries, and Roberts Consulting Inc. (president).



Catch up with this year's nine reunion classes (1944 through 1984) through the special gallery of reunion group photos taken on Saturday, May 2.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc

Robert W. Saunders '59 and his wife retired and moved to Green Bay, Wis. Bob keeps busy with a new light industrial park he developed in 2004, their home on Green Bay, their cottage in northern Wisconsin, and fishing and hunting at a lodge they just built in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Russell Sybesma '59 and his wife celebrated 60 years of marriage on April 19.

Carol Brandt '59 Yonkers and **Russell Yonkers '59** are proud to report that their son and daughter-in-law have presented them with 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and their daughter, Lynn Yonkers '85 Boyer, and her husband have

just adopted two children from Ukraine, a girl (age 10) and a boy (age eight). **Terril Zylman '59** headlined with the Evergreen Chorale during the Holland (Mich.) Tulip Time Festival this year. He has recorded two CDs and is currently working on a third one.

60s

George Boerigter '61 of Hudsonville, Mich., owner of SoundOff Signal, was named Michigan's exporter of the year by the *Grand Rapids Press*. He was also selected U.S. Small Business Administration's "Michigan Small Business Exporter of the Year" for 2009. SoundOff Signal manufactures emergency and commercial vehicle safety products. It has 90 employees and annual sales of \$20 million.

Frances Almack '64 Backofen of New Windsor, N.Y., retired and has a new career. She is fundraising chair for the Orange County Classic Choral Society, with which both she and her husband sing. She will also play with the symphonic band at the graduation ceremonies for SUNY Orange grads.

Leanne Ridderhoff '64 Crabbe of Orland Park, Ill., reports that retirement has provided opportunities to travel: last year, Japan; this year, Majorca; and next year, France. She and her husband winter in Florida, where they drive the Jungle Cruise boat at the Magic Kingdom once a week.

Robert Jackson '64 of Port Richey, Fla., retired from his position as coordinator/chaplain of Hernando-Pasco Hospice.

John Koelbel '64 and **Norie Vandenberg '64 Koelbel** purchased a home south of Guadalajara, Mexico, in the small town San Antonio Tlayacapan. They will live there part of the year until

Knicks and Fraters to hold reunions

The Knickerbocker fraternity and Fraternal Society will both be holding major anniversary reunions in the fall.

The Knickerbocker fraternity will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20. The Fraternal Society will be celebrating its 175th anniversary with activities during Homecoming Weekend, Friday-Sunday Oct. 9-11.

Highlights of the Knickerbocker reunion will include an evening mixer at Holland's Boatwerks restaurant on Friday, a brunch on campus on Saturday, a golf outing and home Hope football on Saturday, a reunion party at The Park Theatre on Saturday, and a beach



gathering on Sunday. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Scott Mancinelli '90 (smancinelli@bratschie.com) or John Foster '74 (jgfoster@ameritech.net). The fraternity is also seeking to fill in its records concerning former actives, and would appreciate help from those with information on alumni whose KHN affiliation might be missing from the college's records (including any Knicks reading this who haven't

already received a direct mailing about the reunion).

Highlights of the reunion for the Fraternal Society—established at Union College in the 1830s and brought to Hope by President Philip Phelps—will include an OKE golf outing on Friday followed by the infamous Frater "Lit" meeting. The weekend festivities will be capped with a dinner/dance at the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park on Saturday evening. Frater alumni in need of further information regarding the O.K.E. 175 Celebration may contact Frater Don Mitchell '63 at (616) 676-1078 or by sending an e-mail to damitch63@comcast.net.



they sell their Arizona home, at which point they will become full-time residents of Mexico.

Betty Slot '64 Korbecki of Muskegon, Mich., was named "Docent of the Year" for 2008 at the Muskegon Museum of Art. She will serve as chair person of the docent group through May 2010.

Mark Lewis '64 of Orange, Conn., celebrated his 40th year working with the *New Haven Register* as the sports copy editor.

Janice Schulz '64 Melichar-Utter of Stormville, N.Y., retired in 2000 after 33 years of teaching with the Carmel Central School District. She spent several years working with a colleague to co-author *Brain-Friendly Study Strategies: How Teachers Can Help Students Learn*, published by Corwin Press in 2008.

Audrey Prins '64 Rasmussen of Alexandria, Va., practices telecommunications law in Washington, D.C., with the law firm of Hall, Estill, Gable, Golden and Nelson P.C.

Don Thompson '64 and **Carol Roberts '66 Thompson** of Bomoseen, Vt., co-authored *Seeking the Northwest Passage, the Explorations and Discoveries of Champlain and Hudson*, published last August by Purple Mountain Press. The biographical account of the two explorers' lives as first-person historical accomplishments is intended for students in grades four-seven. Don also portrays the two explorers as first-person historical interpretations for schools and civic groups. This spring and summer he's doing numerous presentations in connection with the Quadricentennial celebration of their explorations in both New York State and Vermont. He also has completed a new book, *Lake Bomoseen, The Story of Vermont's Largest Little Known Lake*, soon to be released by The History Press, about the history of Lake Bomoseen, where the Thompsons spend half the year.

Carolyn Church '64 Turkstra

relocated to the town of East Sandwich, Mass., on Cape Cod, where she is an active participant in the music department of her new church. She serves on the music committee, plays handbells and sings in the choir. She also chairs a new outreach music ministry, developing a group of volunteer "troubadours" who visit shut-ins on request. She reports that she is always happy to welcome visitors to the Cape.

John Elliott '65 of Greenville Community Reformed Church in Scarsdale, N.Y., retired on Saturday, May 31, 2008, after 38 years in the ministry, having spent 26 years at Greenville Church.

James Serum '65 of West Chester, Pa., was elected chairman of the visiting committee on advanced technology, the advisory board for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (formed NBS). He notes that his first undergraduate research project with Dr. Irwin Brink '52, Hope professor emeritus of chemistry, was funded by the NBS. Jim retired from Hewlett Packard in 1999 and is now president of Scitek Ventures, a consulting firm he founded. He is in the process of retiring again but plans to remain active in science and technology development and science education.

Jack Buteyn '66 is the new RCA interim co-chaplain at the Protestant Church in Muscat, Oman. He had been serving at the Reformed Church in Plano, Texas, where he began his ministry in 1978. The church honored him with a special luncheon in the John Buteyn Fellowship Hall in November.

Al McGeehan '66 of Holland, Mich., was named "Distinguished Eagle Scout," the highest honor the Boy Scouts of America can bestow on an Eagle Scout, at a ceremony on Tuesday, March 31, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was 15 years old when he received his Eagle Scout badge.

Ellen Borger '66 Monsma of Grand Rapids, Mich., retired from the

directorship of Off-Campus Programs at Calvin College, a position she held since 2001. Ellen began her career at Calvin in the French Department, where she taught from 1971 to 1987. In 1988 she and her husband went to work for the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) in Mali (West Africa). After they returned to Grand Rapids in 1991, Ellen continued with CRWRC until 1998, when she began working in the Off-Campus Programs Office. During her tenure as director, Calvin College received the Simon Award for internationalization of its campus (2007), and placed first in the 2008 ranking of baccalaureate institutions for the number of students studying abroad.

Janice Drolen '69 of Portage, Mich., attended her Hope class reunion May 2-3, the same weekend that her niece, Emily Budge '09, graduated. Jan represented Bethany Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, Mich., as an elder and a delegate to the RCA's General Synod in June on Hope's campus. She continues to teach retirement learning classes through Kellogg Community College, and she recently edited a high school economics textbook written by a former colleague at Hastings (Mich.) High School, where Jan taught English for 32 years.

Martin Howell '69 of Yakima, Wash., is a senior consultant at the accounting firm of LeMaster and Daniels. He helps people find solutions they might not otherwise think of in creating strategic plans and mission statements, as well as dealing with unhappy employees.

Timothy Mayer '69 of West Bloomfield, Mich., completed the curriculum at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies and attained Fellow Status in 2008.

Marilyn Yzenbaard '69 Meeusen is still teaching eighth-grade language arts in Grand Haven, Mich. She and her husband are active in First Reformed Church and Habitat for Humanity.

