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Committed to Community

Hope recognized for institution-wide emphasis on service and service-learning

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On the Cover

The institution-wide commitment to service that received national recognition in January is demonstrated thoroughly during the beach clean-up day on Saturday, Sept. 25, organized by the student Environmental Issues Group. Shown among the many who participated are Dr. Tim Pennings of the mathematics faculty, junior Kylan Blom of Holland, Mich., and even Dr. Pennings's Welsh corgi, Elvis.

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"Quote, unquote"

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



Each year, Hope commemorates the work of Dr. Martin Luther King not with a day but a week, Civil Rights Celebration Week, organized in honor of all persons and groups who have worked toward the advancement of civil rights and social justice. This year's events included a keynote address by Carolyn Maull McKinstry, who at age 14 survived

the September 1963, racially motivated bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., a Sunday-morning explosion that killed four of her friends. Speaking during the annual Martin Luther King Luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 18, she shared a message of reconciliation.

McKinstry set her experience and the church bombing in a broader context. She explained that the first bombing in the community had happened in 1948, and that 80 of them remain unsolved. She survived a second bombing that destroyed a large portion of her home in 1964. She was among thousands of students hosed by firemen during marches for civil rights.

In the aftermath, McKinstry said, her faith in humanity "was pretty well destroyed. It was not in the best of shape."

Time, however, changed that. McKinstry has been around the country and abroad sharing her experiences. She explained that she has met numerous others whose goodwill across racial and cultural boundaries have helped her to see that things can be different.

"The Lord began to move me to the ministry of reconciliation," she said. "I think

God enabled me and continues to enable me to do all this, traveling and so forth, I do work with a lot of organizations, but the traveling primarily to show me that, 'Carolyn, that's not the world that I created.'

"I believe that we share more than we differ on," she said. "I've learned that in my travels."

She returned to school to pursue her M.Div. at Samford University determined to become an agent of change.

"I believe like some of my favorite writers, like Gandhi and Malachi, who said by one God were we all created; that we must learn to work together. Dr. King said we will one day learn to build the beloved community, that we will learn to work together and to serve each other together. And Desmond Tutu, who said there is no future without forgiveness [and] with that forgiveness comes healing.

"So I believe like all of these. And of course my favorite, Isaiah, in 51, who says one day the lion will lie with the lamb, and both will be full of the knowledge of God. Neither will do harm to each other. And that one day we will walk together."

Living again in Birmingham, McKinstry is second vice president and program committee chair for the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and president of the Board of Directors of the Sixteenth Street Foundation Inc., whose mission is the ongoing maintenance of the historic church building. An active community volunteer, she serves on the Scholarship Committee for the "Four Girls" administered by the *Birmingham News*. And she spends much of her time traveling and talking with young people about her experiences of the '60s, making them relevant to today's environment.

"My hope is that as I travel around that I'll pick up followers, or people who also believe like me: that we have more to share than things that keep us apart, and that if we are going to build a beloved community, if we are to walk together as lions and lambs, we have to start here." ✍️



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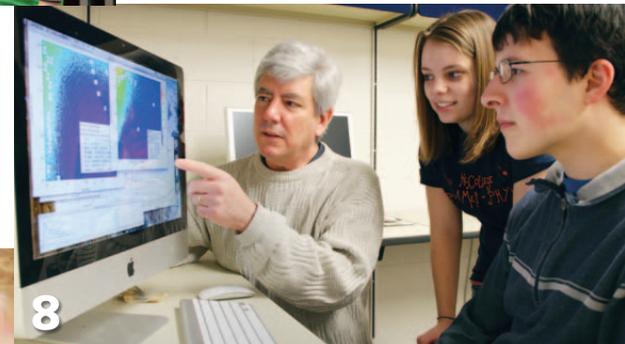
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring Semester

April 28, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.
 April 29, Friday—Spring Festival. Classes dismissed at 3 p.m.
 May 2-6, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations
 May 6, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.
 May 8, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement
 May 9, Monday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon

May Term—May 9-June 3

June Term—June 6-July 1

July Term—July 5-29

ADMISSIONS

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

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

THEATRE

Gone Missing—Friday-Saturday, April 15-16; Tuesday-Thursday, April 19-21

DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets for Hope College Theatre productions are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.

DANCE

Student Dance Concert—Monday-Tuesday, April 11-12
 Dow Center, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Student Dance Concert—Monday-Tuesday, April 18-19
 Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

DE PREE GALLERY

Graduating Senior Art Show—Friday, April 8-Sunday, May 8

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



SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please visit the college online at 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.



SUMMER CAMPS

Throughout the summer, Hope will offer multiple science camps for children as well as sports camps in boys' basketball, football, girls' basketball, soccer, tennis and volleyball. For complete information, please check www.hope.edu/camps, or call the following numbers: science camps, (616) 395-7640; boys' basketball, (616) 403-5291; football, (616) 403-5092; girls' basketball, (616) 395-7853; soccer, (616) 805-9303; tennis, (616) 395-4965; and volleyball, (616) 395-7682.



HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

HSRT is planning an exciting 40th season, opening in the Knickerbocker theatre on Friday, June 17, with the wonderful musical *Children of Eden*, followed by *Taking Steps*, *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, *I Remember Mama*, *Guys On Ice*, and two children's shows.

Tickets go on sale to the public on Monday, May 2, and will be available at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse or by calling (616) 395-7890. More information can be found online at www.hope.edu/hsrt.

MUSIC

Jazz Combos Concert—Monday, April 11: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Vocal Jazz Workshop—Tuesday, April 12: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Ensembles Concert—Wednesday, April 13: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

"Sundays at 2"—Sunday, April 17: guest duo, Gao Can, violin, and Eunbyol Ko, piano, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Women's Chamber Choir Concert—Monday, April 18: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 195 W. 13th St., at Maple Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Wind Ensemble Concert—Wednesday, April 20: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Combined Choirs Concert—Tuesday, April 26: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Tulip Time Organ Recitals—Wednesday-Saturday, May 11-14: 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.

JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Kevin McFadden and Diana Joseph, non-fiction and poetry, Thursday, April 14

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



ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Alumni Weekend—Friday-Saturday, April 29-30

Includes reunions for every fifth class from 1961 through 1981, and a 50-Year Circle brunch for all classes from 1960 and earlier.

Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing—Monday, June 13
 Ravines Golf Club

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

TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance—Friday, April 15, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

DeVos Fieldhouse

Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m.

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 8

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.

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.





Dr. Jesus Montaña



Rev. Dr. Blaine Newhouse

GRADUATION NEWS: The college is anticipating that a record number of graduating seniors will cross the Commencement stage on Sunday, May 8.

The approximately 730 seniors surpass the previous high of 718 in 2007. The figures reflect that the Classes of 2007 and 2011 were also the largest incoming classes in the fall of 2003 and fall of 2007 respectively.

The college's 146th Commencement will be held at 3 p.m. at Holland Municipal Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Jesus Montaña, associate professor of English at Hope. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Blaine Newhouse '86, currently pastor of preaching and leadership with Calvary Reformed Church in Holland, Mich., and newly appointed executive director, beginning in May, of Geneva Camp and Retreat Center.

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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FIRST-OF-A-KIND: Theatrical productions are always a team effort, but the college's staging of *Street Scene* earlier this year took the idea far beyond the norm.

The November 17-20 production—the first opera ever staged by Hope College Theatre—was a major collaboration of the departments of theatre and music, with a cast that included not only Hope students but area children and even a dog, with the Symphonette serving as the orchestra. The elaborate set, a reproduction of a New York tenement, reflected the scale, towering more than two stories tall.

Street Scene explores a cluster of storylines centered on neighbors living in Depression-era New York City. Kurt Weill wrote the music, with book by Elmer Rice and lyrics by Langston Hughes. The college's ambitious production was supported through a \$4,000 grant from the Kurt Weill Foundation, which is dedicated to promoting understanding of Weill's life and works and preserving the legacies of Weill and his wife Lotte Lenya.

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HISTORY SHARED: As times change and technology evolves, instruments that were once on the cutting edge find themselves in need of a new role.

Thus it was with the college's magnificent Toepler-Holtz static electricity generator, a towering glass and wood cabinet capable of creating a charge so strong that it could punch a hole through an inch-thick book on a dry day. The machine and the college's records don't indicate its manufacturer, but comparable equipment was produced by a variety of firms at the turn of the 20th century. Campus lore has it that the instrument was donated in the 1950s by a local doctor's office, where it had been used to generate X rays and treat baldness.



At Hope, it was used in demonstrations of static electricity until superseded by other equipment capable of doing the job in a more... serene... fashion. In recent decades, it languished in storage, too large and fragile to display without a secure, dedicated space.

And so, this fall the department of physics donated it to the Grand Rapids Public Museum, where it will take on new life educating future generations about the history of health care/life sciences in West Michigan.

SUPPORT IN GRIEF: The college's basketball season had just ended, but the DeVos Fieldhouse still had a few games to go.

The small community of Fennville south of Holland experienced triumph and deepest tragedy on Thursday, March 3. The Fennville High School basketball team, coached by Ryan Klingler '01 with spouse Becky Sutton '02 Klingler as assistant coach, had just clinched a perfect 20-0 regular season in a 57-55 overtime win, and the joyous home crowd was celebrating when junior player Wes Leonard—who had shot the winning basket—collapsed and died, victim of a previously undetected enlarged heart.

The devastated 1,400-member Fennville community rallied in the aftermath, and the team opted to continue in tribute to Leonard rather than forfeit the playoffs.

The story drew national attention, leading to unprecedented interest in the March 7 Class C district opener. The 1,000-seat venue which was scheduled to host the contest was clearly too small to accommodate all who wished to attend, so Hope donated use of the 3,500-seat fieldhouse and staffing for the event. As Fennville continued to win, the college's support followed for the remaining district games on March 9 and March 11 (the team's season ended with the March 14 regional semifinal game, played as previously scheduled at Vicksburg High School, which seats about the same number). All of the team's playoff games hosted capacity crowds.

STUDENT PROJECT HONORED:

A project at Hope designed to increase awareness of what athletic trainers do has been named the best in Michigan.

The student-led project consisted of presentations and interactive demonstrations during the men's basketball game at the DeVos Fieldhouse on Feb. 20, 2010, and a video on YouTube. It was recognized as Michigan's winner in the 2011 Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association Public Relations Contest during the group's annual Winter Symposium in March.



More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc

JAPAN CRISIS: With the world increasingly interconnected, international events have an immediacy unimaginable even a decade ago, and the generations-long relationship between Hope and Japan have further placed the March 11 earthquake, tsunami and aftermath foremost in the hearts of many in the Hope community.

Hope's friendships with colleges and universities in the nation include exchange relationships with Ferris University, Meiji Gakuin, Seigakuin University, Technos College and Waseda University. Hundreds of Hope students have visited Japan through the years, and hundreds from Japan have visited Hope. Dozens of alumni call Japan home.

Hope has seven students from Japan during the current school year. In addition, short days after the earthquake, a professor and four students from Technos participated in their previously scheduled two-week visit to Hope.

None of the three Hope students studying in Japan were in the nation when the earthquake occurred, since their host institutions were on a semester break. In keeping with the March 17 travel warning issued by the U.S. Department of State as the situation in Japan worsened, their spring-semester programs were cancelled.

Later in this issue is a story about faculty member Eva Dean '83 Folkert's semester at Meiji Gakuin this past fall through the Hope-Meiji Gakuin faculty exchange program, part of a meaningful and treasured tradition that will remain strong in the future whatever the challenges of the present.

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. At right is a moment from this year's "Images: A Reflection of Cultures" international showcase on Saturday, Nov. 20.



More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/gallery



Living Character

The signature Hope focus on putting faith and learning into practice by making a difference in the world has earned national recognition.

Hope is one of only 115 colleges and universities across the country named to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's "2010 Community Engagement Classification" at the beginning of January, a reflection of the college's institution-wide emphasis on service and service-learning.

