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## All-Star Academics

Innovative classes enrich learning

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**On the Cover**

This issue is focusing on interesting, ground-breaking ways that academics at Hope break out of the traditional mould to make learning lively, engaging and most of all meaningful. On the cover, sophomore Ann Georges of Ramsey, Minn., participates last year in a biology class that involves freshmen in original research from day one. She is among the students interviewed for the pages eight-nine story about the course. The series itself begins on page six.

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**"Quote, unquote"**

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



The Pew College Society Program at Hope exists to encourage students to pursue careers in college and university teaching as Christian service. The society sponsors an annual all-campus lecture, and this year featured "Are Christian Colleges Good for Christians?" by Dr. James Kennedy of the University of Amsterdam on Thursday, Feb. 4. A former member of the Hope history faculty and former research fellow with the college's A.C.

Van Raalte Institute, Dr. Kennedy posited that Christian colleges play a crucial role by linking faith and understanding in fostering intellectual maturity in addressing the world's needs.

"Christian colleges are necessary to instill a kind of a moral and spiritual seriousness that raises questions for our time. This is an essential task. And this is made possible by a kind of drive that Christians have to honor God and to seek on the basis of that to grapple with these questions.

"So Christian colleges become the venue, they become the place where these questions can be sustained and discussed over time.

"It seems to me that it's very, very important that this, then, be done.

"Christian intellectual community is essentially defined by a broad set of questions and concerns. Of course, these are limited in their view. They will reflect our time and our place. They will not result in 'the' Christian answer to anything, but will make clear various possibilities for interpretation, for response, and will essentially in that sense lead to a deeper reflection.

"The questions that are raised here are not unintelligible to people who stand in a different place in the Christian faith. They are not overtly theological in that respect. They

are not always citing the Bible. But, they take seriously the notion that Christian communities themselves ought to take these questions seriously.

"And I think that's one of the things that we really need to stress, that these are serious questions that their communities ought to take seriously, and that they ought to reflect upon.

"That's what Christian colleges essentially are also saying to the wider Christian community: there are important issues out there, and people in the Christian community—whether they've been to college or not—need to reflect upon these issues more seriously than they have. And that the Christian college becomes a place where that can be done...

"Are then, to summarize, Christian colleges good for Christians? The answer is: of course. Because, in the first place, it is vitally important that there be places for Christians to find the kind of intellectual maturity that is so essential for the Christian church but also for society.

"It is especially important, this drive to engage and reflect on certain issues, and also to strive for a kind of self-discipline, it is especially important in this time where visceral, impulsive responses in politics, in society, everywhere, dominate, and not least in Christian circles themselves. It also is extremely important that this take place at a time when people think that every conviction is mere opinion, and that Christians themselves tend to think about their faith as something that more or less is their personal thing and cannot be challenged and is just something that they personally have and they can't really seriously interact with others about it...

"But the value of Christian colleges, the vitality of intellectual community, is not something to be taken for granted. It's not there just because there are Christian colleges. It requires revitalization, it requires recommitment, it requires the active engagement of students and of teachers. And this is something that always, then, has to prove itself again and again.

"But of course there are resources for making that happen. The Pew is one way of doing that, but of course you have each other here at Hope College." ✍️



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# Events



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Spring Semester

April 29, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.  
May 1, Saturday—Alumni Day  
May 3-7, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations  
May 7, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.  
May 9, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement  
May 10, Monday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon

**May Term**—May 10-June 4

**June Term**—June 7-July 2

**July Term**—July 6-30

**Summer Seminars**—Aug. 2-6

### Fall Semester

Aug. 27, Friday—Residence halls open for new students, 10 a.m.  
Aug. 27-30, Friday-Monday—New Student Orientation  
Aug. 29, Sunday—Residence halls open for returning students, noon  
Aug. 29, Sunday—Convocation for new students and parents, 2 p.m.  
Aug. 31, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.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.

### 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

## DANCE

**Student Dance Concerts**—Monday-Tuesday, April 19-20  
Dow Center, dance studio, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

**Student Dance Concerts**—Monday-Tuesday, April 26-27  
Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

**Cecchetti International Ballet School Concerts**—Saturday, July 24

Knickerbocker Theatre, time TBA  
Admission is free.



## HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

HSRT is planning an exciting 39th season, opening in the DeWitt theatre on Friday, June 18, with the beloved musical *Into the Woods*, followed by *I Do! I Do*, *An Italian Straw Hat*, *The Last Night of the Ballyhoo*, *A Year with Frog and Toad*, and two children's shows, Richard Scarry's *Busytown* and Katie Couric's *A Brand New Kid*. More information can be found online at [www.hope.edu/hsrt](http://www.hope.edu/hsrt). Tickets go on sale to the public on Monday, May 3, and will be available at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse or by calling (616) 395-7890.

## MUSIC

**Women's Chamber Choir**—Monday, April 19: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, corner of 13th Street and Maple Avenue in Holland, Mich., 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Combined Choirs and Wind Ensemble Concert**—Wednesday, April 28: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Tulip Time Organ Recitals**—Wednesday-Saturday, May 5-8: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, starting every half hour from 10 a.m. through the final recital concluding at 1:50 p.m. Admission is free, although a freewill donation is collected.

## DE PREE GALLERY

**Senior Show**—Friday, April 9-Sunday, May 9

Featuring work by graduating studio art majors. There will be an opening reception on Friday, April 9, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. 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 (616) 395-7500 for more information.



## SPORTS SCHEDULES

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

## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

**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

Hosted by Dr. Donald Luidens '69 and Dr. Roger Nemeth, professors of sociology. (Optional second leg through July 1 will include more time in Italy.)

For more information concerning the above events, please call 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).

## 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).

## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance**—Friday, April 9  
DeVos Fieldhouse

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

Dimnent Memorial Chapel  
**Baccalaureate and Commencement**—Sunday, May 9  
Please see page five for more information.

**Opening Convocation**—Sunday, Aug. 29, 2 p.m.  
Dimnent Memorial Chapel



## SUMMER CAMPS

Throughout the summer, Hope will offer multiple science camps for children as well as sports camps in soccer, football, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, volleyball and tennis. For complete information, please check [www.hope.edu/camps](http://www.hope.edu/camps), or call (616) 395-8103 for the soccer camps, (616) 395-4965 for the Tennis Academy, (616) 395-7070 for the other sports camps or (616) 395-7640 for the science camps.

## THEATRE

**The Pinter Project**—Friday-Saturday, April 23-24; Wednesday-Saturday, April 28-May 1  
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.

## 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.





**TENNIS FIRST:** The DeWitt Tennis Center has been named the national 2010 “Public Facility of the Year” by the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR).

The PTR presented the award on Sunday, Feb. 14, during its 2010

PTR International Tennis Symposium being held Friday-Thursday, Feb. 12-18, at the PTR Headquarters on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

The six-court center, which opened in August 1994, was honored for the array and quality of programs that it offers to its members as well as the Holland tennis community.

“Our club is known as a place that has excellent teaching, and we develop a lot of outstanding players, particularly in our Junior program,” said Jorge Capestany, who has managed the DeWitt Tennis Center since the fall of 2003.

Founded in 1976, the PTR is the largest global organization of tennis-teaching professionals, with more than 14,000 members in 122 countries.

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**HOLLAND ACCLAIMED:**

The college’s hometown has placed second in the nation, and first east of the Mississippi, for overall well-being in a report released recently by Gallup and Healthways.

The 2009 “Gallup-Healthways Well Being Index” (WBI) ranks Holland-Grand Haven behind only Boulder, Colo., out of some 185 cities nationwide. The index, released on Monday, Feb. 15, is an average of six categories: life evaluation, emotional health, physical health, healthy behavior, work environment and basic access to necessities.

The recognition even earned Holland the closing segment on *ABC World News with Diane Sawyer* on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

It’s the second year that Gallup-Healthways has compiled the index. Holland-Grand Haven also did well in 2008, ranking third nationally.

In descending order, the top-10 cities in the index are: Boulder, Colo.; Holland-Grand Haven; Honolulu, Hawaii; Provo-Orem, Utah; Santa Rosa-Petaluma, Calif.; Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta, Calif.; San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif.; Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va.; Ogden-Clearfield, Utah; and Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, Calif.

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**WINNING BLEND:**

“Fingerprint” designed by senior Sarah Carr of Novi, Mich., has won a place on the menu of Lemonjello’s Coffee in Holland, Mich., through May.

The 40 students in the fall “Design I” art class were challenged to develop a new drink for the downtown shop. Lemonjello’s owner Matt Scott ’00 selected Carr’s entry from among 13 finalists in December.

The course’s instructor, Stephanie Milanowski, assistant professor of art and design, arranged with Scott to have Lemonjello’s add one of the beverages to the menu as a way of adding a concrete application to the start-to-finish design assignment. The students’ steps along the way started with visiting the shop and continued with developing not only a beverage but also a logo, promotional poster, recipe card and other support materials.

Featuring a fingerprint logo in keeping with its name, Carr’s drink includes fair trade coffee; a combination of white chocolate, double chocolate and dark chocolate syrup; and mint syrup. Scott noted that Carr’s theme and its graphic design were particularly effective and meshed well with the character of Lemonjello’s.

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**MENTORING HONOR:**

Derek Bradley, a junior from Roscommon, Mich., received the January “Senator’s Award for Men in Mentoring” presented by State Senator Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland).

Bradley is a volunteer coach with the “Total Trek Quest” program coordinated by Pathways, MI.

Total Trek Quest is a 10-week highly interactive program designed exclusively for boys in third, fourth and fifth grades that provides opportunities to explore and develop their individuality and strengths, through running and other activities to promote goal-setting and social development.

Bradley has been a volunteer coach with the program for the past two years. He is the only volunteer coach currently mentoring two teams.

The award marked the second time in sixth months that a Hope student was honored. Junior Aaron Lawrence of Grand Rapids, Mich., received the award in August.

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**MILESTONE MILESTONE:** The 2009 *Milestone* yearbook has been honored by Walsworth Publishing Company with induction into the company’s Gallery of Excellence.

Walsworth selects only a small percentage of the yearbooks that it publishes for the designation. The honorees are chosen as extraordinary examples of all of the parts of a yearbook working in harmony, combining a great theme with great design, and adding compelling coverage and photography throughout the book for a winning combination that tells the story of the year for each student.

Gallery of Excellence yearbooks are used by the publisher’s nationwide sales force as well-crafted examples, loaned to schools across the country to serve as idea generators, and displayed at regional, state and national conventions and workshops. Spreads from many of the honorees are also used as example illustrations in Walsworth’s educational materials.

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**GRADUATION UPDATE:**

Baccalaureate and Commencement are scheduled for Sunday, May 9.

More than 650 graduating seniors will be joining in this year’s graduation exercises, the college’s 145th.

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

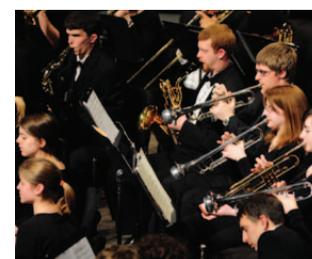
The Commencement speaker will be Rob Pocock ’77, who is an adjunct assistant professor of communication at Hope and associate vice president of communications at Priority Health. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Kate Davelaar ’00, who is a chaplain on the campus ministries staff at Hope.

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

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**HOPE IN PICTURES:**

Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope. Pictured is a moment from this year’s Musical Showcase concert, presented on Monday, March 1, at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich.



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



# Online in a House Divided

By Greg Olgers '87

It's early afternoon, and the computer laboratory on the second floor of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication is filled with students spending time online.

Through the Internet, the world is at their fingertips, and it's a simple matter to call up the day's newspaper.

It's not an easy read. The country has been becoming increasingly polarized, seemingly

unable to talk across the divide created by deep differences of opinion. Today's headlines report that the situation has turned much, much worse, with armed men having seized a federal building in the hope of drawing attention to their cause.

To some, they're heroes; to others, criminals. Everyone has an opinion, and soon cyberspace is alive with the students sending messages back and forth as they react to what they've just read.

It's October 1859, and John Brown is in Harpers Ferry, Va.

The students are enrolled in a class using Valley Sim, an interactive, online textbook developed by Dr. Christian Spielvogel, associate professor of communication. Valley Sim casts students in the roles of real-life residents of two Civil War-era communities of the Shenandoah Valley: Augusta County, Va., and Franklin County, Pa. Just 200 miles apart, the two counties ultimately found themselves on opposite sides of the destructive conflict.

The goal, Dr. Spielvogel noted, is to bring the war and its issues alive for the students.

"The Valley Sim strives to not only provide an accurate history of the war but create a space whereby students can dramatically understand the motivations and sacrifices of former soldiers, newspaper editors, pastors, farmers, politicians, homemakers, nurses and lawyers," he said.

Dr. Spielvogel began developing Valley Sim during a 2007-08 sabbatical at the University of Virginia, supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Virginia Endowment for the Humanities. He was seeking to more fully realize the educational potential of the Internet as not only a way of obtaining



The department of communication's course in conflict resolution uses 21st century technology in bringing the 19th century to life to help students make sense of their times. Through the Valley Sim, students learn about the Civil War and then engage in its issues through online discussion with each other while portraying real-life members of two communities that were on opposite sides. Junior Anna Bouma-Prediger of Holland, Mich., interacted as Alansa Rounds, a young New Yorker who had relocated to Virginia and sided with her new home. (The background illustration, a work by Edward Beyer in the 1858 *Album of Virginia: Illustrations of the Old Dominion*, shows Stribling Springs in Augusta County, and is courtesy of the Valley of the Shadow archive.)

information but of producing and interacting with others about it—a progression that he dubs "Web 2.0," as opposed to the earlier "Web. 1.0" days of read-only.

"Web 2.0' essentially gives users more opportunities to interact with material—to create content, to share content, and to post in blogs and chat rooms," he said. "It provides more opportunities for students to become engaged."

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— Dr. Christian Spielvogel, associate professor of communication

The Virginia Center for Digital History at the University of Virginia provided the ideal resource: the award-winning *Valley of the Shadow* digital archive, which contains more than 100,000 digitized photographs, diaries, letters, maps, census records and newspaper articles from the two counties.

Dr. Spielvogel used the materials to develop online newspapers for each community, with each issue carrying the timeline forward four to six months, beginning with Brown's 1859 raid and through the end of the war. Each includes links to photos and other materials from the archives, some about the period's major events but others to convey a sense of the times themselves (like a letter to the editor complaining about spitting tobacco on the church floor), as well as original articles to help put things into context.

Crucially, he also used the archive's detailed biographies and first-person accounts to create 25 "characters" for the simulation—actual residents from the two communities. People like Jed Hotchkiss, the schoolteacher who became Stonewall Jackson's topographical engineer; or Alansa Rounds, who had moved to Virginia from the north and grew to support the southern cause—in opposition to her parents; or Rachel Cormany, a young mother in Franklin County whose husband was a Union cavalryman.

The students choose one of the characters and then role-play that person's perspective of the day's news—say, the Emancipation Proclamation—through online discussion with classmates doing the same. They don't reveal who they're portraying, to deepen the immersion by keeping everyone's focus on the characters and not the players.

Senior Taylor Fox of Clayton, Calif., has participated in the simulation twice: during a pilot session in 2009 and more recently this semester in Dr. Spielvogel's "Communication and Conflict" class. The first time, he played a Union soldier; the second, a Confederate.

"I wanted to see both sides of the coin," he noted.

He was struck particularly by the tone and content of the letters and diaries of his second "character," Brigadier General William Baylor, in light of those of his first.

"It's interesting to read those and find out that he was the same as the guy I played in the north," Fox said. "And that was that he did not want this war, either."

Dr. Spielvogel's interest in engaging students with the Civil War stems from his scholarly focus on conflict resolution and political communication. Outside of character, the students in "Communication and Conflict" reflect together on their experience in the

simulation and the source material, relating the rhetoric and attitudes they encounter to present-day disagreements.

"It's really, really applicable," said junior Anna Bouma-Prediger of Holland, Mich. "It fits really well with the class—what we read about and how we apply it to current conflicts."

The Valley Sim experience doesn't end with Hope. The University of Virginia's Virginia Center for Digital History has been sharing the simulation with dozens of secondary teachers through training sessions to prepare them to use it in their classrooms.

The leader of those sessions, Andy Mink, who is director of educational outreach with the center and was named the 2003 Experimental Education Educator of the Year, appreciates the way that Valley Sim brings the archive to life and extends its reach. "Tools like Chris's give, particularly, younger students a way to make sense of it all," he said.

It's perspective that he sees endorsed by the teachers who, when there are more demands on classroom time than ever, are choosing to add Valley Sim to their curriculum.

"That's actually the evidence—that they're trying it out in their classroom," he said.

Dawn Garvey, a teacher at Corporate Learning Middle School in Virginia Beach, is using the simulation this spring.