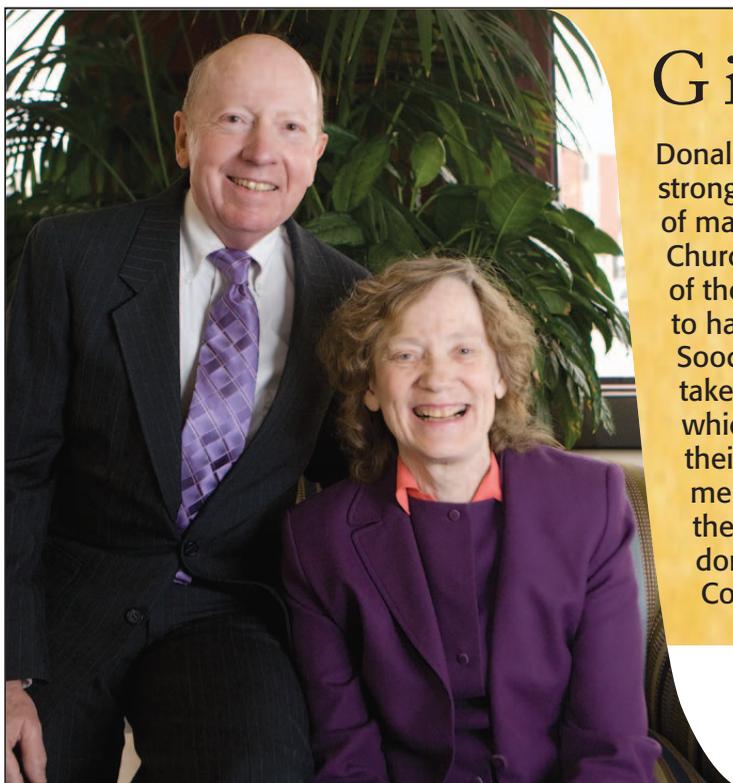
Lillian Bertalan '73 of Schenectady, N.Y., **Leslie Carry '73 Kruegel** of Oradell, N.J., **Ellen Swain '73 Roberts** of Rochester, N.Y., **Claudia Tebben '73 Sterne** of Ellicott City, Md., **Anne Walvoord '73 Vander Byl** of Williamson, N.Y., and **Rebecca Eisenbise '74 Hostetler** of Elizabethtown, Pa., met as cluster mates at Dykstra Hall in September of 1969 and still get together yearly for a reunion. Over the years they have travelled alone or with husbands and children. The last weekend in April—40 years later—they gathered in Ithaca, N.Y.

Shirley Nevins '69 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is enjoying retirement from teaching at Kenowa Hills Elementary School in Grand Rapids. She travels and keeps as busy as she can with friends and family.

Rohn Ritzema '69 of Elk Grove, Calif., has been the Northern California Regional Director for the Association of Christian Schools for 19 years.

Jane Breckenridge '69 Ritzema of Elk Grove, Calif., continues to be a homemaker, gym enthusiast and prayer counselor.

Martha (Marti) Terpstra '69 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a member of the local advisory council for RSVP, a program of Senior Services Inc. that places seniors interested in volunteering with organizations that could use their help. Marti also volunteers for the state Department of Human Services and mentors a fourth-grade student at a local



Giving thanks for Hope

Donald '59 and Constance Kregar '61 Scott, of Burlington, Vt., have been strong and consistent supporters of Hope College and are enjoying 47 years of marriage. While at Hope, Don and Connie attended Beechwood Reformed Church and were welcomed by Rev. Van Pernis and his wife, Bea. In recognition of the positive impact both Hope and the Rev. and Mrs. Van Pernis continue to have on them, Don and Connie established the Rev. Elton '48 & Beatrice Soodsma '51 Van Pernis Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Scotts have also taken advantage of the benefits of the recently renewed IRA charitable rollover, which allows individuals 70½ and older to donate up to \$100,000 from their IRAs to charities tax-free. Hope thanks the Scotts and all the 680-plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting the college through planned gifts. For more than 30 years, planned gifts from donors such as Don and Connie have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community. Please let us help you create your Hope legacy.



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elementary school.

Thomas Working '69 conducts the Holland American Legion Band, which travels to Europe this month to participate in the 65th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, and also to do two concerts in the Netherlands.

70s

Roger Jones '72 retired from the Xerox Corporation in 2006. He and his wife, Norine Everson '71 Jones, moved back to Holland, Mich., to be closer to children and grandchildren.

David Beattie '73 of Holland, Mich., is executive director of the Reciprocal Language Partnership, a nonprofit organization that partners a native English speaker with a native Spanish speaker so each can learn the other's language and culture.

Bradford Lyons '73 of Troy, Mich., is the underwriting vice president of First Mercury Financial's new underwriting unit that focuses on hospitality risks and indoor recreational facilities. He was most recently senior vice president of underwriting for North Pointe Holdings Corp.

David Daubenspeck '74 of Oceanside, Calif., will soon have both of his sons serving in the military.

Lois Walvoord '74 Fiegl of Marion, N.Y., retired from teaching vocal music at Williamson Senior High School. She is



Jill Morrone '75 Lewis, Diana Pierson '74, Jan Koopman '74, and Gayle Spangler '74 Flanigan

are pictured with a cutout of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis dressed in Dutch attire during the college's Alumni Weekend in May. They have maintained the tradition of bringing the cutout along on gatherings out of a sense of fun, after deciding several years ago that their Durfee Hall housemother, Charlotte Wierenger, would have suggested a chaperone for them--someone refined and dignified. Their adventures with the cutout, who always wears pearls, have included a casino in Traverse City, Mich.; canoeing on the Au Sable River; and Motown Week in Detroit.

now a commissioned preaching elder in the Rochester Classis of the RCA.

Barbara Basnett '74 Inman of Holland, Mich., is happily retired after a 30-year P.E. teaching/coaching career, and enjoying a still-busy, but slower-paced life.

Jack Klunder '74 and **Mary Davis '74 Klunder** of Caledonia, Mich., have four children, all Hope graduates who also married Hope graduates, and they have two grandchildren and one on the way.

Patricia VanderWerf '75 Johannsen of Germantown, Md., earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is professor and program coordinator of graphic design and illustration at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md. She teaches courses in Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and digital illustration. She is a member of the Illustrators Club of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, and participates regularly in their exhibitions. She is also a member of the Potomac Pedalers Touring Club and commutes to work by bicycle -- 20 miles round trip.

Beverly Kinoshita '76 Patton was recently named executive director of the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras, a new position designed to facilitate the transition from a public-school-based youth orchestra to a privately-funded youth philharmonic.

Mark Bombara '77 of Hudsonville, Mich., was chosen honorary "Counselor of the Year" by Grand Valley State University (GVSU). He is a Holland (Mich.) Hospital behavioral health therapist, providing counseling for students at the GVSU Holland campus.

David Teater '77 of Spring Lake, Mich., is senior director of Transportation Strategic Initiatives for the National Safety Council (NSC). He will lead the NSC's advocacy initiatives to reduce deaths and injuries associated with teen driving and distracted driving. In January, the NSC became the first organization to call for a nationwide ban on all forms of cell phone use while driving. Since his 12-year-old son Joe died in a crash five years ago, when the Teater car was struck at an intersection by a young woman who ran a red light while talking on a cell phone, David has made it his life's work to advocate for the need to stop cell phone use while driving.

George Moger '78 of Fort Gratiot, Mich., has been coaching for 27 years. He is currently the Port Huron (Mich.) boys' basketball coach and girls' cross country and track and field coach.

David Boudny '79 of Chestnut Hill, Mass., was recognized in *Patent Docs* for the significant role he played in forcing the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to postpone the implementation of four major rules packages: claims and continuations, IDS, *Markush*, and appeal rules. He is credited with regularly reminding (and encouraging patent practitioners and applicants to remind) the OMB that the patent office was not playing by the rules in trying to secure approval for each of



John Ratmeyer '83 of Gallup, N.M., recently received the FBI Director's Community Leadership award for his work in educating about and preventing child abuse. He is deputy chief of pediatrics at Gallup (N.M.) Indian Medical Center and founder of the Child Protective Team, a group of law-enforcement officers and social workers who coordinate efforts to ensure justice for abused children. John regularly communicates with departments to follow up on the status of cases involving abused children, frequently children whose injuries he treats, to keep the cases in the forefront of officials.

the rules packages. The article about the role David played was number two of the top 13 stories covered by *Patent Docs* in 2008. He is vice president of intellectual property for Cantor Fitzgerald L.P.