Dean of Students Dr. Richard Frost, who coordinated Hope's application for the recognition, said that he especially appreciates

the selection because it affirms the way that community engagement and service is expressed as a core value at Hope. Even though educating students "for lives of leadership and service in a global society" is part of the college's mission statement, he noted that it happens through the efforts of hundreds of individuals—students, faculty and members of the staff—who choose to come together in multiple ways to make a difference, whether tutoring area children, raising funds for the American Cancer Society or helping provide a village in Africa with clean water.

"Hope College being the recipient of the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification is an authentic reflection of the college's commitment to service to others," Dr. Frost said.

"It's a commitment that is reflected strongly in the academic community, the mission of Campus Ministries and the co-curricular energy of student organizations," he said. "What's most heartening and unique is that this does not emanate from a place of centrality, but from our own hearts and Christian convictions that call us to serve one another."

The Carnegie Foundation's listing highlights colleges and universities that demonstrate excellent community engagement locally or beyond, showing alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices. First offered in 2006, the classification enables the foundation to address elements of institutional mission and distinctiveness not represented in the national data on colleges and universities.



Some service efforts are as simple as taking rake in hand on a Saturday morning and helping the residents of the neighborhood around campus with their leaves.



Hope's selection to the "2010 Community Engagement Classification" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching reflects the college's institution-wide emphasis on service and service-learning, a signature characteristic of the college that takes many

"Through a classification that acknowledges significant commitment to and demonstration of community engagement, the Foundation encourages colleges and universities to become more deeply engaged, to improve teaching and learning and to generate socially responsive knowledge to

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— Dr. Richard Frost, vice president for student development and dean of students

forms. The many student-led efforts include the annual fall Relay for Life on behalf of the American Cancer Society. More than 750 signed up to walk the Dow Center track during the overnight event this year (and to enjoy fellowship and activities in between), raising more than \$35,000.

benefit communities," said Carnegie President Anthony Bryk. "We are very pleased with the movement we are seeing in this direction."

Participation in the classification is elective, based on applications submitted by the colleges and universities describing the nature and extent of their engagement with the community. Of the institutions that



Each year, more than 150 students commit to serving as tutors with the Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program, working one-on-one from September through April with an elementary-age student.

the foundation invited to apply this year, 305 registered to receive the application and 154 applied. The 115 that were selected include 66 public institutions and 49 private institutions across 34 states. Hope is one of 25 baccalaureate colleges selected this year, and one of four institutions from Michigan on the 2010 list, which was announced on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

The foundation has named a total of 311 institutions to the classification since the program debuted in 2006.

Service and outreach activities originated at Hope take place across the nation and abroad as well as locally, and include initiatives connected to course-work, coordinated by Hope offices and departments, and initiated by students as volunteer efforts. Among other examples:

- Fourth-semester Spanish students volunteer as ESL teachers working with area adults through a program coordinated with Latin Americans United for Progress, writing essays about their experience to connect their service to their own learning.
- The Center for Faithful Leadership, an academic program, involves students in coursework and other activities that have included providing consulting services for area organizations and teaching leadership principles to high school students.
- The Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program and TRIO Hope College Upward Bound program work with the area schools in providing tutoring and other activities for elementary-age children and high school students, with Hope students serving as tutors.
- Hundreds of students work together to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life each fall and for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital through the Dance Marathon each spring.
- Students travel throughout the country and to Central America and the Caribbean through spring break service and immersion trips coordinated by Campus Ministries and other programs.
- The college's chapter of Engineers Without Borders and faculty and students in the department of nursing have traveled to Africa multiple times for a project focused on water quality and community health in Nkuv, Cameroon.

The Dance Marathon held each March unites more than 500 students in raising funds for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. The 24 hours that the marathon runs in the Dow Center culminate planning and dedicated effort that begin in the opening weeks of the school year. This year's event, held on Friday-Saturday, March 11-12, raised \$90,390.69, bringing Dance Marathon's 12-year total to more than \$920,000 "For the Kids."



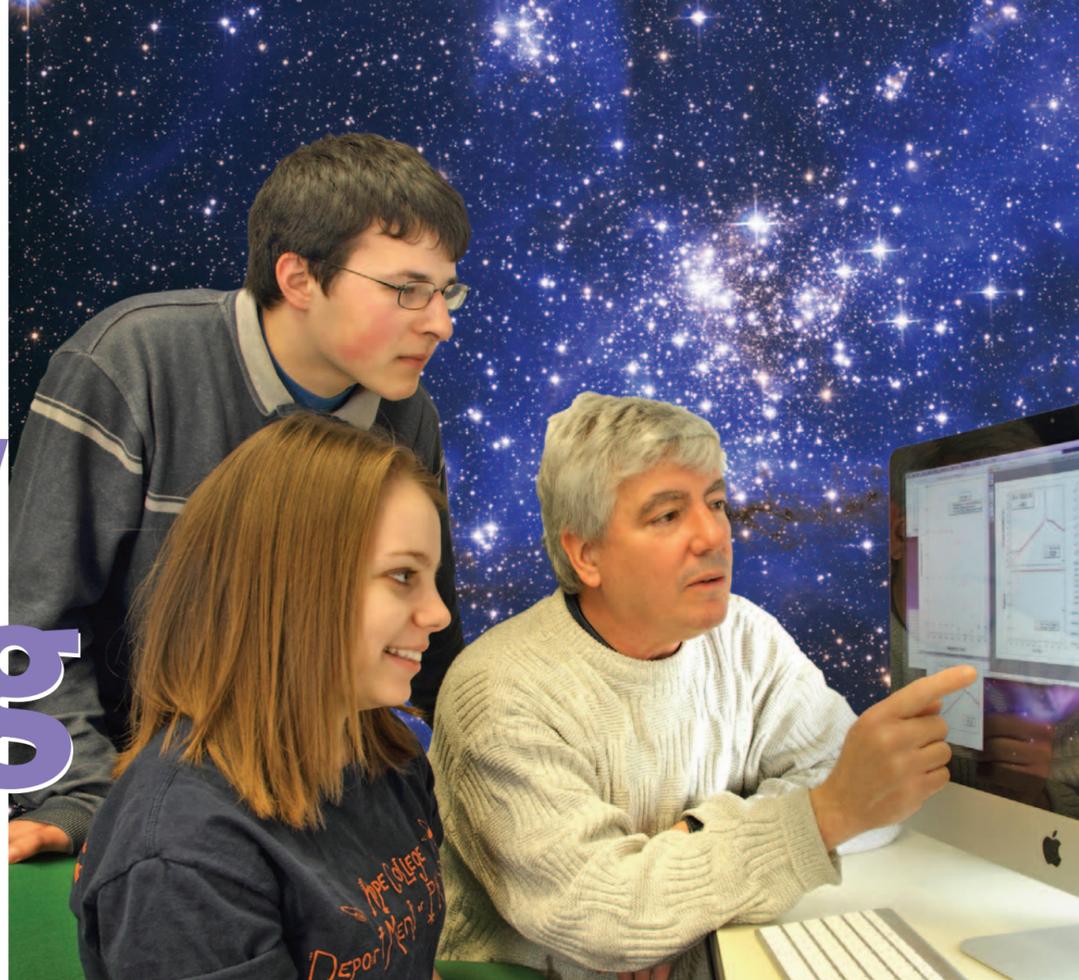
Individuals and student organizations find numerous other ways to serve and connect as well, from mentoring children one-on-one to cleaning area beaches.