"Valley Sim allows my students to not only look at events, opinions, people, and relationships that occurred during the Civil War from a new perspective, but it also allows them to react," she said. "The primary resources available and the capability of Valley Sim are phenomenal. Each student will also be secure in the knowledge that no one that he communicates with, except the teacher, will know his true identity. This allows students to push the envelope without fear of peer repercussion."

Dr. Spielvogel has also made the Valley Sim platform available for others around the U.S. to use in crafting simulations of their own. *Crime Scene: Edinburgh* will take students through a 19th-century murder investigation, *The United Nations Responds to Genocide* will have students portray leaders of the international community, and *Happy Homes*—being co-developed by Dr. Isolde Anderson of the Hope communication faculty—will have students model positive communication message strategies in everyday family-life situations. It's a list that's growing, and Dr. Spielvogel is pleased to see others take his model in new directions.

"I've created something that I'm proud of, but I believe that other teachers and students can make it better and do things with it that I never dreamed of," he said. 🐦



Multiple experiences and goals blended well for Dr. Christian Spielvogel, developer of Valley Sim, his hope to more effectively utilize the Internet as a teaching tool meeting his interest in the Civil War and his scholarly focus on communication in conflict. Other scholars across the nation are now adapting the platform for themed projects of their own.





# Research Out of the Gate

In a deceptively unassuming computer laboratory tucked away in a quiet corner of the Schaap Science Center, a class of Hope freshmen is conducting original research that not too many years ago would have been the purview of an advanced graduate program.

Grouped in teams of five, the 20 biology students are working on sections of the genome of two bacteriophages, viruses that infect bacteria. They are annotating the phages' DNA, identifying elements of the genome and attaching biological information to the elements. At the end of the semester the information will go into an international database upon which scientists around the world are able to draw as they conduct research of their own.

It's not an exercise. It's not simply repeating something that someone else has already done. The results matter, it's groundbreaking and it's learning what science truly is: the process of discovery.

That last quality is why Hope established the year-long class in the fall of 2008 through a major, multi-year award from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). Hope was one of only 12 colleges and universities nationwide to be chosen to participate in the first year of HHMI's "Phage Genomics Research Initiative," through which the course was developed. Another 12 were added this past fall, and an additional dozen will begin participating next year.



From day one, incoming freshmen in the college's year-long HHMI-funded "Phage Genomics Research Initiative" class experience Hope's nationally recognized emphasis on teaching students by involving them in original research. They identify and investigate a previously unknown bacteriophage, ultimately contributing to a database used by scientists worldwide. Pictured earlier this year is Elizabeth Gerometta of Chesteron, Ind.

The year-long laboratory course has been designed to provide beginning college students with a true research experience that teaches them how to approach open-ended scientific problems creatively and hopefully will solidify their interest in a career in science. It was a natural fit for Hope, where students have engaged in research collaboratively with faculty for decades and research experience had already been integrated into upper-level classes.

"Hope has a strong history of incorporating undergraduate students into active research programs of individual faculty members, and we've been using open research questions in our advanced coursework in recent years," said biologist Dr. Aaron Best, who is team-teaching the course with Dr. Joseph Stukey. "This new initiative enables us to create a dedicated research experience in the context of first-year coursework that is modeled on work we have done in advanced courses."

While the students in the spring are doing most of their work at the computer, the process began—rather literally—in a much more down-to-earth way, with students isolating phages from soil samples they collected from the field. The phage that last year's class annotated, for example, was taken

from Dr. Stukey's vegetable compost pile at home, and the two phages being studied this year were found in soil samples collected on the Hope campus.

Each student begins the school year with isolating a phage of his or her own, and spends the fall semester conducting a variety of analyses of it, much of it through traditional bench-work. Based on the testing, the phage that seems most promising is sent to a national genome sequencing center to prepare phage DNA libraries and sequence the DNA over the semester break. The results form the basis of the spring semester, as the students team up to complete the painstaking, essential work of annotation.

The students appreciate the experience. "On top of learning the different processes

and procedures, it's just seeing what research is like," said freshman Howie Dobbs of Warrenville, Ill. "It's not just one straight road—it's lots of bumps along the way."

Dobbs hasn't found that at all discouraging—in fact, he's planning to conduct research at Hope full-time this summer. Sophomore Anne Georges of Ramsey, Minn., who was among last year's students, and this year is helping the new group as a teaching assistant, has found herself similarly motivated.

"That's what research is, you hit unknowns all the time," she said. "To me it's a big puzzle."

She's conducting research with Dr. Leah Chase this semester, and plans to continue full-time in the summer. Last summer she became involved in a research team near home, at the University of Minnesota.

"There was a clear benefit from having the experiences in that class when I got into research last summer," she said. "Knowing I was going into it didn't scare me as much."

Also this summer, Georges traveled to HHMI's Janelia Farm facility in Chevy Chase, Md., to represent Hope at a conference featuring each of the schools that participated during 2008-09. "Drs. Best and Stukey gave me a chance to prepare the presentation. It was a great experience," she said.

Sophomore Caitlin Peirce of Portage,

Mich., who was also in last year's class, finished the first semester with a bonus: it was her phage that was chosen for sequencing and spring-semester annotation. Like Georges, she was a teaching assistant for this year's class and is also already involved in a faculty research group, working with Dr. Best.

"I think the phage course encouraged all of us to think independently," she said. "We were able to see the Scientific Method in practice and it was exciting to feel like we were contributing to actual scientific knowledge. The research emphasis also forced us to problem solve and modify experiments when things didn't always work out. I think the phage course gave many of us confidence in our own judgment, which is important in further research opportunities."

Dr. Stukey is integrating the phage research into his own research program, and also anticipates seeing it find its way into upper-level classes at the college. The research could also make a difference far beyond Hope. As the results from all the participating schools are compiled, the information could ultimately help other researchers anywhere in the world with projects of their own, including, potentially, those seeking to develop cures for diseases like leprosy or tuberculosis.

"One of the reasons to look at the phage of mycobacteria is so that you understand how the mycobacteria, themselves, are working," Dr. Best said. "And mycobacteria cause major diseases worldwide."

That it is even possible for beginning undergraduates to be involved in cutting-edge genetic research reflects the dramatic pace at which technology is changing. The first complete genome of an organism was produced in 1995. While he was in graduate school in the 1980s, Dr. Stukey spent a year sequencing just one gene of less than 3,000 genomic base pairs. Now, an entire genome of more than 100 genes and 75,000 base pairs can be sequenced in less than one month.

Based on that rate of change, today's students will similarly find the particulars of science much changed a dozen years hence. The goal for their Hope mentors, then, is not only to train them in the current state of the art, which is indeed essential in the short-term, but to prepare them—even in year one—for whatever lies ahead.

"The rate of technological improvement is amazing," Dr. Best said. "It's certainly driving the way science is done. It's altered the way that biology is done forever."

"Education has to keep up with that while also equipping students to handle the changes and challenges that they will encounter," he said. "I think that this program positions Hope well in both respects." 🐦



Faculty and students find the answers together in the year-long phage genome course. The process is, in fact, one of the most important lessons, not only preparing students for future learning at the college but equipping them with experience in working with others in handling the sorts of open-ended questions that they will face throughout careers in the sciences. Pictured during the course's debut year last year are Angelica Willis of Lansing, Mich., and Courtney Long of Canton, Mich., with biologist Dr. Joseph Stukey.

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— Caitlin Peirce '12





# Learning and Teaching Together

Spanish students at Hope are helping transform lives.

As a complement to their time in class, the dozens of students enrolled in Spanish IV each semester serve as tutors with the English as a Second Language (ESL) program coordinated by Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP), a community organization based in Hope's hometown of Holland, Mich. Along with other Hope students involved with the program simply because they value what it does, they work with émigrés to the area, most of whom are older than the students, who are seeking to learn or improve their English.

The stakes can be high—and the Hope students take their role seriously as a result. For

example, Leroy Hernandez, project coordinator with LAUP, recalls one community member whose job was on the line: learn English, or be out of work.

The Hope students' commitment is technically one evening per week, but in the end that mattered far less than the outcome.

"One of the students took extra time to practice with the ESL student and to speed up the process," Hernandez said.

LAUP has coordinated ESL classes for several years, and Hope students have been involved as volunteers for much of that time, many through their participation in the Phelps Scholars Program. The relationship became more formal, however, a few years ago, when



Hope students are making a lasting difference in the lives of Holland-area community members by serving as tutors and instructors in the English as a Second Language program coordinated by Latin Americans United for Progress. Students in the college's Spanish IV class spend one evening each week tutoring, their work on behalf of others also enriching their own understanding of the language and cultures of those they are helping.

Dr. Daniel Woolsey of the Spanish faculty saw in the program a way for his department's students to learn more while also making a difference in others' lives.

"As soon as I found out about it and what they were doing, I thought, 'This is neat and would be a great opportunity,'" said Dr. Woolsey, an assistant professor of Spanish.

"One approach that we've taken in our fourth-semester Spanish course is to make it more of an introduction to Spanish culture," he said. "We thought it'd be nice if they had authentic encounters with members of our community. It's something that we can't provide in the classroom."

In addition to the time that they spend in Spanish IV itself, every student in the class signs on as a tutor for one of the three nights each week that LAUP offers its ESL program. Hope contributes the space for the sessions, which are held at the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication.

Typically, three ESL classes meet each evening, for beginning, intermediate and advanced English-speakers. The Spanish IV students work with the community members individually, while other students, volunteering independently, serve as classroom instructors/leaders. Not all of the community members in

the classes are from Spanish-speaking countries, but most are, with the majority from Mexico.

Each evening features an hour of instruction and an hour of dialogue, with the students and community members working through lesson packets together, using Spanish and English in combination. Many of the community members attend all three nights.

Community member Jose Arredondo, who moved to the area from Mexico, has appreciated not only the progress that he's made in learning English, but the students he's had a chance to meet.

"I've been coming for a couple years," Arredondo said. "They're awesome people to be around."

The Hope students, Hernandez noted,

**"We're very thankful because without Hope College we couldn't do it."**

– Leroy Hernandez, project coordinator with Latin Americans United for Progress, regarding LAUP's ESL program based at Hope

are not only helpful but essential, since the program literally could not exist without them.

"It's been a perfect union as far as we're concerned," Hernandez said. "We're glad it's there, and we're very thankful because without Hope College we couldn't do it."

Dr. Woolsey connects the tutoring back to his Spanish IV classes by having the students write about their experience; for example, reporting shortly after starting on the story of a community member they met through the program, and reflecting at the end of the semester on how they felt about their participation.

"Some of the instructors find out that they want to be teachers or serve the community in this way," Dr. Woolsey said.

Junior Zoe Lalo of Holland, Mich., became involved with the program through Spanish IV as a freshman, and appreciated it so much that she has stayed involved. She is now the site coordinator for the entire program, making certain that everything runs smoothly during the three nightly sessions.

Because of her additional level of responsibility she is now paid for her part-time work with the program, but that's not why she does it.

"I absolutely love the LAUP ESL program,"

she said. "It's awesome that I have a paid position, but I would still be involved even if I wasn't getting paid."

"Being able to speak Spanish at least six hours a week has definitely increased my Spanish-speaking abilities," she said. "I also see some of the students around town and am able to speak Spanish to them then, too,"

She has especially valued the connections that she has formed with members of the community.

"It has been great being able to see their progress and form relationships with people that I wouldn't have met otherwise," she said.

Senior Jay VandenBrink, also of Holland, also began with the program as a Spanish IV student and is now back as one of the volunteer classroom leaders.

"I want to be a teacher, so I thought it'd be good practice," he said.

Senior Emily Sicard of South Haven, Mich., was in Spanish IV before the program became integrated into the course, but she was quick to become involved as an instructor after returning to campus following a semester in Queretaro, Mexico, with a deeper understanding of what it's like to be less than familiar with the local language—and what a difference others can make.

"A large part of my motivation for getting involved came from the fantastic experience I had in Mexico studying Spanish," she said.

"When I first arrived in Queretaro, I realized how little Spanish I really knew, despite four years of study in high school and a semester at Hope. Though this was overwhelming at first, the encouragement of my host family and professors kept me from feeling completely lost. In getting involved with LAUP, I hoped to be able to similarly encourage others here in Holland."

She also appreciated what she learned in giving back.

"It gave me a greater respect for immigrants—moving to a new country is such a leap into the unknown, especially when language barriers make communication difficult," she said. "Despite this, my students were always optimistic. They had ambitious goals, which they knew learning English would help them to achieve. Their setting aside two hours three nights a week to dedicate to their learning reveals great self-motivation."

And along the way, she found a new direction.

"As a Spanish and English literature major, I was initially planning further study in literature, but my experience with LAUP's ESL program changed my mind," she said. "I appreciate the way in which teaching ESL is a tangible interaction between language and the world and want to pursue that further." ✍️





# Mentoring for a Lifetime

By Greg Chandler

Professor Linda Graham has a simple philosophy that has driven her teaching of dance at Hope for more than 25 years.

"I feel the world is a better place when more people experience dance," said Professor



Linda Graham's work as an educator is informed by her experiences as a dancer and award-winning choreographer.

Graham, who chairs a dance department that has grown to include 120 majors and minors and more than 420 students overall who take classes each semester through the program.

Hope's dance program is one of only a handful at liberal arts colleges in the nation fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance. The program is also unique in requiring its students to take courses in four major forms of dance: ballet, modern, tap and jazz.

"It has opportunities that large schools envy, such as the (opportunity to pursue) dual majors, the (various) companies, off-campus programs, and we have the Christian atmosphere," Professor Graham said. "If someone is looking for that combination, we are a great fit for them."

She says that the college's dance program offers students the ability to grow not only as dancers, but also from an intellectual and spiritual perspective.

"We all feel, without a doubt, that when people study dance, they not only gain technical understanding, but the creative side, the risk-taking, the problem-solving aspect, the ability to work with an ensemble, as well as physical expertise comes out," Professor Graham said.

Professor Graham came to Hope in 1983 after performing professionally with both regional and New York-based companies. A graduate of the National Academy of Dance, she completed her Master of Fine Arts degree in choreography and performance at the University of Illinois, where she had also earned her undergraduate degree in acting. She has set works nationally and internationally on major dance companies such as the Joffrey Ballet.



Dance students applaud Linda Graham for her dedication and skill as a teacher, the lessons they receive in their art enhanced by her commitment to them as individuals and her emphasis on helping them succeed not only in the program but after graduation. Here she is working with the improvisation class.

In 2000, she won the statewide Maggie Allesee New Choreography Award from the Michigan Dance Council for her work "Red Wolf," choreographed for Aerial Dance Theatre (now known as dANCEpROJECT), which she had co-founded in 1986. Her work locally has also included choreographing the opening season of the Emmy Award-winning children's television

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– Lindsay Roberts '08

program *Come On Over!*, filmed at Hope.

Beyond her achievement as a dance artist, however, she earns praise from her students for her dedication and skill as a teacher.

Lindsay Roberts '08, who is now pursuing a career in dance in New York City, recalls one of her first classes at Hope – a jazz class that Professor Graham taught.

"I was simultaneously terrified, nervous, and excited, but after that class I knew that I was in the right place," said Roberts, who graduated with a degree in dance performance and choreography.

Roberts went on to add that Professor Graham helped her develop discipline and determination, along with honing in on her technique, and is grateful for her development.

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Sarah Williams '09, who now teaches

English as a language assistant at a school in Laval, France while she continues to study ballet, calls Professor Graham "an ideal mentor."

"Whenever I had a question or was worried about something, she was there for me," Williams said. "She's kind, always has an interesting story to share, and most importantly, genuinely cares about the success of the dance department students."

Hope's dance program dates back to 1965, when Maxine DeBruyn started the program with a single course. By 1974, Hope established a dance department, and a dance major was created in 1984. Professor Graham says she owes a great deal of the program's success to Professor DeBruyn's early efforts and continued nurturing.

"She laid the foundation of who and what we are, and what we do here at Hope," she said.

One of the advantages Hope dance students have is the opportunity to be part of affiliate companies that provides an outlet for students to perform, including Strike Time Dance Company, which Professor Graham currently

directs. The company specializes in introducing elementary-age students of diverse backgrounds to dance through an interactive production that teaches elements of time, energy and space, as well as various forms of dance.

Other companies affiliated with Hope's dance program include not only dANCEpROJECT, which specializes in contemporary dance, but IDT (formerly InSync Dance Theatre), which specializes in tap and jazz; as well as a sacred dance group that performs in local churches. Students can also perform in various student choreographed and performed concerts through the academic year, as well as audition and perform in the annual faculty choreographed concert each spring.

Another unique aspect of Hope's program is that it gives students an ability to pursue a second major in a variety of disciplines, including engineering, English, history and psychology. For example, students who complete a dual major in dance and psychology can go on to work as a dance therapist.

"You don't have to be a great dancer technically to be a great dance therapist," Professor Graham said.

Sarah Williams, for example, finished her career at Hope with majors in dance and French, and minors in accounting and management.