Sandra Busman '79 Cott of Ferrysburg, Mich., has graduated her two oldest children from homeschool education and is still teaching David (ninth grade). She is active in church and recently traveled to Washington, D.C., and the Caribbean.

Tim Lont '79 of Holland, Mich., is returning to coach the Holland Christian High School football team on an interim basis.

Isaac Jordan Myers II '79 of Indianapolis, Ind., is the new vice president of clinical and business integration by Wishard Health Services. He previously served as president of Dynamic Business and Medical Systems Health Services and chief operating officer of DBMS Inc.

Patricia Pulver '79 of Glenmont, N.Y., received a Certificate of Advanced Study from the College of St. Rose in May 2008. She was a long-term substitute science teacher at Albany Academy this spring.

80s

Janet Lootens '81 Chen of Ann Arbor, Mich., was elected for a second year as president of Chapter CH, P.E.O. Sisterhood, Ann Arbor. P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization with chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada, promotes educational

opportunities for women.

J. Matthew Soeter '81 of My American School is now doing ministry, bringing international students to the U.S., finding homestays, setting up programs for high schools, and running English camps for internationals.

Scott Broekstra '83 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was featured in *Super Lawyers: Corporate Counsel Edition* magazine for attaining a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement in the area of environmental law. The special edition featured securities litigation and environmental attorneys from across the United States.

David Van Dyke '84 of St. Paul, Minn., is serving as pastor of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church. He is also the co-moderator of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians and serves on the Board of Trustees of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Dave Dykema '87 of Oregon, Ohio, published his first thriller, *Stalker*, to Amazon's Kindle electronic reading device. It peaked at ninth on the horror bestseller list. His second book, *Wrong Number*, will become available for the Kindle this month.

Amy Ellis '87 joined Rosetta Resources, an energy company in Houston Texas, to start and manage the records management program. She previously worked at the El Paso Corporation as a principal record analyst. Her responsibilities include the set up of the department and responsibility for the company archives. In March she passed her six-part certification exam and she is now a Certified Records Manager (CRM). There are currently 980 CRMs worldwide.

Gayle Bond '87 Kuipers of Holland, Mich., won the Tulip Time Run 8K women's division on Saturday, May 3.

David Kuiper '88 of Zeeland, Mich., has again been named one of the Top 200 loan officers in the country according to an annual ranking by

Cynthia Van Duyne '90 Van Renterghem of East Grand Rapids, Mich., and her friend with whom she launched Plumstone LLC., were awarded the Small Business Association of Michigan 2009 "Innovation Award" on Thursday, April 30. Their company markets SunStick, a plastic flower with a chemically reactive sticker that registers sunlight duration so gardeners know where to plant particular plants outdoors, and SunStick Home to register light intensity for indoor plants. They have also developed two additional products, one to test the pH of soil and another to aid in the growing of cold-sensitive flora.



Eric Kivisto '92 of Raleigh, N.C., is one of only 25 long-term care (LTC) professionals selected to participate in the sixth-annual "Future Leaders of Long-Term Care in America" program sponsored by the American Health Care Association (AHCA)/National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) in Washington, D.C. The program recognizes professionals who have exhibited leadership characteristics at the state level and prepares them to serve in future leadership positions within AHCA/NCAL. Eric is the director of policy development at the North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association.

Mortgage Originator magazine. He is a mortgage planner with First Place Bank in Holland, Mich.

90s

Ken Blough '90 of Mendon, Mich., was honored by the Vicksburg (Mich.) Rotary Club with the Paul Harris Fellow award in recognition of outstanding achievement and contribution to the club and the community. Ken is vice president of Portage Commerce Bank. He and his wife, Sharon Lutz '91 Blough, have four daughters.

Kevin Hart '90 of Kalamazoo, Mich., was installed as pastor of Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo on Sunday, Nov. 2. He previously served eight years at Three Bridges Reformed Church in New Jersey.

Mark Morrow '90 started a film company, House of Rock, three years ago. He is the executive producer, screen writer, and assistant director of a documentary, *Astronaut Down*.

Wendy Evers '91 French, a medical oncologist with Battle Creek (Mich.) Health System, has been appointed a cancer liaison for the system's cancer programs. She provides leadership and

Brian Bollone '93 of Caledonia, Mich., a science teacher at Northview High School, was profiled in the Sunday, March 8, edition of the *Grand Rapids Press*. He teaches the science of solving crimes in a class called "criminalistics." Brian developed the curriculum and was the first to teach the subject in high school in Michigan, beginning a year before *CSI* premiered on TV. He presents at national conventions

support to a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to reducing the morbidity and mortality of cancer through education and quality care. **David Purnell '91** of Zeeland, Mich., has launched DP Creative Audio, a business with the goal of creating innovative music for various types of media, such as film, television, advertising and video games. The company has created music for Web sites such as the American Idol Live Tour site, Kellogg's Pop-Tarts, Kellogg's Raisin Bran Crunch, and Kimberly-Clark's SpaSentials products. Other projects have included scoring films for Compass Film Academy, composing music for product marketing videos, and recording a series of songs that support the curriculum for Small Talk, World Language for Kids. David continues to run Lakeshore Guitar, teaching approximately 50 students a week, and he provides freelance performances for events such as weddings, corporate functions and private parties.

Jessie Frederick '92 King of St. Paul, Minn., recently found an old cassette tape that contained the 1992 Pull Team song. She is having a friend download it to a disc and to MP3 format and will provide a copy to anyone interested. Please contact her through *myHope* on the Hope College Web site. She would also appreciate learning who created/performed the song.

Duane Bosma '96 of Holland, Mich., continues to play for the Holland (Mich.) Blast, an International Basketball League franchise, while adding the duties of head coach this season.

Jonathan Chen '96 is pursuing a Ph.D. in electronic arts at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He expects to graduate in 2011.

Laurel Pierce '96 Hotchkiss of Holland, Mich., is a part-time medical social worker with Resthaven At Home, providing social work services to elderly clients in their homes. She is also busy Dutch Dancing and coordinating the Tulip Time parade for her children's school.

Nicole Rottenberg '97 Beurkens of Byron Center, Mich., is founder and director of Horizons Developmental Remediation Center in Caledonia, Mich. She and her colleagues specialize in diagnosis and treatment of autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

and has shared his curriculum with schools nationwide. In addition to teaching science, he teaches driver's training to hearing-impaired students. He has also coached swimming and been an advisor to classes and school clubs. In 2007, Brian taught in England for a semester as part of the Fulbright Teacher Exchange program. He and his wife have three children: Quincy (age 12), Bridget (age nine) and Maizie (age one).

Beth Snyder '94 of Arlington, Va., returned to Holland in April to help Hope REACH area high school students. She is U.S. field public affairs advisor with ExxonMobil, and was in town to present a \$4,000 award to West Ottawa Public Schools to support the participation of two students in the college's Project REACH (Research Experience Across Cultures at Hope) this summer. The REACH program is a six-week immersion for high school students and teachers engaging in challenging and relevant research projects with Hope's science, engineering and mathematics faculty, with an emphasis on students who come from backgrounds underrepresented in STEM careers. Pictured with Beth



(second from left) are Randall Schipper, president of the West Ottawa Board of Education; Matt VanZanten, representing J&H Oil, a local Mobil-branded fuels marketing distributor; William Bloemendaal, a West Ottawa Board of Education Trustee; Mark DeWitt '87, director of corporate and foundation relations at Hope; and Dr. Patricia Koeze, superintendent of West Ottawa Public Schools.

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Justin M. Crawford '97 of Portage, Mich., is a principal with the law firm Miller Canfield.

Anne Horton '97 of Evanston, Ill., received more than \$1,000 in grant money this school year from Donors Choose to create an eighth-grade science classroom at a high-poverty school in Chicago.

Simone Scher '98 McAdam of Argyll, U.K., was chosen as one of the four finalists for Scottish Education Awards, Teacher of the Year.

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Miguel Cruz '00 of Grand Haven, Mich., was installed as pastor of Haven Shores Community Church in West Olive, Mich., on Sunday, Jan. 18.

Wario Hussein '00 recently wrote an autobiography, *Cracks in the Crescent*, about his upbringing as a Muslim, conversion to Christianity and ensuing persecution. It is available at Hope-Geneva Bookstore.