A variety of the efforts at Hope have received recognition through the years. The college's "Time to Serve" program—which involves freshmen in service projects early in their first semester to help introduce them to needs and opportunities in the community—received a 2001 Distinguished Service Award from Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc. The Nkuv, Cameroon, project was named one of four finalists for Michigan's 2008 Carter Partnership Award. This past June, CASA received the statewide "Outstanding Mentoring Program Award" in the 2010 Governor's Service Award program. Hope's chapter of the Mortar Board college honor society consistently receives multiple "Project Excellence Awards" each year for its service projects, and in July received the national organization's highest honor for exemplifying the society's ideals of scholarship, leadership and service in the most outstanding manner.





Stellar Research, Stellar Learning



Featuring distances so vast and detailed calculations so precise and complex that they each in their way seem to approach the infinite, the astrophysical research conducted by Dr. Peter Gonthier of the physics faculty provides a stellar learning opportunity for the students who work with him.

Dr. Gonthier, in collaboration with Hope students, has been studying the rotating stars known as pulsars for nearly 20 years. His research is currently supported by three federal grants—two from NASA, the second of which he received this summer; and a third, awarded this fall, through the “Research in Undergraduate Institutions” program of the

National Science Foundation, a collaborative grant in conjunction with Rice University.

He is engaged by the opportunity to address fundamental questions about how the universe works, but—like his colleagues throughout the division of the natural and applied sciences at Hope—he is particularly driven by providing a chance for students to learn how science works by involving them in the process. Students are regularly co-researchers with him, working on campus during the school year and summer as well as at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.; making presentations at professional conferences; and even earning co-author status on publications.

The research itself matters as scientific inquiry—hence the multiple competitive federal grants that Dr. Gonthier has received through the years—but it’s the opportunity for undergraduate-level students to participate that he feels especially stands out at Hope.

“Basically, anybody that wants to do research can do research at Hope, and that’s what makes it unique,” he said.

Sophomore Caleb Billman of New Ringgold, Pa., enrolled at Hope interested in astrophysical research specifically, and joined Dr. Gonthier’s team as a freshman. He was drawn to the college because of the strong physics program and emphasis on research, and hasn’t been disappointed.

“I introduced myself to Dr. Gonthier towards the end of the fall last year, and he got me involved right away,” Billman said. “It’s helped me to see some real applications of what I’m learning about in class.”

Junior Caitlin Taylor of Kalamazoo, Mich.,

Faculty-student collaborative research at Hope reaches for the stars, with students actively involved in Dr. Peter Gonthier’s ongoing investigation of the rotating stars known as pulsars, conducted with colleagues at NASA and other institutions. Above, sophomore Caleb

worked with Dr. Gonthier this past year while exploring different specializations within physics. As she seeks to choose a focus, she has found her experiences invaluable, particularly as she looks ahead toward graduate school.

“I really like research. I would recommend it to everyone who’s a science major,” she said.

“It teaches you a work ethic,” she said. “And you’re working with professors, not for professors.”

She especially enjoyed the time she spent at Goddard, where she met scientists from around the world, and had a chance to see how they worked together as well.

“You can hear actual collaboration between them,” she said. “It gives you a better idea of how the process works.”

Dr. Gonthier’s background is in experimental nuclear physics, but he became interested in pulsars during a 1991 sabbatical in Germany. He has pursued a variety of research questions related to them in the years since, with his current projects—conducted with colleagues at NASA and other institutions—focusing on how they work and developing computer models to further aid in understanding them.

Billman and junior Caitlin Taylor and Dr. Gonthier review data related to their work developing computer models to further aid in understanding how pulsars work. (Photo by Lou Schakel '71 and composite illustration by Wes Wooley '89.)

Pulsars are extremely dense neutron stars which have the mass of one and a half of the earth’s sun packed within a ball 16 miles in diameter. They rotate rapidly, completing a revolution in a range between once every 10 seconds and a thousand times a second. Highly magnetized, they shoot out a beam of radiation that, given the spinning, makes the star seem to pulse as the beam passes into view.

Dr. Gonthier’s newest funding from the NSF, a three-year, \$124,103 grant that is providing support through August of 2013, has been awarded collaboratively to Hope as well as Goddard and Rice University. The research leads at both other institutions—Dr. Alice Harding of Goddard and Dr. Matthew Baring of Rice University—are each scientists with whom he and his students have worked on other projects. In fact, one of his former student researchers, Sarah Story '07, is now a graduate student in the Physics and Astronomy Department at Rice working in high-energy astrophysics with Dr. Baring, who she met during one of her Hope summers at Goddard. She credits the contacts she made as one of many benefits in her research experience.

“I presented posters at a lot of conferences, I gave a talk at the First Fermi Symposium in California, and in the end had a paper published on my undergraduate work,” said Story, who was the lead author of the article. “And the experience with the process of doing research was tremendously helpful to me as I started doing graduate school.”

