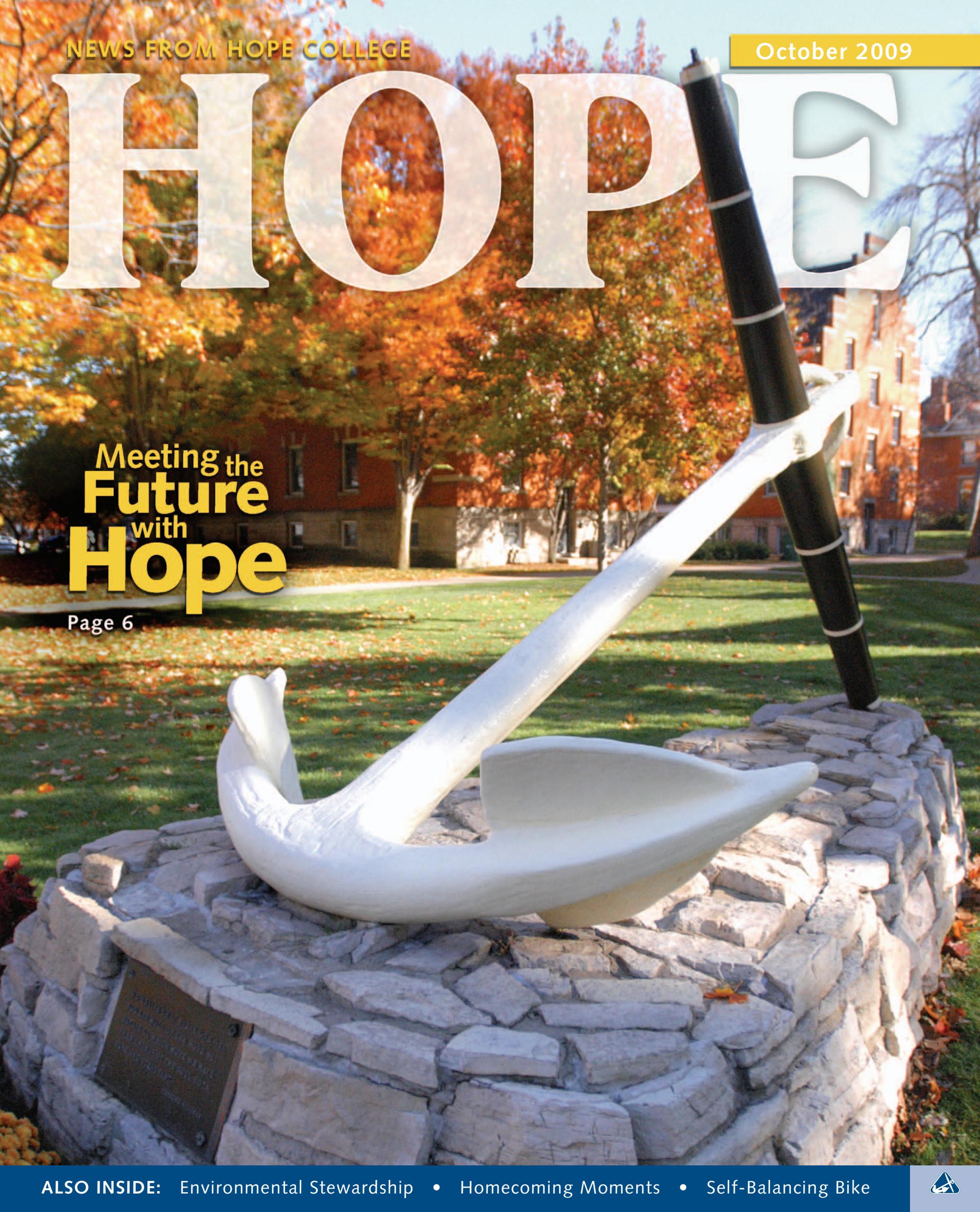


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## “Quote, unquote”

**Q**uote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things said at and about Hope College.



Although the geography differs, speaker Dr. Peter Schakel found in one visitor's journey through Narnia guidance for the members of the incoming Class of 2013 during their travels through Hope.

Dr. Schakel, who is the Peter C. and Emajean Cook Professor of English and an internationally respected scholar of the Narnia series' author, C.S. Lewis, presented “A Boy Called

Eustace and a Hope Education” during the Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 30, in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse.

Dr. Schakel centered his remarks on the experiences of Eustace Clarence Scrubb in *The Voyage of the “Dawn Treader.”* Scrubb, he said, was broadened by his time in Narnia, just as Dr. Schakel noted that he hoped that the students would be transformed by their time at Hope.

“Before he went to Narnia, Eustace Clarence thought that education was about mastering content,” Dr. Schakel said. “But accumulation of information, Lewis believed, is not the real goal of education; rather, the aim is the attainment of understanding and ultimately of wisdom. And these come through the ability to think clearly, critically and perceptively; the ability to analyze problems and situations acutely; the ability to ask probing, incisive questions; the ability to reflect deeply.”

Hope, Dr. Schakel said, provides such an education as a liberal arts college in the traditional sense that was prized by Lewis, who was a college educator himself and taught at Oxford and Cambridge for nearly 40 years.

“The origin of the word liberal is the Latin word for ‘free,’” Dr. Schakel said. “Thus the Roman orator Cicero says a liberal education is the education of free persons for a life of freedom.”

“That tradition carried over to the early colleges of America—they were liberal arts colleges,” he said. “Education was preparation for leadership, not preparation for a specific career.”

“A Hope education does aim to equip students for future jobs and careers, but that's not its primary aim,” he said. “The primary purpose of a Hope education is the development of the whole person; it is a preparation for life.”

Dr. Schakel explained that the college would correspondingly seek to educate the students in four dimensions: intellect, imagination, outlook and spiritual growth.

Their intellectual development, he said, would come through improving and reinforcing good mental habits such as curiosity, questioning, analysis, reflection, making connections and considering implications.

Imagination, Dr. Schakel said, is also a habit of mind that can be developed, and is necessary in every field, a key ability in reaching beyond what is to a vision of what can be.

Expanding one's outlook, he said, involves being open to other positions and beliefs while at the same time subjecting them and one's own beliefs to rigorous scrutiny, and a willingness to recognize that not all questions have safe, tidy answers.

In discussing spiritual growth he referenced Lewis's book *Mere Christianity*, in which Lewis called for people of faith to receive the Kingdom of God with a child's heart but a grown-up's head, so that their understanding of God is large enough to handle complex issues and difficult questions.

Stubb, Dr. Schakel said, returned home from Narnia much improved—wiser and more compassionate for the lessons that he had learned during his travels. In the same way, he said, students who make the most of their voyage through Hope will also find themselves changed for the better.

“That's what I, and my faculty colleagues, and the administrators and staff members at Hope wish for each of you in the next four years—that a Hope education will help you mature and grow and change as a human being, and develop to its fullest the great potential God has placed in each of you,” he said. 🐉

### On the Cover

When more than 150 years ago he established the Pioneer School that became Hope College, the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte described the young institution as his “anchor of hope” for the community for the future. Today's economic challenges are among the most challenging ever known in the U.S., but Hope remains committed to the vision upon which it was founded: to shape young lives holistically, not only for their betterment, but for the sake of a world in need.



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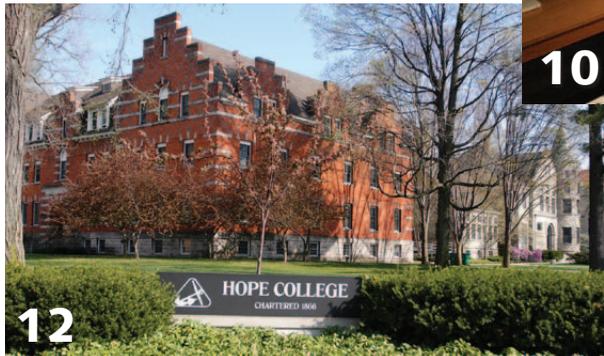
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## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Fall Semester

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.

## 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.

**Visit Days** offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student.

The days for 2009-10 are:

Fri., Nov. 6	Fri. Jan. 29
Fri., Nov. 13	Fri., Feb. 19
Fri., Nov. 20	Fri., Feb. 26
Mon., Jan. 18	

**Junior Days:** Friday, March 5;  
Friday, April 9; Friday, April 16  
**Pre-Professional Day:**  
Wednesday, May 19

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](http://www.hope.edu/admissions); or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422-9000.



## SPORTS SCHEDULES

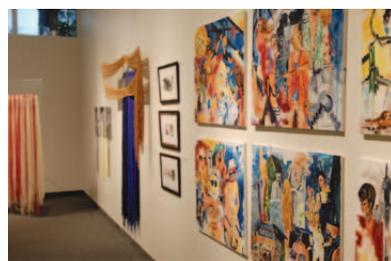
Please visit the college online at [www.hope.edu/athletics/winter.html](http://www.hope.edu/athletics/winter.html) for schedules for the winter athletic season, including men's basketball, women's basketball, and men's and women's swimming. Copies may be obtained by calling (616) 395-7860.

## THEATRE

**Rabbit Hole**—Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5; Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 9-12

DeWitt Center, studio theatre, 8 p.m.

*Tickets for Hope College Theatre productions are \$7 for regular admission and \$4 for senior citizens and students, and are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse.*



## DE PREE GALLERY

**Student Juried Show**—Monday, Nov. 30-Friday, Dec. 18

Work by current Hope students. *The gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Please call the gallery at (616) 395-7500 for more information.*



## GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

**Nathaniel Dett Chorale**—Friday, Nov. 20: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

*Tickets are \$17 for regular admission, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children under 18 and Hope students, and are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse.*

## JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

**Susan Choi**—Thursday, Nov. 12

*The reading will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre beginning at 7 p.m. Live music by the Jazz Chamber Ensemble will precede the readings beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.*



## MUSIC

**Chamber Music Concert**—Thursday, Nov. 12: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 11 a.m. Admission is free.

**Symphonette Concert**—Friday, Nov. 13: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Women's Chamber Choir**—Monday, Nov. 23: with Luminescence and 12th Street Harmony, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, corner of 13th Street and Maple Avenue in Holland, Mich., 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Vocal Jazz Concert**—Monday, Nov. 30: De Pree Art Center gallery, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Jazz Combos Concert**—Tuesday, Dec. 1: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Christmas Vespers**—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6: Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The services will be on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The public sale of tickets will take place on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse. Tickets are \$7 each, with a limit of four per person.

**Wind Ensemble Concert**—Wednesday, Dec. 9: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Madrigal Dinner**—Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12: Maas Center auditorium, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for regular admission and \$15 for Hope students, and available through the department of music in Nykerk Hall, which can be called at (616) 395-7650.

## DANCE

**Student Dance Concerts**—Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 23-24  
Dow Center, dance studio, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

**Student Dance Concerts**—Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5  
Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Family Weekend**—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8

**Winter Happening**—Saturday, Jan. 23

Includes multiple seminars and home winter sports action.

**Satellite Basketball Gatherings**—Saturday, Jan. 30

Gatherings around the country to watch the 3 p.m. Calvin-at-Hope men's basketball game live. [www.hopecalvin.com](http://www.hopecalvin.com)

**Alumni Weekend**—Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2.

Includes reunions for every fifth class from 1960 through 1980, and a 50-Year Circle brunch for all classes from 1959 and earlier.

**Educational Tour: Italy, Greece and Turkey**—June 13-25

Please see page 22.

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/](http://www.hope.edu/alumni/)



## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Nykerk Cup Competition**—Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m.

Holland Civic Center

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

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

**Baccalaureate and Commencement**—Sunday, May 9

## 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](http://www.hope.edu/pr/events.html).

## 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.





**STRONG ENROLLMENT:** Enrollment above 3,200 for the fourth consecutive year is helping to keep the Hope campus a busy place.

Hope has enrolled 3,230 students this fall, the second-highest total in the college's history.

The enrollment follows a successful admissions year that saw the college pass its goal of 800 new students. The high headcount follows a record enrollment last year of 3,238 students, a total that included the largest graduating class in the college's history. The total includes 803 first-time students, the fourth-highest ever and the third year in a row that first-time student enrollment has topped 800.

The student body consists of 1,286 men and 1,944 women from 42 states and 28 foreign countries.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)

**FULBRIGHT ADDITION:** The number of recent graduates who have received prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships for 2009-10 has grown to four.

Danielle Johnson '09 is teaching a class of 25 three-year-olds in a new bilingual program in Alicante, Spain.

As reported in the August issue, Robin Litscher '09, Lani Pickard '09 and Molly Smith '09 also received Fulbright awards, to serve in Germany, Colombia and Malaysia respectively. In addition, Ashley Holtgrewe '07, Allison Templeton '09, Anna West '08 and Sarah Williams '09 all hold English-teaching assistantships from the French government based on applications to the Fulbright program.

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**ADVANCEMENT STAFF:** Hope has announced a staff addition and changes within the Hope Fund, major gift and alumni relations programs.

Abby Madison '86 Reeg has joined the staff as director of the Hope Fund. The Hope Fund solicits ongoing, unrestricted financial support from alumni, corporations, churches, parents and friends for operations and programs at the college.

Stephanie Haag '95 Greenwood, who was previously director of the Hope Fund, has become executive director for the Hope Fund and advancement services.

Mary Boelkins '96 Remenschneider, who was previously director of alumni and parent relations, has become executive director for major gifts, with managerial responsibility for the college's fund-raising officers.

Scott Travis '06, who has been assistant director of alumni and parent relations since shortly after graduating, has been appointed director of alumni and parent relations.

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**RANKINGS REPORT:** Hope has again fared well in a variety of college guides.

*U.S. News & World Report* once again includes Hope among the 100 best liberal arts colleges in the nation, 92nd out of the 249 institutions that are considered national liberal arts colleges in its rankings. Hope also continues to be included among the institutions that the publication recognizes for providing outstanding undergraduate research/creative projects opportunities.

The September/October 2009 issue of *Mother Jones* includes Hope as one of "10 cool schools that will blow your mind, not your budget," describing the college as a best value for artists with a spiritual side.