Professor Graham has also played an active role in bringing in nationally-renowned guest artists from around the world to teach intensive courses in specific disciplines. Last May, during the college's May Term, the program brought in a lineup of top ballet performers that included Trinette Singleton, the first dancer ever to be featured on the cover of *Time* Magazine, and John Gardner and Amanda McKerrow – former principals with American Ballet Theatre.

"They come in with a very current knowledge, and they bring that to our students," Professor Graham said.

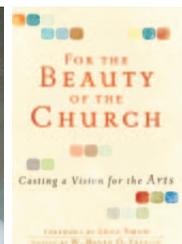
This spring, Hope will offer a May Term intensive course in jazz studies, supported by the Dorothy Wiley DeLong Endowment for Dance.

While Hope offers a great deal of opportunity for students interested in careers in dance, as well as incorporating dance into other pursuits, Professor Graham says the success of the college's program comes down to the quality of its people.

"(Students) don't enroll in a program, they enroll in people. I believe that's why students come (to Hope)."

She's not thinking of herself when she makes that statement—she's thinking of her colleagues, whose skill as dance professionals and teachers, and commitment to students, shine forth in everything they do. But it applies to Linda Graham equally well. 🦋





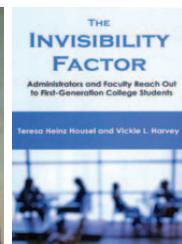
**JOSHUA BANNER**, who is minister of music and art on the campus ministries staff, is among the authors who wrote chapters for the book

*For the Beauty of the Church: Casting a Vision for the Arts*, published by Baker Books.

The book calls for the development of a robust, dynamic and substantive vision for the place of the arts and artists in churches, seeking to move the church's understanding of the role of the arts beyond fad, afterthought or irrelevance to its potential as an integral, meaningful part of worship and faith development.

Banner wrote the chapter "The Practitioner: Nurturing Artists in the Local Church," which reflects his work in a church as a pastor to artists while at a church in Oklahoma City prior to joining the Hope staff in 2006. He draws upon his experience growing up on a farm to make the work of nurturing the arts accessible to the local church pastor. He calls for pastors to show sincere curiosity and interest in sharing the artist's world as a route to effectively encourage and promote the artists who are in their faith communities.

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**DR. TERESA HEINZ HOUSEL**, assistant professor of communication, has edited a book designed to help college and university educators better

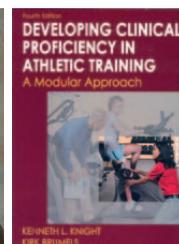
understand and meet the needs of students who are the first generation in their family to pursue higher education and often face unique additional challenges as a result.

Dr. Heinz Housel, who is an assistant professor of communication, and Dr. Vickie Harvey, associate professor of communication studies at California State University-Stanislaus, are the editors of *The Invisibility Factor: Administrators and Faculty Reach Out to First-Generation College Students*, published by BrownWalker Press.

"This book responds to an increasing student population that is all too often underserved and unrecognized," Drs. Heinz Housel and Harvey note in the opening chapter. "First-generation students (or FGS, whose parents do not have a bachelor's or an associate degree) are enrolling at American colleges and universities at steadily increasing rates. According to a 2007 study by the University of California-Los Angeles's Higher Education Research Institute, nearly one in six freshmen at American four-year institutions are FGS."

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**KIRK BRUMELS '88**, who is an associate professor of kinesiology, athletic trainer and director of the athletic training program, is co-author of the fourth edition of *Developing Clinical Proficiency in Athletic Training: A Modular Approach*, published by Human Kinetics.



Dr. Brumels is co-author of the book with Dr. Kenneth L. Knight, who is a professor of athletic

training at Brigham Young University. Dr. Knight was the sole author of the previous three editions of the book, published as *Assessing Clinical Proficiencies in Athletic Training* in 1990, 1998 and 2001 respectively. Dr. Brumels became involved with the project after using the textbooks for several years.

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**DR. FRED L. JOHNSON III**, associate professor of history, is co-author of a biography of Tupac Shakur that considers the rap musician, his art, and life within the context of the era in which he lived.

Dr. Johnson and Tayannah Lee McQuillar, author of *When Rap Music Had a Conscience*, have co-written *Tupac Shakur: The Life and Times of an American Icon*, published by Da Capo Press.

The book follows Shakur from his birth in New York City in 1971 and examines his family's close ties to the Black Panthers of the 1960s, his childhood spent in poverty, and his rise to fame. It also examines the many controversies surrounding his life and finally addresses the rapper's 1996 assassination at

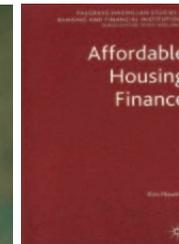


age 25 by an unknown gunman in Las Vegas, Nev., at the height of his fame.

Throughout the biography, the narrative examines Shakur's rise and impact as a major cultural figure. Dr. Johnson noted that Shakur's outlook and his art were affected by the increasing hopelessness and worsening conditions in America's inner cities during the latter decades of the 20th century. The combination of those conditions shaped Shakur's personal and professional development as someone who was concerned with the plight of the urban poor, even as he also made headlines for getting into trouble with the law.

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**DR. KIM HAWTREY**, professor of economics, is the author of *Affordable Housing Finance*, published by Palgrave Macmillan. The



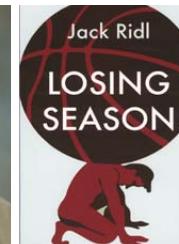
book, written for a wide audience, outlines the nature of "housing stress" and explains why capital markets need to be an essential part of the housing solution. Considering the issue in the U.S., United Kingdom and Australia, it examines the shape of the challenge, explores new banking ideas and concludes with directions for future policy.

With housing finance having played a major role in triggering the global recession, he believes that major changes are needed to avoid similar crises in the future, with affordable financing for home-buyers a crucial part of the mix.

"The short-term cyclical downturn has been arrested, but the real issues are long-term and structural," he said. "It's clear that if we don't find more sustainable ways of supplying housing and financing housing, we could have a repeat of the crisis."

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**JACK RIDL**, professor emeritus of English, has had his poetry collection *Losing Season* named the 2009 "Sports Education Book of the Year" by the Institute for International Sport at the University of Rhode Island.



The institute created the annual award to recognize exceptional sport-themed books that contribute to the education of youth and adults, and to the American sports culture. Dan Doyle, founder and executive director of the Institute for International Sport, said, "Jack Ridl's collection of poems in *Losing Season* is quite likely the finest single collection of sports poetry ever written. It is a privilege to recognize this extraordinary work, for it perfectly fulfills our objective of honoring a book that has a profound impact on sport as a vehicle to educate."

Published by CavanKerry Press, *Losing Season* follows a fictional, small-town high school team and its community in an experience lived out annually for decades across the country. Capturing the perspective of a mix of participants—coach, players, family, fans—and chronicling highs and lows along the way, the individual poems together create a composite view of a year of hope and defeat both on and off the basketball court.

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# Three Cheers

Hundreds of students, thousands of hours, a single purpose: making a difference in the lives of children. Students across campus—some working individually, others through groups ranging from Student Congress to women’s lacrosse to the fraternities and sororities—pour themselves into each year’s Dance Marathon, the preparations for each year’s installment of the 24-hour event beginning not too long after its predecessor has concluded. All the effort is “For the Kids,” raising funds on behalf of Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital. This year’s installment, held on Friday and Saturday, March 12-13, raised \$50,312.23, bringing the event’s 11-year total to more than \$830,000.



# Cause For Celebration



Hope fans had a lot to cheer about as Hope's basketball teams combined to win 53 of 63 games during the season. They cheered senior Philana Greene (pictured right) who ended an outstanding career in which the Flying Dutch posted a 114-9 record. The daughters of women's basketball coach Brian Morehouse '91, Emma and Megan, joined dad in cutting the nets while celebrating a NCAA tournament victory.

For a gallery of images from Hope's successful basketball seasons, please visit the athletics Web site: [www.hope.edu/athletics](http://www.hope.edu/athletics)



The winter sports season had a championship flavor as Hope College intercollegiate teams excelled on several fronts.

MIAA conference championships were won in women's basketball and men's swimming and diving.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams advanced to the NCAA Division III championships for a fifth consecutive year. During the course of the regular season the Flying Dutchmen defeated rival Calvin in three of four meetings, including the conference tournament championship game. The Flying Dutch, ranked nationally throughout the season, swept rival Calvin in three meetings and moved through the NCAA tournament before bowing in the national championship game to Washington University in St. Louis.

Throughout the NCAA championships there was a buzz throughout Division III about Hope's fans whose numbers swelled as the tournament continued on. While the national championship game was played 255 miles from Holland in Bloomington, Ill., there was talk of Hope's "home court" advantage with an estimated 1,000 orange-and-blue bedecked fans in the stands.

The Flying Dutchmen enjoyed their fifth straight 20-win season (21-8) and the 18th in 33 seasons under coach Glenn Van Wieren '64. The Flying Dutch won more than 30 games (32-2) for the fourth time in school history.

The conference championship in men's swimming and diving was the 12th in school history. Coach John Patnott has now guided Hope swimming/diving teams to 31 MIAA championships (men and women) in 30 seasons. He ranks second all-time among MIAA coaches in championships won.

Highlights of the winter sports season can be found at: [www.hope.edu/athletics](http://www.hope.edu/athletics)



Juniors Carrie Snickers and Peter Bunn (pictured above) played key roles for their teams. Snickers was voted a consensus All-American and honored as the national player of the year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Bunn garnered All-MIAA and all-region honors.



For the second time this decade, the Hope club hockey team finished second at the national tournament of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). The Flying Dutchmen, coached by Chris Van Timmeren '97, were the regular season champions of the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference. Players like goalkeeper Sean LaDouce (pictured) were instrumental in garnering a school-record 25 victories. Coach Van Timmeren, who has guided Hope's hockey program since its founding a decade ago, has been invited to coach a team of USA all-stars selected from ACHA teams in Europe later this year.

For more about the ice hockey team's success, please visit [www.hope.edu/ice](http://www.hope.edu/ice)



Senior Phil Heyboer achieved All-America honors at the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving championships with a sixth place finish in the 400-yard individual medley. He also received honorable mention All-America recognition in the 200-yard individual backstroke and 200-yard backstroke and ended an outstanding career with three school records.



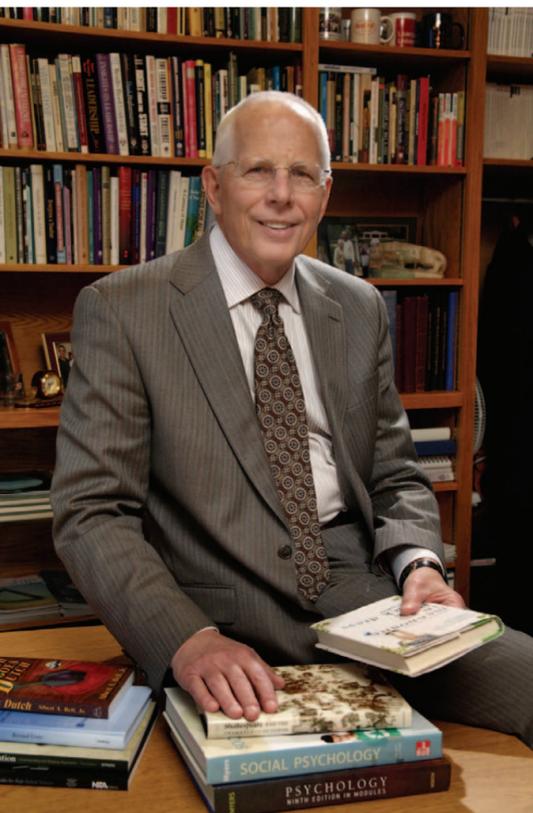


# The Road to Hope



They followed varied paths to Hope, and each has made a distinctive journey since arriving. Across their combined 94 years at the college, however, this year's four retiring professors—**Dr. James Boelkins '66**, provost and professor of biology (2002); **Dr. Donald Cronkite**,

professor of biology (1978); **Dr. Robin Klay**, professor of economics and management (1979); and **Karla Hoesch '73 Wolters**, professor of kinesiology (1987), shown left-to-right—have traveled in common cause in shaping Hope students and the college for the better.



**W**ho could know that the decision to enroll as a Hope freshman in 1962 would ultimately lead **Dr. James Boelkins '66** back 40 years later as chief academic officer?

"I never set out to be a provost. Who does?" he said. "I felt very much called to the different positions that I had, and doors opened for me."

Equipped with his Hope biology degree, he completed graduate work in pharmacology, and joined the faculty of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, where he later chaired and developed the new department of pharmacology. His senior administrative roles also included serving as vice president for academic affairs and provost at Geneva College and as vice provost of Grand Valley State University's Pew Campus in Grand Rapids.

He wasn't looking, but he knew that he had to take the opportunity seriously when Hope invited him to apply for the provost's position in 2002.

"It was a sense of calling that God opened this door for me and just put me in a wonderful academic environment, and also where I could use a lot of the skills that I had learned in my administrative career," he said. "I really believed in the value of Christian higher education—that the mission of being an exceptional liberal arts college but still rooted in the historic Christian faith was a

place where I really wanted to be."

He identifies his most important contributions as the recruitment of more than 80 outstanding faculty, supporting the excellent teaching and scholarship by faculty, supporting the mission of Hope, participating in the design of new and renovated academic facilities, and the restoration of the Skinner organ in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. He has also emphasized building even closer ties between the academic, campus ministries and student life programs to create a more holistic experience for students.

**Dr. Donald Cronkite** didn't know much about Hope when he applied for a teaching position, but what he found when he visited just felt right.

"I had a wonderful time here at the interview," he remembered. "Most people like each other. That was something that I could see when I came here."

He was also impressed with the students, who were clearly engaged by their studies. "As I met with one group, they were excited to talk together about birds they had seen just since they had last seen each other," he said.

In the 31 years since, Dr. Cronkite has dedicated himself to fostering that sort of enthusiasm, as a research mentor and in the classroom at Hope, through programs for area

school students, and by working with high school teachers to enhance science education at the secondary level. Known for his imaginative approach, he has received multiple awards from professional associations for excellence in teaching—as well as, significantly, the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator Award from Hope students.

He has played a leadership role in the intellectual life of the college more generally as well. Among other activities, in 1985 he led the drive to establish the A.J. Muste Memorial Lecture Series, named for peace activist and alumnus A.J. Muste '05.

**Dr. Robin Klay's** global perspective developed early. As she grew up in Yakima, Wash., her parents insisted that she learn Spanish as the hemisphere's other major language and even had her spend a year in Mexico in high school.

In college she took economics because she thought it was a necessary part of a good education, but she quickly discovered that the discipline enabled her to explore the issues related to developing nations and poverty in which she had become increasingly interested.

"I also made myself take Beginning Acting," she noted. "To this day, I believe it was one of the most important courses I took. I have advised several students to do the same.")

She later spent a summer working with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers

Union, and three years teaching and conducting research in Cameroon.

The experiences combined to convince her that she wanted to teach someplace where she could blend her faith and academic training in making a difference. She found it at Hope.

"When I lived in Cameroon, I realized that I wanted to be in a place where I could think as an economist and as a Christian together," Dr. Klay said. "For me, Hope has been a great place to do that."

"Our department is conscientious about our research and our teaching being connected to Christian principles and Christian life, but we don't do it with a heavy hand," she said.

Dr. Klay's focus has been reflected in her scholarly publications, in her classroom teaching and also in her own emphasis on service. For several years she led students to the coast of Oaxaca, Mexico, for internship placements that partnered them with local communities to learn about and help meet a variety of its needs.

The first time that **Karla Hoesch '73 Wolters** decided to become a part of the Hope family—as a young student seeking a small, Christian school—it wasn't because of the weather.

"The day I visited Hope was the ugliest summer day in the world," she said. "But what I felt was the warmth of the Hope people. When you feel the warmth of the people you just know when it's right."



She enrolled in the fall of 1969 as a pioneer, not just at Hope, but nationally, her interest as a woman in athletics and coaching unusual in its day and preceding Title IX by years.

Hope offers shining examples of how things have changed. A recent women's basketball game drew some 3,000 fans. The softball stadium—named for Professor Wolters and her husband Tom '73—is one of the best in Division III. And for the students in her "History of Women's Sports" class, the way things once were is as foreign as the far side of the moon.

"They are amazed that there were times when it wasn't cool to be a woman athlete," she said.

It is a change that she has helped foster. In addition to teaching, Professor Wolters has coached softball, volleyball, field hockey and women's tennis during her time at Hope. Her career collegiate coaching record over 31 seasons, which includes 13 years at Calvin before she returned to Hope in 1987, was 664-380 through the end of 2009.