Through the newest NSF award, Dr. Gonthier’s research group has continued, in collaboration with Dr. Harding, to develop and refine computer models to reflect the behavior and even predict the characteristics of gamma-ray pulsars, drawing upon the new data made available since the 2008 launch of the Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope. With Dr. Baring’s team at Rice, they are studying the characteristics of magnetars, a variety of pulsar that has an intensely high magnetic field—the highest in the universe, according to Dr. Gonthier.

The work involves scale that is simultaneously unimaginably enormous and microscopically small. For example, one of the stars being studied in the Hope-Rice project is located about 200,000 light years away—some one million trillion miles. Conversely, in conducting its investigations the team is considering the way that tiny particles called photons, in the form of X-rays emitted from the hot surface of the stars, and extremely rapidly moving electrons interact, boosting the photons to even higher energies.

The interaction is called inverse Compton scattering to reflect the relationship as the particles essentially bounce off from one another. In Compton scattering, photons lose energy that they transfer to the electrons with which they connect. In inverse Compton scattering, the photons instead gain energy from the electrons. The interactions in the case of the magnetars, Dr. Gonthier and his fellow researchers believe, are distinctive.

“What we want to do is develop some very clear analytics for the scientific community to use,” Dr. Gonthier said.

“There’s a resonance in the scattering process, and this resonance has not been properly taken into account,” he said. “Basically, we are trying to improve our understanding of the resonance scattering process by developing an accurate, exact description of the process.”

Pulsars were discovered in the 1960s, when scientists observed radio waves coming from them. The range of electromagnetic radiation, however, is much broader, covering also microwaves, infrared, visible light, ultraviolet light, X rays and, at the highest end, gamma rays.

Dr. Gonthier said that the pulsars that produce radio waves remain the best known—some 1,880 have been recorded—because their emissions are detectable from earth. The gamma radiation, in contrast, requires space-based instruments to discover because earth’s atmosphere blocks it.

He noted that the highly sensitive Fermi telescope has made a significant difference in the discovery and study of gamma-ray pulsars. Where Fermi’s predecessor had discovered seven to eight gamma-ray pulsars during its entire nine-year life, Fermi found about 60 in its first year. At the same time, other instruments are able to detect pulsars of other radiation types.

With the college’s leading involvement in the explorations that are resulting, Hope undergraduates will continue to have a singular opportunity to reach for the stars for years to come.

“Fermi has opened up a new and very exciting field of astrophysics that is fertile ground for students to explore,” Dr. Gonthier said. “And Hope is up there with it, in a sense. We’re connected.”

Astronomical studies have a long history at Hope. For nearly 50 years, from 1894 until 1941, the Ackerman Hoyt Observatory stood on a hill once located on the site of today’s DeWitt Center (this view from near Columbia Avenue looks generally west-southwest. At left is the now-vacated 12th Street between Columbia and College; at right in the background is former Van Raalte Hall). Even as high-end research on the stars today involves intensive work at the computer, students can still get a magnified view of the heavens through the Harry F. Frissel Observatory, installed on the roof of VanderWerf Hall during the 2001-02 school year.





Pillars of Hope



Dr. Richard Mezeske '69

Barbara Skidmore '70 Mezeske

The members of the faculty are not only of Hope; they are Hope, personifying the spirit of the college's name by dedicating their present to preparing students to make the most of the future.

Four full-time members of the faculty are retiring at the end of the school year after touching thousands of lives across decades



Dr. C. Baars Bultman '71

of devoted service: **Dr. C. Baars Bultman '71**, professor of education (1987); **Barbara Skidmore '70 Mezeske**, associate professor of English (1978); **Dr. Richard Mezeske '69**, professor of education and chairperson of the department (1992); and **Dr. William Mungall**, who is the Elmer E. Hartgerink Professor of Chemistry and health professions advisor (1971). Together with Jon Huisken, who is dean for academic services and registrar and an adjunct associate professor of English (1969), whose retirement was announced in the December issue of *News from Hope College*, their time at Hope totals 158 years.

Dr. C. Baars Bultman '71

Dr. C. Baars Bultman '71 can relate when his students in the department of education explain why they want to become teachers. "When you ask my students here 'Why choose teaching?', the answer is almost universal: they had great teachers," he said. "It was the same for me. I had good high school experiences."

It made a career in teaching a natural choice, and for several years after graduation he even taught in the same Fremont, Mich., school system that had been such a positive part of his own life.

He had also enjoyed Hope as a student, and when the opportunity arose to return as a member of the faculty there was no question of whether or not he'd take it. "I love being at Hope," he said. "Because it just is a place full of good people."

Dr. Bultman's scholarship has included a variety of articles, reviews and poems, and a chapter in the departmental book *Finding*

Our Way: Reforming Teacher Education in the Liberal Arts Setting, and in retirement he'll be working on some projects he simply hasn't yet found the time to complete. With his graduate degrees emphasizing history and political science, he has also been teaching in those departments, and he anticipates continuing to do so part-time. He noted that doing so will take some of the sting out of what he'll miss most in retirement.

"I will miss the students," he said. "It's the first thing on my mind, which makes it so alluring that I can come back and work with some students. That's a real treasure, and always has been."

Barbara Skidmore '70 Mezeske

There are many ways both colleges and students strive to be deliberate in the admissions process.

And then there's serendipity. As a Chicagoland high school student, Barbara Skidmore '70 Mezeske brought home a book filled with information about colleges

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and universities. Leafing through it, her mother noticed one town in particular.

"My mother said, 'Holland, Michigan. I've always wanted to go to the Tulip Festival,'" she said. "That was the hook; that was the thing that made us notice Hope College."

After graduating from Hope, Professor Mezeske taught high school English for seven years, which she enjoyed but left when as a new mother she wasn't able to arrange a suitable job-share. She was hoping to find a way to continue as in education when Hope came into her life again, with a part-time position developing the freshman composition program.

"Out of the blue, I got the call," she said. "One of my former students at Jenison was a Hope student whose work faculty member Dirk Jellema liked. Dirk said, 'Where'd you learn to write?' and he said, 'Barb Mezeske.'"

She became full-time a few years later, and her role expanded to include coordinating the freshman composition program and teaching literature and other writing courses (she has taught more than 3,500 students). Her scholarship has included co-editing two books with her husband, Dr. Richard Mezeske '69 of the education faculty. She has also been active in sharing the art of teaching, including through the Teaching Enhancement Workshop and by leading Hope's faculty mentoring program.