Hope is among the approximately 330 of "the country's best and most interesting colleges and universities" featured in the new 2010 edition of the *Fiske Guide to Colleges*.

The Princeton Review selected Hope as one of 158 institutions it profiles in its "Best in the Midwest" section of its Web site feature "2010 Best Colleges: Region by Region," located at [www.PrincetonReview.com](http://www.PrincetonReview.com).

*Forbes* magazine and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity rank Hope 294th among the 600 colleges and universities included in their "America's Best Colleges" rankings at [www.forbes.com/colleges](http://www.forbes.com/colleges).

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**HONORARY DEGREE:** Hope has awarded an honorary degree to Jeanne L. Narum, director of the Independent Colleges Office and founding director of Project Kaleidoscope, for her "distinguished and transformational impact on science education throughout the world."

Hope conferred the degree, a Doctor of Science, on Friday, Oct. 9, in the DeWitt Center main theatre.

"You have accomplished more in 20 years for STEM [science, technology engineering and mathematics] education than most can do in a lifetime," said Hope College President Dr. James Bultman '63, who introduced Narum for the presentation of the degree. President Bultman noted that nominations for the honor came from the college's current and two previous deans of the natural and applied sciences: Dr. Moses Lee, Dr. James Gentile and Dr. F. Sheldon Wettack respectively, all of whom were on stage for the event.

Hope awarded the degree in conjunction with the college's annual Gentile Interdisciplinary Lectureship, which this year was presented as a part of Hope's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the chemistry and physics programs as academic departments in 1909.



**STUDENTS HONORED:** The college's chapter of Mortar Board received multiple awards during the national organization's annual summer conference in recognition of activities during the preceding school year.

Hope's chapter was one of 32 recipients of the "Golden Torch Award" for excellence in scholarship, leadership and service. For the third year in a row, the Hope chapter was also one of the top five "Golden Torch Award" recipients and a finalist for the national "Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award."

The chapter was one of 28 to receive one or more "Project Excellence Awards." Hope's eight awards recognized the chapter's First Book Alumni Book Drive, for which the chapter was first in the nation; Last Lecture Series; Wearing of the Blue Brunch; full college scholarships for eight students in Tanzania; Mortar Board Project Week; Candyland – the Disability Prom; the International Student Thanksgiving Dinner; and the Relay for Life held on behalf of the American Cancer Society, for which the chapter was first in fundraising.

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**STUDENT MENTOR:** Aaron Lawrence, a junior from Grand Rapids, Mich., was presented the August "Senator's Award for Men in Mentoring" by State Senator Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland).

Lawrence, who has been a volunteer mentor with the "Heights of Hope" program in Holland Heights since the fall of his freshman year, was honored during a ceremony on Monday, Aug. 10. (He is pictured during the college's "Time to Serve" volunteer program on Saturday, Sept. 5.)

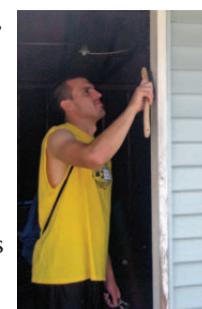
Becky Midgley, a youth worker with "Heights of Hope," praised Lawrence for his consistent dedication, describing him as a model for others. "We as the mentoring program are hiring him in the fall to recruit more mentors because he does such a good job with it," she said.

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

Pictured is a moment from this year's "Time to Serve" volunteer program on Saturday, Sept. 5, during which hundreds of Hope students participated in volunteer projects throughout the Holland area.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/gallery](http://www.hope.edu/pr/gallery)





# Hope for Tomorrow

**W**hen a place is called Hope, getting mired in pessimism just wouldn't be right.

And so, while the college faces the challenges resulting from the most significant global economic crisis since the Great Depression, Hope is also looking ahead with a longer view, its focus on how best to continue to do what it has always done. It is, in fact, what the college's mission statement, grounded in nearly 150 years of history, *calls* Hope to do: "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."

Admittedly, that calling seemed easier a year ago—before the economy began its downward spiral last September, before norovirus and H1N1 outbreaks in November and April respectively, before a vicious mid-June storm wreaked flood havoc campus-wide. Fortunately, as President James Bultman '63 likes to quip, Hope has so far managed to avoid a plague of locusts. So far.

"It has been one of the more challenging years during my time in higher education," said Dr. Bultman, Hope's president since 1999 and a college professor, dean and president since 1968. "There were so many external factors that impinged on the operation of the college."

The health and weather incidents were blips—although, like institutions nationwide, Hope has plans in place if there's an H1N1 recurrence—but the economy is another matter. Granted, there have been signs that the decline has slowed, maybe stopped, maybe is reversing, but no experts are predicting a quick turn-around.

**Distinctive Education.** The soaring atrium of the A. Paul Schaap Science Center provides a fitting architectural context for the college's nationally acclaimed program in the natural and applied sciences. Even as Hope weathers today's global economic storms, the college is working for a brighter future, its transformational 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."

Hope proceeds with the belief that the education the college provides, a rich mix of intellectual, physical, social and spiritual development, will not only continue but is in fact essential to preparing servant-leader citizens who will play a critical role in shaping for the better a broken world in need.



The situation is particularly acute in Michigan, where unemployment has been among the nation's highest at 15 percent and a \$2.8 billion revenue shortfall has the state anticipating major budget cuts—including, potentially, much of the state scholarship aid on which most of the college's Michigan students depend. At the same time, the value of the college's endowment is down by 20 percent, ancillary income from campus operations such as the conference services program has dropped, and donor support has declined as well (the college landed within \$150,000 of its \$3.3 million goal for the Hope Fund this past year, but the number of donors dropped by nearly eight percent versus 2007-08).

However, it all could be much worse—and it has been worse at other institutions that found themselves less prepared. Yes, Hope had contingency plans in place for campus-specific incidents like the flu—and, as it happens, flood insurance—but crucially, the college had also begun planning for a large-scale economic downturn long before it happened.



**Firm Foundation.** Hope builds on a strong past, literally as well as figuratively. The recent restoration of Graves Hall assures that the building will meet well the educational needs of the 21st century while celebrating Hope's history.

"Several years ago, the college and the economy were doing well, we had attractive operating surpluses, and we were all quite proud of that and feeling pretty good about where Hope was," recalled Tom Bylsma '86, vice president and chief financial officer at Hope. "What was interesting was when we met with the Board of Trustees, they weren't sharing that enthusiasm. They were more cautionary."

"To their credit, they were quite visionary in this regard," he said.

As a result, Hope began operating in a "stewardship mode" three years ago. By involving members of the entire campus community in identifying ways to reduce spending, the college was able to trim \$1.5 million in operating expenses without taking more drastic measures like cutting programs or releasing employees (although Hope has eliminated the equivalent of seven positions by choosing not to refill some vacancies). Significant savings have come from making choices that reflect good environmental stewardship as well. For example, by taking steps to reduce campus usage of resources such as electricity and water, the college has cut its electric bill by nearly 10 percent and its water use by nearly 20 percent in the past year alone. (A feature on the college's stewardship efforts appears elsewhere in this issue.)

With the economic downturn, the effort intensified this past year. Among other actions, the college froze all faculty and staff salaries at their 2008-09 level for 2009-10.

The cost savings reflect a sensibility that itself originates from the college's student-centered mission: that Hope must keep its costs as low as possible for the families that it serves. Correspondingly, the tuition increases at Hope during the past three years have been well below the average increase enacted by the college's comparison group of some 25 other select liberal arts schools; this year's increase of 2.9 percent was among the lowest in the nation.

For, even while Hope is wrestling with the economy on an institutional level, families and students are experiencing it very personally. Dr. Kristen Gray, assistant dean and director of the college's counseling center, has seen it as she works with students—although Hope students often express their concerns in a way that very much does them credit.

"They want to be helpful to their families, and if they could they would fix what's happening in their families," Dr. Gray said. "So often, our students will talk about concern for their parents and siblings above and beyond what they're worried about for themselves."



**Moving Forward.** Hope adds facilities not for their own sake, but to enable faculty, staff and students to perform at the very highest levels throughout the college's holistic emphasis on intellectual, physical,

social and spiritual development. The new Van Andel Soccer Stadium also continues the college's part in helping enhance the "eastern gateway" to the city of Holland.

"The thing that I can remember talking about with the students the most was, 'Do I stay in college or leave college?' Then they look at the fact that they have invested in their education," she said. "I really saw them balancing their deep concern for their family and then how they move their education forward in a good way."

The concerns play out very directly in the office of financial aid, which is on the front line as families work to achieve their dream of providing a high-quality Hope education to their sons and daughters. While for many years the majority of Hope students have received need-based aid, the circumstances have been more difficult for families this past year, according to Phyllis Kleder Hooyman '73, director of financial aid.

"I think that my primary task as president during this challenging time is to present reality as it is, and that's not always an easy thing to do, but also to present hope for the future—that things will get better, that we will progress, and that there will be a greater Hope."

— President James Bultman '63

"We've had situations where both parents have lost their jobs, and we've responded to that," Hooyman said.

"We've worked with families that were in dire straits to be able to get them to Hope College, and we have received beautiful notes thanking the college," she said. "The main thing is, if there's a loss of employment people need to talk to us and we'll assess each case individually."

Amidst the challenges, there are signs of hope. Hope proceeds with the belief that the education the college provides, a rich mix of intellectual, physical, social and spiritual development, will not only continue but is in fact essential to preparing servant-leader citizens who will play a critical role in shaping for the better a broken world in need.

It's a difference that families recognize. Hope started the new school year with its second-largest enrollment ever, 3,230 students, down just eight from last year's high, which had included Hope's largest graduating class. The total includes 803 new students—three above the college's goal.

"The bottom line is, we have a full class this year," Hooyman said. "That's great news. Families were able to come and we helped them come. Here's the worst economic crisis in decades, and we have a full class."

Hope is looking ahead to continue to serve students well for years to come, and is moving ahead despite the uncertainties of the age. Hope improved campus facilities this fall through the restoration of Graves Hall and the addition of the Van Andel Soccer Stadium. The college and city of Holland have recently partnered a trade for two small parcels along

Columbia Avenue, providing space for future development in the central campus.

Determining the steps that will help keep Hope strong into the future is an ongoing process, blending both long-term strategic planning and responsiveness to changes in immediate circumstance. The college's major goals include building the endowment to help provide additional scholarship aid and to reduce Hope's reliance on tuition to pay annual operating expenses. Hope will also continue to evaluate its facility needs in light of how best to support teaching and facilitate learning.

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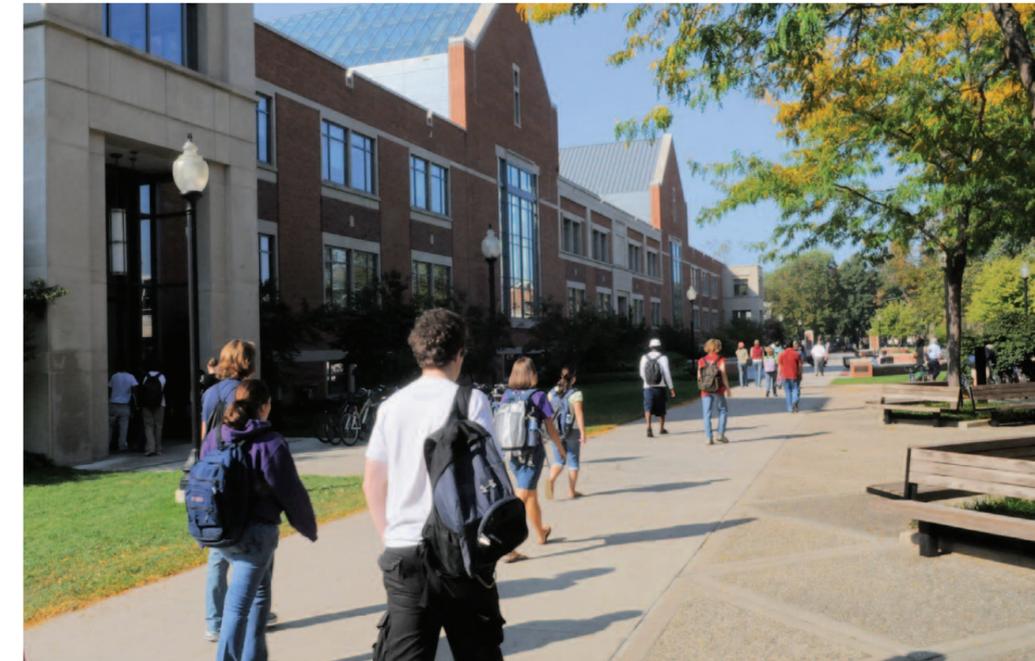
Helping to meet the need, and sustaining the Hope that is and creating the Hope that could be, will require the partnership of the entire Hope family. Currently, only 25 percent of the college's 29,000 alumni are contributing to the college. Further, fully 95 percent of the college's gift income is contributed by just five

percent of those who donate to Hope.

Every gift matters. If fewer than half of those who haven't given—say, 10,000 alumni-contributed \$50 each, the college would receive an additional \$500,000 for its work in transforming students' lives.

The economic crisis is of course affecting Hope alumni as well as the families of students, but even in the face of their own challenging circumstances, appreciative alumni and friends have been making a point of providing support, recognizing the difference that Hope made in their lives—and that they in turn can help Hope make in others' lives.

"I had a great experience at Hope and have supported the Hope Fund almost every year since I graduated—through law school and now as I'm repaying student loans," said Amy Fox '95. "This past year, I had to significantly reduce what I contributed to the Hope Fund, and thought about not giving at all. My husband was unemployed for a couple of months and the non-profit organization I work for was facing a financial crisis so I was compelled to direct more of my charitable giving there. But I know that alumni support is so important to the college and want to help other students have a great experience like I did, so even though I gave less, I still did what I could." 🙌



**People of Hope.** In a year when many institutions have experienced significant enrollment declines, Hope's enrollment is the second-highest ever at 3,230 students. Recognizing that students and families appreciate and desire what Hope has to offer, the college's priorities include limiting costs and building the endowment to help provide additional scholarship aid and reduce Hope's reliance on tuition to pay annual operating expenses.