She made a unique addition to the campus's athletic life when she introduced the coeducational sport of korfbal through a class she taught. She went on to serve as an assistant coach on the U.S. team that competed in the 2007 World Championships in the Czech Republic; nine of the 11 players were Hope graduates or students. 🏀

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Detailed biographical sketches of all four professors are featured on Hope's Web site.*

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

Everyone learns differently. Some of us are visual learners, while others respond best to auditory or musical teaching. Many of us prefer using logic, while still others learn best using their hands. For some, the classroom is the ideal environment for brain-building, while others “experience” opportunities outside of the classroom that are essential components of their education.

At Hope, opportunities for all kinds of learning abound. This edition of *News from Hope College* includes many examples of Hope’s distinctive liberal arts curriculum.

My personal example comes from a semester of experiential education at the Philadelphia Center.

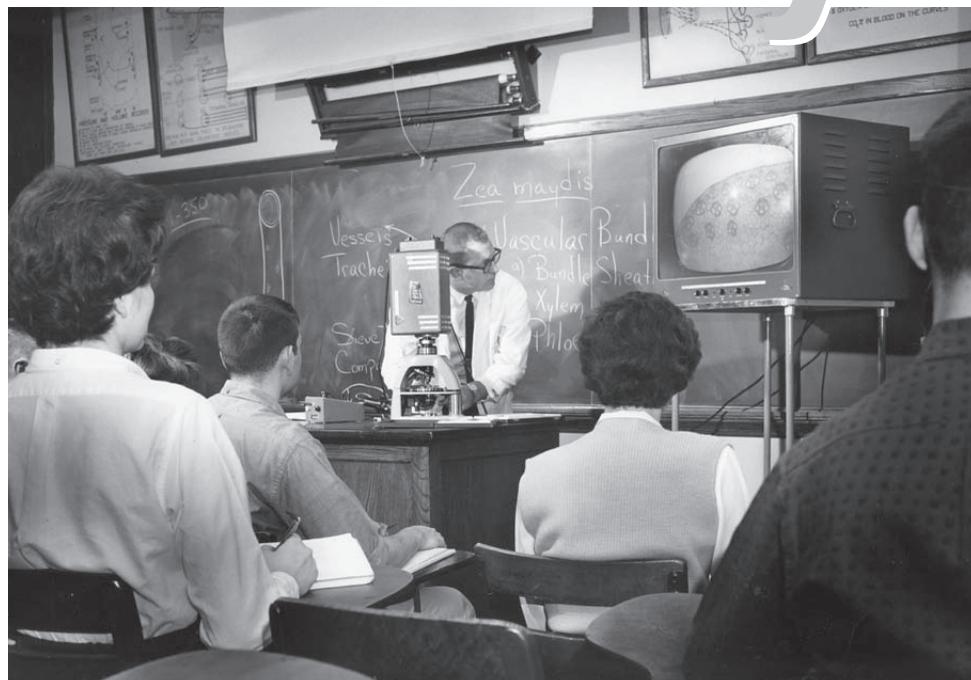
In theory, experiential education is the process through which a learner proactively constructs meaning, knowledge, skills and value from direct personal experience. To me, experiential education is simply learning by doing. At the Philadelphia Center, I learned by finding my own housing, by defining my goals, and by interning with the Philadelphia 76ers NBA basketball team.

I am not the only one to benefit from experiences that complement knowledge learned in the classroom at Hope. I enjoy listening to alumni talk about semesters at the stock exchange in London, in the galleries of Vienna and interning in Chicago, and as well as learning by doing right here in Michigan.

I am also energized daily by working with alumni who continue to grow and learn in their own communities and in the Hope community. Through experiences like Alumni College sessions at Alumni Weekend, International Travel, Critical Issues Symposiums, and speaking engagements in the classroom, alumni are active as part of the Hope community, continually learning by doing as they build upon their Hope education for the rest of their lives.

*In the photo above, Scott takes center court during his internship with the Philadelphia 76ers while participating in the Philadelphia Center program in spring 2005.*

# Window to Hope's History



Innovation is a constant where teaching at Hope is concerned, as faculty lead the way in exploring how most effectively to blend technology, methodology, experience and information in educating students. It's a constant practice and a longstanding one, as demonstrated by this image published on the cover of the April 1963 *Hope College Alumni Magazine*. The caption: “TV in the Classroom: Students observe the structure of a cell by TV monitor as Mr. William Oosterink, instructor in biology, adjusts the microscope attachment under the camera. Hope College is one of the first colleges in the country to use this electronic microscopic device in the classroom.”

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, March 2, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, May. 4.

## 20s

**Alice Brower '23 Hoffs** of Kalamazoo, Mich., celebrated her 108th birthday on Thursday, Feb. 25. She is Hope's oldest living alum.

## 40s

**Robert Schuller '47** of Orange, Calif., spoke during the chapel service at Hope on Friday, March 12. He is the founding pastor of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries in Garden Grove, Calif.

## 50s

**Paul Lupkes '50** of Rapid City, S.D., was honored at a farewell recognition social on Thursday, Oct. 22, upon his retirement from the Veteran's Affairs Black Hills Health Care Center, where he had served in chaplain services since 1991. His wife, **Gladys Buurma '56 Lupkes**, was also recongnized for her service to veterans and staff.

**Herb Maatman '50** and his wife of Holland, Mich., celebrated 60 years of marriage in December.

**M. Samuel Noordhoff '50** and **Lucille Brunsting '49 Noordhoff** of Naples, Fla., recently returned from the Philippines and Taiwan, where they celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation. The foundation supports educational programs and treatment in craniofacial centers in Asia for children with clefts. Sam is a visiting professor of plastic surgery training programs for the American Society of Plastic Surgeons for 2009-10.

## Three to Receive DAA

The Alumni Association will present Distinguished Alumni Awards to three alumni during the annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 1.

The association will be honoring the Rev. Dr. **Carol Bechtel '81** of Holland; Dr. **Robert Donia '67** of La Jolla, Calif.; and **Dean Overman '65** of Washington, D.C.

The annual Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented by the Alumni Association Board of Directors in recognition of the awardees' contributions across decades or even across a career to society and service to Hope. The award, inaugurated in 1970 and presented during the college's Alumni Banquet, is the highest honor that alumni can receive from the college's Alumni Association.

Dr. Bechtel is being honored for her scholarship and her extensive service on behalf of the Reformed Church in America. She has been a professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary since 1994. She is also currently serving as



Carol Bechtel '81



Robert Donia '67



Dean Overman '65

moderator of the General Synod Council of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), and was president and vice president of the General Synod during 2008-09 and 2007-08 respectively.

Dr. Donia is being honored for decades of engagement as a scholar and human rights advocate with Bosnia and Herzegovina. He has worked as a consultant for various international and U.S. government agencies with programs and interests in the former Yugoslavia; has provided testimony as an expert historical witness in multiple trials at the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague; and has provided training

in the history and culture of the former Yugoslavia to units of the U.S. military prior to their deployment as peacekeepers to the region.

Overman is being honored for his distinguished career as a lawyer, public servant and scholar. He is retired from serving as a senior partner with Winston & Strawn, and was partner-in-charge of the firm's Washington, D.C., office for many years. He is currently chairman of The Arbella Company Ltd.

Biographical sketches of all three alumni are featured on the college's Web site.

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**Fred VandenBosch '50** and his wife of Holland, Mich., celebrated 50 years of marriage on Thursday, Nov. 5.

**L. James Harvey '52** recently published his 10th Christian book, *Run Thru the Tape*, which deals with Christian retirement in the 21st century. It is available at major online bookstores.

**Norman Gysbers '54** of Columbia, Mo., has been honored by a graduate scholarship fund set up in his name by colleagues and former students. Norm is the Curators' Professor of Educational, School and Counseling Psychology at the University of Missouri.

**Warren Kane '57** was named "Man of the Year" by the Inter-Service Club Council of Arlington, Va. He was nominated by the Kiwanis Club, in which he has held leadership positions. Other organizations he has served include the Arlington Food Assistance Center and Arlington Forest United Methodist Church.

**Una Hunt '59 Ratmeyer** and her husband of Bayonne, N.J., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 19. Last July they gathered with the families of their

son, John '83 (Liliana) Ratmeyer, and daughters, including six grandchildren, at Yosemite National Park for a five-day celebration.

## 60s

**George Bitner '60** of Spring Lake, Mich., was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame last year while in his 44th year as golf coach at Spring Lake. Previous honors include being named the 2006 "Regional Golf Coach of the Year" by the National High School Coaches Association and induction into the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Hall of Fame in 1996.

**John Bryson '60** of Spring Lake, Mich., is doing interim work as organist at several area churches. He and his wife, **Claire Trembath '62 Bryson**, have 10 grandchildren.

**Evalyn Hughes Carter '60** of Arlington, Va., is retired. She uses her Hope music training in three choral groups, ranging from International Sweet Adelines to a classical concert group.

**Dale Heeres '60** of Muskegon, Mich., retired from his Norton Family Practice of Mercy Health Partners, but continues to provide physician services for DeBoer Nursing Home. One of his daughters has taken over his family practice.

**Peter Huizenga '60** of Oak Brook, Ill., will have served on the Hope College Board of Trustees for 28 consecutive years when he completes his latest term of service on Wednesday, June 30. He had also previously served two years on the Alumni Association board of directors.

**Douglas C. Neckers '60** of Perrysburg, Ohio, was named the first Henry T. King, Jr. Fellow at the Robert H. Jackson Center of Jamestown, N.Y.

This award acknowledges Doug's many accomplishments, including holding nearly 50 U.S. patents and publishing 10 books and more than 400 scientific papers in professional journals.

**Ty Rupp '60** of Rossford, Ohio, was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Wauseon (Ohio) High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. The ceremony took place on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the school's gymnasium.

**Kathryn Kurth '60 Scudder** of Dearborn, Mich., is retired and doing volunteer work.

**Marie Geerlings Blauwkamp '62** and her husband of Zeeland, Mich., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with an open house on Monday, Dec. 28.

**Gerald Hagans '65** of Muskegon, Mich., recently began rural ministry at Sitka United Methodist Church (UMC). He previously served First Baptist Church (American Baptist) of Muskegon as interim pastor for one and one-half years following his retirement from 15 years of inner-city ministry at Temple UMC in Muskegon Heights.

**Paul K. Hesselink '65** of Chattanooga, Tenn., retired last spring as professor of English and chair of the department at Covenant College. He and his wife celebrated by spending July, August and September in England, Ireland, France and Austria. He now teaches part time.

**Mary Ellen Bridger '65 Miner** and **Tim Miner '65** of Grand Rapids, Mich., volunteered for the National Park Service at Dinosaur National Monument last fall and for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation in North Dakota last summer.

**Judy Werkman '65** of Holland, Mich., is retired.

**Ellen Hollinger '65 Wombwell** of Valparaiso, Ind., retired from 32 years of teaching science, most recently in the Valparaiso Community Schools.

**Al McGeehan '66** was honored by the Hope College Alumni Association with a Meritorious Service Award on Saturday, Dec. 12, for his long-time leadership role in strengthening and celebrating the relationship between Hope and the Holland community. Al served the city as mayor from 1993 to 2009 and as city councilman from 1977 to 1993.

**Robert White '66** of Schenectady, N.Y., has been the interfaith chaplain of Bethesda House, an interfaith agency

that serves the poor, since he retired as senior minister at First Reformed Church of Schenectady in 2006.

**Kenneth Bruggers '68** and his wife, of Dallas, Texas, have adopted Gabrielle Elizabeth. She was born in Guatemala on March 27, 2007, and baptized on May 30, 2009, and is now a citizen of the U.S.

**Pamela Reynolds '68 VanderWeele** retired in January from the Wallingford (Conn.) Family YMCA, where she had been aquatic director for the past six years. Prior to that she worked at the Chambersburg (Pa.) YMCA. In March she left to serve for 27 months in the Peace Corps, volunteering as a "Youth as Promise" advisor, working with literacy projects in rural schools.

**George Arwady '69** is publisher of *The Republican*, an Advance Publications daily newspaper of Springfield, Mass.

**Elaine Carlin '69 Teall** of Holland, Mich., was recently recognized as an "Educator of the Year" finalist by the Michigan Middle School Educators' Association. She has been teaching for 40 years. She teaches at the junior high school in the Coopersville (Mich.) Public Schools.

**Rick Veenstra '69** of Spring Lake, Mich., became the regional executive/church revitalization consultant for the Reformed Church in America's Synod of the Great Lakes in June.

## 70s

**Tom Bos '70** of Holland, Mich., will retire at the end of June after 25 years as executive director of the Holland Aquatic Center and its predecessor, the Holland Community Swimming Pool. He previously taught middle-school and high-school science in Holland for 14 years, and had coached Holland High School boys' swimming from 1970 to 1994 and the girls' swimming team for years.

**Robert Faulman '70** of Boyne City, Mich., honorably retired as a Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor in June 2006.

**Mary Luckey '70** of Oakland, Calif., retired in July after 27 years as a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at San Francisco State University. She is working on updating her book, *Membrane Structural Biology*, published in 2008 and used in university courses throughout North America and Europe.

**Susan Pikaart '70 Malone** of Murfreesboro, Tenn., retired as an early intervention service coordinator for the state in 2007. She and her husband plan to move to Grand Rapids, Mich., to be near family, including one granddaughter.

**Boyd Rasmussen '70** is in his second year of retirement in Gainesville, Fla.

**Arlene DenHaan '70 Spalt** of North Haledon, N.J., is retiring this year after 30 years of teaching. She has two grandchildren.

**Stanley Sterk '70** of Jenison, Mich., reports that Sterk & Company PC will be 25 years old on May 1.

**Bill Van Faasen '70** of Manchester, Mass., is fully retired from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts. He serves on the corporate boards of Liberty Mutual, NSTAR, and IMS Health.

**Kathleen DeWitt '70 Veenstra** of Spring Lake, Mich., retired last June from teaching in the Reeths-Puffer Public Schools.

**Robert Eckrich '71** of Germantown, Md., retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in October. He was also promoted to senior implementation and support services specialist for Content Management Corporation.

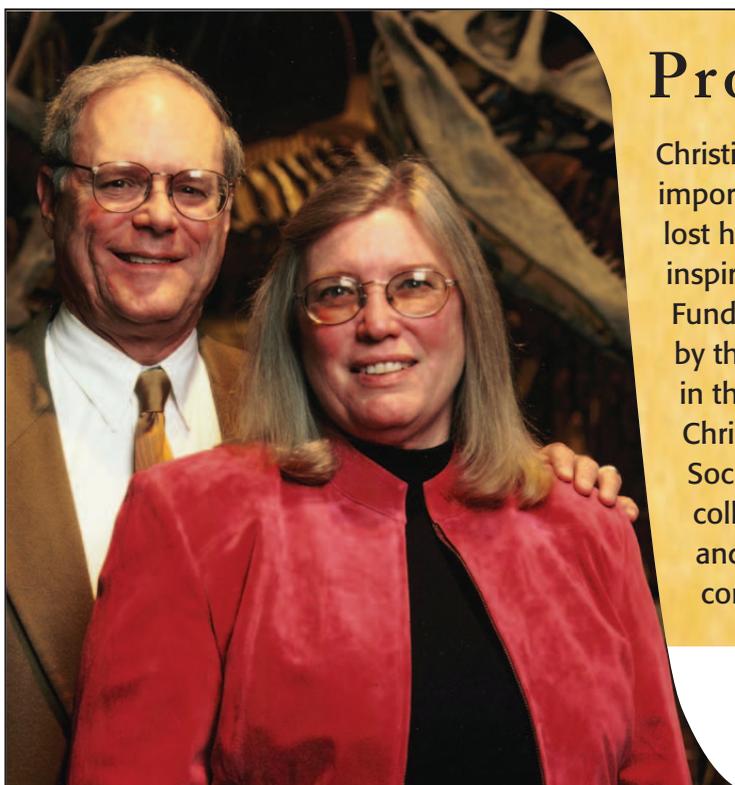
**Lorenzo Howard '72** and **Margaret King '74 Howard** moved to Fairhope, Ala., following his retirement from a career with BASF. He began working at the company as a lab technician while studying at Hope, and retired as head of human resources development for

**Ronald Deenik '73** of Holland, Mich., was awarded the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Fellowship Award during the group's 2009 convocation in January. The award is presented to dentists who seek to provide high quality care by remaining current in their profession. Ron completed 500 hours of continuing dental education, passed a comprehensive written exam, and fulfilled three years of continuing membership with the AGD. He has also achieved Diplomat status with the AGD.

the entire corporation. Howard now runs his own consulting firm, Human Resources Dimensions. Margaret teaches special-needs children and was named teacher of the year at Spanish Fort Middle School in 2009.

**Sheila Schuller '73 Coleman** of Orange, Calif., led a presentation at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Friday, March 12, aimed specifically at clergy members and their families. The event was sponsored by the Leader Renewal Institute of Holland, Mich., and intended to help participants learn how to prioritize the competitive demands on their time. Sheila is director of ministry and mission at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif.