Kate Mulder '00 has joined West Coast Eye Care in Holland, Mich. She is a doctor of optometry.

Bryan Volk '00 of Bronx, N.Y., has been promoted to offensive coordinator at Fordham University.

Matthew Goupell '01 is in a post-doctorate program at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, where he is studying hearing in people with cochlear implants.

Jodi Kurtze '01 began working as assistant director of development for Roosevelt University's Chicago (Ill.) College of Performing Arts last November. She received a 2006-2007 Emmy Award in the category of Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence On Camera/Performer for the Jump Rhythm Jazz Project's work in the multiple-Emmy-Award-winning documentary "Jump Rhythm Jazz

Project: Getting There," produced by HMS Media for public television.

Andrea Douglass '01 Shaeffer of Columbus, Ohio, works in the office of investments at Nationwide Insurance as a financial analyst on the market risk team. She earned a Certificate in Quantitative Finance from the Wilmott program.

Eric Shaeffer '01 of Columbus, Ohio, published research in professional journals, such as *Psychological Science*, and was recognized with awards for excellence in teaching while completing his Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees"). He is pursuing a career in academics as a social psychologist.

Doug Gle '96 and **Mike Gle '02**, both of Traverse City, Mich., coach baseball together at Traverse City Central High School.

Rachael Pridgeon '02 Peckham of Athens, Ohio, earned a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and has accepted a tenure-track position in creative writing at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va.

Josh Baumbach '03 of Dorr, Mich., is the new varsity football coach at Wyoming Park High School.

Courtney Elaine Brewster '04 recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and will be a hall director at Iowa State University in the Department of Residence.

Jonathan Cain '04 of Des Plaines, Ill., was the race director of the inaugural Wisconsin Marathon in Kenosha, Wis., on Saturday, May 2. The race included a marathon and half-marathon, and sold out at 2,000 participants.

Michael Douma '04 is the recipient of a Fulbright Grant to the Netherlands for the 2009-10 year. The grant will facilitate his research for his dissertation on Dutch-American history. Michael is a Ph.D. candidate in history at Florida State University.

Lesli Fisher '05 graduated from pharmacy school (please see "Advanced

Jodi McFarland '97 has been named community editor by the *Saginaw News* as the newspaper begins a transition to a new model of distributing news in the coming months, printing three days a week. Her new role combines the duties of her former position as the metropolitan editor within the newsroom with a more interactive role in the community. Jodi will oversee all journalism at the paper, where she began as a reporter in 1997. She and her husband, Eric Friedman '97, have three children.

Degrees") and will be completing her residency in pharmacy at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Woodland Hills, Calif.

Adam Hilton '05 of Holland, Mich., earned a "Top Chef" award at the 2009 Culinary Cabaret, a fundraising event for the Community Health Center. He is a chef at Via Maria.

Matthew Adkins '06 returned to Holland, Mich., in February after working in Washington, D.C., since graduating, first as a White House employee and then as associate director of public liaison at the Gulf Coast Rebuilding Office. He has since managed a successful campaign for a local township trustee and is currently a staff member of Bill Huizenga's upcoming campaign for the 2nd Congressional District in Michigan.

Elise Edwards '06, an office management specialist (OMS) with the U.S. State Department, returned to Hope and presented the address "Life After Hope" on Monday, April 6, through the college's French studies Colloquium. She began training to be an OMS in March 2007, and in April 2007 left for her first overseas assignment as office manager for the Regional Security Office at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia. After completing a two-year tour of duty, she was reassigned as the OMS in the Political Section at the U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo).

Christopher Meeusen '06 is in his third year of medical school at Michigan State University.

Briana Galbreath '07 of Chester, Pa., is completing her master's degree in human sexuality education at Widener University.

Clinton Jepkema '08 and **Laura Scherer '08 Jepkema** live in Danville, Ky. Clinton is a mathematics teacher at Lincoln County High School (Stanford, Ky.). Laura is an activities coordinator at Christian Care Center (Lancaster, Ky.).

Anna Jonkman '08 is back home in Grand Rapids, Mich., and teaching dance for the Grand Rapids Ballet's

"Steps In A New Direction" program and drumming for the Armenta Studio. She is also a guest artist and musician for At-Neemrah Dance Company.



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Matthew Anderson '09 is working in sales for Biewer Lumber.

Matthew Baker '09 will study fiction in Vanderbilt University's creative writing MFA program.

Justin Barigian '09 will be attending the Culinary Institute of America in St. Helena, Calif., to work on a Bachelor's of Professional Studies in Culinary Arts. He will finish the degree at the Hyde Park, N.Y., campus.

Ashley Barbieri '09 backpacked through Europe with four Hope friends for a month and will work this summer at a school for individuals with special needs. She will complete her special education student teaching placement in the fall.

Jonathan Barrus '09 was accepted into the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. He then applied and was admitted as the sole candidate from the incoming class to the D.D.S./Ph.D. Oral Health Sciences program, an eight-year, fully-funded award with a stipend. He hopes to one day be a professor of dentistry and concurrently run a private practice.

Jennifer Bockstege '09 will attend DePaul University in Chicago, Ill., this fall, working toward a master's degree in viola performance.

Brent Boersma '09 is moving to Chicago, Ill., where he has a summer internship in sales.

Lisa Borton '09 will pursue an MFA in theatre arts at the University of Iowa.

Sarah Brower '09 will study for a doctorate in clinical psychology at Roosevelt University.

Jeremiah Budd '09 plans to attend the Michigan State Police academy in hopes of becoming a Michigan State Trooper.

Isaac Bush '09 is moving to New York City to pursue a career and calling as an actor.

Timothy Carter '09 is going to Kenya for five months beginning in July as an international field intern for Samaritan's Purse. He will be working to provide physical and spiritual relief for victims of poverty through various engineering-related projects.

Hilary Cason '09 will be teaching high school Spanish in Chicago, Ill. At the start of her second year of teaching, she will begin a master's degree in special education.

Jaclynn Cherry '09 is working at a

summer day camp and studying for the CPA examination. She has a position with Plante & Moran in Auburn Hills, Mich., as a staff accountant.

Michael Clery '09, a December graduate, is working as the vision program coordinator for the Henry Ford Hospital School-Based and Community Health Program. In the fall he will attend the University of Michigan Medical School.

Tyler Cortright '09 will study in an online graduate school program for Sports management through the University of California - Pennsylvania, and also doing an internship with the Green Bay Packers.

Daniel Cox '09 went to Australia with a friend for six to 12 months to work and backpack around the east coast from the Gold Coast down to Sydney. Then he is going to graduate school to study sports administration/management.

Kariayne Cozzie '09 will be interning at Walt Disney World resort Orlando, Fla.

Gretchen Davis '09 will pursue a master's degree in social work at the University of Denver.

Ryan Davis '09 has a summer internship in biomedical research at Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich. This fall he will study ecology for a semester in Australia through the School for International Training (SIT).

Julia Defoe '09 will begin studying at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, Calif., this fall.

Christopher Dekker '09 is the full-time organist/choir director at Second Congregational Church of Grand Rapids, Mich., and is studying for a Master of Music at Central Michigan University.

Tyler Depke '09 will be traveling throughout South America this fall to further his Spanish skills. Next spring he will begin pursuing a master's degree in geology at Texas A&M University.

Lindsey Dickerman '09 is working as an RN on Holland Hospital's telemetry/intensive care unit.

Jacob Dickinson '09 will begin studying for a Ph.D. in chemical engineering at the University of Michigan.

Matthew Diepenhorst '09 is going to further his education in Brussels, Belgium.

Abigail Drake '09 works at Consumers Credit Union in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Steve Haulenbeck '02 won two of four awards, "best in show" and the "green design award," at the Modern Design Function competition on Thursday, April 30, when the 15 finalists exhibited at the North Ave. Design Within Reach showroom in Chicago, Ill. His winning submission, the lighting piece "The Dubbot Modular," can be seen on his Web site.



Billy Norden '04 of Wyckoff, N.J., has linked the 1992 Kawasaki Vulcan 1500 motorcycle he purchased this year with a ministry goal. He and 10 other men at Wyckoff Reformed Church, where Billy is associate pastor of youth and young families, started a Saturday riding group.