# Sustainable Hope

By Nicole Brace '07

Bob Van Heukelom can glance into the Phelps Hall dish room at any time during the dining hall's three daily meals to survey the parade of dirty plates, glasses, and utensils that arrive on its rubber conveyor belt, slowly traveling towards a scraping station, soapy water, various rinse cycles, the drying rack, and (finally) back into the hands of hungry students, who will fill them again with food.



Initiatives campuswide have reduced the college's environmental impact on measures ranging from the use of electricity, water and natural gas to the amount of paper run through printers each year. Some are easier to adapt than others. Going "trayless" in Phelps has been a major adjustment for students, but the results are significant and include conserving 60,000 gallons of water, 1,500 pounds of chemicals, detergent and rinse agents, and 532 hours of energy annually.

These days, what he can't see on that conveyor belt excites him the most. At the beginning of the school year, Hope College Dining Services went "trayless," and this simple innovation, in concert with a host of other college-wide conservation and stewardship initiatives, is strengthening Hope's ability to sustain itself, its environment, and the members of its community. Given the college's quiet history of conserving resources and trying to use them wisely, it's not so much that Hope is "going green" for the first time as it is "growing greener" than it has before.

Appropriately, such initiatives often serve well on multiple levels. In many cases, the steps that help reduce Hope's environmental footprint also reduce spending, in keeping with the college's ongoing effort to contain costs and make the best use of the support provided by alumni and friends of the college and the tuition paid by students and their families.

As for the trays, Van Heukelom, director of dining services, is quick to pose the obvious question: How does removing trays from a college dining hall make it a more sustainable place? The answer is partly numerical. The switch to trayless dining helps Hope save 60,000 gallons of water and 1,500 pounds of chemicals, detergent, and rinse agents per year; and the dish machine runs two and a half hours less per day, annually conserving 532 hours of energy.

Food waste is also declining. Without the possibility of filling an entire tray, students now

tend to finish all or most of one entrée, rather than sampling portions from a variety of plates and sending the leftovers to the dish line.

"Everyone's eyes are bigger than their stomachs, and trays didn't help that," he says. "I used to see a lot half-eaten meals, whole apples, and full glasses coming back on the belt. That's pretty minimal now."

Dining Service's initiatives extend beyond what happens in the servery itself. For years, Dining Services has donated leftover (not yet served) food to Western Theological Seminary's Community Kitchen, and has bought from local producers through Gordon Food Service. The department has long mulched uneaten food and student napkins to reduce their volume, but now also composts all food waste, kitchen trimmings, paper products, and waxed-paper containers through Zeeland-based Spurt Industries. The company's year-old Specialized

Organic Recycling Team converts food waste into commercial mulch, compost, and soil, and Dining Services will divert roughly 38 tons of waste from the local landfill by composting.

"It's a good solution," Van Heukelom says, "because it just makes sense."

Like the Hope mechanic who sharpens the college lawnmower blades twice a week or the electrician who steadily replaces dead T-12 light bulbs with more efficient T-8 models, Van Heukelom observes that these habits, while "sustainable," would happen even if they weren't labeled as such. "Though we didn't know it, we were already doing some things people now call 'sustainable.' We did them because they just seemed to make sense. Once we started to put words onto what we were doing, we started to be intentional about it. Now it's a purposeful thing, part of our stewardship of what we've been given."

A similar impulse to intentionally improve can be seen in the recent renovation of Kollen Hall. Built in 1956 and last remodeled in 1994, the building had been fitted with single-pane, aluminum frame windows that caused it to lose heat easily in winter and retain it unbearably in summer. In 2008, the college replaced the old windows with insulated "low emission" glass that filters strong sun and seals the building against deep cold. Hope also installed new, easier-to-maintain carpet, wall coverings, and hard-surface floors, lessening the burden on custodial staff, conserving worker resources, and saving maintenance hours.

"We're learning as we go to be smart with our renovations," says Greg Maybury, director of operations and Hope's newly-appointed chief sustainability officer.

And when new buildings must be built, the college is prepared to clear the space with an environmentally-conscious—if quirky—approach: house recycling. For over two decades, Hope has reused houses by literally lifting them from their foundations and driving them to new lots on the college's perimeter. Refurbished, these substantial homes support the surrounding neighborhoods and provide Hope with popular student housing. They also offer the college a less expensive alternative to new construction. Most recently, Hope moved the former Sixth Reformed Church parsonage from Lincoln Avenue to 14th Street, turning it into Mouw Cottage and naming it for the family of Rev. Henry Mouw '40, a former pastor of the church.

The efforts run campus-wide. New buildings like the Martha Miller Center and DeVos Fieldhouse—and newly renovated Lubbers and Graves halls—feature motion sensors that turn off lights when rooms are unused. The college is gradually replacing its mercury-vapor light fixtures with more efficient metal halide fixtures. Cottage and apartment thermostats top out at 72 degrees. Vegetable oil waste generated on campus will become biodiesel fuel for transportation. Grass clippings are composted locally. General lab and library printers print on both sides of the paper by default, and the college has moved paperwork from student time cards to budget reports to digital form to save paper as well. The list goes on.

Those with a ground-level view, however,

know that there is much yet to be done. Hope reduced its electric and water usage by 10 percent and 20 percent respectively during the last fiscal year, but it also hired GMB Architects to perform an energy audit on its three most energy-intensive buildings. Members of the faculty and administration have formed the Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee to study ways to streamline those structures' energy output, integrate sustainable measures into college infrastructure, and make environmental stewardship a key aspect of a Hope education. Students continue to advocate for a more sustainable Hope by implementing a campus-wide battery/print cartridge recycling program, instituting voluntary "no-drive Tuesdays," and facilitating the annual Earth Day/Earth Week celebrations.

Of the numerous reasons to care for one's place on earth, religion professor Steven Bouma-Prediger '79 submits to his students that the most compelling is to be found in the book of Genesis: "God put the human in the Garden of Eden to serve and protect it." As he considers Hope's future, Greg Maybury concurs. "Spiritually, we're called upon to be good stewards of all the resources we're entrusted with. We want to acknowledge that we've done the best with what we've been given, that we haven't wasted it."

*Editor's Note: With this issue featuring a story on sustainability efforts and care for the environment, it seemed only fitting for the publication itself to work toward the same goal. As noted on page three, News from Hope College is now printed on paper that includes recycled content and—as was true before—using environmentally friendly soy-based inks.*



Composting at the Kletz snack bar and the dining halls helps divert some 38 tons of waste from landfills. Above, junior Jason Storm of Wyoming, Mich., and Kletz staffer Shelly Nykamp collect a mix that includes biodegradable cups made from corn stalks.

**"Though we didn't know it, we were already doing some things people now call 'sustainable'. We did them because they just seemed to make sense."**  
 — Bob Van Heukelom, director of dining services



On a warm September day they're open, but come winter the new energy-efficient windows installed in Kollen Hall last summer not only make residents more comfortable than the 1950s-era originals but also reduce the resources needed to heat the building. Here, sophomore Erin Behrendt of Howell, Mich., enjoys a quiet moment.





# Learning Environment

By Greg Chandler

**Y**ou may not necessarily see the people behind it on a daily basis, but the evidence of the work Hope's grounds department puts in to beautify the college's 120-acre campus abounds.

In fact, if you notice the work but not the workers, that's just how they want it.



This summer's work included a gem of an extra, with the staff designing and the Hope student crew helping implement the landscaping for newly renovated Graves Hall—an effort that will be a part of Hope for generations. From left to right with grounds supervisor Bob Hunt are sophomore Paul Bowen of Zeeland, Mich.; senior Lucy Van Dort of Zeeland; senior Jenny Cowen of Dexter, Mich.; senior Aaron Boersma of Zeeland; and senior Katie Somnavilla of Holland.

"It's our job not to be noticed," says Bob Hunt, who has been supervisor of the grounds department since 1997 and a member of the college's staff for 21 years.

The college grounds regularly earn praise from visitors—and they consistently impress prospective students and their families—but importantly they enhance the experience of living and learning at Hope by making the campus an enjoyable place to be. The central campus with the Pine Grove and Van Raalte Commons is particularly park-like, but the care and attention make themselves manifest throughout, from the seasonally rotated floral plantings that accompany landmarks like the anchor, to the tidy edging alongside the carefully maintained sidewalks.

Hunt's department oversees everything from the academic buildings on the west side of campus, to the college's growing athletic complex on the east end. While most of the department's activities are focused on day-to-day care, Hope is a dynamic place that provides good opportunities for the department to engage in some special projects as well. This summer's work, for example, included a major project close to the literal and figurative heart of the campus: designing and installing the landscaping for newly restored Graves Hall.

The ongoing effort to keep Hope's grounds looking beautiful can sometimes encounter unexpected challenges, such as over the summer when torrential rains flooded much of the campus. Employees came in during the night of the June 19 storm to pump out flooded buildings, and continued cleanup through the weekend as the flood waters slowly receded. Particularly hard-hit was the athletic complex, including the field at Boeve Stadium, where an amateur baseball game was scheduled three days after the storm.



The central campus is a rainbow of color on a bright fall day. The beautiful Hope grounds regularly earn high marks from visitors and, importantly, enhance the experience of living and learning at Hope by making the campus an enjoyable place to be. Making the campus look great is a Hope team effort that involves not only a dedicated staff but students who often find lessons in the work itself.

"One dugout was full of water and fish, and the other dugout was full of stone," Hunt said. "We got it back in shape, and they played."

The responsibilities of grounds employees vary over the year, from plantings and tree trimming in the spring, to snowplowing in the winter. Nearly all of the work is done in-house, with only a small portion contracted out to outside firms, Hunt said.

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– Bob Hunt, head of groundskeeping, reflecting on one of this summer's unexpected challenges

The role of the grounds department has evolved as the campus has grown in recent years, as well as with a move toward more environmentally-friendly maintenance practices. For example, it uses biodiesel fuel to power mowers and other grounds equipment, with the fuel coming from waste vegetable oil from Creative Dining Services, the college's food service operation.

"We're green every day – that's what we do," Hunt said.

Another initiative to conserve resources is a water metering software system the college installed four years ago that allows the grounds department to monitor water flow, as well as detect problems with sprinklers not working correctly. "It's allowed us to use our water much more wisely," Hunt said.

The department also uses electric mowers to supplement the bio-diesel fueled mowers, with batteries for the electric mowers recharged using a photovoltaic panel at the

department's 10th Street headquarters.

Other environmentally sound practices the department uses include composting grass clippings from the athletic fields on site, mulching leaves into the turf whenever possible, and using organic fertilizers and pest control products.

The efforts of the grounds department are not lost on alumnus Larry Kieft '65, who established a fund with his late wife, Linda, for the purpose of developing and enhancing the landscape and grounds of Hope's campus. Kieft considers the attractiveness of campus important in attracting students to the school.

"One of the first things that I address in my mind about the campus is that you have this objective of beautification, of maintaining it for the future generations so that it has this nice feeling to the students that come and for the people that work here," said Kieft, who has a landscaped garden area near Dimnent Memorial Chapel named for him and his wife

that was established in 2003.

"(Students) don't want to see a whole bunch of run-down buildings and they don't want to see a landscape that seems to be deteriorating because of neglect or lack of interest, but rather they're looking for somebody that's looking to the future," Kieft added. "I think that Hope College does have that with their staff. They are doing it, and they are going to continue to do it, and I've tried to fit in where I could."

The grounds department relies heavily on students to help keep the campus looking beautiful. Over the summer, at least 15 students mowed grass, weeded flowerbeds and did whatever else was needed. Lucy Van Dort, a senior from Zeeland, Mich., has worked on the grounds crew since her freshman year.

"When I first started, all I did was trim the grass around trees and weed, but I worked my way up to the walk-behind mower, which I love," Van Dort said. "It's really peaceful mowing rows and rows of grass on long summer days. Sometimes it doesn't really feel like a job I should get paid for."

Van Dort says she enjoys being able to see the fruits of her labor.

"With groundskeeping, there's always the reward of being able to see exactly what you've done during the day," she said. "Even if no one else notices that you're mowing their lawn or weeding the flowerbeds, they still look nice and at least I know I had something to do with it."

Hunt considers the work the students contribute on groundskeeping valuable to the college, and that it also benefits them as well.

"We consider this another part of their education, that they don't learn in the classroom," said Hunt, whose two daughters – Megan Hunt '06 Fry and Emily Hunt '08 – are both Hope graduates.

Students were centrally involved in the landscaping for the Graves Hall restoration project, laying the stonework for the patio and walkway on the building's west side and helping to place the extensive plantings that have been installed around the building, Hunt said.

"We couldn't do what we do without them, at the level we do it," he said.

The grounds department also supports the economy in the Holland area, buying bedding plants from local growers using site specific plants and shrubs, as well as replacing trees on campus with trees purchased from local farmers.

Hunt says he enjoys coming to work on a daily basis, and loves the interaction with fellow employees and the variety of his work.

"We all love what we're doing," Hunt said. "We get along just terrifically, and we all get to do different things every day." 🌿





# A Lasting Difference

Hope was founded by pioneers committed to assuring a better future by making a difference in the lives of young people through education, a vision that thrives because—and can only thrive as long as—others continue to build upon what they began. Endowed scholarships and summer research funds are one way that it happens, providing in perpetuity support that has a direct, profound and highly personal impact. Here are reflections from six of the hundreds of students each year whose lives are being touched for all time by generosity that helps make dreams a reality.



**Seth Carlson '10**  
Marcellus, Mich.

*The Benjamin H. Van Andel Scholarship Fund*  
Majoring in Japanese, Seth Carlson hopes to pursue a graduate degree in anthropology with a focus on East Asia. He is open to opportunities in politics, working with the government or teaching.  
“Without financial assistance through the endowed scholarship program, I would still be at home, working on the cattle farm, and probably be working another job just to take part-time classes at a community college. Not that home is bad or looked down on in any sense, but I would not have been able to travel abroad twice, meet the wonderful people whom I call my best friends, and start preparing myself for my life; a life of peace, passion, and commitment to community and personal growth.”