**Mary VanderHooning '74 Rottschafer** is owner and director of the Critter Barn in Zeeland, Mich., which was recently the scene of some filming for HoneyCreek Pictures' feature film *The Bunny Lady*. Two of Mary's mini Lop rabbits have a role in the film



## Providing a Unique Opportunity

Christine Peacock '70 and Clayton Powers of Aurora, Colo., understand the importance of helping make a Hope College education affordable. Christine lost her father due to an accident and was raised by her widowed mother. This inspired Christine to establish the Clayton & Christine '70 Powers Scholarship Fund which provides support for students from single-parent families caused by the death of a parent. Further, Christine and Clayton have made provision in their estate plan to add to their scholarship upon their death. Hope thanks Christine and Clayton and all the 700-plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting the students and faculty of the college. For more than 30 years, planned gifts from donors such as Christine and Clayton have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community.



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starring Florence Henderson and set to be released around Christmastime. The Critter Barn began as a family hobby farm in 1984 and now offers hands-on educational classes, tours and programs to as many as 25,000 children annually. **Steve Vander Broek '74** of Holland, Mich., is in his 32nd year of teaching. He works in the Fennville Public Schools. **Arlene Dekker '75 Akker** teaches at Muskegon (Mich.) High School, now an International Baccalaureate (IB) School. She is in her first year of teaching IB History of Europe. The IB curriculum is a rigorous college preparatory course of study.

**David Cluley '75** of Grand Rapids, Mich., is president of the Michigan Association of Health Underwriters, the state chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters, a professional association of health insurance agents and insurance carrier representatives dedicated to protecting the consumer's future.

**Virginia De Haan '75** of Grand Rapids, Mich., fostered a potential service dog with the PAWS organization last fall. She works part time as a caregiver for a 30-year-old autistic woman living in the community.

**Joan Donaldson '75** of Fennville, Mich., had her new novel, *On Viney's Mountain*, released by Holiday House last fall.

**Charles Dunning '75** has accepted a two-year appointment through the USGS International Program to work for the Water Resources Programme of the International Atomic Energy Agency of the United Nations, and will live and work in Vienna, Austria.

**Karen Johnson-Weiner '75** of Canton, N.Y., is professor of linguistic anthropology and chair of the anthropology department of SUNY Potsdam. Her book, *New York Amish: Life in the Plain Communities of the Empire State*, from Cornell University Press will be available this month.

**Ginny Agre '75 Kiser** of Greensboro, N.C., has stepped down after almost 20 years of directing children's choirs.

**Sue Poppink '75** of Lansing, Mich., earned tenure at Western Michigan University in the department of educational leadership in June 2008.

**Terri Lynn Land '81** of Byron Center, Mich., and **Carrie Borchers '95** of Grandville, Mich., were named among the "50 Most Influential Women in Western Michigan" by the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*, and recognized at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, March 2, at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids. Terri is the Secretary of State for the State of Michigan. Carrie is the sales account manager at IT Resource, an information technology provider in Coopersville, Mich.

**Jerry Root '75** concluded his 33-year teaching career with the Holland Public Schools and currently works part time with Hope's office of admissions and volunteers with the campus ministries staff. He also does Young Life at Holland High School and coaches middle-school basketball.

**Nancy Thompson '75 Smith** of Palm Springs, Calif., is studying at the University of Southern California for an Ed.D. degree in K-12 leadership in urban settings.

**Marie French '75 Vander Broek** of Holland, Mich., is self-employed. She helps school employees and others understand their pension plans and plan for their financial futures.

**Richard Van Oss '75** of Zeeland, Mich., is in his 35th year of teaching in the Ravenna (Mich.) Public Schools, and in his 25th year as organist/music director at First Reformed Church in Holland, Mich.

**Janice Bares '75 White** of Spring Lake, Mich., is an elementary music specialist with grades K-four, and an elementary string specialist for grades four and five in the Grand Haven (Mich.) Area Public Schools.

**Mary Staal '77 Bajwa** received her RN in August. She and her husband recently moved back to Brooklyn Park, Minn.

**Lee Bechtel '77** of Silver Spring, Md., was elected to his second term on the board of directors of the American League of Lobbyists, the professional association for federal lobbyists and governmental affairs professionals. He also chairs the health issues committee of the league. He is president of Bechtel & Associates, a Washington, D.C., based lobbying and consulting firm specializing in health care policy and federal legislation. Lee and his wife completed two century road bike rides last fall. They spend free time in Southern Maryland and Boca Raton, Fla.

**Kim Spalsbury '77** of Grand Ledge, Mich., coached his last meet for the Grand Ledge High School boys' cross country team during the state finals on Saturday, Nov. 7. He and more than 200 others celebrated his retirement from coaching on Saturday, Dec. 5. During his 30 years of coaching boys and girls cross country, he lead 33 teams to the state finals, 30 of which were top-five finishers. The cross country and track teams he coached in the Michigan school districts of DeWitt, Fowler and Grand Ledge recorded 18 regional titles.

**Debra Lupkes '78 Eisenbeisz** received the "Art Educator of the Year Award" during the South Dakota Art Educators Association convention at the Oacoma (S.D.) Community Center.

**Dave Hoos '79** of High Bridge, N.J., obtained his Lifetime Certification as a Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) from the Institute for Supply Management. The C.P.M. designation indicates the time and effort spent to achieve a professional standard of excellence.

## 80s

**Daven Claerbout '80** of Oostburg, Wis., was elected to his second term as president of the Association of Rotational



The sixth graders at the Kenmore School in Baldwin Park, Calif., have a distinct Hope College look thanks to their teacher, **Susan Van Kley '83**. College awareness and readiness is a high priority at the school. Each classroom teacher selects a college that has meaning for them and, instead of room numbers, the class is called by the college's name. This year the parent boosters purchased shirts for the students who would be in the Hope Class of 2020. Students start each day with the whole school cheering "We're Kenmore School, hear our sound. We all know we're college bound. We're Kenmore School and we're here to say, we're all going to college someday." The kids in Sue's class also have a Hope cheer that they do at special events.

Molders during the association's annual meeting on Monday, Sept. 28, in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Doug Ruch '81** of Zeeland, Mich., presented a lecture at Hope on Monday, Nov. 23, sponsored by the Baker Scholars. He runs Fleetwood Group in Holland, Mich.

**David Rhem '82** of Spring Lake, Mich., is an attorney with Varnum LLP. He was honored for the third year in a row by being included in the 2010 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. The selection process for this honor is based upon a nationally-conducted peer-review survey process of more than 25,000 lawyers in America.

**Thomas VanMouwerik '82** of Bonita, Calif., is owner and president of Bill Hay International, a third-party logistics company specializing in the movement of freight between the United States and Mexico.

**Dean McKenzie '83** of Barkhamsted, Conn., is chief medical officer at Providence Behavioral Health Hospital in Holyoke, Mass. He acts as liaison between administration and members of the medical staff to support patient care services, while focusing on quality of care, patient satisfaction, risk management and patient safety. He most recently worked for a state-contracted regional behavioral health authority in Arizona.

**Greg Heeres '85** of Grandville, Mich., was appointed a shareholder at Berends Hendricks Stuit Insurance Agency Inc.,

where he is sales manager, non-profit solutions.

**John E. North '86** of Wakefield, R.I., recently returned to the East Coast, where his career in the arts began. He is assistant director for dance at The Hart Community Division of the University of Hartford. He has worked in performance, choreography and arts administration since he graduated from Hope.

**Paul Ritsema '86** of Leesburg, Va., completed his first (and likely last, he reports) Ironman Triathlon on Saturday, Nov. 7. He swam 2.4 miles in the ocean at Wilmington, N.C., rode a 112-mile bike course, and finished with a 26.2-mile run through downtown Wilmington. Crossing the finish line after a little more than 14 hours, he was greeted by his wife, **Krista Buikema '85 Ritsema**, daughter, Hannah (age 17), and son, Nate (age 16). Paul continues as assistant general counsel for Volkswagen and Audi.

**Larry Wagenaar '87** of Ada, Mich., has added the role of publisher for *Michigan History* magazine, the largest circulating state history magazine in the country. Formerly published by the State of Michigan, the magazine was moved in October to the Historical Society of Michigan, where Larry has served as executive director since 2001.

**David Kuiper '88** of Zeeland, Mich., spent three days in Atlanta, Ga., in January, at "Mortgage Revolution," where he spoke and participated in an event to help raise money for charity. He is a mortgage planner with First Place Bank in Holland, Mich. "Mortgage Revolution" is a grass-roots organization made up of real estate loan originators who want to instill the highest order of ethics and transparency into their industry.

**Jana Reister '88** is minister of word and sacrament at Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**David Cooper '89** and his wife of Windsor, Colo., recently returned from Ethiopia with a new addition to their family, Samuel Tewdros, a two-and-a-half-year-old who was in an orphanage in Addis Ababa.

**Sandra Hansen '89** of Holland, Mich., traveled to India last fall for two exhibitions of her paintings, one at the American Center, an arm of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, and the other at Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi. She also did some traveling, conducted painting workshops for children, and participated in a by-invitation art camp for professional painters.

**Tom Kyros '89** of Grand Rapids, Mich., spoke at the Thursday, Dec. 3, meeting of The Western Michigan Planned Giving Group, held at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. The topic of the meeting was the new Michigan Trust Code and new insights on the Federal Estate Tax System. Tom is a partner with Varnum Riddering Schmidt and Howlett LLP.

## 90s

**Steve Bulthuis '90** of Holland, Mich., is now executive director of the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council, where he has worked for the past 15

years, most recently as transportation director and assistant director.

**Karin Wiechmann '90** transferred in October to the Office of Command Counsel at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) at Lakehurst, N.J., where she is a civilian attorney practicing in government procurement law, labor law and EEO law.

**Karen Looman '91** of Cincinnati, Ohio, passed the Forensics Pathology board examinations and is now board-certified in forensics. She is deputy coroner in the Hamilton County (Ohio) coroner's office.

**Veronica Vroon '92 Bosgraaf** of Holland, Mich., runs the Pure Bar company, manufacturer and distributor the 100 percent organic fruit and nut bars she developed originally in her own kitchen. The bars are now sold in retail outlets nationwide, throughout Mexico, and in parts of Canada.

**Wade Gugino '92** of Holland, Mich., did four section illustrations for the management book *Innovate the Pixar Way*, co-authored by West Olive, Mich., residents Bill Capodagli and Lynn Jackson, and recently published by McGraw-Hill.

**Eric Kivisto '92** is director of policy development for the North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association. He has been invited to participate in a task force with the North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM). The task force is directed by the North Carolina General

Assembly to study "short-term and long-term strategies to address issues within adult care homes that provide residence to persons who are frail and elderly and to persons suffering from mental illness."

**Scott Runyon '93** of Howell, Mich., reports that, after more than 20 years of hearing God's call on his life toward full-time ministry, he began the Master of Divinity program last summer at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, Mich. He expects to graduate in about five years and move into pastoral ministry. He is also part of a team of people bringing NetShui LLC to life. The new business integrates personal and professional growth with business networking, establishing groups of diverse business people who meet weekly for inspiring conversation, engaging activities, relationship building and referral passing.

**Bob Toth '93** recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and is a physician assistant within the University of Utah Orthopedics Department and with ARUP Laboratories.

**Daniel Miller '94** of Chicago, Ill., had his art work exhibited in "Altered Landscapes" in the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery in the Fine and Performing Arts Center at Moraine Valley Community College from Tuesday, Jan. 19, through Thursday, Feb. 11. Daniel is a sculptor who integrates robotics, video, ecology and electronic media into his artwork. He is also an adjunct assistant professor in the art and technology department at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

**Jay Mulder '94** of Montague, Mich., is the athletic director, fitness and wellness instructor, head football coach, and head track coach at Nellie B. Chisholm (NBC) Middle School in the Montague Area Public Schools. He is also the head varsity wrestling coach for Montague High School.

**Jennifer Ramthun '94 Mulder** of Montague, Mich., teaches language arts and is head of the language arts department at Holton (Mich.) High School.

**Ted Dozeman '95** of Holland, Mich., joined RE/MAX Lakeshore, a Holland-area real estate company. He formerly worked with Coldwell Banker.

**Lisa Bos '97** is an account director in the Washington, D.C., office of the Russ Reid company. She is working with nonprofits seeking federal appropriations and on various policy initiatives. Lisa was previously a vice president at Cassidy & Associates.

**Jason Bucata '97** is an Oracle developer for Williams Companies in Tulsa, Okla.

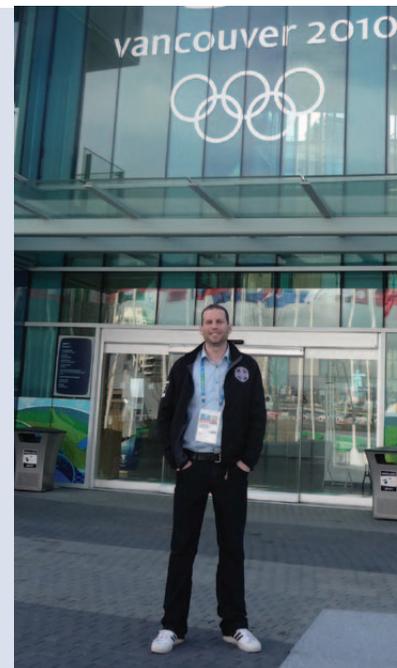
**Jonathan Fly '97** of Long Beach, Calif., is a partner in the law firm of Allmeroth, Garner and Fly. He practices criminal defense in Long Beach and Southern California.

**Russell Karsten '97** was transferred in June to the Michigan State Police Sterling Heights Crime Lab to train as a firearms and toolmarks examiner.

**C. Jonathan Bosman '98** completed his residency at Medical University of

#### **Andrew Van Eden '97**

has been employed for six years by the Tsleil-Waututh Nation (Nation in Canada is same as Tribe in the U.S.), located in North Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The Nation was a full partner to the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, along with three other nations, forming the Four Host First Nations Society. This is the first time indigenous people have been included as full partners in an Olympic Games. In July Andrew was seconded from his position as Justice and Community Development Coordinator to Senior Project Manager for Olympic Initiatives. He oversaw a team of people organizing the Nations' involvement in the Games – from product development to event



planning (including a Torch Relay event) to coordinating Nation members into various placements in Olympic venues and performances.



It actually makes for a nice aphorism: Hope can be found everywhere, if only one looks for it. **John Saurer '89** of Northfield, Minn., found it riding the rails. He writes, "Did Hope order a set of wind turbines? I teach in the Art Department at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, where we recently installed a wind turbine that provides 1/3 of our campus electrical power. This trainload of wind turbine tower parts passed by my home this morning, finished in Hope colors." [Editor's Note: has there been an unexpected appearance of Hope or the Orange and Blue in your life? Maybe even a chance meeting with a fellow alum in a distant corner of the world? Please send us a note at alumni@hope.edu. We'd love to know.]

South Carolina (MUSC) in May 2009. He is employed at Compass Carolina Health Care as a staff psychiatrist in adult and addiction psychiatry.

**Chris Caldwell '98** of Grand Rapids, Mich., spoke at the Thursday, Dec. 3, meeting of The Western Michigan Planned Giving Group, held at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. The topic of the meeting was the new Michigan Trust Code and new insights on the Federal Estate Tax System. Chris is a partner with Varnum Riddering Schmidt and Howlett LLP. He works with clients in all areas related to estate planning, preparing estate plans with an emphasis on probate avoidance, tax planning and cottage law.

**Amanda (Mandy) Fry '98 Eldred** is the new sales coordinator for the Kalamazoo County (Mich.) Expo Center & Fairground.

**Brandon Graham '98** of Hudsonville, Mich., recently completed a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees"). His dissertation was "Middle School Parent and Teacher Perceptions of Parental Involvement." He is principal at Jenison (Mich.) Junior High School and also active with the Michigan Association for Secondary School Principals. He and his wife, **Jane Roeters '98 Graham**, have three children: Jonah (age seven), Avery (age six) and Morgan (age four).

**Kara McGillicuddy '98** was recently promoted to associate director of international alumni relations at Columbia University. She is responsible for the organization, development and management of alumni groups and programs in Europe, the Middle East, South America and Canada.

**Jessica Owens '98** of Washington, D.C., is a Congressional Fellow to the office of U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer in his capacity as chairman

of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration. Jessica assists the senator with his comprehensive immigration reform legislation and other immigration matters.

**Vilasack Phothisan '98** and his extended family celebrated 30 years of living in the United States on Dec. 31, 2009. The occasion was marked by a dinner including music and speeches in English and Laotian. The nine members of Vilasack's immediate family emigrated from Laos and settled in Grand Haven, Mich., with sponsorship and assistance from Calvin Christian Reformed Church in Muskegon, Mich. Vilasack and his wife, **Phonethiphavanh Connie Ratdavong '01 Phothisan**, live in Zeeland, Mich.