Rachel Driscoll '09 will study for a Ph.D. in chemistry at Michigan State University.

Derek Duncan '09 is taking a year off to work as a naturalist at a Christian education center on Barrier Island in South Carolina. It is a year-long position teaching school children about environmental science. He has deferred attending Aberdeen University to study for an MSc in renewable energy futures until the following year.

Erika English '09 will be teaching elementary school. She looks forward to achieving her professional certificate in education and also attaining a Master of Arts in biblical studies.

Sarah Fetter '09 will be teaching fourth- through sixth-grade special education at Washington Intermediate School in Pekin Ill.

Anna Finger '09 will be teaching elementary school in Charlotte, N.C., for the next two years through the Teach for America program.

Erin Fortner '09 will attend the University of Iowa College of Law.

Stephanie Fowler '09 will be attending Dallas (Texas) Theological Seminary next fall.

Crystal Frost '09 is a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) at Alliance Healthcare in Eagan, Minn., working as supervisor for personal care attendants and homemakers. She is going to attend the University of Minnesota as a full-time advanced-standing student and will graduate in 2010 with an MSW. Her long-term goal is to be a therapist in a residential facility for adolescents/juveniles with substance abuse/mental health diagnoses.

Yuliya Ganenko '09 is going to St. John's University graduate school in Rome, Italy, to pursue a master's in government and politics with a concentration in international relations.

Stephanie Giegler '09 is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan.

Kolleen Gierum '09 is working for Allstate Insurance in Holland, Mich.

Lauren Graham '09 is going to



work in the Ann Arbor, Mich., office of Plante Moran.

Danelle Graves '09 will be studying at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Holly Greving '09 plans to attend Arcadia University in Delaware to pursue a career as a physician assistant.

Alex Griffith '09 will pursue an M.D. at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, Ill.

Allyson Grinage '09 plans to study for a D.M.D. at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

Ashley Gruenberg '09 will begin graduate school at Michigan State University this summer, taking part in their post-BA program to become a teacher with the intention of obtaining a Ph.D. in mathematics education.

Phillip Guajardo '09 plans to attend the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee to pursue an M.D.

Ruth Hagan '09 is moving to Denver, Colo., with friends and applying for nursing positions.

Troy Harrison '09 is working for BDO Seidman in Boston, Mass.

Jonathan Hatfield '09 is working as an analyst for JP Morgan Wealth Management in Detroit, Mich.

Allison Hawkins '09 will attend the Sotheby's Institute of Art in London this

fall to study for an MA in contemporary design.

Michael Headley '09 is working for the State of Michigan's Department of Information Technology and also applying to Norwich University's master's program in military history.

Nova Hinman '09 is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Bowling Green State University.

Michael Hobson '09 will pursue a Master of Music in jazz performance at the University of South Florida.

Hilary Holbrook '09 will be volunteering for a year at Gabriel House, a home for kids with severe disabilities in Maneadero, Mexico.

Krista Homakie '09 is moving to San Diego, Calif., to pursue a career in TV and film production.

Abigail Hoppen '09 is working as a communications specialist in the public relations office at Amway Corporate in Ada, Mich.

Brittney Jatzo '09 will be attending Case Western Reserve University, studying for a master's degree in social work.

Lauren Johnson '09 will be working for the "Hoekstra for Governor" campaign.

Deanna Kalafut '09 will study chemistry in graduate school at Purdue

University.

Ricky Kelley '09 will be student teaching at West Ottawa High School during the 2009 fall semester.

Ryan Kelly '09 is moving to Grand Rapids and working for Beene Garter, a public accounting firm. This summer he will be studying and sitting for the CPA examination.

Brett Kingma '09 will be attending the University of Maryland Dental School.

Russ Knoll '09 will attend Northern Illinois University to begin a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology.

Suzanna Knowles '09 is moving to Denver, Colo., to work as a swim school instructor for a year, and then going to graduate school to study occupational therapy in 2010.

Sarah Koon '09 will be teaching fifth grade at the American Academy of Casablanca in Casablanca, Morocco.

Andrew Kortesoja '09 is attending the Grand Valley State University Police Academy this summer. After graduation in August, he will pursue a career as a law enforcement officer.

Don Kring '09 will be working for Deloitte in Grand Rapids, Mich., in the audit department.

Amy Kunzi '09 is a registered nurse in the Emergency Department at Zeeland (Mich.) Community Hospital.

Elise LaRoche '09 will be attending Wayne State University School of Medicine in the fall.

Christina Larson '09 in January will begin studying at the University of Illinois graduate entry to nursing program.

Brad Lininger '09 is an electrical engineer at Byce & Associates in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Anne Lockwood '09 will begin the 10-month social work advanced placement program at Loyola University in July, working toward a master's degree with a specialization in mental health.

Sarah Lokers '09 will be attending Wayne State University Law School.

Karie Luidens '09 will be working in Grand Rapids as a French customer service representative for Priceline's North American headquarters.

Stephanie Machiela '09, a December graduate, is an RN on a progressive/neuroscience floor at Blodgett Hospital in East Grand Rapids, Mich.

Shauna Markby '09 will be attending Western Michigan University for an M.A. in counseling education -- K-12 school counseling.

Melissa Marshall '09 will begin studying in the School of Information at the University of Michigan in the fall.

Jeff Mastin '09 has an internship with his church, Without Walls Vineyard, helping organize a summer day camp program for youth in the area, continuing to do some teaching for the high school-college group, and looking for ways to encourage cross-cultural missions values in the various ministries at the church. He is also doing some alternative energy research to find the best ways to grow algae to burn as fuel.

Marjorie McBride '09 will begin graduate school in September at the



University of Michigan in the one-year, advanced-standing social work master's program.

Emily McConnelly '09 will be attending the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University.

Erin McGreal-Miller '09 graduated in December and began working for Gift of Life Michigan in January as a hospital development associate.

Brian McLellan '09 will be studying at the Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mandy McNeil '09 is going to pursue a Master of Divinity and Master of the Arts in youth ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Andrew Mead '09 will pursue a Master of Divinity at Western Theological Seminary.

Jon Moerdyk '09 will be attending the University of Texas at Austin to pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry with the goal of teaching at a university or college.

Ellen Molenaar '09 will attend Midwestern University and study in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Kalee Monhollon '09 will attend massage therapy school and later pursue a master's degree.

Katherine Morgan '09 will attend the University of North Florida School of Nursing.

Joy Oosterbaan Morin '09 will pursue a master's degree in piano pedagogy at Central Michigan University.

Paul Morin '09 will study for a master's degree in English with a focus on literature at Central Michigan University.

Laura Morningstar '09 is a student nurse extern in Indianapolis, Ind., this summer. She will return to Hope to finish her nursing degree this fall.

Sarah Multer '09 will begin studying in the physician assistant program at Western Michigan University in September.

Kendra Neil '09 will be teaching kindergarten in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, at a bilingual school for two years, working with a Christian organization called International Schools and sharing the Word of the Lord.

Laura Nettleton '09 will attend the University of Texas in Austin to pursue a master's degree in advertising.

Life Changing...



Nik Burkhardt
Class of 2009

"Having the opportunity to exhibit my artwork in the Senior Art Show with peers whom I respect and whose work I admire was one of the highlights of my Hope experience. The relationships I have formed during my time at Hope and the sense of community I have encountered have been life changing.

"My Hope experience would not have been possible without the scholarships I received and I am grateful for the extended Hope community whose support helps provide the funding for these scholarships."

Nearly 30% of Hope Fund contributions directly support student financial aid. Your gift by June 30 will help ensure the Hope experience is available to students like Nik.

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Nik is shown with an untitled work created with Emilie Puttrich '09 for this spring's Senior Show.

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Kelli Olender '09 will work for a public accounting firm, Rehmann Robson, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lucas Osterbur '09 will study for a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering at the University of Illinois.

Mark Panaggio '09 will pursue a Ph.D. in applied mathematics within the Department of Engineering Science and Applied Mathematics at Northwestern University.

Jonathan Parrish '09 will attend the University of Wisconsin in Madison to pursue a Ph.D. in organic chemistry.

Christine Pattison '09 will begin studying in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at George Washington University in the fall.

Lani Pickard '09 will be doing an English teaching assistantship in Colombia on a Fulbright grant for the next academic year.