**Leah Hottel '10**  
Westlake, Ohio

*The Claryce Rozeboom Memorial Organ Scholarship, the David P. Roossien Organ Scholarship and the Ruth Haidt Hughes Memorial Organ Scholarship*  
An organ-performance major, Leah Hottel has appreciated the way that Hope has helped expand her career vision, with possibilities including graduate school and teaching and also music management; she also knows that she wants to continue to share her gift of music with a church.

“The number one thing that has made a difference in my education here at Hope is the individual attention each student gets. I feel closer to my faculty advisor and other members of the music department than I would have ever imagined possible. I have developed a relationship with them that has not only bolstered my knowledge of music, but encompassed other areas of my life.”

“The news of my endowed scholarship... helped secure in my mind that this was not only a wonderful and affordable education, but where I really belonged. Three years later it still astonishes me that I could ever have looked at a different school. Hope has been a blessing, a true gift from God.”



**Luke Hooegeven '11**  
Orange City, Iowa

*The Hinga-Boersma Family Scholarship*  
Majoring in civil engineering, Luke Hooegeven is still considering his post-Hope options, with graduate school among the possibilities. The opportunity to explore helped draw him to Hope.

“I came to Hope because I was not completely sure I wanted to be an engineer. The opportunities here set Hope apart from other colleges. The undergraduate research program here is a great way to get experience in your field of study.”

“The scholarship assistance is one of the biggest reasons I was able to attend Hope... It made the cost of attending Hope for me comparable to a state school.”

**David Todd '11**  
Lansing, Mich.

*The John and Eleanor Dwyer Fund for Summer Research in Chemistry*  
A chemistry major and mathematics minor, David Todd plans to attend graduate school to study organic synthesis and is considering working in the pharmaceutical industry afterward. He conducted research this summer with Dr. Jeff Johnson.

“Coming to Hope has helped me to build a strong foundation that will allow me to achieve my desired future career goals. Students at Hope are able to get directly involved in research projects that may be reserved for graduate students at a large university. The smaller class sizes also allow students to directly communicate with their professors and help to create a much more personal relationship.”

“The summer stipend was very important as it allowed me to earn money during the summer while taking part in an active research project. Without the stipend, I would have been forced to abandon research and would have had to search for another summer job instead.”



**Jessenia Martinez-Olmeda '10**  
Holland, Mich.

*The Henry Phillip '29 and Esther Mulder '31 Wackerbarth Memorial Scholarship*  
Majoring in secondary education with a Spanish major and English minor, Jessenia Martinez-Olmeda plans to teach high-need, low-income students in the United States.

“When I met with a couple of professors at Hope after I applied, I knew that I wanted to come to Hope. Both professors were very welcoming, were supportive of my career goals, and answered all of my questions.”

“The scholarship assistance I have received at Hope College has enabled me to attend Hope. I am very thankful for all of the assistance I have had throughout my four years here at Hope.”



**Emily Leathley '11**  
Livonia, Mich.

*The Christine Tempas '69 Summer Research Fund*  
Majoring in biology with neuroscience and possibly biochemistry minors, Emily Leathley hopes to attend graduate school in neuroscience and become a researcher and professor. She conducted research this summer with Dr. Greg Fraley.

“Because Hope sciences are research based, Hope really allows me to get the experience I need in order to get into a good graduate program. I have participated in research both inside and out of the classroom and really have a feel for what research is all about. Hope also offers research opportunities I might not have had at other schools, such as attending the Society of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Conference this summer or presenting my research at Van Andel this fall. The small class sizes have also helped me to get to know the professors in my department.”

“Without the stipend I received this summer, I would not have been able to conduct research at Hope.”



# Generations of Hope

From decades ago and decades current and decades to come; from on campus and blocks nearby and continents away; members of the Hope family gathered together across Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-11, to share traditions venerable and nascent, and to enjoy old memories and make some new ones.



### Homecoming Highlights

At top center, football alumni line the route as the team takes the field for the game with Albion, part of the day's celebration of football's century at Hope (which Hope punctuated by defeating Albion 14-6).

At right, starting at the top, students in the capacity home audience enjoy a touchdown; the reunion photo becomes a family affair; head coaches for 55 seasons, at the H-Club luncheon: Ray Smith (1970-94); Russ DeVette '45 (1955-1969) and Dean Kreps (1995- ).

At left, running clockwise, Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67 demonstrates synthetic luminous material, inspired by fireflies, during the interdisciplinary Gentile Lecture, helping to mark the year-long commemoration of the natural and applied sciences at Hope; a young fan shows spirit; students compete in one of the games that were a new addition to the annual tailgate picnic.

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# Hope Nursing Writes Rx for Addressing Shortage



In response to strong national need and student interest, Hope's nursing program has expanded and added a partnership.

The nation is facing an increasingly critical national shortage of Registered Nurses, according to Dr. Susan Dunn, associate professor of nursing and chairperson of the department. According to projections in 2007 by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than one million new and replacement nurses will be needed by 2016, with government analysts projecting that more than 587,000 new nursing positions will be created through 2016, making nursing the nation's top profession in terms of projected job growth.

"The need is already here, and it's going to increase," Dr. Dunn said. "America is aging, and along with that the nursing work force is aging. Many nurses are going to be retiring at the same time that more Americans will need health care."

Students begin studies in Hope's program as sophomores, and since starting in 2002 the department has enrolled 36 students per year, for a total of 108 students in the nursing program at any given time. The program, which leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, is growing to 45 students per class

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— Dr. Susan Dunn, chairperson, department of nursing

The recent expansion of the nursing program and a new graduate-school partnership help respond to the national need for more nurses—and student interest in the major. Left to right above, juniors Lauren Dice of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Amanda Meekhof of Zeeland, Mich., work with faculty member Vicki Voskuil.

year, a 25 percent increase being phased in beginning with this year's sophomore class.

In addition, a unique new partnership between Hope and Michigan State University will play a role in reducing the shortage by increasing the number of faculty educating the desperately needed health care professionals. Hope and MSU have signed an agreement that guarantees admission to the university's accelerated BSN-to Ph.D. nursing program to two qualified Hope graduates each year. The accelerated program provides graduate students the opportunity to complete a nursing doctorate a year early, in as little as four years instead of the usual five.

Nursing education at Hope began in 1982 through a program that the college operated jointly with Calvin College through 2003. When the two schools decided to establish independent programs, Hope set its 36-per-entering-class size based on projected student interest, and gained accreditation and state-board approval according to that total. Consistently, however, student interest has outstripped capacity.

"Unfortunately, each year we have to turn down some very good students because of the limit on our class size to meet accreditation standards," said Dr. James Boelkins '66, provost at Hope. "By making some modest staffing adjustments we will now be able to accept more of these excellent students, retain them at Hope and help them achieve their vision of becoming nurses."

The college has obtained approval for the increase from both the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the Michigan Board of Nursing. Hope recently received 10-year continuing accreditation—

the maximum possible duration—from the CCNE. Hope had previously received five-year accreditation—the maximum available to a new program—in 2004.

Even as Hope has been able to accommodate additional students, Dr. Dunn noted that there is a critical need for nursing faculty nationally if the nursing shortage is to be addressed comprehensively. Across the country, she said, nursing programs lack the capacity to handle additional students in large part because there are not enough professors to teach them.

Dr. Dunn believes that the Hope-MSU partnership is the first of its kind in the state and could serve as a model for other nursing programs.

"This is a very unique partnership. Certainly it's the first of its kind that I'm aware of in the state of Michigan," she said. "We're hoping that it will serve as a model for the development of future partnerships between private baccalaureate nursing programs and public research-intensive university nursing programs across the nation."

Dr. Dunn said that Hope nursing graduates are well positioned to do graduate work. As part of their training, all Hope students participate in a research methodology course and a research practicum in addition to studying statistics, background that prepares them for the demands of graduate school beyond the education they are receiving for nursing practice itself.

She is in turn pleased by the partnership with MSU specifically, which she noted is ranked as one of the top 100 research universities in the nation and has one of only three Ph.D. nursing programs in Michigan. 📖

# Just Add Water

**M**ud. Everywhere.

Throw in a few inches of rain in the days and nights before—and even the morning of—the Pull tug-of-war, and the result is the muddiest event in recent memory—“recent” as in two decades or so.

To a lesser event that might prove discouraging, but for the Pull all it does is add a bit of atmosphere. And, happily, the skies took a break during the Pull itself and the temperature was pretty mild for October 3.

This year’s installment of the 112-year event pitted the sophomore Class of 2012 and the freshman Class of 2013 across a swollen Black River. The anniversary number and perhaps even the weather proved prophetic for '12, which took the contest to avenge its loss last year and en route snapped a three-year drought for Even-Year.

The contest was short this year—one hour and eight minutes, declared a sophomore victory after '12 had popped a number of freshman pits and gained 82 feet of rope. The outcome paralleled the 2008 Pull in many ways. As freshmen, '12 had lost after one hour and seven minutes, and by 71 feet, also after having lost pits.

And clearly, '12 didn't mind getting a little wet. In keeping with tradition, the victorious sophomores leapt into the Black River in celebration.



Clockwise from left: managing the mud; sophomore celebration; freshman anchor Tom Gable and moraler Christina Aardema; sophomores Emily Van Wieren and Windsor Wilhelmsen (foreground) and Shelby Peterson and Ben Hicks. A complete gallery of images is available online.

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# Biking in the Balance

**P**ersonal and scholarly interests have merged for an engineering student working to give his bicycle a mind of its own.

Senior Blair Williams of Fenton, Mich., is developing a computer-control system to keep a bicycle upright without a rider. An avid cyclist, he has created the applied-science initiative himself, based on working with the idea at Hope a year ago as a theoretical problem.

“Last summer [2008], I took part in a mathematics research project on modeling bicycle dynamics with Dr. Tim Pennings,” said Williams, who is majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in mathematics and physics. “The aim was not only to construct an accurate model of a moving bicycle based on the laws of physics, but also to develop a mathematical control algorithm that a computer could use to steer a bicycle so as to keep it upright autonomously.”

**“I’m focusing on just keeping the bike from falling over. The lean angle—the control—is a hefty project in itself.”**

**– Senior Blair Williams**

“After completing the modeling of such a control algorithm, I was curious to see it implemented on an actual bicycle,” he said. “Since then, I have taken this work from mathematics research and am using it as a basis for an engineering research project with Dr. Miguel Abrahantes.”

It’s painstaking work. Humans learn to ride equipped with a lifetime of balancing practice. The computer, however, is learning from scratch, and the myriad adjustments that humans make intuitively need to be programmed.



**An avid cyclist, senior Blair Williams is developing a computer-control system to keep a bicycle upright without a rider. The engineering research project grew out of mathematics research he conducted at Hope previously.**

Williams started working on the project this past spring, continued full-time this summer and is now working on it in between his classes. He notes that it will be a while before anyone sees his bike piloting itself down College Avenue or through the winding walks of the central campus, although he has succeeded in keeping the bike upright on its own for some brief runs.

“I’m focusing on just keeping the bike from falling over,” he said. “The lean angle—the control—is a hefty project in itself.”

Williams’s journey began when he approached Dr. Pennings about conducting research in mathematics in 2008. Dr. Pennings asked about his interests, and Williams noted that he enjoyed cycling—and had even competed in his first Triathlon earlier in the school year. Dr. Pennings had written his master’s thesis on bicycle dynamics, and was interested in adapting portions of it for use in Mathematics 231.

The result of their work, “Stabilizing a Bicycle: A Modeling Project,” became part of the course this fall. Dr. Pennings and Williams have also had an article about their project accepted for publication in *Primus*, a journal about the teaching of mathematics.

Hope has been a good match for Williams’s subsequent focus on application as well. Dr. Abrahantes is an expert on robotics—he and his student researchers are working with an engineering team at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, contributing to the modeling and control systems as NASA develops a new space rover.

Williams has also reached beyond campus. He has been active in the college’s exchange relationship with Technos International College of Tokyo, both hosting

Japanese students and visiting Technos himself in June. While in Japan, he met with Dr. Toshiyuki Murakami of Keio University, an engineer who has designed a self-stabilizing bicycle. He’s also connected with a graduate student at MIT who’s engaged in a similar project.

“It’s just been really neat, with all of the people who’ve been helping me out along the way,” Williams said.

Williams even obtained his own funding for the summer, winning both a NASA Michigan Space Grant and a Hughes Research Scholars award. Beyond his project, he is one of two Hope students whose studies this year are supported through a prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, of which only 278 were awarded nationwide for 2009-10.

His work fits in with his longer-term goals. He plans to pursue a doctorate in mechanical controls, and is interested in developing medical-control devices, such as prosthetic limbs or surgical equipment.

“Good science and engineering is not all about the innovative products produced as a result of all our hard work, but rather it is about the way these technologies affect others’ lives,” he said. “I think that helping to develop medical controls devices would be most rewarding, as I see it as the most tangible way to utilize my engineering skills to directly change people’s lives.”

Dr. Pennings gives him high marks for both ability and initiative.

“He’s a great example of someone who wants to go beyond the classroom and make the most out of the resources available to them at Hope,” Dr. Pennings said. “He came to me—he was the one who initiated it, and he did a great job.” 🙌



**Scott Travis '06**  
Director of Alumni and  
Parent Relations

**T**his month, as Hope's alumni return to campus for Homecoming, I was reminded of the role tradition plays in each of our lives. On campus, further reminders are never far. In fact, tradition at Hope is palpable. You can hear it during Vespers as music from a glowing chapel warms the winter night from within. You can see it on faces of determination as the Odd-Year and Even-Year Pull teams battle on the banks of the Black River. Tradition can be tasted in a cup of coffee with a friend, smelled in the air as campus blossoms into spring, and touched as you trace your fingers through the stacks of Van Wylen Library.

Among these stacks you can find the derivation of the word tradition. As I write

this column, my first as director of alumni and parent relations after serving as assistant director for the past three years, I find it fitting that our word for tradition traces its roots to the Latin verb *traditio*, which means "to hand over or to pass on." After having the privilege of working with Mary Boelkins '96 Remenschneider, I am excited for her as she begins a new role at the college (page five) and hands over a worthy tradition of listening, leading and acting on behalf of Hope alumni, parents, and friends like you.