Her greatest love, though, remains English 113, and she will especially miss working with Hope's newest students on the writing process. "You engage with students in writing courses in a much more intimate and personal way than in courses that are primarily about content," she said.

Dr. Richard Mezeske '69

Role models can have a profound impact, guiding life and career choices and outlooks in ways they likely never imagine.

For Dr. Richard Mezeske '69, it was his high school Latin teacher.

"She was doing creative teaching and finding ways to engage students long before that was the norm," he said. "She was my role model and she inspired me. She and I were good friends until she died at 97."

He focused on student literacy after graduation from Hope, and taught at multiple levels before returning as a member of the faculty—first, middle school English; then, as a reading consultant for five K-5 buildings; and later, helping prisoners learn to read at the former Saugatuck Dunes Correctional Facility.

He'd had a good experience as a Hope student, making him eager to return when the opportunity arose. "I wanted to be able to do the same for Hope students that Hope College did for me," he said.

Beyond his contributions in the classroom, Dr. Mezeske has made a lasting difference in leading the development of Hope's relationship with Liverpool Hope University in England. Expanding college-wide, the connections began with education exchanges that include student-teaching abroad. "I'm delighted by that because I think our students need to have that international perspective, and at Liverpool it's a multicultural perspective as well," he said. He also co-edited, with wife Barbara Skidmore '70 Mezeske, books that share the department's story and highlight creative teaching at Hope.

He retires proud of a department that consistently earns highest marks from the state for excellence—and does it with heart. "We have a rigorous program, but we still focus on the individual student," he said. "We haven't become cold and uncaring."

Dr. William Mungall

Job interviews work both ways.

As a young Ph.D. organic chemist seeking his first teaching position, Dr. William Mungall didn't arrive for his interview certain he'd want to teach at Hope, but what he found convinced him that he ought to give it a try.

"I was very impressed primarily with the fact that the students were involved in the interview," he said. "It seemed like this place was much more student-oriented than I was used to."

He especially valued the college's commitment to involving students in research, which he knew from his own undergraduate days was transformational.

"It's the kind of experience that changes

your whole understanding of what science is all about," he said. "I could see that there were people here that were doing a lot of research and doing it very well with undergraduates. That was a necessary and very attractive thing to me."

In the 40 years since, Dr. Mungall has involved 102 students in research for more than a semester each. Many have co-authored journal articles with him; some have become college instructors and are now inspiring students themselves.

In recent years, Dr. Mungall has also advised students interested in dental school or medical school (for which Hope's acceptance rates are among the nation's best). As with his research group, he's appreciated the chance to encounter students beyond their coursework.

"I get to know students in a much broader and more in-depth context than through strictly teaching organic chemistry," he said. "I am genuinely impressed by the things that our students do and their accomplishments."

"I've worked with some really outstanding and interesting people," he said. "That's been a lot of fun." 🐦

Editor's Note: Biographical sketches of all four professors are featured on Hope's website, as is the December 2010 story about Jon Huisken.

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Dr. William Mungall





A Servant's Heart

By Chris Lewis '09

At times, everyone desires change. For many people, the move to another city or state, or the acceptance of a new job, provides a renewed sense of direction and purpose. Yet, for some, change must not only directly impact their own lives, but the lives of others as well.

Senior Luke Eastburg of Grand Rapids, Mich., was first interested in studying abroad and volunteering while he was still a sophomore pre-medical student.

"I have to give a lot of credit to Dr. Beard in the political science department for really challenging me to engage the world in which I live," he said. "I had her for African politics last year, and she is definitely an example of someone who deeply cares about international issues and is doing something to solve them."

Having lived in West Michigan for his entire life, he longed to leave the area for an extended time period and to focus his attention on others.

"Growing up, I was only focused on myself and my own interests, whether it was my schoolwork or even relationships," he said. "I generally felt like I was a selfish person and I wanted to change that."

He has done so with such devotion that the West Michigan Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals awarded him a "President's Award" last November. The award recognizes only one West Michigan resident each year for extraordinary commitment to community service. Due to his exemplary leadership capabilities while establishing an ongoing project on behalf of the Itsoseng Center, a facility for disabled children in South Africa, Eastburg was honored for devoting five months of his collegiate career towards the goal of ultimately ending world poverty and hunger.

Eastburg's journey began with research into the various study-abroad opportunities offered by Hope, as well as other educational institutions and service organizations. He ultimately discovered a volunteer position at a hospital near Cape Town, South Africa, that would allow him to further his educational pursuits, while working with medical professionals and helping patients. He also learned that he could spend additional time at the Itsoseng Center after he worked at the hospital.

As months quickly passed and he prepared for his five-month-long service expedition, he anticipated the journey to Africa, as well as the ways in which he would be able to change others' lives.

Little did he know, his own life was about to change as well.

Last January, Eastburg packed his bags and flew to a small town three hours away from Cape Town. For the first month of his study-



Senior pre-medical student Luke Eastburg combined his interests in studying abroad and being of service through a semester in South Africa. His experience connected him with the Itsoseng Center for Disabled Children about three

hours' drive from Johannesburg. The children's plight so touched his heart that he subsequently played a leadership role in developing a charitable effort on the center's behalf and has found new focus as he looks ahead.

abroad experience, he volunteered at a hospital known as Riversdale, which allowed him to interact with and help numerous patients.

"My position was very similar to that of a nursing assistant, but with a lot less restrictions," he said. "On a daily basis, I provided IVs and blood transfusions to patients; changed wound dressings; and assisted with

some child births, as well as some other procedures that I would have never been able to do in the United States."

In February, he was transferred to a South African volunteer organization called the Dreamcatcher Foundation, which specializes in poverty alleviation and was sponsoring the Itsoseng Center. Located in Phuthaditjhaba, a small town approximately three hours from Johannesburg, the center had been in desperate need for some volunteer assistance for a long time, but, surprisingly, Eastburg was the first volunteer and foreigner to ever help the operation's founder, Merriam Matjele, on a regular basis.