Megan Pitzer '09 will be pursuing a Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Justine Post '09 moved to British Columbia to work for a wilderness camp, leading sea-kayaking trips for high school kids. In September she will move to southern Oregon to work for a church, starting a youth program and participating in the local community.

Alexander Quick '09 will attend Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto to study for an M.Div. and discern the possibility of ordination within the Anglican Church.

Jacquelyn Randolet '09 will begin studying for a Ph.D. in behavioral ecology (animal behavior) at Purdue University in August.

Jesse Reimink '09 plays for the Holland (Mich.) Blast, an International Basketball League franchise.

Lauren Reus '09 will move to Nashville, Tenn., to attend Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management and pursue an M.B.A. with concentrations in corporate finance and strategy.

Allison Rivers '09 will be an assistant to John Henry, an international sculptor based in Chattanooga, Tenn., where she is moving with Kelly Ellis '09.

Lindsay Roberts '09 graduated last December and moved to New York City, where she is working and pursuing a career in dance and musical theater.

Katie Ross '09 will begin work next year toward a Master of Music degree in vocal performance at Michigan State University.

Samantha Schrauben '09 began studying in the doctorate program in physical therapy at Central Michigan University in May.

Hope Schwartz '09 was accepted into the Memphis Teacher Residency and began a master's program in urban education through Union University this month.

Emily Seib '09 will begin working as an accountant at Plante & Moran in St. Joseph, Mich., this August.

Katie Shannon '09 will be working at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Renee Shea '09 will attend Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago, Ill., to obtain a master's degree in family and marriage counseling.

Laura Shears '09 will be enrolling in the master's degree program in higher education administration at North Carolina State University.

Christopher Sikkema '09 will begin study in a master's degree program in public policy at Georgetown University in August.

Erica Simpson '09 is a member of AmeriCorps, serving at Volunteer Muskegon with the Youth Volunteer Corps. She creates service opportunities for youth, ages 12 to 18, to better the community of Muskegon.

Laura Smallegan '09 will be spending the next two years teaching middle school mathematics at an American school in Casablanca, Morocco.

Brandon Smith '09 has been working with Heritage Homes as a care provider for people with autism. This fall he will enter Western Theological Seminary to pursue a Master of Divinity, with plans to attend Fuller Theological Seminary in the fall of 2010.

Molly Smith '09 is going to spend one year in Malaysia working as an English teaching assistant through the Fulbright program.

Mackenzie Snyder '09 began working for Consumers Credit Union in April as Latino market research specialist.

Nicole Stegenga '09 will begin medical school at Midwestern University in the fall.

Daniel Sultz '09 will become an Army officer and ship off to Fort Benning for Basic Training and Officer Candidate School.

Erin Sundberg '09 will study for a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan.

Allison Templeton '09 will be teaching English in Montpellier, France.

Rachele Thomas '09 will study in the educational leadership master's degree program at Grand Valley State University.

Dirk VanBruggen '09 will study at Notre Dame University for a Ph.D. in computer science.

Chelsea Vandlen '09 will begin studying for a Master of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University this fall.

Paul Van Kempen '09 is going to attend Princeton Theological Seminary.

Rachel VanKempen '09 plans graduate study in the molecular biosciences interdisciplinary program at Montana State University. Her goal is to be involved in environmental chemistry research.

Laura Van Tassell '09 is working

in Holland, Mich., this summer at the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre ticket office. In August, she will move to Philadelphia, Pa., where she has a job in the development and fundraising department with the Walnut Street Theatre, the oldest theatre in the nation.

Steve Van Wyck '09 is working at the Dale House Project in Colorado.

Sarah Vernon '09 is going to graduate school to study for an MA at the University of Chicago in the fall.

Andrea Wagner '09 will attend Michigan State University as a graduate assistant in the Kinesiology Department, working as an athletic trainer with the men's and women's track teams as well as teaching CPR and first aid.

Christine Washington '09 is backpacking through Europe and will begin study at Loyola University Chicago School of Law in August.

Ailie Weaver '09 will begin working in early September in East Lansing, Mich., with Abraham & Gaffney, P.C.

Samantha Webbert '09 will leave for New Zealand this fall to work and travel for a year.

Ashley Westcott '09 is taking a year off to travel and work and will begin P.A. school next spring.

Zach White '09 will begin study at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Katie Wieringa '09 is moving to Nashville, Tenn., to be a nurse at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital, part of Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Theresa Wigton '09 plans to attend Wheaton College Graduate School in the fall to pursue a master's degree in clinical psychology

Sarah Williams '09 will be in Nantes, France, next year with a French teaching assistantship sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and the Cultural Services.

Morgan Willming '09 will be studying environmental toxicology in graduate school at Texas Tech University.

Clint Wilm '09 will pursue a master's degree at Grand Valley State University.

Yvette Wissner '09 is an RN in the Emergency Care Center at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw Mich.

Alex Wotal '09 is doing chemistry-related research this summer at the University of Rochester (N.Y.), where he will begin a Ph.D. program in chemistry in September. He plans to eventually teach and do research at a four-year college or university.

Ronna Warner Zeluff '09 will be working at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health and going back to graduate school for a Master of Social Work after taking a little over a year off.

Marriages

David Daubenspeck '74 and Kathy Garceau, Dec. 27, 2007.

Rochelle Marker '00 and Gerald Haug, March 5, 2009, Lansing, Mich.

Scott Rumsa '01 and Claire Walsh, Jan. 2, 2009, with a second wedding

blessing to take place this month in Ireland.

Grant M. Heller '02 and Sylvia Malcore, Jan. 2, 2009, Royal Oak, Mich.

Kathryn McNeely '02 and David Myrdahl, April 4, 2009, Western Springs, Ill.

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

Rachel Canfield '05 and Robert Dody '06, Oct. 18, 2008, Grand Haven, Mich.

Katherine L. Helmer '05 and Jared M. Trust, Feb. 20, 2009, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Andrea Kaffka '05 and Robert Scott '05, Jan. 31, 2009, Naperville, Ill.

Mari Stuppy '05 and Mike Billingsley '06, Oct. 25, 2008.

Rachel Canfield '05 and Robert Dody '06, Oct. 18, 2008, Grand Haven, Mich.

Taryn Drost '06 and Mark Yager, June 24, 2006, Charlevoix, Mich.

Sarah Gallivan '07 and Stith Keiser '07, June 14, 2008, Lakewood, Colo.

Adam Scott Rignalda '07 and Megan Elise Werley '07, Dec. 27, 2008, Zeeland, Mich.

Shayna Drost '08 and Timothy Partridge '08, Oct. 4, 2008, Charlevoix, Mich.

Clinton Jepkema '08 and Laura Scherer '08, Dec. 27, 2008.

Brandon James Smith '09 and Stephanie Allyson McDonald, Dec. 20, 2008.

Nathan Zeluff '08 and Ronna Warner '09, Aug. 2, 2008.

New Arrivals

Shelley Defreese '84 Votto and Ron Votto, Christian Tanner, May 30, 2007.

John L. Buchanan '86 and Leslie A. Harlan '86, Henry Beckett Harlan and Mabel Vivian Harlan, Nov. 18, 2008.

Claudine Wagenaar '90 Duncan and Ted Duncan, Vivienne "Vivi" Rose, April 2, 2009.

Sandra Kubala '90 Rotondaro and Aaron Rotondaro, Claire Leigh, Jan. 23, 2009.

Mark Bernecker '91 and Michele Nederveld '92 Bernecker, Greta Valerie, Jan. 27, 2009.

Kevin Rosenau '91 and Kimberly Rosenau, Kory Scott, April 16, 2009.

Randy Baron '92 and Katie Kolean '95 Baron, Antonela Faith, born Sept. 10, 2001, in Albania, and adopted December 2008.

Raymond Touw '93 and Shannon MacLaren '93 Touw, Benjamin David, Aug. 15, 2007, and Jenoa Grace, Nov. 25, 2008.

Bill A. Boerman '94 and Liz Boerman, Philippa Ruth, May 1, 2009.

Edward Cole '94 and Kristina Cole, Ashley Lauren, March 10, 2009.

Cynthia Keip '94 Vedders and Jeffery Vedders '95, Evan James, May 1, 2009.

Mark Campbell '94 and Kristen Sytsma '95 Campbell, Andrew Erik, Aug. 27, 2008.