Working at Hope is a humbling endeavor, mainly because I'm surrounded by thousands of people who are smarter than I am! It is also humbling because, as a small part of a greater community, I am continually amazed by the everyday and extraordinary lives of those that share an *alma mater*. These lives, distinct from each other in vocation, perspective, and heritage, have been brought together by a common beginning and now spread hope around the world. As this tradition of Hope grows and expands to include new generations, I am excited to join each of you as we take our place within it.

# Window to Hope's History



Hope has a long history of recycling the houses that it purchases in the neighborhood as the college constructs or anticipates new facilities rather than simply razing the structures. This summer, Hope moved the former Sixth Reformed Church parsonage from Lincoln Avenue north of 12th Street to 14th Street west of Columbia for use as student housing—Mouw Cottage, named for the family of the Rev. Henry '40 and Emily Bielefeld '41 Mouw. Rev. Mouw was pastor of the church from 1949 to 1983, and he and Emily (who died in 2003 and 2008 respectively) raised three daughters, all of whom are alumnae: Carole '70, Mary '72 and Barbara '76. The home serves as the *CASA Española*, a language-themed residence for seven female students.

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# Class Notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for *News from Hope College* by Kathy Miller. In addition to featuring information provided directly by alumni, this section includes news compiled from a variety of public sources and shared here to enhance its service as a way of keeping the members of the Hope family up to date about each other.

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, Sept. 22, 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 Monday, Nov. 2.

## 40s

**Russ '45** and **Doris Koskamp '50 DeVette** of Holland, Mich., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on



The Knickerbocker Fraternity's 100-year celebration on Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20, included alumni and actives covering more than half of the century-long span. Pictured during the weekend's "Birthday Brunch" are Arthur "Bud" Van Eck '48 of Fife Lake, Mich., who was president during 1947-48 and was the oldest of the alumni present, and current president Scott Witcher, a junior from Galien, Mich. The Maas Center was an especially appropriate location for the Saturday-morning brunch: it stands on the site of Columbia Hall, a former Knick house.

Wednesday, Aug. 26.

**Earl Weener '49** and his wife of Holland, Mich., celebrated 65 years of marriage on Saturday, July 25.

## 50s

**John Van Dyke '58** and his wife of Elkhart, Ind., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 29.

**Bob '58** and **Mary Kay Diephuis '58 Andree** of Holland, Mich., celebrated 50 years of marriage on Saturday, Aug. 1.

## 60s

**Barbara Monroe '60 Page** of Fairbanks, Alaska, is one of the athletes interviewed for an upcoming book on athletes over 50.

**George Smeenge '61** of Holland, Mich., is part of a small group working with the Holland Museum to compile a digital database containing a history of Holland's National Guard unit, Company D. He was a member of the unit from 1956 to 1964.

**Arnold VanZanten '65** of Clearwater Beach, Fla., was honored as "Distinguished Alumnus of the Year" by the College of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in a ceremony last spring. He graduated from UM-Dearborn in 1965 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. In 1996 he founded an independent consulting firm, focusing on the areas of business planning and restructuring and technology services.

**Susan E. Eenigenburg '67** of North Eastham, Mass., recently earned a D.Min. (please see "Advanced Degrees"). For her doctoral project, she developed a feminist pastoral counseling model to empower women suffering from oppression. During the course of her studies, she was inducted into the Jonathan Edwards Society, the scholastic honor society of Andover Newton Theological School, the oldest theological school in North America. Susan is an ordained United Church of Christ minister serving as a healthcare chaplain and pastoral counselor.

**James Moored '67** opened Tulip City Beauty College in Holland, Mich., and also operates Twin City Beauty College in St. Joseph, Traverse City Beauty College in Traverse City and Michiana Beauty College in South Bend, Ind. He got into the beauty school business in 2000.

**Elliott Myers '69** of Holt, Mich., was recently installed as a member of the

**A. Paul Schaap '67** of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., presented the address "Chemiluminescence and 1,2-Dioxetanes: From Fireflies to the Detection of DNA" as the annual Gentile Lecture at Hope on Friday, Oct. 9, in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend. Dioxetanes are high-energy chemical compounds which can be triggered to generate chemiluminescence or light, and are distributed worldwide by major corporations because of their sensitivity, versatility, and stability as chemiluminescent detection reagents in life science research and medical diagnostics. He focused on the study of dioxetanes while a member of the chemistry faculty at Wayne State



University, and subsequently founded Lumigen Inc. to commercialize the dioxetanes which had been developed in his research laboratory. He retired from Wayne State in 2000, and from Lumigen in 2007.

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Kiwanis Club of South Lansing. He is retired from Boehringer Ingelheim, a pharmaceutical company, and is now working for Dean Transportation.

## 70s

**Donald Steele '72** and **Roger A. Mooney** were married in Lenox, Mass., on Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, their 27th anniversary. The ceremony was held at the Wheatleigh Hotel. Among the guests were Dean Howd '72 and his wife. Donald and Roger's godson was their ring bearer.

**William F. Mills '68** of Ada, Mich., received the "Respected Advocate" Award from the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the State Bar Annual Awards Banquet. The award is presented each year to a plaintiff's attorney who has a "history of success in civil litigation matters, unflinching adherence to the highest standards of ethics and candor in dealing with the court and with counsel, and the respect and admiration of counsel on the opposing side of the Bar." Bill is a founding partner of Gruel Mills Nims & Plyman LLP.

**Hal Fitzgerald '73** of West Olive, Mich., recently returned from three months in Kabul, Afghanistan, where he worked at the Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital repairing medical equipment.

**G.M. (Bud) Thompson '74** of Grand Rapids, Mich., had his original short script, *The Feast Of Asses*, selected as one of only five plays from a submission field of more than 30 to be produced as part of Actors' Theatre's "Living On The Edge" short-play festival in June. He also appeared in *Woody Guthrie's American Song* with Heritage Theatre Group in July, and performed original and classic folk and folk/rock music all summer at various venues, including Holland's Downtown Street Performer Series.

**Nancy Hogroian '75 Leonard** of Fullerton, Calif., was awarded the California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential in June 2008.

**Rosemary Nadolsky '75** of Chicago, Ill., recorded a CD of French children's songs, *La Voix en Rose*, available online and directly through her. She is also recording a second one in French and a third in Spanish. The *Chicago Tribune* named Rosemary one of "Chicago's 10 Best Children's Musicians."

**Steven VanDoornik '75** of Holland, Mich., joined Lakeshore Health Partners - Neurology and moved to a new office last August.

**Alfredo Gonzales '76** of Holland, Mich., was named to Chemical Bank's Holland community board of directors. He is Hope's associate provost and dean for international and multicultural education.



# "Mediterranean Odyssey" for alumni and friends

The journey from ancient to modern will be highlighted during "Mediterranean Odyssey," the Hope Alumni Summer Seminar scheduled for June.

Based aboard the *Celebrity Equinox*, the two-week seminar, organized for alumni and friends of the college, will feature a cruise through the eastern Mediterranean with stops in Italy, Greece and Turkey. The seminar will run Sunday, June 13, through Saturday, June 26, with highlights ranging from the region's natural beauty and striking architecture, to its rich cultural traditions, to its significance in history and religion.

The sea voyage will begin and end at Rome's port at Civitavecchia. The itinerary will include the volcanic island of Santorini; the windmills of the island of Mykonos; the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia and Topkapi Palace in Istanbul; an archaeological dig at Ephesus; the

Acropolis in Athens; the ruins of Pompeii; and the Sistine Chapel, Coliseum and Forum in Rome. Participants will spend all but the last of their nights aboard ship, traveling in deluxe, concierge-class staterooms.

The trip will also include an optional land excursion from Saturday, June 26, through Thursday, July 1, that will offer additional time in Rome as well as stays in Florence and Italy.

The seminar will be led by Drs. Don Luidens '69 and Roger Nemeth of the college's department of sociology and social work, along with Susan Hunter of Pathfinders Travel and local guides. Dr. Luidens was born and raised in the Middle East and attended school in the eastern Mediterranean, Dr. Nemeth and his family previously lived in Italy, and both have returned since. The two professors have for several years been interested in developing a program through which to share their experience with and



enthusiasm for the area, and are planning opportunities specifically for the seminar participants in addition to those presented through the *Celebrity Equinox*.

"We're very passionate about this part of the world," Dr. Nemeth said. "We've had an on-the-ground experience and not just a tourist experience with it."

"We plan to be very hands-

on, providing historical and cultural information in advance of the seminar and ship-board lectures during the cruise," Dr. Luidens said.

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**E. Jonathan Soderstrom '76** of Madison, Conn., was elected to the board of directors of Kolltan Pharmaceuticals Inc. He is managing director of the Office of Cooperative Research at Yale University, where he has participated in the formation of more than 25 new ventures. **Scott Dwyer '78** of Grand Rapids, Mich. is an attorney with with Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC. He is included in the 2010 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*. Lawyers

are selected for inclusion solely on the basis of a nationally-conducted peer-review survey in which more than 25,000 leading lawyers vote on the legal abilities and professional achievements of other lawyers in their specialties.

**Randy Weener '78** of Grand Rapids, Mich., became classis leader/stated clerk of the South Grand Rapids Classis (Reformed Church in America) last year.

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**Janna Rynders '83 McLean** of Kankakee, Ill., is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

**Janet Swim '83** of Boalsburg, Pa., was chair of the American Psychology Association task force on the interface between psychology and global climate change. She is a professor of psychology at Pennsylvania State University.

**Tim Kelley '85** works for GE Aviation in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he is an embedded software engineer working on the Boeing 787, commonly referred to as the "Dreamliner."

**Margaret Oklatner '85 McCarty** and her husband, of Clifford, Pa., celebrated their 20th anniversary in June. She continues to serve as the pastor of the South Montrose Community Church and also works as a substitute teacher. This year she became director of the high school drama program. They mounted two productions, *Voices from the High School*

and the musical *Cinderella*.

**Sara Blomeling-DeRoo '86** and her husband celebrated the grand opening of their deep-fry restaurant, Glorious Wings, in Washington Square in

**Bill Te Winkle '76** of Plymouth, Wis., was ordained and installed as pastor of Hope Reformed Church in Sheboygan, Wis., on Sunday, Aug. 30. His daughter, Rev. Kate Te Winkle '02 Meyer, provided the sermon for the service and his son, Rev. Peter Te Winkle '99, gave the official charge to the minister. Bill earned a master's degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in 2007 and completed the Reformed Church in America's ordination requirements last June. He is also managing partner and attorney at Rohde Dales LLP. He credits the support of his wife, **Jilda Berry '76 Te Winkle**, for his ability to continue his law career while serving the church of which he has been a lifelong member.

**Jim DeVries '72** of Kendall Park, N.J., received the R. Kirk Deaton M.D. Memorial Award in honor of his significant contributions to the Hunterdon Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program, the Hunterdon Medical Center, and the community at large. Jim is in his 29th year as a full-time chaplain. He is director of pastoral care at the medical center and chaplain for Hunterdon Hospice, responsible for the religious and spiritual care of the patients, their families, and staff.

## 80s

**Sheryl Busman '80 Vander Wagen** of Coopersville, Mich., was elected to a two-year term as president of the Antiochian Women, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest. She also served as coach of her parish (St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church) Bible Bowl team, which placed second at the recent Parish Life Conference held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Yolanda Tienstra '81** of Hewitt, Wis., returned to campus in July when she brought her daughter, Maia (age 13), to participate in the Cecchetti Council of America International Summer School for dance, held annually at Hope for the past 15 years.

**Scott Broekstra '83** of Grand Rapids, Mich. is an attorney with with Mika



The alumni H-Club presented its "Hope for Humanity Award" to **Jaci L. VanHeest '84** of Enfield, Conn., on Saturday, Oct. 10, during Homecoming Weekend. She is an exercise physiologist on the faculty of the University of Connecticut whose work to counteract childhood obesity has received national attention. In 2004, working in cooperation with a local elementary school, she created the program "PawPALS" (Physical Activity as a Lifetime Skill), a before-school physical activity program for overweight children. Deemed successful by teachers, parents and participants alike, the program has received local and regional as well as national media attention, including features in *Sports Illustrated* and *USA Today*, and segments on NBC Nightly News and MSNBC. She is pictured at left above with Eva Dean Folkert '83, assistant professor of kinesiology and co-athletic director at Hope.

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Holland, Mich., on Friday, July 10. **David (D.J.) Covell '86** of Ludlow, Vt., is completing his 20th year of service as a sworn member of the Vermont State Police, where he is the chief criminal investigator for the Bureau of Criminal Investigations Division. He supervises the state police detectives who investigate homicides, major crimes and arsons for the state. He and his wife celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in July. **Tom Kohl '86** of Holland, Mich., opened Book Village 2 in downtown Holland in September. He opened his first Book Village store on the north side of Holland in 2003. Both stores deal exclusively in used books, which Tom buys from other dealers, at estate and garage sales, and from customers who bring in books to trade and sell. **Anne Krive '86** of Pawtucket, R.I., began a new career at Moses Brown School, an independent Quaker school for students nursery age through 12th grade, as one of the middle and upper school librarians. She had worked at the school for nine years as a member of the support staff prior to becoming a member of the faculty. **Abby Madison '86 Reeg** of Spring Lake, Mich., has joined the Hope College staff as director of the Hope Fund. The Hope Fund solicits ongoing, unrestricted financial support from alumni, corporations, churches, parents and friends for operations and programs at the college. **Mark DeWitt '87** of Hudsonville, Mich., is the 2009-10 chairman of the Zeeland Chamber of Commerce board of directors. Mark is the director of corporate and foundation relations at Hope. **David Cooper '89** and **Carla Cooper** recently returned from Ethiopia with their new addition to the family: Samuel Tewdros Cooper, a

two-and-a-half-year-old who was in an orphanage in Addis Ababa. **Elizabeth Vanden Berg '89** of Orland Park, Ill., moved to downtown Chicago after graduation to work as a consultant at Peterson Consulting, an off-shoot of Arthur Anderson. She then worked for five years at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center as a statistician for the cardiology department while pursuing a master's degree in teaching mathematics. She earned an M.S. from the University of Illinois Chicago and now teaches Advanced Placement statistics and physics at Lincoln-Way East High School. During the summers, she works in Canada as a wilderness guide, taking high school students on week-long trips.