As the mother of a disabled child, Matjele has been determined to care for other disabled children throughout the last two decades. At first, she offered to watch over children while their parents worked; when more and more parents soon stopped picking up their children from her, she decided to adopt them as her own.

Unfortunately, although Matjele's community service has been well-recognized throughout the region, she simply does not have the money or resources to raise the children in a sanitary, well-groomed facility.

Eastburg noticed Matjele's dire economic situation immediately and was utterly shocked

by the conditions of both the center and the children.

"Some of the center's children had previously been abused and neglected throughout most of their lives and it was completely obvious," he said. "A nine-year-old girl appeared to be four since she was so underdeveloped. She even had scars from the time in which rats had literally been eating her alive. I think the children are some of the world's most neglected people."

Eastburg's responsibilities slowly increased from cleaning floors and feeding children to changing diapers and offering medications. Since he was one of only two people caring for the center's 25 children at any given time, the work simply never ended. His capabilities for servanthood were constantly tested.

In addition to the perpetual needs of the children, Eastburg noticed the limited resources of the facility – resources that most people take for granted each day.

Currently, the center only has only two toilets and each one must be repaired as they are not conducive to the needs of disabled children. Also, the center does not have any showers. Consequently, Matjele is forced to clean the children with washcloths as there are no other options.

Due to the facility's wide ranging needs, as well as the health conditions of the center's children and Matjele's lack of resources, Eastburg realized just how blessed he is to have the basic necessities of life – and then some.

Although his appreciation for life in Holland increased and his compassion for others improved, he knew his dedication towards service could not possibly end once he left Africa; he would need to assist Matjele and the center's children in the future.

Throughout the last few months, Eastburg and his friend, Genny Hykin, along with his parents, Mark and Susan, have established an advisory board, known as the Itsoseng Project, on behalf of the center. Meanwhile, through his church, Grand Rapids' Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church, an account has been created for donations towards the center.

"We are presently planning several upgrades for the center, including showers and plumbing repairs. We are also adding solar panels so the children can have hot water," he said. "Ultimately though, we would like to build a completely new center for the children."

Eastburg also still plans to attend medical school, starting in fall 2012. Upon graduating from Hope, though, he will likely first spend a year in Africa, including a month at the Itsoseng Center in hopes of continuing to support Matjele, whose giving example helped inspire him.

"Merriam completely embodies a person who has devoted her life to serving others," he said. "She is a real-life example of what it means to give of yourself for the common needs of the world." 🙌

Editor's Note: Additional information about the Itsoseng Center and the Itsoseng Project is available online, as is a link to an August Grand Rapids Press story about Eastburg's work.

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Luke Eastburg with Dineo, one of the children at the Itsoseng Center.

"To desire and strive to be of some service to the world, to aim at doing something which shall really increase the happiness and welfare and virtue of mankind – this is a choice which is possible for all of us; and surely it is a good haven to sail for."

– Henry Van Dyke



Luke Eastburg at Sentential Peak with friends from South Africa, including at far right Merriam Matjele, who founded and runs the Itsoseng Center.





Building Hope on Experience



Bringing the college's new Kruizenga Art Museum from vision to fruition is a team effort, beginning with the generosity of the building's donors and drawing heavily on the talents of Matt VanderBorgh '84 and Donald Battjes '68, art alumni whose career paths have led them to unique roles in shaping the facility. Vander Borgh has gone on to a career as an architect who has completed projects around the world, and

is bringing his internationally acclaimed expertise back to Hope as designer of the museum. Battjes, newly retired from a career in corporate facilities and real estate administration, most recently as chief of operations and facility planning with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, is playing a leadership role in guiding the museum's programmatic needs from the drawing boards to realization.

Equipped with their Hope art degrees, they realized their dreams.

Today, Matt Vander Borgh '84 of The Hague, the Netherlands, and Donald Battjes '68 of Los Angeles, Calif., bring their individual talents and training back to the college, applying career expertise honed through decades of experience. They are helping make the new Kruizenga Art Museum a place that will enable new generations of students to achieve their dreams, too.

An architect internationally acclaimed for his work, Vander Borgh is director of C Concept Design, which has developed projects in 19 countries on four continents. He has worked closely with Hope in designing a building that will not only provide a home for the college's magnificent Permanent Collection but will itself serve as a work of art that will express in form its purpose in function, and will become a hive of activity that extends itself into the campus and engages students and community alike.

Battjes is playing a leadership role in aiding the college to guide the museum's programmatic needs from the from the drawing boards to an enduring structure as an outstanding center for learning—a complex journey given its specialized nature. Recently retired, he is highly respected in his profession for having done the same for major corporations, such as Hughes Aircraft and 20th Century Film Corporation, and for the past 14 years as chief of operations and facility planning with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA).

Although they attended 16 years apart, their Hope journeys share some parallels. Each came to the college with generational ties, Vander Borgh the son of Clarence '60 and Joann Barton '58 Vander Borgh, and Battjes the son of Donald, Sr. '46 and Maxine Van Zylén '44 Battjes. Each also pursued an art major because of a strong interest in architecture, planning and design.

Matt Vander Borgh has more reason than most to love the college's art program.

Without question, he valued his Hope experience in general and his art faculty mentors in particular.

"Academically, it was a great school," Vander Borgh said. "And it had a great art department—people like Billy Mayer, Bob Vickers, Del Michel and Jack Wilson."

It happens, though, that it's also why he met his wife, Me Hyun (Cho '88). He was in the De Pree Art Center working on a project when she came into the front entryway to hang a poster for the college's International Night.

That same entryway offers an ideal view of the space that will soon house the Kruizenga Art Museum.

Since graduation, Vander Borgh, who completed his master's in architecture at Harvard University, has lived on both coasts of the U.S. as well as in Hong Kong, Korea, Japan and Austria in addition to the Netherlands. "One of the great things about architecture is that, at least in the design side, you can do it anywhere," he said.

His international experiences have prepared him for—and interested him in—pursuing projects around the world, from Angola to Thailand, from the Ukraine to the U.S., and he understands the importance of a global perspective. "We're often working with completely different cultures and completely different perspectives, aesthetics and

experiences, and it's important for us to be able to work with them," he said.