Megan Carpenter '95 and Matt Bejin, Matthew Christopher Byron Bejin, Jan. 13, 2009.

Mark Westerbeke '95 and Tonya Westerbeke, Mia Jane, April 30, 2009.

Heather Haveman '95 White and Daniel White, Gibson Daniel, March 9, 2009.

Lisa Schrock '96 Castle and John Castle, Jill Kristine, Feb. 10, 2009.

Erin Alexander '96 Dewey and Daniel Dewey, Ireland Elyse, April 7, 2009.

Micah Sjoblom '96 and Ann Burke, Aidan Burke Sjoblom, Feb. 22, 2009.

Annie Lull '97 Arendsen and Ron Arendsen, Brenden Stephen, Feb. 26, 2009.

Rebecca Olds '97 Edmonds and Ian Edmonds, Samuel Ernest, Jan. 9, 2009.

Kristina Blauser '97 Henry and Kurtis Henry, Jace Eli, April 30, 2009.

Matthew Hierholzer '97 and Renee Hierholzer, Carter Matthew, April 4, 2009.

Kevin Nash '97 and Amy Nash, Logan Edward, March 24, 2009.

Miska Kuipers '97 Rynsburger and Thaddeus Rynsburger, Cameron Matthew, March 3, 2009.

Corrine Downing '97 Timmer and Mark Timmer, Lillian Jean, Aug. 22, 2008.

Gretchen Conrad '98 Albertson and Justin Albertson '98, Milena Elise, Dec. 11, 2008.

Joel Johnson '98 and Anna Naber '00 Johnson, Leah Joy, March 8, 2009.

Carrie LaBarge '98 Kuipers and James Kuipers, Greyson James, March 31, 2009.

Janette (Molly) Griebe '99 Avery and Jeromy Avery, Lydia Jane, Feb. 13, 2009.

Gwen Veldhof '99 Brandt and Robert Brandt '99, Samantha Jean, April 5, 2009.

Brian Field '99 and Kirsten Morian '00 Field, Addley Elise, April 27, 2009.

Caroline A. Enos '99 June and Matt June, Noah Matthew, Dec. 19, 2008.

Matthew Putnam '99 and Kelly Klein '00 Putnam, Gibson Allen, Dec. 13, 2008.

Christina Kaminskas '99 Schlaps and Christopher Schlaps, Greta Elizabeth, Dec. 2, 2008.

Melanie DeFeyer '99 Weaver and Michael Weaver, Carrie Ann, March 25, 2009.

Thomas Bouwens '00 and Teresa Sneller '02 Bouwens, Lydia Hope, March 30, 2009.

Jason Divozzo '99 and Adriann Knepschild '00 Divozzo, Miles James, March 29, 2009.

Lesley Sheldon '00 Hassenrik and Matthew Hassenrik '00, Charlotte (Charley) Grace, March 20, 2009.

Janet Librizzi '00 Kucek and Robert Kucek, Allison Therese, Feb. 19, 2009.

Russell Metcalf '99 and Maryellen Ward '00 Metcalf, Miriam Elizabeth, Feb. 15, 2009.

Daniel Renner '00 and Julie Renner, Zoey Moret, May 7, 2009.

David Stielstra '00 and Lynae Stielstra, Lillian Joy, Feb. 26, 2009.

Sean Bateman '01 and Amy Kazmarski '02 Bateman, London Edward, Feb. 28, 2009.

Melissa Sloothaak '01 Brouwer and Robert Brouwer, Easton Jay, May 4, 2009.

Joel Davelaar '01 and Allison Davelaar, Anna Lynn, March 4, 2009.

Jimmy Lamb '01 and Kelli Lamb, Oliver James, Hudson James and Beckett James, March 24, 2009.

Elissa Wickmann '00 Lappenga and Dan Lappenga '01, Ian John, April 23, 2009.

Colin Mulder '01 and Bethany Mulder, Johanna Mathilda, March 11, 2009.

Brian Porter '01 and Jennifer Raupp '02 Porter, Joseph Graham, April 18, 2009.

Laurie Formsmas '02 Adams and Jason Adams, Noah Paul, April 2, 2009.

Jeff Anderson '02 and Jennifer Anderson, Eric Henry, Feb. 28, 2009.

Mark Foreman '02 and Tara Oosting '02 Foreman, Ezra Alexander, March 12, 2009.

Joel Schick '02 and Taya Drost '04 Schick, Carson Allen, Feb. 22, 2009.

Carmen Randel '02 Weigel and Craig Weigel, Colton Reid, March 23, 2009.

Jennifer Folkert '02 Yoder and Jerry Yoder, Andrew Jonathan, April 24, 2009.

Derek Torno '03 and Michelle Torno, Zachary Alan, March 1, 2009.

Christopher Marlink '04 and Rebekah Marlink, Crew Gabriel, April 8, 2009.

Taryn Drost '06 Yager and Mark Yager, Bryce Jaxon, April 23, 2009.

leadership, Florida Gulf Coast University, December 2008.

Courtney Elaine Brewster '04, Syracuse University, Master of Science from the Cultural Foundations of Education graduate degree program, May 9, 2009.

David Bellows '05, master's degree in organ performance and literature, Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, May 2008.

Lesli Fisher '05, Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Michigan.

Katherine Gignac '05, master's degree in educational administration and leadership, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 2009.

Kyle Barnes '06, Master of Science in health and exercise science, Colorado State University, May 2009.

Matt Goetz '06, Master of Science in Engineering degree in chemical engineering, University of Michigan, December 2008.

Sarah Reese '06, Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Grand Valley State University, April 25, 2009.

Kim Mosley '06 Vandlen, Master of Science in Industrial Engineering, The Ohio State University, March 2009.

Leslie Tableman '07, Master of Public Administration, University of Oregon, March 21, 2009.

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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Advanced Degrees

Patricia Vander Werf '75 Johannsen, Master of Fine Arts in illustration, Marywood University, May 2008.

Nancy Scholten '82 Kamstra, master's degree in secondary education, Grand Valley State University, April 2008.

Chris Wells '98, Master of Labor and Human Resources, The Ohio State University, March 2009.

Emily S. Horton '99, Ph.D. in contemporary English literature, University of Nottingham (England), April 2009.

Caroline A. Enos '99 June, MBA in accounting, Davenport University, December 2008.

Jodi Kurtze '01, Master of Nonprofit Administration, North Park University, May 9, 2009.

Eric Shaeffer '01, Ph.D. in social psychology, The Ohio State University, March 22, 2009.

Rachael Pridgeon '02 Peckham, Ph.D. in English, Ohio University, spring 2009.

Carmen Randel '02 Weigel, master's degree in educational

Sondra Decker '60 Beede of Amherst, N.H., died on Sunday, April 12, 2009. She was 70.

She was a teacher for many years, having taught at Cambridge (N.Y.) Central School and the Milford (Mass.) Middle School until her retirement in 1995. For the past 14 years, she and her husband owned and operated Tricorn Antiques and Estate Sales Inc.

Survivors include her husband, Alan Beede '61; a daughter, Susan Beede '88 (John Scott '87) Carpenter; a son, John (Kathleen) Beede; a sister, Sharon Decker '65 Kammeraad; a brother, Kurt Decker, and four grandchildren.

Laverne C. "Curly" Dalman '28 of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, May 8, 2009. He was 103.

He first worked for Bush & Lane Piano Co. of Holland. Then he was assistant receiver of a failed bank in Muskegon. Later he was one of three individuals who reorganized People's State Bank of Holland. He led the bank's subsequent consolidation with Old Kent Bank of Grand Rapids, Mich., retiring as president in 1974.

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He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace Dalman in 1979; and his siblings, Ruth Dalman '30 Roos, Eleanor Dalman '42 Vanderhill, Howard Dalman '32, Andrew Dalman '34, Robert Dalman, and George Dalman '47.

Survivors include his son, Ronald (Jessie) Dalman, and daughter, Mary Ellen Ouellette; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, George Vanderhill '42; and sister-in-law, Barbara Dalman.

David A. DeVries '53 of Frankfort, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009. He was 76.

Survivors include his brother, John C. '57 (Virginia Vanderborgh '58) DeVries.

Larry J. DeVries '66 of Alto, Mich., died on Saturday, April 4, 2009. He was 64.