## 90s

**Steven Thomas '92** recently moved to Steilacoom, Wash., where he is an Army chaplain. **Julie Artinian '93** of Tecumseh, Mich., is working in her own practice as an independent mental health practitioner and also teaching as an adjunct instructor at a community college in Adrian, Mich. **Douglas Swanson '94** graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in June 2007. He is associate pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Darien, Ill. He and his wife, **Anne Kalthoff '94 Swanson**, live in Bolingbrook, Ill., with their four children (ages 11, nine, six and four), whom Anne home schools. She also works part time as a registered nurse in pediatrics. **Pete Goers '95** of Grand Haven, Mich., and his teammate won the men's open division in the Corona Wide Open Tour volleyball tournament at Grand

Haven State Park last July. The win gave them a berth into the U.S. Open tournament in Manhattan Beach, Calif., in September. **Stephanie Haag '95 Greenwood** of Hudsonville, Mich., has become executive director for the Hope Fund and advancement services at Hope College. She was previously director of the Hope Fund. **Ami Woods '95** of Good Hart, Mich., recently launched an online initiative, Northern Nuptials, to promote Northern Michigan as a premier location for destination weddings. Ami has been an independent marketing consultant since 2006, working exclusively with clients throughout her native Northern Michigan on consulting, fundraising efforts, copywriting, photography and social media assistance. **Mary Boelkins '96 Remenschneider** of Holland, Mich., has become executive director for major gifts at Hope College, with managerial responsibility for the college's fundraising officers. She was previously director of alumni and parent relations at Hope. **Dana Horner '97 Cox** of Oxford, Ohio, had taught mathematics for seven years in Michigan when the NSF-funded Center for the Study of Mathematics Curriculum invited her to apply as a doctoral student in 2004. She earned a Ph.D. in mathematics education at Western Michigan University, one of the center's three collaborating universities, and is now assistant professor in the department of mathematics at Miami University. **Andy Sharp '97** will coach the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Christian High School boys' lacrosse teams next spring when the school transitions from a club sport to fully-sanctioned JV and varsity teams. He previously started the



## A Part of Hope

Roger '58 and Ruth '58 Borr remain committed to leaving a legacy at Hope College. Both are retired from many years of service in education ending in the West Ottawa public school system. Not only do the Borrs regularly support Hope performances and athletic events through their faithful attendance, they are also strong supporters of the Dimnent Heritage Society by providing for Hope in their estate plans and through the creation of a charitable remainder trust which they continue to annually fund.

Hope would like to thank the Borrs and all the 700-plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting Hope students through planned gifts. For more than 30 years, planned gifts from donors such as Roger and Ruth have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community. Please let us help you create your Hope legacy.



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Generational ties run strong at Hope, where 13 percent of the students count an alumna or alumnus among their direct ancestors. This year's incoming class included 87 generational students. From left to right are third-, fourth- and fifth-generation members of the Class of 2013: **Row 1:** Melissa Bieri (3), Emily Boersma (3), Jessica Lewinski (3), Katie Callam (3), Amanda Schuiling (3), Zack Lindell (3), Christina Aardema (5), Mark Donkersloot (3), Matt Folkert (3), Jamin Wieringa (3), Megan Skinner (3); **Row 2:** Josh Holwerda (3), Paige Barendse (3), Lia Holwerda (3), Kelsey Prins (3), Courtney Lastacy (3), Leah LaBarge (3), Tricia Bajema (3), Jennifer Kragt (5), Mitchell Nienhuis (3), Nicholas Boersma (5), Nicholas Hazekamp (3), Thomas Waalkes (4), Andrew Smith (3). The full listing of all of this year's Generational New Students and their alumni ties can be found online at [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc).

lacrosse programs at the Rockford and Lowell schools in Michigan. Andy still competes for the Westside Blue Dragons in a Midwestern post-collegiate league.

**Amy Bos '99** of Washington, D.C., has been promoted to senior legislative assistant for Congressman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI). She is responsible for handling the congressman's work on the Judiciary Committee and for maintaining a diverse portfolio of policy issues, including healthcare and education. **Michelle Chambers '99 Bruneau** of Lansing, Mich., left her position as the EWIDS international liaison with the Great Lakes Border Health Initiative at the Michigan Department of Community Health in Lansing in August and joined the Toxicology and Response Section, also at the Michigan Department of Community Health, as their health educator.

**Kat Nichols '99 Campbell** is associate pastor of youth and congregational fellowship at Starmount Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, N.C. She was ordained on Sunday, Aug. 9, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, Minn., and installed at Starmount on Sunday, Sept. 20.

**Erin Kurek-Blucher '99** is an internal medicine hospitalist for Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Aaron Todd '99** of Northville, Mich., was recently promoted to chief counsel of the Detroit and Cleveland offices of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Department of Homeland Security). He manages a staff of attorneys and other support staff in both locations.

## 00s

**David Fleming '00** was promoted to director of corporate communications for CornerWorld Corporation after the organization he was working for, T-Squared Communications, was acquired by CornerWorld in February. He oversees all public and investor relations, as well as all corporate branding. He continues to work out of the company's office in Holland, Mich. **Susan E. Hinman '00** was promoted to lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. She is stationed at the Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot in South Carolina. She has been accepted into the endodontics program at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Md., where she will begin studies next July.

**Brad Irving '00** of Hudsonville, Mich., finished his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Metro Health Hospital last July. He is now an obstetrics and gynecology specialist with Grand Rapids Women's Health, serving both Spectrum and Metro Health hospitals.

**Michael Ladd '00** joined the Muskegon branch of Raymond James & Associates Inc. He is a certified financial planner professional.

**Jeremy Latchaw '00** of Manhattan, Kan., recently published his first book, *American Patriotism Through the Eyes of an Eagle*. He is an Eagle Scout and a combat veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism, and is currently a consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton.

**MaryBeth Marchionda '00 Paulisse**

of Madison, Wis., is the continuous improvement and accountability specialist for the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District in Wisconsin.

**Carrie Scott '01 Balk** of Three Rivers, Mich., is entering her third year of teaching at Three Rivers High School (after four years of teaching at Hamilton High School) and recently became varsity softball coach.

**Mindy Chamberlain '01 Denning** of Hudsonville, Mich., started a photography business in January, Mindy Leigh Photography, specializing in on-location portraits and weddings. The company has a Web site.

**Michael Evans '01** of Rochester, Mich., owns Evans Coatings LLC, a plastics manufacturing company based in Troy, Mich.

**Kevin Van Timmeren '01**, an associate with Winston & Strawn LLP, worked since April 2008 with Chicago 2016 in the law department formed for the nonprofit group seeking to secure the 2016 summer games in Chicago, Ill. He spent much of his time drafting and negotiating agreements with the various sporting venues that were earmarked if Chicago had won the right to host the games.

**Katie Bode-Lang '02** of Bellefonte, Pa., had her poetry collection, *Spring Melt*, published by Seven Kitchens Press. The collection was runner-up for the 2008 Keystone Chapbook Prize. She is on the English/creative writing faculty at Pennsylvania State University.

**Kelly Smallegan-Maas '02** of Grand Rapids, Mich., was promoted to director at Lambert, Edwards & Associates (LE&A), West Michigan's top-ranked

public relations agency and the state's largest investor relations firm. She previously served as a senior associate with the firm.

**Matt Scogin '02** and **Sarah Dieter '02 Scogin** moved to New York City in April. Matt is working at the New York Stock Exchange as the chief of staff to the CEO and vice president for corporate strategy and public policy. Sarah continues to work at BAE Systems as a senior software engineer.

**Jordana Blondin '03 Dickinson** of Fruitport, Mich., presented an oil on

**Adam Magers '01** is a certified firefighter, and has worked at the Battle Creek (Mich.) Station #6 since July 2003. He and his wife, **Erin Van Dyken '02 Magers**, have three children, Natalie (age four), Nora (age three) and Isla (age one). After graduation, Adam worked for Brutsche Concrete & Burial Vault Products and part-time with the Pennfield Fire Department. Following 9/11, he joined the Michigan National Guard 110th Fighter Wing unit as a firefighter. In 2007 he was sent to Iraq and stationed at Camp Sather Air Force Base in Baghdad, where for approximately five months he trained Iraqis to man the base fire department.

canvas, "Dance of the Peacocks," in the inaugural year of ArtPrize, a worldwide art competition held in Grand Rapids, Mich., Wednesday-Saturday, Sept. 23-Oct. 10.

**Natasha Tudor '04 DeHaan** of Allendale, Mich., recently graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Master of Science in Nursing degree and will be certified as a family nurse practitioner. She has been working at Spectrum Health as a labor and delivery RN for the last five years. Natasha and her husband, **Michael DeHaan '05**, have two children, Jack and Violet. Michael is a brewer for New Holland Beer.

**Susana Rodriguez-Snyder '04** is one of four elementary fine arts specialists in music for the Socorro Independent School District in El Paso, Texas. Each specialist teaches at five different elementary schools.

**Josh Rumpsa '04** is the new boys' basketball coach at South Haven (Mich.) High School. He previously coached the freshmen at Holland (Mich.) Christian High School.

**Ryan Winningham '04** was ordained into the pastoral ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and installed as associate pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Holland, Mich., on Sunday, July 12. His wife, **Amie Senyk '04 Winningham**, teaches music at Calvary Schools of Holland.

**Andrew Hoort '05** graduated with honors from The Johns Hopkins University accelerated 13-and-a-half-month nursing program in July. He was awarded a Fuld Fellowship, a unique undergraduate leadership program created to enrich the leadership preparation of some of the nation's most talented and promising nursing students. He is awaiting assignment to the United States Army, where he will pursue his career in nursing as a lieutenant.

**Caroline Camp '05 III** of St. Louis, Mo., is a pre-kindergarten teacher at The Goddard School in St. Peter's, Mo.

**Jill Davis '05 Lauka** is a medical social worker at the psychiatric clinic of Michigan State University Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies in Kalamazoo, Mich.

**Kyle Barnes '06** of Eastport, Mich., will be moving to Auckland, New Zealand, in January to begin studies for a Ph.D. in exercise physiology at the Auckland University of Technology.

**Lynn Cargill '06** of Tarrytown, N.Y., is a scientist in sun care research and development at Energizer. She is formulating new products for the Banana Boat and Hawaiian Tropic lines.

**Victoria Orefice '06 Cooley** and her husband have moved to Maastricht, The Netherlands, to teach at the United World College Maastricht. She will teach fourth grade.

**Amy Darling '06** of Owosso, Mich., is the vocal music instructor for the middle school and high school with the Chesaning Union Schools.

**Bill Flavin '06** was installed as lead pastor at Trinity Community Church in Brown Deer, Wis., on Sunday, July 12.

**Alain Galindo '06** is a lecturer in the department of modern and classical languages at Hope.

**Christina Judson '06** finished two years of teaching second and third graders in Hawaii with Teach For America. She came home in June, got married (please see "Marriages"), and went for one year to Seoul, Korea, where she and her husband are teaching ESL to elementary education students at a Christian school.

**Annie Schuster '06** began working as a residence hall director for the Qatar Foundation (Doha, Qatar) in July. She works with students from more than 40 countries and six universities.

**Scott Travis '06** of Holland, Mich., has been appointed director of alumni and parent relations at Hope College.

He had previously been assistant director of alumni and parent relations at Hope since shortly after graduating.

**Steve Cramer '07** and his league team, JJKN Hoops Two, won the J.J. Kane Newsham double-elimination tournament on Thursday, Aug. 6, in Bay City, Mich. The J.J. Kane Newsham Hoops league comprises five teams of high school, college and pro players seeking to train during the summer. Steve returned to Slovakia in August to continue playing professional basketball.

**Abigail Bolkema '07 Nyhof** is an elementary music teacher in the Todd County School District (Rosebud Reservation, S.D.).

**Joey Goeb '08** of Grand Rapids,

Mich., returned to Hope to present "International Development in Africa—an Example of Applied Economic Analysis," at a seminar on Monday, Sept. 14, in Graves Hall. The department of economics, management, and accounting sponsored his talk.

**Amy Lamoreaux '08 Jeltema** of Jenison, Mich., is a special education teacher for grades three through five at South Walnut Elementary in Bangor, Mich.

**Nick Madrick '08** became a kiteboarding instructor in Traverse City, Mich., while he was a Hope student. Following from the enjoyment of doing what he loved and wanting to explore and experience new things, he created Stoke (Seeking To Open Klosed Eyes) International with friend and designer Chad Coe '07. From selling T-shirts around the campus in 2005 to working at a store to learn screen printing and production, he took his designs to a trade show and subsequently decided to make the business his full-time work. The products are sold nationwide at beach shops and on the Internet.

**Pam Rexius '08** teaches dance in grades six through eight and physical education to students in kindergarten through third grade at the Orozco Community Academy in Pilsen, Ill.

**Phillip Wildhirt '08** of Little Rock, Ark., began his first call in August, serving as director of worship at Christ Lutheran Church and School.

**Amanda Hutchins '09** of South Haven, Mich., began an internship at the Greater South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce. In September,

she accepted the position of executive administrative assistant for the South Haven Youth Development Corporation, which is in partnership with Youth & Company. The corporation's mission is to provide a safe haven for all area youth (grades four-12) to grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

**Ryan Johnson '09** began graduate studies at Iowa State University. He hopes to get a Ph.D. in mathematics and go on to teach at the college level.

**Laura Malpass '09** began as an apprentice with Moving Arts dance company in the fall and teaches part time for their dance studio in San Francisco, Calif.

**Shauna Masura '09** of Rolling Meadows, Ill., left for the Philippines on Saturday, Aug. 22, to begin preservice training for two years of service as an English-education Peace Corps volunteer.

**Claire R. Nicely '09** of Washington, D.C., has a position with Pro-telligent LLC as the program assistant for the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau of the U.S. Department of State.