**Sufjan Stevens '98** of Brooklyn, N.Y., has released another CD, *Enjoy Your Rabbit*, described by his recording company, Asthmatic Kitty Records, as an album of programmatic songs for the animals of the Chinese Zodiac.

**Andrew Van Pernis '96** works at Dreamworks movie studios in Glendale, Calif. He is a software engineer in the animation department, currently working on projects such as *Shrek 4* and *How to Train Your Dragon*. He and his wife, **Heidi Giddy-Van Pernis '98**, live outside Los Angeles.

**Travis Williams '98** of Hamilton, Mich., was honored by the National Association for Interpretation with its "Master Interpretive Manager Award." Travis is executive director of the Outdoor Discovery Center and Macatawa Greenway Partnership. The National Association for Interpretation is dedicated to advancing the profession of heritage interpretation, and individual members include those who work at parks, museums, nature centers, zoos, and historical and cultural sites.



**Erin Kurek-Blucher '99** earned Board Certification in Internal Medicine from the American Board of Internal Medicine. She is working as a hospitalist for Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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**Meredith Arwady '00** of Chatham, N.J., presented a song recital through Fontana Chamber Arts at Western Michigan University's Dalton Hall on Friday, Jan. 22. This season she has performed at the San Francisco Opera and the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, and she will sing at Oper Frankfurt in May. She has also performed on the concert stage with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Washington National Symphony, and at the Vienna Konzerthaus.

**Eric Goodman '00** of Twinsburg, Ohio, was elected to the partnership of the national law firm of Baker & Hostetler LLP. He is a member of the firm's business group and concentrates his practice in bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors' rights. **Beverly Katt '00** is an adjunct professor of English at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. **Hussein Wario '00** of Lansing, Ill., spoke at Hope on Monday, Nov. 23, about the issues of poverty, hunger and his life growing up in Kenya. Amnesty International and Acting on AIDS sponsored the event. Hussein is the author of *Cracks in the Crescent*, an autobiographical account of growing up Muslim and converting to Christianity.

**Eric Schrottenboer '01** of Panama City Beach, Fla., composed the score for a video that won a 2010 Gold ADDY Award from the American Advertising Federation West Michigan in the "Elements of Advertising-Music Only" category. He composed the music for a Compassion International video, produced by Sound Post Recording Studios. Eric creates original music for feature, short, and



**Lunga Sinuka '95** of Minneapolis, Minn., returned to campus on Wednesday, Nov. 18, and presented a one-man performance of *The Cool Train*, his memoir of growing up in South Africa during the Apartheid era, prior to his immigration to the United States in 1992.

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documentary films as well as television shows, marketing campaigns, and other multimedia sources. He has also recorded six of his own piano CDs and has won seven Telly awards and four Communicator awards for his film scores.

**Kyle VanderWall '01** coaches the boys' varsity basketball team at Grandville (Mich.) High School.

**Charles Cihak IV '02** joined Radium Photo in Muskegon, Mich., after he graduated from Hope. He works with his father and sister in the family-owned-and-operated business, founded by his great-grandfather in downtown Muskegon 100 years ago.

**Aaron DeVos '02** of Grand Rapids, Mich., recently completed training and passed the qualifying examination to become a Certified Financial Planner (CFP).

**James R. Hull '02** recently completed a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and works with the Environmental Change Initiative and the Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

**Marcos Machado '02** of Swartz Creek, Mich., joined the medical staff at Genesys Regional Medical Center as a family practice physician.

**Chris Winkler '02**, his wife and their son, Judah (age one), were in the U.S. from Dec. 14 through Jan. 13. During that time they represented Wycliffe Bible Translators at Urbana Missions Conference in St. Louis, Mo., spent time with family and friends, and shared with churches about their mission in Jos, Nigeria.

**Chad Wisser '02** is a hedge fund manager at Chad Edward Capital LLC. He manages the Finem Respite Fund L.P., a global macro fund launched on Monday, Feb. 1. Chad resides in Cambridge, Mass., and New York City. **Jenna Wassink '03 Deenik** of Ada, Mich., completed the educational requirements for Associateship in the Society of Actuaries. She works at Jackson National Life Insurance Company in Lansing, Mich., where she is a manager in the actuarial financial reporting area.

**Andrew Mullenix '03** of Seattle, Wash., was featured in an article in the January/February 2010 issue of *Inside Triathlon*. He qualified again for the October Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, after placing first among amateurs at the Ironman Coeur d'Alene. He typically trains 20 to 30 hours a week for an Ironman race, and gets one or two chances to race each year. He is a shift administrator at the Seattle Children's Hospital. He credits his wife, **Chandra Leben '03 Mullenix**, with supporting his training and helping him maintain balance in his life.

**Amy Ford '03 Pugh** of Kirkwood, Mo., earned a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees"), completed her fellowship at Children's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., in August, obtained her license in September, and now works at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis.

## New Assistant Director

Beth Timmer '00 Szczerowski has joined the Hope staff as assistant director of alumni and parent relations. She is responsible for a number of the events, activities and services at the college for alumni and parents and families of students, and works with the program's director on a variety of other aspects of the program.

Szczerowski brings extensive experience in event planning, marketing and community relations to her work at the college. Most recently, she served as the Grand Rapids Children's



Beth Timmer '00 Szczerowski

Museum's marketing and membership manager.

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**Lindee Claerbout '03 Salazar** of Belgium, Wis., conducted a customer service workshop for all members at the annual meeting of the Association of Rotational Molders in Minneapolis, Minn., on Monday, Sept. 28.

**Christina VanRegenmorter '03** of Nashville, Tenn., was promoted to communications and policy coordinator of Centerstone Research Institute. She is responsible for federal policy analysis and advocacy. The research institute partners in more than 50 clinical studies and grants with Cornerstone of America, the largest community mental health provider in the country.

**Jeremy Von Eitzen '03** of Vicksburg, Mich., coaches the West Ottawa High School varsity hockey team. He previously coached the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Blades boys' hockey team for three years.

**Sarah Scholten '04 Gritter** of Philadelphia, Pa., is in her second year of a residency in emergency medicine.

**Meridith De Avila '04 Khan** is director of marketing at the Academy of Fine Arts, an arts non-profit in historic downtown Lynchburg, Va. The academy offers performances, galleries, education and community outreach programs, and is also renovating a 1905 historic theatre adjacent to the complex. In November, Meridith was named managing editor of *Lynchburg Arts* magazine (formerly *ArtsLynchburg*), a quarterly publication serving Central Virginia. She also owns and operates MDK Studio, a photography boutique, with her husband, and was recently the official photographer for the inaugural Thomas Jefferson Wine Festival at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest vacation home.

**Steve Lepper '04** of Boulder, Colo., coached the Niwot (Colo.) High School boy's soccer team to the state's Class 4A championship last fall, his second season of coaching the team. He was

voted Class 4A "Coach of the Year," and also "Colorado Coach of the Year" from a field that comprises all five of the state's athletic classes (1A through 5A).

**Jacob Nyboer '04** works at the YMCA in Houston, Texas.

**Anne Stevens '04** entered a postgraduate program in January to obtain a Master of Arts in migration studies at the Brussels School of International Studies, offered through the University of Kent, England.

**Daniel Miller '05** is studying in the Master of Business Administration program at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, Ind. This course of study will enhance his entrepreneurial endeavors in renewable ammonia, a potential agricultural fertilizer and premier energy carrier.

**Nathan van Hofwegen '04** recently earned a degree in dentistry (please see "Advanced Degrees") and practices at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. He and his wife, **Laura Chucta '04 van Hofwegen**, and children live in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Gabriel Kalmbacher '06** returned to Holland, Mich., from Uganda in November with new sons Micah Joel (age three) and Judah Benjamin (age two). He was welcomed home by his wife, **Anna Marshall '07 Kalmbacher**, who returned a month earlier. Adoption will occur in Ottawa County this spring. Gabriel is pursuing a Master of Science degree at Grand Valley State University. **Dana Moes '06** is a kindergarten teacher in Steger, Ill.

**Ryan Weaver '06** of Nashville, Tenn., is lead programmer with IO Studios LLC.

**Victoria Blanton '07** of Las Vegas, Nev., is deputy finance director of the Sue Lowden for U.S. Senate campaign. Lowden is running against current Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in the 2010 elections.

**Anna Marshall '07 Kalmbacher** returned to Holland, Mich., from Uganda in October after caring for new sons Micah Joel (age three) and Judah Benjamin (age two) there for two months. Her husband, **Gabriel Kalmbacher '06**, brought both boys home in November. Adoption will occur in Ottawa County this spring. Anna is an RN at Hospice of Holland and at Zeeland Community Hospital.

**Debby Li '07** of Singapore is a media specialist working in Singapore Government's Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, helping to communicate policy, social issues and campaigns to citizens through online media.

**Amanda Danielson '07 McElroy** is a preschool teacher in Oklahoma.

**Bethany Klunder '06 Nyboer** and **Granger Nyboer '07** live in Soldotna, Alaska. Granger teaches special education at Kenai High School. Bethany, who is studying for a master's degree in special education, is student teaching this spring.

**Nicole Prince '07** moved to Philadelphia, Pa., and is the catalog project coordinator for "Anthropologie" at Urban Outfitters inc.

**Scott Teusink '07** recently began working as a CPA at H&S Companies in Fremont, Mich.

**Eric Adamczyk '08** of Clark Lake, Mich., flew to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with two friends in November to begin an eight-month sailing trip around the Caribbean aboard their 34-foot boat, *Three Degrees*.

**Amanda Cooper '08** of West Islip, N.Y., was awarded an Academic Medicine Scholarship at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she is a second-year student. The program is designed to prepare outstanding medical students to pursue careers in academic medicine, research and clinical practice in an academic health-care setting. She will receive a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine, master's in neuromusculoskeletal sciences, and Academic Medicine Certificate upon completion of her scholarship.

**Anna Jonkman '08** is a member of Michigan National Guard's 1073rd Maintenance Company. In December she was deployed with her unit to Iraq for one year. The 1073rd is performing convoy security and aiding troops who are done with their tour of duty as they head back to the U.S.

**Johnny Ganta '09** of Astoria, N.Y., is working for Howard Stern's on-demand network in New York City. He started working for Howard TV in September as a quality control coordinator.

**Ryan Johnson '09**, a graduate student at Iowa State University, presented *How to Save 199 People - Two Examples of Creative Problem Solving* at a mathematics colloquium at Hope on Friday, Nov. 20.

**Courtney Knox '09** of Salem, Va., is an eighth-grade special education teacher in the Roanoke (Va.) City Public Schools. She also coached the seventh- and eighth-grade girls' basketball team at her middle school this winter.

**Laura Morningstar '09** of Fishers, Ind., passed her nursing board exams in February and is now a Registered Nurse and working in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Briann Bryant '09 Richardson** of Holland, Mich., is a high-school special-education teacher in the Kelloggsville Public Schools.

**Matt Richardson '09** of Holland, Mich., is a behavior specialist for an elementary school in the Kelloggsville Public Schools.

## Marriages

Lynn Brouwers '74 and Mark Upfal, Nov. 27, 2009, Detroit, Mich.

Thomas Doerr '76 and Gilda Lucretia Rodriguez, Sept. 10, 2009, Belmopan, Belize.

Kim Benton '96 and Jeremy Fox, Oct. 10, 2009, Hartford, Conn.

Anne Horton '97 and Josh Vura-Weis, Nov. 21, 2009, Evanston, Ill.

Kristin Kelley '98 and William Sumner, Oct. 18, 2009, Chicago, Ill.

Rachel Kemink '99 and Aryn Johnson, Oct. 3, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Rachel Kuipers '01 and John Compton, Sept. 5, 2009, Denver, Colo.

Joshua Sturtevant '01 and Belinda Lopez, March 27, 2010, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Andrew Mezeske '02 and Lindsay Close '04, Sept. 19, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Melissa Oudshoorn '02 and Craig Mulder, April 25, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Laura Smith '02 and Ryan Thormann, Sept. 26, 2009.

Katie Torgerson '02 and Garrett Turner, Aug. 22, 2009, Mackinac Island, Mich.

Amy Woolard '02 and Marc Sanchez Diaz-Pinto, Nov. 28, 2009, Barcelona, Spain.

Tiffany Andre '03 and Jeremy Brieve '04, Oct. 17, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Meredith Bulkeley '03 and Benjamin Messina, Sept. 26, 2009, Seattle, Wash.

Amy Ford '03 and Kevin Pugh, Sept. 13, 2008, Innsbrook, Mo.

Marcus Voss '03 and Shelley King, Nov. 7, 2009, Hudsonville, Mich.

Jacob Nyboer '04 and Ellen Elizabeth Kizer, Sept. 6, 2008, Houston, Texas.

Scott Parrott '05 and Stephanie Beerens, Aug. 8, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Dustin Fiddler '06 and Holly Nestle '07, Aug. 15, 2009, Charlevoix, Mich.

Rachel Holmes '06 and Steve Fahrenbach, Oct. 10, 2009, Lake Villa, Ill.

Lauren March '06 and Austin Goofman, July 4, 2009, Lafayette, Ind.

James Post '06 and Christina Farnell, May 23, 2009.

Allison Adams '07 and Brent Frazey, Aug. 1, 2009, Arizona.

Christine Corbin '07 and Lawrence Overway, Oct. 17, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Amanda Danielson '07 and Jordan McElroy, Aug. 14, 2009, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Erik Fuller '07 and Maria Jimenez, Dec. 19, 2009, Claremont, Calif.

Whitney Haumiller '07 and Brian Miller '07, Sept. 5, 2009, Naperville, Ill.

Andrew Liang '07 and Justine Yedinak '07, May 16, 2009.

Andy Prout '07 and Emilie Vanderslice '07, Dec. 27, 2009, Berkley, Mich.

Dustin Ruch '07 and Jessica Williams, Nov. 28, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Aaron Clark '08 and Hannah Hackett '09, Sept. 19, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Matthew Wixson '08 and Sarah Lokers '09, July 31, 2009, Overisel, Mich.

Brent Boersma '09 and Caitlin Lamade '09, June 27, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Briann Bryant '09 and Matt Richardson '09, June 19, 2009, Holland, Mich.

Crystal Frost '09 and John Mark Feyen, Aug. 29, 2009, in Eagan, Minn.

Matt Clark '10 and Rachel Richter '10, Jan. 2, 2010, Holland, Mich.

## New Arrivals

Jeffrey Corney '87 and Sarah Corney, Adelyn, Feb. 19, 2009.

Jodi Sundquist '89 Niemann and Kurt Niemann, Thea Elise, July 16, 2009.

Yvette VanRiper '90 and Anthony Mavrinc, Rand Alexander Mavrinc, Sept. 20, 2009.

Ron Wiegierink '92 and Jodi Hoekstra '96 Wiegierink, Shuler Thomas, July 14, 2009.

John Stack III '93 and Katherine Rabe '02 Stack, Duncan Robert, Nov. 6, 2009.



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 Phelps Scholar, Sigma Sigma, Resident Assistant, International Relations, Social Activities Committee, WTHS Radio, *the Anchor*, Nykerk Song, Orientation Assistant, CFL Mentor Program

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Brian Watkins '93 and Marc Elmore, Noah David, Nov. 2, 2009.

Anissa Mihalek '94 Huffman and Craig Huffman, Megan Jane, Oct. 16, 2009.

Jay Mulder '94 and Jennifer Ramthun '94 Mulder, Molly Irene, March 16, 2009.

Kevin Scott '94 and Lindsay Wood Scott, Austin Michael, March 19, 2009.

Matthew Thompson '94 and Pamela Gunther '94 Thompson, Elizabeth Ida, Jan. 14, 2010.

Christopher Brandt '95 and Laura Lange '97 Brandt, Isaac Carl, Nov. 11, 2009.

Dirk Joldersma '95 and Lisa Meengs '95 Joldersma, Celia Estelle, Aug. 28, 2008, and Natalie Olivia, Dec. 21, 2009.

Julie Wright '96 Anderson and Aron Anderson, Zachary James, Aug. 12, 2009.

Brian Capps '96 and Nyasha Spears, Freya Ann Capps Jan. 8, 2010.

Christine VandeBunte '96 Mutch and Greg Mutch, Gabriel James, April 30, 2009.

Allison Gerds '97 Jones and G. Christopher Jones, Ella Grace, April 2, 2009.

Colleen Antvelink '97 Leonard and Matt Leonard, Rhys Robert, Jan. 8, 2010.

Craig Phillips '97 and Kristin Schneider '02 Phillips, Elizabeth Audrey, Jan. 24, 2010.

Timothy Su '97 and Ann Su, Emma Yi-Shyun, Nov. 28, 2009.

Amy Hyatt '97 Surface and William Surface, Lily Beth, Oct. 24, 2009.

Derk Zwart '97 and Cindra Zwart, Ermithe, Jan. 1, 2001, and Destinee, Aug. 14, 2005. Both girls were adopted on Jan. 22, 2010.