He was one of the founders of Centennial Securities and owner of the Tack Room Western Store.

He was preceded in death by his son, Scott DeVries, and his parents, Ted and Iris DeVries.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn DeVries; his children, Stephen (Ronda) DeVries, Brenda (Mark) Plants, and Kimberly DeVries (David Rademacher); and four grandchildren.

Barbara Baker '52 DeYoung of Livermore, Colo., died on Friday, March 27, 2009, after a 20-year on and off struggle with cancer. She was 78.

She was a homemaker and mother.

She was preceded in death by an infant son.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Maynard (Mike) DeYoung '46; a son, Douglas (Wendy) DeYoung; daughters, Debbie (Barry) Denison, Sarah (Ron) Stoehr, and Cheryl DeYoung; eight grandchildren; and her brother James A. '57 (Liz VanderJagt '59) Baker.

Mary Hoffmyer '59 Grier of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. She was 71.

She had been a social worker at Bethany Christian Services, Project Rehab, and Domestic Crisis Center.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Helen Hoffmyer '64 Fonger.

Survivors include three children, Amy (Todd) Cunningham, Matthew (Sonya) Grier, and Molly (Tom) Cooper; and seven grandchildren.

Michael J. Hooker '77 of Suffolk, Va., died on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009. He was 55.

He had been a chaplain with the Reformed Church in America.

Survivors include his wife, Penny Hooker.

John S. Jeltres '58 of Hudsonville, Mich., died on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, after a struggle with cancer. He was 72.

He served as a teacher, coach and athletic director at Kelloggsville High School from 1958 to 1967. Then he joined the administrative staff at Kentwood Public Schools and served as principal of Valleywood Middle School and assistant principal for personnel, retiring as superintendent of schools in 1990. He also served as interim superintendent of schools for Godfrey-Lee Public Schools during the 1991-92 school year.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Betty Burnett '57 Jeltres; two children, David (Erin) Jeltres and Kathy (David) Jordan; five grandchildren; two great-grandsons; a sister, Marcia (Roccy) DeFrancesco; and a brother, Thomas '73 (Jane Weller '74) Jeltres.

Barbara L. Lampen '38 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, April 12, 2009. She was 93.

She taught English and history at Holland High School for 33 years, retiring in 1976.

She was preceded in death by her brother, J. Oliver Lampen '39.

Survivors include her brother, A. Edgar '50 (Marlene) Lampen.

Robert F. Longstreet '43 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, March 28, 2009. He was 88.

He was a veteran who served in World War II as a naval aviator, first on the *Lexington* and then on the *Yorktown II*. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve until 1959, when he retired with the rank of lieutenant commander.

He retired from Parke Davis in 1983.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Rutgers '43 Longstreet, and a son, John Scott Longstreet.

Survivors include his children, Susan (Michael) Manuel, Marc (Jane) Longstreet, and R. Kim Longstreet; and five grandchildren.

Herman E. Luben '38 of Loudonville, N.Y., died on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. He was 91.

He was a minister in the Reformed Church in America (RCA), serving in Alberta, Canada; Baldwin, N.Y.; Roxbury, N.Y.; Utica, N.Y.; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; Lucerne, Switzerland; and Athens, Greece. He served the RCA as an executive responsible for church growth and evangelism, and was instrumental in establishing the Fowler Camp and Retreat Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice McCrea Luben.

Survivors include two daughters and one son, Jan Luben '71 (Craig) Hoffman, Deborah (Bruce) Farnham, and Dyk Luben (Diana Antonacci); and two grandsons.

Norma Kellogg '47 Morrow-Wade of Saugatuck, Mich., died on Thursday, May 7, 2009. She was 84. She was preceded in death by

her husbands, Robert Morrow and Kenneth Wade; and her siblings, Nancy Heaton and Cameron Kellogg.

Survivors include her children, Ellen (Billy) Robinson and Eric (Cathy) Morrow, and six grandchildren.

Kathaleen Van Leeuwen '38 Nelson of Zeeland, Mich., died on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. She was 92.

She was employed as a bookkeeper by the Ottawa Oil Co. for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Nelson, in 1982, and by a brother, Clayton Van Leeuwen.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol (Michael) Prince; sons, Carl and Jackie Hallett and Ernie and Margaret (Krause) Nelson; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Carol Myers '59 Rupright of Fort Wayne, Ind., died on Friday, April 3, 2009. She was 72.

She taught elementary school for a few years and worked at Belmont Stores and Insurance Risk & Management. She was also a nanny for four years and worked at Lutheran Hospital Childcare.

Survivors include four children, Greg Rupright, Lisa (John) Chomer, Chris (Adrienne) Rupright and Kim (Todd) Martin; and eight grandchildren.

Paul R. Troost '57 of Byron Township, Mich., died on Monday, March 23, 2009. He was 73.

He was a teacher at Byron Center Public Schools and Kelloggsville Public Schools before retiring in 1991.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald Troost '67.

Survivors include his wife, W. Jean Troost; three sons, Michael Troost, Paul M. (Patricia) Troost, and James '86 (Kimberly) Troost; and eight grandchildren.

Helen Boone '35 Van Zanden of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, March 21, 2009. She was 96.

She worked for many years at Du Mez Clothing Store.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Van Zanden '36.

Survivors include her children, Theodore Jr. "Ted" (Carol) Van Zanden, Mary Ellen (Richard) Bard; five grandchildren, including Theodor '93 (Leanne) Van Zanden; and four great-grandchildren.

Daniel J. White '96 of Grand Haven, Mich., died following a car accident on Saturday, April 11, 2009. He was 36.

He taught in the Mona Shores (Mich.) school system, spending the last nine years at Campbell School, with previous experience at both Ross Park and Mona Shores Middle School. At the time of the accident, he was teaching in California while pursuing a master's degree, and was

due to return to teaching in Mona Shores this fall. He was also a certified wilderness safety instructor and spent the last two summers as a mountain bike instructor in Telluride, Colo.

Survivors include his parents, Dan and Sherry White; his brother, Paul White (Paul Ku); and his sisters, Amy (Steve) VerMerris, Diane (Dave) Lamphear, and Julie White '00.

Donald P. Wierenga '53 of Saugatuck, Mich., died on Monday, April 20, 2009. He was 78.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. armed forces.

He taught at Fairview School and at Harrison Park High School. He held several administrative positions in the Grand Rapids Public Schools, and later in the Jenison school system, where he retired as principal of Sandy Hill Elementary School in 1987.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Virginia Wierenga, and three daughters, including Susan Wierenga-Pyle '82 (Steven Pyle).

Sympathy to

The family of **Lawrence "Larry" LaFever** of Holland, Mich., who died on Friday, April 24, 2009. He was 79.

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

He owned and operated restaurants in Albuquerque, N.M., and Ouray, Colo., before moving to Holland and working at Hope until he retired from the physical plant staff.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rethea LaFever, and son, Paul LaFever.

Survivors include his sister, Sarah (James) Corwin.

The family of **James Lamb** of Pottstown, Pa., who died on Wednesday, March 4, 2009.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Hanna '71 Lamb.

The family of **Arnold N. Sonneveldt** of Grand Rapids, Mich., who died on Monday, May 4, 2009. He was 92.

He was a longtime owner and president of Buttercup Bakeries and Arnie's Bakery and Restaurants.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Esther Sonneveldt; four children, Nancy Sonneveldt '62 (Philip '65) Miller, Robert Sonneveldt, Susan Sonneveldt '67 (Bruce '65) Neckers, and Cindy Sonneveldt '70 (Robert) Fedewa; nine grandchildren, including Matthew '93 (Erin) Neckers, Shalom Sonneveldt '93 (Bill) Jaconette, Derek '95 (Sunmee Jo) Miller, Melissa '95 (Scott) VanderLeek, and Mindy Miller '05 (Chris Cochran '95); and 10 great-grandchildren.





Seasons in Parallel

As the members of the Class of 2009 march to Baccalaureate, the green emerging on the stately maples that flank Dimnent Memorial Chapel echoes the tableau unfolding beneath. From the essential, rejuvenating slumber of winter, nature awakens on this first Sunday in May and makes ready to greet the world. So, too, do the graduates come forth—not from slumber, but from the essential, invigorating work of learning, made ready to greet the world, and themselves to serve as agents of transformation.

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