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

## Marriages

Matthew J. Fouts '95 and Karen J. Sepura '95, June 27, 2009, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Many alumni marriages began with student-days meeting at Hope. Some involve a wedding at Hope. For **Tracey Jo Forbes '03** and **Karl Walter Hoesch '07**, however, the college played another role: Hope inspired the colors of the clothing worn by the wedding party on Saturday, Aug. 1. "Our wedding colors were orange and blue because Karl and I love all things Hope," Tracey said. "Some people thought it was a strange combo at first, but everyone ended up loving it." The photo's silo setting reflects that the wedding location, while not Hope, was significant as well: it was one of the original Forbes family farms in Lone Tree, Iowa. From top to bottom are: Bryan Forbes, Aaron Kenemer '07, Paul DeBoer, Anna Herzog '07, Michael Forbes '07, Corey Forbes, Kate Hoesch '01 DeWys, Troy DeWys, Matt Simon '07, Tom Hoesch '04, Jennifer Yoh '02, Tracey Forbes '03 Hoesch and Karl Hoesch '07.

Katherine Vlasica '96 and Steven M. Lambert, September 2008, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Angela Brown '99 and Lloyd Mitchell II, Aug. 22, 2009, Grand Haven, Mich.

Jessica Luecht '99 and Michael Bolf, Sept. 4, 2009, Minneapolis, Minn.

Andrew Zwyghuizen '99 and Carrie Hummel, April 26, 2008, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Rachael Bottema '03 and Adam Schwab, Aug. 8, 2009, Spring Lake, Mich.

Tracey Jo Forbes '03 and Karl Walter Hoesch '07, Aug. 1, 2009, Lone Tree, Iowa.

Keith Lam '03 and Rachel Kapenga '06, July 18, 2009.

Lindsey Root '03 and Marvin Luna, July 18, 2009, Miami, Fla.

Lee Heerspink '04 and Bethany LaDuke, March 14, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Amanda Jo Dekker '05 and Richard Friday '05, May 23, 2009, Traverse City, Mich.

Erica Heeg '05 and Luke Coffelt, July 11, 2009, Beaver Creek, Colo.

James Hile '05 and Marissa Roeper, Dec. 28, 2008, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Kristine Umlauf '05 and Bryon Gough, Oct. 28, 2006, Plymouth, Mich.

Angela Dykhuis '06 and Ryan Reynolds, Aug. 15, 2009.

Alain Galindo '06 and Noemi Valiente Andujar, July 13, 2008, Seville, Spain.

Cara Hoekstra '06 and David R.

Maat, Feb. 28, 2009.

Christina Judson '06 and Ryan Gibson, Aug. 1, 2009, South Barrington, Ill.

Julia Miller '06 and Michael Brunelle, May 3, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Robert Sweas '06 and Krista Mayerck, July 5, 2009, Wheaton, Ill.

Eric Ball '07 and Amy Dalley '07, June 20, 2009, South Barrington, Ill.

Allison Hile '07 and Nick Cameron, Aug. 14, 2009, Ypsilanti, Mich.

Stephanie Konfara '07 and Justin Wright, July 11, 2009, Goshen, Ind.

Abby Kosta '07 and Steven Bedford, July 18, 2009, Grandville Mich.

Justin Rieth '07 and Nicole Potter '09, May 30, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Tiffany Day '09 and Garrett Russ '09, Sept. 12, 2009, Zeeland, Mich.

Stacey Harburn '09 and Michael Headley '09, July 4, 2009, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Shanna Mack '09 and W. Paul Van Kempen '09, Aug. 15, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Kandace VanDahm '09 and Kyle Lickel, June 27, 2009, Elmhurst, Ill.

## New Additions

Vincent Boraas Jr. '88 and Kristina Boersma '92, Grace Isabelle Boraas, Aug. 25, 2009.

Timothy Koppenol '90 and Lisa Lee '96 Koppenol, Samantha Lynn, July 29, 2009.

Sara Cripps '92 Kunzi and Bruce Kunzi '93, Jonathan Eric, Oct. 7, 2008.

Jason Evert '93 and Kinga Evert, Ruby Claire, May 14, 2009.

Jane Cook '94, Ava Elizabeth, born Feb. 1, 2008, placed in her home as a foster child Feb. 2, 2008, and adopted March 17, 2009.

Chris Eckert '95 and Wendy Eckert, Brady Thomas, Sept. 23, 2007.

Alison Clark '95 LoPresti and Nick LoPresti '97, Anna Grace, June 24, 2009.

Barbara Nicol '95 Van Huis and Timothy Van Huis '95, Lucy Caroline, Sept. 18, 2009.

Kristin Carlson '95 Woiteshek and Eric Woiteshek, Mallory Lynn, July 1, 2009.

Kathryn Guy '96 Birch and Casey Birch, Levi Thomas, Jan. 28, 2009.

Jason K. Hall '96 and Raquel Hall, Jaxon David, Aug. 27, 2009.

Shawn Steiner '96 Toole and Patrick Toole, Abby Marie, Feb. 15, 2009.

Kim Eckert '97 Kolster and Todd Kolster '98, Kane Patrick, March 30, 2009.

Meg Morgan '97 Lyles and Ward Lyles, Benjamin Thomas, Dec. 21, 2008.

Aaron Tracy '97 and Sarah Catros '98 Tracy, Meredith Erin, March 20, 2009.

Jessica Mixer '98 Armock and Scott Armock, Taylor Lynne, May 22, 2009.

Cherith Caldwell '98 Anderson and Eric Anderson, Nora Claire, July 2008.

Amy Klaver '98 Grewell and Steven Grewell, Weston Elliot, Aug. 12, 2009.

Stacie Hopkins-Schrumpf '98 and William Schrumpf, Owen Robert, May 2, 2009.

Amy Romin '98 Krick and Michael Krick, Clara Fay, Feb. 4, 2009.

Clint Moore '98 and Lara Wagner '98 Moore, Deacon Russell, June 10, 2009.

Kristi Bakker '98 Stulp and Keith Stulp, Grayson Nathaniel, July 3, 2009.

David Williams '98 and Stephanie Jones '99 Williams, Cora Isabella, July 23, 2009.

Michael Brya '99 and Sarah Brya, Brody Garrison, August 14, 2009.

Robert Follett '99 and Tara Follett, Caleb Thomas, Sept. 1, 2009.

Amy Sanders '99 Nielsen and Rob Nielsen, John Emory, born and adopted on Feb. 22, 2009.

Angela Kilpatrick '99 Westfield and Max Westfield, Jax David, July 22, 2009.

Andrew Zwyghuizen '99 and Carrie Zwyghuizen, Evan Andrew, July 11, 2009.

Audrey Ehinger '00 Beacom and Clark Beacom '01, Beau Wallace, Jan. 8, 2009.

Paul Berke '00 and Lauren Hermes '02 Berke, Joseph Paul, July 8, 2009.

Chad Ferguson '00 and Vicki Dryfhout-Ferguson '01, Cole Anders Dryfhout Ferguson, Aug. 12, 2009.

Brad Irving '00 and Elizabeth Barton '02 Irving, Carolyn Ann, Feb. 2, 2009.

Brock Isanhart '00 and Jamie Isanhart, Avery Mae, July 29, 2009.

Holly Van Dam '00 Meeuwse and Todd Meeuwse, Anya Sophia, Aug. 26, 2009.

Aimee Burdo '00 Paul and Brian Paul '00, Madelyn Faith, July 27, 2009.

Carrie Scott '01 Balk and Bryan Balk, Collin Bradley, April 22, 2009.

Kyle Bloemers '01 and Kimmy Bloemers, Alyse Nicole, Aug. 14, 2009.

Julie Barton '01 Grech and Anthony Grech '02, DeAnna Katherine, July 15, 2009.

Kyle Phelps '01 and Jennifer Phelps, Madison Lynn, July 8, 2009.

Germaine Klug '02 Calvetti and Andrew Calvetti, Giuseppe, Jan. 2009.

Kari Rakosky '02 Gruppen and Matthew Gruppen, Jacob Lee, July 7, 2009.

Erin Peet '02 Jongekrijg and Scott Jongekrijg, Owen Tait, July 11, 2009.

Timothy Keeler '02 and Brooke Oosting '03 Keeler, Wyatt Alan, Sept. 4, 2009.

Brian Leicht '02 and Faith Ferrara '02 Leicht, Maxwell Joseph, June 25, 2009.

Sara Koetje '02 Muilenburg and Timothy Muilenburg '02, Kameron John, Aug. 28, 2009.

Andrea Philipps '02 Poppleton and Drew Poppleton, Claire Catherine, March 17, 2009.

Anna King '02 Vest and John Vest, Noah Clelland, Jan. 5, 2009.

Molly Arntz '03 Burnett and Ryan Burnett, Addison Avery, June 7, 2009.

Daniel DuPuis '03 and Karissa DeYoung '03 DuPuis, Caleb James, July 21, 2009.

Tim Folkert '03 and Sara Folkert, Asher William, July 14, 2009.

Abby Vollmer '03 Kowaczyk and Michael Kowaczyk, Seth Michael, Sept. 6, 2009.

Brian Slagh '03 and Haley Martin '04 Slagh, Ellery Kate, Sept. 9, 2009.

Dina Vathanaphone '04 Price and Nate Price, Evelyn Natsavanh, July 19, 2009.

Lauren Vande Kopple '05 Fowler and Jeffrey Fowler, William Marc, Jan. 27, 2009.

Kristine Umlauf '05 Gough and Bryon Gough, Parker Bryon, Aug. 1, 2009.

Stacy Nienhuis '07 Duimstra and Justin Duimstra, Brielle Monet, June 15, 2009.

## Advanced Degrees

Susan E. Eenigenburg '67, D.Min., Andover Newton Theological School, May 16, 2009.

Randy Weener '78, Doctor of Ministry, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, December 2008.

Michelle Bruneau '99 Chambers, master of arts in health communication, Michigan State University, August 2008.

Renata Meixner '99 Okonkwo, Doctor of Philosophy in medical/clinical psychology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, August 2009.

Chad Ferguson '00, Ph.D. in geology, University of Cincinnati, August 2009.

Kyle Bloemers '01, M.S. in organizational leadership, Palm Beach Atlantic University, August 2009.

Lindsey Root '03 Luna, Ph.D. in clinical psychology, University of Miami, August 2009.

Ryan Winningham '04, Master of Divinity, Concordia Seminary, May 2009.

Lauren Vande Kopple '05 Fowler, master's degree in reading, Edinboro University, May 2009.

Amy Huizen '05 Mabin, master's degree in education, Cornerstone University, May 9, 2009.

Richard Schildhouse '05, Doctor of Medicine, Wayne State University School of Medicine, June 2009.

Alain Galindo, master's degree in Hispanic literatures and cultural studies, Michigan State University, 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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**William G. Anderson '49** of Reading Center, N.Y., died on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009. He was 87.

He was a veteran who served as a technical sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1940 to 1945.

He taught science for two years in Poland, N.Y., and then for 20 years at the Dundee (N.Y.) Central School. He subsequently served the school as vice principal and then as principal for 18 years before retiring.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Diana Hossick, and his sister, Margaret Brennan.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Kay Anderson.; his children, Douglas Anderson, Mark Anderson, Joy Hodges, Timothy Hodges and Kathleen Wilson; and six grandchildren.

**Mary Jane Mulder '47 Baron** of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009. She was 83.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Baron '46, in 1999, and an infant son, James Baron.

Survivors include her children, Jeff

Baron, Mark (Laurie) Baron, and Amy (Steven) Dickerson; five grandchildren; and her sister, Joyce Mulder '54 (Eugene '50) Scholten.

**Lloyd G. Beekman '53** of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009. He was 81.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He retired from Oakridge Junior High School, where he was a special education teacher and had also coached track and football.

He was preceded in death by an infant son; a great-granddaughter; a brother, Warren Beekman; and a sister, Betty Vrablic.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Beekman; a daughter, Sandra Moore; a son, David (Pat) Beekman; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Alger Beekman.

**Connie Nies '56 Berghage**

of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., died on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009. She was 75.

She had several careers, including teaching junior high school English.

Survivors include her husband, Robert D. Berghage '56; their children, Robert (Jennifer) Berghage, Barbara Nyenhuis, and Elizabeth (Ron) Nielsen; five grandchildren; and her brother, Harvey (Carol) Nies.

**Marianne Wildschut '59 Boonstra-Elzinga** of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009. She was 71.

She was a musician and piano teacher, teaching many students in her private studio. She taught English and music throughout West Michigan, and also taught in St. Croix, Ecuador and Costa Rica.

Survivors include her children, Kate Boonstra '90 (Chad '90) Dykema and Patrick (Rena) Boonstra; five grandchildren; and her siblings, Sylvia Wildschut '61 (Jim '61) Fox, Allen (Sandra) Wildschut, and Judy (Tim) Holdroyd.

**Donald S. Botsford '40** of West Palm Beach, Fla., died on Saturday, July 18, 2009. He was 90.

He served as a pilot in World War II and retired from military service as a major.

He was the South Florida representative for Niagara Therapy Products for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Violet (Wheeler) Botsford.

Survivors include his children, Mark Botsford and Bruce Botsford; his sister, Jane (Botsford) Fisher; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**R. Douglas "Doug" Burchett '92** of Louisville, Ky., died on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, after a battle with brain cancer. He was 38.

He was an equity member in the Louisville law firm Blackburn Domene & Burchett PLLC, where he practiced civil litigation and had recently developed a sports law practice. He began his legal career as a public defender in Louisville.

Survivors include his wife of eight years, Angie Stinebruner Burchett; his son, Ryan; his daughter, Lily; his mother, Patricia Kent; his father, Ronald Burchett; his stepmother, Diane Burchett; his brothers, Richard (Beth) Burchett and Reid (Hillary) Burchett; his grandmother, Joy Kent; and his father- and mother-in-law, Ron and Susan Stinebruner.

**Carolyn Ringenoldus '62 Condren** of Pioneer, Calif., died on Saturday, July 4, 2009. She was 69.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Condren, and her parents, Harold '34 (Dorothea Van Saun '35) Ringenoldus.

Survivors include her sister, Ruth E. Baker.

Word has been received of the death of **Mary L. DeWitt '61** of Zeeland, Mich., who died on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. She was 70.