Kristin Zimdahl '98 Brunschmid and Josef Brunschmid, Xaver Josef, Nov. 1, 2009.

Robert DeVries '98 and Andrea Hays '00 DeVries, Logan Christopher, July 2, 2009.

Jill Harkins '98 Goodman and Eric Goodman '00, Noah Eric, Aug. 16, 2009.

Martha Langmuir '98 and Martha Alexander, Rebekah Doak Alexander Langmuir, Aug. 14, 2010.

Ryan Ondersma '98 and Kari Ondersma, Paige Noelle, Dec. 16, 2009.

Vilasack Phothisan '98 and Phonethiphavanh (Connie) Ratdavong '01 Phothisan, Khloe Manichan, Feb. 8, 2010.

Kimberly Kuite '98 VanderZwaag and Kelly VanderZwaag, Brinsley Faye, Dec. 2, 2009.

Jared Vickers '98 and Betsy Vickers, Derek R, Nov. 8, 2009.

Sarah Kay '99 Byham and Jonathan Byham, Samuel Henry, June 21, 2009.

Henry Chen '99 and Julie Chen, Acacia Marie, Dec. 7, 2009.

Bethany Wezeman '99 Kraseman and Stephen Kraseman '99, Elise Margaret, Oct. 6, 2009.

Erin Kurek-Blucher '99 and Jordan Blucher, Noah Michael Blucher, Oct. 19, 2009.

Christopher Madden '99 and

## Young Alumni to Be Honored

The Alumni Association will present Young Alumni Awards to two alumni during the annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 1.

The association will be honoring **Jalaa' Abdelwahab '97** of New York City, and **John Conlon '97** of Byron Center, Mich.

The Young Alumni Award was established to honor the talents and contributions that young alumni have made to their professions, their communities and to the college, and was first presented in 2007. Criteria include having been a member of the Alumni Association for 15 or fewer years; notable prominence through professional endeavor, research, volunteerism, and/or involvement with the local or global community or the college; and demonstrating significant initiative by



Jalaa' Abdelwahab '97 John Conlon '97

starting innovative service projects, research, businesses or other original enterprises.

Jalaa' Abdelwahab is being recognized for his dedicated service in public health, with a particular emphasis to global polio eradication. He has been working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) since 2000. He is currently seconded to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Headquarters in New York as a Health Specialist focusing on polio and overall immunizations in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sudan, the Horn of Africa, and the

Middle East and North Africa Region.

John Conlon is being honored for his recognized excellence as a high school soccer coach. He is the varsity soccer coach for both the boys' and girls' teams at East Kentwood High School in addition to teaching fifth grade at Endeavor Elementary and serving as director of coaching and player development at the Kentwood Soccer Club. He is currently serving a two-year term as president of the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. He has received multiple major awards through the years, including the 2007 "National High School Soccer Coach of the Year" Award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Adidas.

Biographical sketches of both alumni are featured on the college's Web site.

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Gretchen Madden, Garrett Christopher, June 17, 2009.

Teresa Musselman '99 Nelson and Chris Nelson, Berkley Olivia and Gavin Brock, Oct. 15, 2009.

David Uyl '99 and Kristin Uyl, Eli David, Nov. 6, 2009.

Mark Bray '00 and Rebecca Bray, Ethan William, Nov. 21, 2009.

Elizabeth Artman '00 DeBoer and Daniel DeBoer, Amelia Joy, Nov. 24, 2009.

Brian Dryfhout '00 and Becca Dryfhout, Carson Brian, Nov. 24, 2009.

Shonda Perdue '00 Evans and Tim Evans, Ella Jane, Oct. 15, 2009.

Amanda Heydon '00 Gerhardt and Scott Gerhardt '00, Ethan Martin, June 12, 2009.

Melissa Feenstra '00 Michmerhuizen and Jesse Michmerhuizen, Sophie Katherine, Nov. 7, 2009.

Laurel Monette '00 and Alejandro Alfaro, Amalia Lynn Alfaro Monette, Jan. 14, 2010.

Eric Nichols '00 and Kylee Nichols '01, Amelia Anne, August 7, 2009.

Katie Keyes '00 VanDyke and Mike VanDyke, Megan Christine, Aug. 11, 2009.

Jennifer McKenna '01 Charette and Michael Charette, Gabriella Marie, May 25, 2009.

Josh Danek '01 and Carrie Williams '03 Danek, Alyssa Yvonne, July 30, 2009.

Andrew Mackay '01 and Anne Vanderwel '01 Mackay, Jasper David, Dec. 12, 2009.

Elizabeth Hofstra '01 Miedema and Eric Miedema, Alaina Jeanne, May 13, 2009.

Jared Redell '01 and Kristen Redell, Trey Andrew, Dec. 4, 2009.

Deanna Lebar '01 Reeves and Casey Reeves, Aaron David, Sept. 12, 2009.

Katie Jen '01 Terpstra and Matt Terpstra, Madelyn Mae, Nov. 17, 2009.

Kristin Kooyer '01 VanDyke and Paul VanDyke, Everett Allan, Nov. 16, 2009.

Scott Vroegindewey '01 and Sarah Smith '02 Vroegindewey, Brady Douglas, Dec. 11, 2009.

Mieke Dykman '02 Blackwell and Cory Blackwell, Eliana Elizabeth, Jan. 25, 2010.

Beth Evans '02 Corsello and Kevin Corsello, Aurelia Mae, April 21, 2009.

Lori Geuder '02 DeVisser and Scott DeVisser, Isaac Allan, Jan. 19, 2010.

Ross Poll '02 and Kara VanAssen '03 Poll, Emmalyn Marie, Feb. 10, 2010.

Derek Pomp '02 and Rebecca Pomp, Selah Joelle, Feb. 18, 2010.

Amanda Ausen '02 Root and Derek Root '02, Landon John, Feb. 12, 2010.

Jennifer Chalifoux '02 Saban and Pablo Saban, Oscar Joseph, Dec. 3, 2009.

Jeff Shand-Lubbers '02 and Renee Shand-Lubbers, Noah James Shand-Lubbers, Nov. 14, 2009.

Sarita Hoekzema '02 Shetehelm and Joseph Shetehelm, Anne Marie, Dec. 28, 2009.

Erich Shoemaker '02 and Sara Maile '02 Shoemaker, Oliver Lewis, Jan. 5, 2010.

Laura Poppema '02 Thompson and Travis Thompson, Kelsey Sue, Nov. 19, 2009.

Emily Reeves '02 Van Faasen and Joe Van Faasen, David Graham, Nov.

9, 2006, and Benjamin Reeves, May 7, 2009.

Elisabeth Sawchuk '03 Avery and Joe Avery '03, Amelia Grace, Dec. 17, 2009.

Curt Copeland '03 and Kelly Taylor '05 Copeland, Kenlee Jo, Nov. 19, 2009.

Kimberly Lauver '04 Fletcher and Mark Fletcher, William Lauver, Sept. 28, 2009.

Sarah Phillips '03 Garnham and Sean Garnham '03, Sophie Susan, Oct. 18, 2009.

Lynette Wehmer '03 Heinz and Torey Heinz, Eason Nehemiah, Feb. 3, 2010.

Jennifer Coleman '03 Hendricks and Brian Hendricks, Natalie K, Feb. 8, 2010.

Charles Kleinheksel '03 and Abby Timmer '04 Kleinheksel, Ellie Marie, Feb. 3, 2010.

Daniel Kloosterman '03 and Kari Weaver '03 Kloosterman, Owen Daniel, Sept. 2, 2009.

Jonathan Ornee '03 and Necia Flaherty '03 Ornee, Asher Phoenix, Jan. 9, 2010.

Monica Armstrong '03 Phillips and Rustin Phillips, Grayson Douglas, Oct. 29, 2009.

Kelly Parker '03 Slagh and Ryan Slagh, Taylor Leigh, Feb. 17, 2010.

Steve Uyl '03 and Paysence Uyl, Logan Daniel, Dec. 21, 2009.

John Vinke '03 and Shereen Vinke, Alida Gayle, Jan. 25, 2010.

Jeff Eldersveld '04 and Lacey Wicksall '04 Eldersveld, Lana Rae, July 21, 2009

Emily Wagg '04 Frey and Stephen Frey '05, Caitlin Kelly, Nov. 15, 2009.

Lindsay Bosak '04 Hoyt and Douglas Hoyt, Jillian Beatrice, Aug. 18, 2009.

Ann Myers '04 Kamps and Daniel Kamps, Davanie Elizabeth, July 17, 2009.

Meridith De Avila '04 Khan and Adeel Khan, Sofia Grace, Dec. 31, 2008.

B.J. Maas '04 and Jillian Pettijohn '05 Maas, Easton John, Feb. 1, 2010.

Amy Vanderhyde '04 Worrel and Brian Worrel '04, Carolyn Rae, Jan. 30, 2010.

Cristi DeGraff '05 Boersma and John Boersma Jr. '05, Ty Alan, Feb. 22, 2010.

Jim Librizzi '05 and Julia Jones '06 Librizzi, Carolyn Mae, July 17, 2009.

Michelle Knapman '05 Quigley and Nathaniel Quigley, Danius, Dec. 4, 2009.

Emily Rupchock '05 Schildhouse and Richard Schildhouse '05, Phoebe Rose Aug. 5, 2009.

Elizabeth Murphy '05 Scott and James Scott, Parker James, Dec. 8, 2009.

Michael Tacchella '05 and Katie McKee '06 Tacchella, Jacob Michael, Jan. 19, 2010.

Scott Travis '06 and Ashley Travis, Amelia Jane, Dec. 17, 2009.

Elisa Ortega '07 Salazar and Hector Salazar-Contreras, Seth Layden, Nov. 13, 2009.

Mallory Waanders '09 Vander Kooi and Kevin Vander Kooi, Hudson Tay, Nov. 6, 2009.

## Advanced Degrees

Barbara Watt '74 Jorck, Master of Arts in theatre and drama (history, theory, literature), Indiana University - Bloomington, May 2009.

Bretton Folkert '93, J.D., *magna cum laude*, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Jan. 23, 2010.

Bob Toth '93, master's degree in physician assistant studies, University of Utah, August 2009.

Jason Bucata '97, master's degree in management with a concentration in non-profit management, Oral Roberts University, August 2009.

Gretchen Rumohr '97 Voskuil, Ph.D. in English, Western Michigan University, December 2009.

Brandon Graham '98, master's degree in athletic administration, Western Michigan University, 2003; Ph.D. in educational leadership, Western Michigan University, 2009.

Timothy Alles '99, J.D., *cum laude*, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Jan. 23, 2010.

Erin Barrone '99, J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Jan. 23, 2010.

Andy Fate '99, MBA, Cornerstone. Beverly Katt '00, master's degree in English language and literature, Central Michigan University, December 2009.

Grant Heller '02, Master of Science in experimental psychology, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, August 2009; Master of Arts in clinical psychology, University of Detroit Mercy, August 2009.

James R. Hull '02, Ph.D. in sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, December 2009.

Paul Jackson '02, Master of Music in

music education, University of Florida, Dec. 18, 2009.

Lora VanUffelen '02, Ph.D. in oceanography from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, August 2009.

Meredith Bulkeley '03, Master of Arts in counseling psychology, Mars Hill Graduate School.

Thomas DeMeulenaere '03, MBA in information management.

Bryant Loomis '03, Ph.D., University of Colorado-Boulder, December 2009.

Laurie McNamara '03, Ph.D. in biochemistry, Northwestern University, June 2009.

Amy Ford '03 Pugh, master's degree in psychology, 2005, PsyD, 2009, both from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Tyler Danek '05, J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Jan. 23, 2010.

Nathan van Hofwegen '04, D.D.S., University of Iowa Dental School, May 2009.

James Grandstaff '06, master's degree in public policy administration with a specialization in local government management, University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Dustin Ruch '07, MBA, University of Notre Dame, May 2009.

Emily VanWieren '08, Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, Grand Valley State University, December 2009.

Reagan Chesnut '09, M.Phil. in theatre and performance, Trinity College, Dublin in Dublin, Ireland.

## 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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**Howard B. Ausema '58** of Homewood, Ill., died on Friday, Jan. 22, 2010. He was 73.

Survivors include his wife, Tekla "Thea" Ausema; his children, David (Ruth) Ausema and Susan (Steven) Van Poolen; five grandchildren; and his sisters, Connie (John) Janke, Ruth Ausema '61 (Terry) Hofmeyer, and Joyce (Don) Greenfield.

**Dirk C. Bloemendaal Sr. '52** of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2009. He was 79.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn "Keri" DeBoer Bloemendaal; five children, Dirk '76 (Jill) Bloemendaal Jr., Kim (Mike) Wiersema, Amy Bloemendaal '82 (Stan) Besser, Betsy (Shahrouz) Zayanderoudi, and Matt Bloemendaal; a step-daughter, Mimi (Dave) DeJonge; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and five brothers and sisters.

**Ruth Brouwer '51 Boersma** of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009. She was 80.

Survivors include her children, Linda Gazan, Gary (Jan) Gazan, Mark (Sue) Gazan, and Jim Gazan; step-children, William '68 (Cheryl) Boersma, Tom (Kitty) Boersma, and Ruth Morreale; her sisters, Edith (Henry) DeWitt, Marian (Norm) Vrugink, and Florence (Dale) Schreur; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Duke Nguyen Browning '80** of Katy, Texas, died on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009. He was 55.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Kerrin Wilson '80 Browning; three children, Amy N. Browning, Laura N. Browning and Michelle N. Browning; his mother, Bao Nguyen; and his siblings, To & Kim Chi Nguyen, Rang Nguyen, Lua Nguyen, Danh Nguyen, Thom Nguyen, Doi Nguyen, and To Van Kieu.

**William L. Carlough '52** of Dannville, Pa., died on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010. He was 78.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Stephens; his children, Leslie Carlough, Martha Carlough, and Rebecca Robbins Crider; six grandchildren; and his sister, Doris Lambert.

**Carol Matheis '57 Cassidy** of Merrick, N.Y., died on Monday, Nov. 10, 2008. She was 73.

Survivors include her husband, James Cassidy, and two children, James (Jaime) and Mary Jane.

**Paul L. Cook '50** of Albion, Mich., died on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010. He was 84.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Alice Gravenhorst '51 Cook; four daughters; 10 grandchildren; and one brother.

**John DeHaan '49** of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009. He was 84.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Marguerite "Peggy" Prins '49 DeHaan; his children, Ginny DeHaan '75 (David Kempston '74), John David '79 (Pat) DeHaan, Tricia (Ed) Parsekian, Margie DeHaan, and Peter '87 (Melissa) DeHaan; 14 grandchildren, including Jonathan A. DeHaan '07; and seven great-grandchildren.

**William G. DeWeerd '67** of Jenison, Mich., died on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009. He was 64.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Carol (Olson) DeWeerd; two daughters, Cristin (Kirt) Zuiderveen and Amy (Jason) McGovern; two grandsons; and his sister, Sharon (Ron) Goodyke.

**Florence Vis '36 Douma** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009. She was 95.

Survivors include her daughter, Carol Douma '63 (John) Catoe; her daughter-in-law, Karen Douma; four grandchildren, including Pamela

'88 Douma (William) Fay, David '91 (Suzanne Stoll '92) Douma, and Jason '01 (Angela) Douma; 11 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Eugene Vis '48.

**Max J.V. Frego '50** of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Friday, Jan. 29, 2010. He was 81.

Survivors include his siblings, Don (Arlene) Frego, Patricia (Jack) Shinabarger, Beverly Harper (Julius Essenburg), and Phyllis Tomlinson.

**Curtis D. Haaksma '64** of Spring Lake, Mich., died on Monday, Dec. 14, 2009. He was 70.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Helen; a daughter, Amy (Gary) Smithson; two sons, Curt A. (Ann) Haaksma and Tim '98 (Danielle) Haaksma; five grandchildren; and one sister, Barbara (James) Hoekzema.

**Cecil L. Hendrix '44** of Winona Lake, Ind., died on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009. He was 90.

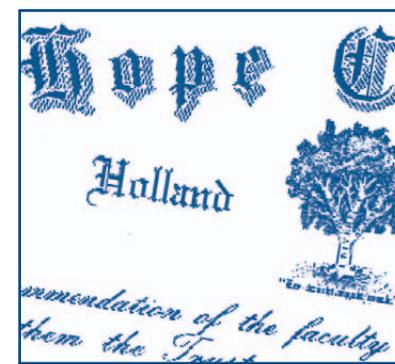
Survivors include four children, Cecille (Alan) Huff, Dennis (Jill) Hendrix, Linda (Charles) Nightengale, and Jeffrey (Mochel) Hendrix; one daughter-in-law, Nancy; one brother, Warren (Anna Jean) Hendrix; one sister, Marilyn (Bob) Wells; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

**Nancy Herlein '63** of Muskegon, Mich., died on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009. She was 67.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Herlein; her brother, Merlin Robert (Virginia) Herlein; and her sister, Doris Herlein.