**Albert Holland '34** of Schenectady, N.Y., died on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008. He was 99.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lenore Sikkema '34 Holland.

**Elizabeth Dorothy "Dot" Lincoln '38 Karl** of Rotterdam Junction, N.Y., died on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009. She was 94.

She began her career in education teaching multiple grades in a one-room school in Pattersonville, N.Y. In 1976 she retired from the Schalmont Central

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School District as teacher-librarian at Woestina School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Karl, in 1971; and by her brother, Curtis Lincoln, and two sisters, Jessie VanTassel and Marion Olenhouse.

Survivors include her son, Randall Karl, and seven grandsons.

**Edward Kassig '49** of Indianapolis, Ind., died on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009. He was 84.

He was a veteran who served as a U.S. Army medical lab technician.

He taught science and served as a department head from 1950 to 1988 at Broad Ripple High School in Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Elizabeth Rippy Kassig; his brother, Julius Kassig; his children, Edward (Paula) Kassig, Erik Kassig, and Julia (Matthew) McCormick; and three grandchildren.

**Henry J. Kinkema '36** of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. He was 95.

He was employed as a pharmacist his entire working life by The Upjohn Company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Ketel '34 Kinkema, in 2008, and by his siblings, Percy Kinkema '25 and Marguerite Kinkema '31.

Survivors include his children,

Robert (Lucille) Kinkema, Joan Hall, and David (Pam) Kinkema; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren.

**Leroy Lovelace '59** died on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, in Brewton, Ala. He was 81.

He was a veteran who served in the armed forces during and after World War II.

He worked for the U.S. Postal Service and then taught English at Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago, Ill. He also taught for many years in a summer college preparatory program in Maine for recent graduates from poorly performing high schools.

**Adam Christopher Lucas '05** of Clarksville, Mich., died on Friday, Sept. 25, 2009. He was 26.

Survivors include his parents, Phillip and Voni (Moerland) Lucas; his siblings, Ross (Kylie) Lucas, Sarah (Kenny) Soldatke, and Corey Lucas; and his grandparents, Abraham '50 (Elin Veenschoten '52) Moreland and Girard Veenschoten '41.

**John H. Maassen '42** of Venice, Fla., died on Monday, Aug. 10, 2009. He was 89.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a retired Reformed Church in America minister who served

pastorates in New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. He was the field secretary for the Synod of Mid-America and later served on the staff of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Harriet Muyskens '47 Maassen, and his siblings, Hermina Maassen '44 and Pierce Maassen '50.

Survivors include his daughters, Elizabeth Maassen '71 (Robert) Piel, Mary Kohmiller, Susan Maassen '77 (John '72) Toren, and Janet Menzie; his son, Stephen Maassen; two sisters, Gertrude Maassen '47 Vander Haar and Leona Posthuma; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Ralph J. Mouw '40** of Orange City, Iowa, died on Friday, Aug. 14, 2009. He was 90.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army during World War II, participating in D-Day at Utah Beach and achieving the rank of captain.

He was a mathematics and physics professor at Northwestern College.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve Mouw, in 1995, and four siblings, including Henry '40 (Emily Bielefeld '41) Mouw.

Survivors include his children, James (Brenda) Mouw, Sandi (Doug) Carlson, and Edwin (Debbie) Mouw; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Vernon (Mary) Mouw.

**M. Carlyle Neckers '35** of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, July 24, 2009. He was 96.

He was the former owner of the Clymer (N.Y.) Department Store and other businesses, and was subsequently a choral music teacher in the Sherman and Ripley schools in New York.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Doris Van Lente '36 Neckers; his brother, James W. Neckers '23; and an infant great-grandson, Stuart VanderLeek.

Survivors include his three

sons, Douglas C. '60 (Suzanne Evans '60) Neckers, Bruce W. '65 (Susie Sonneveldt '67) Neckers, and Craig '71 (Joan Hendricks '74) Neckers; eight grandchildren, including Matthew '93 (Erin) Neckers, Melissa Neckers '95 (Scott) VanderLeek, Joel '01 (Kimberly) Neckers, Todd Neckers '04, and Scott Neckers '07; and three great-grandchildren.

**Mary Ellen Dalman '62 Ouelette** of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009. She was 69.

She worked in the Hamilton and West Ottawa school systems for more than 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Laverne C. '28 and Grace Dalman.

Survivors include her children, Angela Ouellette and Ed (Jody) Ouelette; four grandchildren; and her brother, Ronald (Jessie) Dalman.

**Robert N. Peterson '58** of Niskayuna, N.Y., died on Sunday, July 26, 2009. He was 72.

He was a pastor who served RCA churches in New York and Ohio, most recently serving as assistant minister at the Niskayuna Reformed Church. He had also served as president of the Synod of Albany and president of the Albany and Montgomery classes, and sat on various synod and classis committees.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, June Short '59 Peterson; his sons, David (Malinda) Peterson and James (Mary) Peterson; four grandchildren; and his sister, Suzanne.

**Lloyd E. Poston-Huyser '53** of Indianapolis, Ind., died on Friday, June 19, 2009. He was 78.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955 with the C.I.A. in the Far East during the Korean conflict.

He was an art educator who first served at Floral Park High School in New York City. A year later he settled in Indianapolis and continued his career in art education, teaching in both the middle school and high school of Center Grove School Corporation.

Survivors include his partner of more than 52 years, Gene R. Poston, and his brother, Earl S. '51 (Barbara) Huyser.

**Theresa Ruster '38 Reenders** of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Monday, Aug. 24, 2009. She was 93.

She was a teacher for many years in the Grand Haven Area Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Reenders; her daughter and son-in-law, Theodora Reenders '62 (William) Nehring; and one grandson.

Survivors include her son, Dean (Karen) Reenders; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Marjorie Vyverberg '39 Rottschafer** of Holland, Mich., died on

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Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009. She was 93.

She volunteered extensively, including from 1977 to 1985 at Southern Normal School in Brewton, Ala., where the day care center is now called Rottschafer Day Care.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Rottschafer '23.

Survivors include her children, Mark '65 (Annabelle) Rottschafer, Kirk '67 (Lynn) Rottschafer, Tom (Nancy) Rottschafer, and Bill (Laura) Rottschafer; 10 grandchildren, including Shelli Rottschafer '96, Krista Rottschafer '06 Heemstra, Julia Rottschafer '08, and Kelli Rottschafer '13; four great-grandchildren; her brother, Richard Vyverberg; and her sister, Nancy Vyverberg '51 (Clayton '49) Van Hall.

**Phyllis Darrow '48 Severson** of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009. She was 82.

She taught elementary school music for 35 years, most recently in the Holland Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Bonny Elaine Topp.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Severson; her daughter, Amy Kamps; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her son-in-law, Bill Topp.

**Roland J. Simmelink '49** of Orange City, Iowa, died on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. He was 81.

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

He was a teacher and principal in junior and senior high schools. He also served as director of the Annville Institute for many years. Additionally, he served Northwestern College as professor of Christian education and administrator in the department of financial aid.

Survivors include his wife of more than 56 years, Winifred Simmelink; four sons, Jim (Delores) Simmelink, Scott (Lila) Simmelink, Ross (Judy) Simmelink, and Randy (Barb) Simmelink; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three siblings, Phyllis (Neil) Vander Ploeg, Ken '65 (Lee) Simmelink, and Carol (Marvin) Hengst.

**Francis T. Smith III '60** of North Fort Myers, Fla., died on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009. He was 75.

He worked for the Tuberculosis Association in Springfield and Peoria, Ill., from 1961 to 1966. From 1966 until retirement in 2000, he was administrator of Allied Agencies Center in Peoria.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, E. Jane Smith; his son, T.J. Smith; his daughter, Karen; two step-daughters; and five grandsons.

**Evelyn Ver Mulm '45 Steele** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. She was 89.

She served as a nurse at the



Hope celebrated the life of **Dr. Jeanne McKee Jacobson** with a memorial service on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009 in Graves Hall.

Dr. Jacobson died on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at age 77 in her Sarasota, Fla., home.

She was the widow of Dr. John H. Jacobson (1933-2005), who had served as the 10th president of Hope College from 1987 to 1999. Her career in education culminated with her retirement from Hope as adjunct professor emerita of education in 1999. She remained a senior research fellow with the college's A.C. Van Raalte Institute.

On the occasion of the Jacobsons' retirement, the Hope College Board of Trustees recognized their dedicated leadership and faithful service with the establishment of an endowed chair in their honor.

Christian Rest Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harland Steele '44, in 1979.

Survivors include her daughter, Nikki '70 (Richard) Steele-Detrich; her sons, Mark (Dorita) Steele and Terry (Marcia) Steele; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and her sister, Helen Davis.

**Charles A. Steketee '37** of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Oct. 9, 2009. He was 93.

He was a professor emeritus of mathematics at Hope, where he taught from 1946 to 1981. The Jay Folkert and Charles Steketee Mathematics Research Fund at Hope is named in honor of him and colleague Dr. Jay Folkert '39.

As a student at Hope, he had been a member of the Fraternal Society, the Chapel Choir, the Men's Glee Club, the Double Quartet and Operetta. After graduating from Hope, he completed a master's degree at the University of Michigan. He subsequently taught mathematics in the Howell (Mich.)

Public Schools for eight years before returning to Hope to teach.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice Kline '40 Steketee, in 1968; and his siblings, including Raymond Steketee '30.

Survivors include his son, Paul '70 (Sally) Steketee; one grandson; and one great-grandson.

**James G. Tysse '63** of Millersburg, Ohio, died on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006. He was 64.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James W. '34 and Arloa VanPeursem '33 Tysse, and his sister, Judith Tysse '60 Lubbers.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Tysse; his children, Cynthia Tysse-Foresta and Garret Tysse; two grandchildren; and his brother, G. John '68 (Janet) Tysse.

**Isla Gladys Pruim '24 Van Eenenaam** of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009. She was 106.

After graduating from Hope, she taught music and art at Zeeland (Mich.) High School for four years. Following the death of her husband, Gordon F. Van Eenenaam '24, in 1959, she became a head resident at Voorhees women's residence at Hope. She later became dean of women, retiring from the college in 1968.

Isla was the oldest active member of the Sorosis (Sigma Sigma) Sorority. In 1974 she was honored with a Hope College Distinguished Alumni Award, and the I.V.E League organization was formed in her honor to promote leadership skills among women on Hope's campus. The Isla Pruim and Gordon F. Van Eenenaam Family Endowed Scholarship Fund was also established.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, John A. Van Eenenaam.

Survivors include her children, John P. '51 (Marianne Wierks '56) Van Eenenaam, David O. '57 (Elena Bylsma '58) Van Eenenaam, and Isla Van Eenenaam '59 (Victor) Ver Meulen; 11 grandchildren, including Susan Van Eenenaam '80 (Orlando) Fiallo, D. Peter '83 (Dacia VanZanten '85) Van Eenenaam, Sarah Van Eenenaam '84 (Jeffrey '84) Hanson, Jim '88 (Sblenda) Van Eenenaam, Kate Van Eenenaam '88 (John) Wilson, David '89 (Heather Wightman '93) Ver Meulen, Julie Van Eenenaam '92 (Chris) Barrett, Timothy '93 (Kristin) Ver Meulen, and Dirk '96 (Starr) Ver Meulen; and 30 great-grandchildren.

**Jerome A. Veldhuis '49** of Sandy Springs, Ga., died on Tuesday, July 28, 2009. He was 91.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Laughlin '46 Veldhuis.

**Cecilia Ver Hage '27** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Monday, Aug. 31, 2009. She was 103.

She taught school for 14 years in Constantine, Mich., and 26 years at Zeeland High School, where she taught French and business.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, including Paul '59 (Janet Wessels '59) Elzinga.

**Jerry L. Wiersma '59** of Norton Shores, Mich., died on Friday, March 13, 2009, following a nine-year battle with cancer. He was 76.

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

He retired in 1991 as director of human resources for Consumers Power Co., where he had been employed for more than 30 years. In 1992 he became co-owner of West Michigan Power Cleaning Systems Inc. with his son, Jerry.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Phyllis Tourre, Roger Wiersma, Shirley Bailey and Marjorie Horness.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Wiersma; five children, Cheryl (David) Gaudette, Tom Wiersma, Joy Wiersma, Patricia (Forrest) Stoevsand, and Jerry (Janelle) Wiersma Jr.; nine grandchildren; one sister, Joyce (Kenneth) Johnson; and one brother, Jack (Olga) Wiersma.

**Gregory T. Wood '83** of Brooklyn, Mich., died on Tuesday, July 28, 2009. He was 48.

He was a sales director with Global Industries.

Survivors include his father, Richard Wood; his stepmother, Bette; his sister, Susan; and the Strickland family.

## Sympathy to

To the family of **Joseph Dingwall**, who died on Friday, May 29, 2009. He was 84.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Dingwall; their four children, including Helen Dingwall '76 (Steve '75) Zylstra; 16 grandchildren, including Christina Zylstra '04, Elizabeth Zylstra '05 Veldheer, and Sarah Herzberg '05 Sparks; and seven great-grandchildren.

To the family of **William E. French** of Richardson, Texas, who died on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, from complications due to ALS. He was 72.

He was assistant professor of geology at Hope from 1968 to 1972.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Jacqueline French; his daughter, Heather; his son, Kirk (Jacqueline); and one grandson.

To the family of **George Franklin Moore**, who died on Friday, March 27, 2009, of myocarditis. He was 21 months old.

Survivors included his parents, Clint '98 and Lara Wagner '98 Moore, and his older brother, Jackson William.





# In the Beginning

It is the first Chapel service of the school year, and the first Chapel service ever for the newly matriculated members of the Class of 2013. The service this Wednesday morning is led by the Rev. Trygve Johnson, Hope's dean of the chapel, who with wife Kristen has recently embarked upon a journey parenting newborn Trygve Jr. — for whom, of course, everything has yet to be experienced. The mutual newness is a fitting starting point for this year's Chapel program, which is focusing on creation and the changes and uncertainty that life can bring while embodying another important theme: that Hope is a community of faith whose members together will learn, and explore and grow in understanding.

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