**Joan Roos '60 Hielkema** of Remsen, Iowa, died on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009. She was 71.

Survivors include her husband of more than 49 years, Arthur G. Hielkema '57; two sons, Stephen (Susan) Hielkema and Timothy Hielkema; one daughter, Sarah (Brian) Wiese; five grandchildren; a brother, Robert '52 (Marie) Roos; and a sister, Louise (Richard) Hermenet.



**A total of 40 seniors graduated with honors in December. Please visit the college's Web site for the list.**

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**Richard C. "Dick" Johnson '49** of Bonita Springs, Fla., died on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. He was 83.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Carol Johnson; children, Katherine Johnson, Elizabeth Tepikian, Richard Johnson, Barbara Johnson, George DuBois, and Janet Calderaro; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Diane Johnson '57; and a brother, Lew Johnson.

**June Meeusen '50 Kapenga** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010. She was 81.

She is survived by her children, Jane (Fred) Kramer, Mark (Pam) Kapenga, Dawn (John) Lieveuse, Dean (Jan) Kapenga, and Tom Kapenga; 14 grandchildren, including Benjamin Kapenga '00, Rachel Kapenga '06 (Keith '03) Lam, and Tarah Kapenga '08; 24 great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Elaine Meeusen '47 (Bruce) DePree and Nancy Meeusen '70 (Robert '75) McNiven.

**Susannah J. Kist '84** of Palatine, Ill., died on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009. She was 47.

Survivors include her parents, Susan Crysedale Kist, and Roger and Denise Kist; her grandmother, Susan Crysedale; her siblings and their families, Abraham '86 (Sayuri) Kist-Okazaki, Isaac '88 (Tamara) Kist, Sarah Beth Kist, and Jacob (Beth) Kist.

**Owen J. Koeppel '49** of Columbia, Mo., died on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010. He was 83.

Survivors include his wife of almost 60 years, JoAnn Moessner '49 Koeppel; his children, John '75 (Mary Kolean '77) Koeppel, Robert (Karen) Koeppel, and Barbara Koeppel '80 (Jim) Higdon; four grandchildren; his sister, Ruth Koeppel '52 (James A. '51) De Young; and his sisters-in-law, Norma Lemmer '44 Koeppel, Barbara Moessner '53 and Kathryn Moessner.

**Alma Cook '33 Kuiper** of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009. She was 98.

Survivors include her children Mary Kuiper '63 (Dennis J. '63) DeWitt, Ruth (Terry) Husted, and Paul Kuiper (Louise Kreun); 14 grandchildren, including Marsha Elzinga '85 (Jeffrey) Myaard, Mark L. '87 (Dawn De Young '92) DeWitt, and James D. '88 (Kathryn Chandler '87) DeWitt; and 26 great-grandchildren, including Sarah M. Ashcroft '11.

**Norma Becksfort '42 Lemmen** of Lansing, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 18, 2010. She was 89.

Survivors include her husband, Irving Lemmen; their children, Raymond (Ann) Lemmen, Mary (John) Duff, and Ruth (David) Brouwer; her brother, Robert Becksfort '50; nine grandchildren, including Gretchen Lemmen '00 (Curtis '00) Kesler and Kurt '02 (Brooke Vivian '02) Lemmen; and 12 great-grandchildren.

## Hope Mourns Two Students

The Hope family is mourning the deaths of junior **Emma Biagioni** of St. Charles, Ill., and sophomore **David Otai**, of Kenya, who died in an airplane crash on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010.

Otai, a licensed pilot, was flying the rented single-engine Cessna when it crashed south of Holland shortly after taking off from Tulip City Airport. The Federal Aviation Authority and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the probable cause of the crash, with authorities estimating that the process could take a year. A preliminary report indicated that foggy conditions may have played a role in the accident.

Biagioni, 20, was majoring in political science and minoring in Asian studies. Her activities on campus had included serving on the editorial staff of the *Anchor* student newspaper; the student-organized Dance



Emma Biagioni



David Otai

Marathon fundraiser held on behalf of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital; performing in "Images: A Reflection of Cultures"; Student Congress; the Justice League; Amnesty International; Hope Independents; the Hip Hop Club; and the Sailing Club. She spent the spring 2009 semester studying in Japan.

Survivors include her parents, Peter and Beverly Biagioni of St. Charles; a sister, Lizzie, who is a freshman at Hope; a brother, James; her paternal grandparents, Guisepppe and Valerie Biagioni of Essex, England; and a great-grandmother, Irene Stevens of Essex, England. She was preceded

in death by her maternal grandparents, Jim and Betty Moram.

Otai, 23, had not yet declared a major but was interested in international studies and Spanish. Originally from Uganda, he was interested in returning to Africa to serve as a missionary pilot, and had more than 250 hours of flight time and a commercial pilot's license. His activities on campus had included co-hosting and performing in "Images: A Reflection of Cultures 2009" on Saturday, Nov. 21, serving as captain of his intramural soccer team and assisting with youth soccer camps taught at Hope, and Dance Marathon.

Survivors include his parents, Peter Otai Obarute and Caroline Obarute Otai; a brother, Peter Apepe Obarute; a sister, Sandra Obarute; a cousin with whom he had grown up, Modesta Hussein; and two uncles, Andrew Rukidi and John Kabagonza.

**Jack Mellema '52** of Ocala, Fla., died on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010. He was 79.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Mellema; his ex-wife, Faye; and a son, Thomas (Linda) Mellema.

**Raymond J. Mulder (Hope Prep)** of St. Louis, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 11, 2010. He was 82.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Joan Mulder; two sons, Paul (Melanie) Mulder and James Mulder; a daughter, Carol Mulder; his brothers, Earl (Josephine) Mulder and Arthur (Esther) Mulder; and two sisters, Kay Mulder and Dorothy (Lester) Roark.

**Gerard E. Mull '50** of Lawrenceville, Ga., died on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2009. He was 80.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; his daughter, Lynn Mull Long; and his brother Charles Mull.

**Juella Freye (Prep '33) Peeks** of East Saugatuck, Mich., died on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010. She was 94.

Survivors include her children, Carol Gunneman and Roger (Patti) Peeks; five grandchildren, including Anita Gunneman '86 (Mark) Tuneff and Jennifer Peeks '02; five great-grandchildren; and her brother, Vernon (Florence) Freye.

Word has been received of the death of **Jane Benedict '70 Perrin** of Parrish, Fla., who died on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010. She was 61.

**Helena I. Post '70** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2009. She was 84.

Survivors include her husband, Stuart Post; her daughter, Kathryn Rosenthal; her sons, Steven Post and James Post; and one grandson.

**L. Dyke Rottschafer '60** of Larkspur, Colo., died on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009. He was 71.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Rottschafer; his children John (Bernie) Rottschafer, Jared (Dale) Rottschafer, Meredith (Eric) Schupp, and Michael Merrell; and six grandchildren.

**LeRoy A. Sandee '47** of Waupun, Wis., died on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010. He was 89.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Elvira Sandee; one daughter, Judy (Nick) Kuzulka; three sons, Robert (Sherry) Sandee, Timothy (Marjorie) Sandee, and Mark (Debbie) Sandee; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Delores Bruggink; one brother, Wayne (Carol) Sandee; and two foster children, Jeffrey Loney and Pam (Dave) Stevens.

**Leonard "Nick" Schregardus '49** of Muskegon, Mich., died on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010. He was 87.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Shirley Schregardus; three daughters, Kathy (Russ) Smiley, Karen (Stephen) Bruining, and Barbara (Jeff) Griffith; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; and his sister, Lucille Doorn.

Word has been received of the death of **Catherine Voris '39 Shaw** of South Setauket, N.Y., who died on Thursday, April 30, 2009. She was 92.

**Cornelia Lieveuse '38 Svoboda** of Beaverton, Ore., died on Friday, Jan. 1, 2010. She was 93.

Survivors include her daughter, Sue Svoboda; three sons, Rex Svoboda, John Svoboda, and Jim Svoboda; and five grandchildren.

**Ruth Lam '61 Ter Beek** of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, March 1, 2010. She was 70.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Bruce Ter Beek '64; two daughters Ann (Rusty) Brand and Sara Jo TerBeek '95; two grandchildren; two brothers, Roger (Gloria) Lam and Jerry Lam; her sister, Judith (Noel) Daniels; and her father-in-law, Raymond Ter Beek.

**Leonard Topp '63** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010. He was 83.

Survivors include his wife, Alida Hibma '49 Topp; his children, Beth Topp, Stephanie (Robert) Kazma, Calvin (Lori) Topp, James (Michelle) Topp, and Kerwin (Melissa) Topp; 11 grandchildren; and a sister, Alida De Bondt.

**Gretchen Yonkman '54 Vandenberg** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009. She was 76.

Survivors include her daughters, Jan Vandenberg '79 (Robert) Aardema and Wendy (Ken) Yerkes; four grandchildren, including Christina Aardema '13; and her brothers, Fred '52 (Jewel) Yonkman and John (Tommy) Yonkman.

**Jane Vandervelde-Stoltz '74** of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Nov. 13, 2009. She was 57.

Survivors include her husband, Donald E. Stoltz '57, and her brother, William (Anne) Vandervelde.

**Arlene (Arkie) Wieten '49 Van Raalte** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009. She was 82.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Carl Van Raalte '50; her children, Christine Van Raalte (Jeffrey Smith), Carl Van Raalte, and Jon (Samantha) Van Raalte; and four grandchildren.

**Eugene E. van Tamelen '47** of Los Altos Hills, Calif., died on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009. He was 84.

Survivors in addition to his wife, Mary, include three children, Jane van Tamelen, Carey Haughy, and Peter van Tamelen; and five grandchildren.

**Margaret Laman '39 Vegter** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009. She was 91.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Alvin Vegter '39; her children, Albert (Jeanne) Vegter and Gretchen Bush; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a brother and sister, David Laman '36 and Pearl Laman '42 Eadie.

**Evelyn Wezeman '47 Watters** of Sacramento, Calif., died on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009. She was 97.

Survivors include two sons, Charlie Watters and John Watters.

**Earl Weener '49** of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009. He was 86.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Marcia Weener; his sons, Earl (Linda) Weener, Ron (Barbara) Wayne, Alan (Persis Faasen) Weener, and Carl (Cherrie) Weener; his daughters, Janice Weener (Craig) Poole and Mary Weener (Tom) Meek; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Marion Hanna '49 Weinmann** of Bakersfield, Calif., died on Monday, Nov. 16, 2009. She was 81.

Survivors include her three sons, Cregg (Cheryl), Jon (Suzi), and Charles (Jayne); eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**LaVerne "Pete" Welling '46** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010. He was 86.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Doris Welling; his children, Debbie (Michael) Janicik, Tom (Mary) Welling, and Penny Sue (Scott) Faustyn; seven grandchildren; one

great-granddaughter; his brother, Earl '60 (Arlene) Welling; and his sister, Arlene (Marvin) Vanden Bosch.

**Meredith "Will" Williams '50** of Phoenix, Ariz., died on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009. He was 83.

Survivors include his daughters, Linda (Mark) Jena, Sue (James) Obertin, and Jane (Del) Smith; his sons, Larry Williams, Michael (Claudia) Williams, and James (Beth) Williams; seven grandchildren; and his sister, Marguerite (William) Hatfield.

**William Robert Wishmeier '39** of Columbus, N.C., died on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009. He was 92.

Survivors include his daughter, Nancy Wishmeier.

**Kenneth G. Woltman '58** of Benton Harbor, Mich., died on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009. He was 73.

Survivors include his children, Jane (Mark) McDaniels, Tom (Jackie) Woltman, and Chuck Woltman; four grandchildren; and his sister Karen Woltman '63 (John) Caldwell.

**Richard J. Wyma '58** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 11, 2010. He was 73.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Janice Wyma; his children, Bruce (Cheryl) Wyma, Keith (Tanya) Wyma, and Jonathan Wyma; six grandchildren; and his brother, David Wyma '62.

## Sympathy to

The family of **Lamidi Olonade Fakeye**, who died in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, on Friday, Dec. 25, 2009.

He was an internationally renowned wood sculptor descended from five generations of woodcarvers, and trained in the traditional Yoruba system of apprenticeship. He had made numerous visits to Hope through the years, most recently for a demonstration and talk in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, Oct. 10. He was an artist-in-residence at the college in the fall of 1996, during which the gallery of the De Pree Art Center featured a retrospective exhibition of his work. In February 1997 he presented the college with the four door panels that are featured outside the Fried-Hemenway Auditorium on the main floor of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication.

The family of **Leonard Maas** of Holland, Mich., who died on Friday, March 5, 2010.

He was actively involved with Hope College for many years, including as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1979 to 1993. He and his wife, Marjorie, who survives him, established two endowed positions at Hope: the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Endowed Professorship in Reformed

Theology, and the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Endowed Chaplaincy.

Together with their sons Thomas '78 and Steven '81, they donated the college's Maas Center, which was dedicated in 1986. Leonard and Marjorie established the Kelder-Maas Scholarship in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelder and Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Maas. They also provided major support for the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse and the A. Paul Schaap Science Center.

The college awarded Leonard and Marjorie Maas honorary degrees in 2001.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his children and grandchildren, Thomas and Cecilia (Steven, Trevor, and Cara), Steve and Lisa (Ray, Jorie, Sally, Isaac, Simeon, Ezra, and Truman); brothers, Mart (Mag), Larry (Elsie), Bill (Mary Lou); sisters-in-law, Doris (Bill) Osterink, Carol Cox, Betty (Terry) Beemer; and nieces, nephews, and their families.

The family of **Ted Nielsen**, who died on Friday, Dec. 11, 2009. He was 75.

He was a member of the faculty of the Department of Communication at Hope from 1975 until his retirement in 2000 as the Guy Vander Jagt Professor Emeritus of Communication. He developed the classroom program of cable broadcasting that gave Hope students on-the-air experience in

television production for more than 20 years. The Theodore L. Nielsen Award in Communication is presented annually to the student who represents the best television news practice and judgment.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Nielsen, who worked in Hope's Van Wylen Library from 1977 until her retirement in 2003; his daughter, Elizabeth (James) DeWilde; his son, Dale (Janice) Nielsen; one granddaughter; his sister, Jean Lehman; and his brother, Glenn (Margaret) Nielsen.

The family of **Karen (Snuttjer) Schakel** of Holland, Mich., who died on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009. She was 67.

She was office manager and editorial assistant at Hope's Van Raalte Institute. She was editor and co-author with Dr. Elton Bruins '50 of *Albertus and Christina: The Van Raalte Family, Home and Roots*.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Peter Schakel, who is The Peter C. and Emajean Cook Professor of English at Hope; her daughter, Jennifer Schakel '89 (Timothy '86) Hoffman; her son, Jonathan Schakel '94 (Megan Sharp); four grandchildren; her mother, Grace Snuttjer; her sisters, Lavina Block, Lois (Bruce) Lombard, and Mary (Fred) Schaa; and her brother, David (Kathi) Snuttjer.

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# Hope in Context

In the landscape of higher education, Hope College is literally ideally situated. The college's hometown of Holland, Mich., features a vibrant downtown adjacent to campus that nearly serves as a student center all on its own; a community that enthusiastically supports and participates in the life of the college; and small-town friendliness within a region rich with opportunities for recreation and engagement. Small wonder, given how much the locale has to offer, that a recent Gallup-Healthways survey ranked Holland second in the U.S.—and number one east of the Mississippi—for overall well-being.

## WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS FOR HOPE COLLEGE ALUMNI WEEKEND

Friday, April 30 - Sunday, May 2



### Reunion Celebrations

Members of the Classes of 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980 will be celebrating at events on Friday night and Saturday morning.



### Fifty Year Circle Events

A special brunch will be held for graduates from 1959 and earlier, followed by a ceremony welcoming the Class of 1960 into the circle.



### Alumni College

Learn from Hope's best and brightest at sessions about Graves Hall, sustainability, and 100 years of science at Hope.



### Worship Services

Join current students and alumni at Friday morning's chapel service and The Gathering worship service on Sunday night.



### Annual Alumni Banquet

A Hope tradition continues on Saturday evening with the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards and Young Alumni Awards.

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Nominate someone you know for an alumni award at [www.hope.edu/alumni](http://www.hope.edu/alumni)

## Celebrating memories at Hope

1960 • 1965 • 1970 • 1975 • 1980  
Class Reunions

1956 The Class of 1960 enrolls at Hope and the Hope College Vienna Summer School program is created in Vienna, Austria

1961 The Class of 1965 enrolls at Hope and Van Zoeren Hall is opened

1966 The Class of 1970 enrolls and Hope celebrates its centennial during Homecoming along with the first Community Day

1971 The Class of 1975 enrolls at Hope and the DeWitt Student and Cultural Center is opened

1976 The Class of 1980 enrolls at Hope

# Alumni Weekend

at HOPE COLLEGE  
April 30 - May 2, 2010



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