He correspondingly appreciates the college's emphasis on preparing graduates to live in a complex, interconnected world. The design of the new, 10,000-square-foot art museum, distinctive from the other buildings on campus in its role as a center for reflection regarding the works within, bespeaks that priority.

"Hope is bigger, more global in outlook than provincial, and I think that's a very important element of the museum space," he said. "Contemporary museums provide visitors an opportunity to think differently about their life, to think differently about the way that they live, to think about the buildings that they inhabit."

He has been particularly guided in his approach to the museum's design by the vision of lead donors Richard '52 and Margaret Feldman '52 Kruizenga of Irving, Texas, who he noted desired "a unique and expressive building on the campus with the feeling of transparency... a fluidity between the building and the campus environment."

He's been able to involve other young Hope professionals in realizing the vision as well, at the same time helping them to gain crucial career experience. Kelsey Browne '09 had an internship with C Concept Design in spring 2010, and Justin Mast '04 will be an intern with the firm this summer.

Vander Borgh has enjoyed the opportunity to work with Hope and be a part of the college's future, all while coming full-circle.

"I was there the first year when De Pree opened," he said. "It's nice to be part of the second-generation addition to De Pree."

Donald Battjes notes that while family connections prompted his initial look at Hope, it's his own professional experience that has kept him involved. "Hope was a terrific, nurturing, institution which gave me the personal encouragement in the liberal arts," he said.

As much as he enjoyed his time on campus, he found going abroad no less significant. After his third year, and prepared with French he learned at Hope, Battjes attended the Ecoles des Beaux Arts in Fontainebleau, France to study architecture and sculpture with Master Class instructors from Europe.

The experience was transformational. He and other architecture students were tasked with designing a center for puppetry, and the art form captured his imagination. Back at Hope, he developed a marionette production as his senior project, and after graduation he founded Donald Battjes Puppets, presenting programs throughout the Midwest.

His interests in the fine arts and architecture combined in 1975, when he was hired by the National Endowment for the Arts to restore and reactivate the 1900-era Calumet Opera house in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

He subsequently moved to California, where he first worked in architectural planning with Crocker Bank and subsequently in senior positions in corporate facilities and real estate

administration with 20th Century Fox and Hughes Aircraft. Along the way, he retained his interest in puppetry, and in 1988 acquired the Bob Baker Marionettes, the nation's longest-running marionette theatre, refurbishing the theatre and expanding its manufacturing facility—expanding and developing contracts with Disney and Warner Bros. before selling the company back to its previous owner.

He joined LACMA in 1997. In his 14 years with the organization, the museum engaged in major renovations and added two gallery buildings, for a total of eight on its 24-acre campus. "It was the perfect culmination of all my skills. It was great, and I loved it," he said.

Directly familiar with what it takes to build and run a first-rate art museum and having led projects involving international teams such as Hope's, Battjes is providing an indispensable service to Hope as a consultant. In turn, he notes that he appreciates the opportunity to apply a lifetime of experience on behalf of his alma mater.

Even as they are themselves working to make the art museum a reality, Vander Borgh and Battjes both emphasize the vital role played by the Kruizengas, whose support has included not only lead funding for the building, but endowments for the exhibition program and a curator, all of which not only make the museum possible but will enhance its role as a teaching resource.

Scott Wolterink '88, vice president for college advancement at Hope, noted that the team dynamic embodied by the art museum project is an ideal that has sustained the college since its beginning, and remains critical in ensuring a strong and greater Hope in the future.

"Matt Vander Borgh, Donald Battjes, and Richard and Margaret Kruizenga provide outstanding examples of the crucial difference that the college's alumni and friends can and do make in the life of the college," Wolterink said. "They love Hope, and each in their own way are helping to build something that will help to shape Hope students for many years to come."

"When we find the right people to help Hope pull something together, that's what we hope will happen," he said. "We hope others will join them to fully fund this exciting project." ✍️

Editor's Note: More about the college's Permanent Collection and ways that the Kruizenga Art Museum will enhance Hope's academic program can be found in the June 2010 issue of News from Hope College.

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conceptual rendering only

The new Kruizenga Art Museum will enhance the role of the college's Permanent Collection as a teaching tool, providing space and resources to view and conduct scholarship on works from around the world and spanning centuries. This conceptual rendering of the museum looks northeast from above Kollen Hall. The DeWitt Center is at lower left, the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication at upper left, and the De Pree Art Center at upper right.

Matt Vander Borgh '84 and Donald Battjes '68 are returning their talents and training back to the college, applying career expertise honed through decades of experience. They are helping make the new Kruizenga Art Museum a place that will enable new generations of students to achieve their dreams.



Jennifer Young Tait of English Faculty Mourned

The Hope community has been saddened by the untimely death of Dr. Jennifer Young Tait of the English faculty.

Dr. Young Tait, who was 35, died on Saturday, March 19, after suffering complications from premature childbirth. Her son, Solomon, was delivered early and has survived.

An associate professor of English, she was a popular professor who in 2008 received the "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award from that year's graduating class.

She was no less treasured by her friends and colleagues. "Jennifer Young was a fine teacher-scholar who modeled for students what it meant to find joy in learning," said Provost Dr. Richard Ray. "She was a wonderful mentor, a valued colleague and a trusted friend. Her loss will be felt far beyond the confines of the English Department. Indeed, the entire Hope College community will miss her terribly."

A funeral service was held at Grace Episcopal Church of Holland on Friday, March 25, with the faculty processing together in academic regalia. Members of the campus community also assisted with the arrangements and participated in the service. Because the college was on spring break, arrangements at press time for opportunities on campus for prayer and mutual support were pending.

Dr. Young Tait had been a member of the Hope faculty since 2002, and had come to the college as a Preparing Future Faculty pre-doctoral teaching fellow through a program in which Hope participates with Howard University of Washington, D.C. She taught African-American literature, women's studies and creative-writing courses. In August 2004, she co-delivered the college's Opening Convocation address with colleague Dr. Stephen Hemenway. Her activities at Hope had also included serving as an advisor to the Black Student Union student organization and on several campus committees.

She was a distinguished scholar who received numerous grants and awards, including a prestigious Andrew J. Mellon fellowship, to pursue her scholarly interests, which included early writers of the African Diaspora, African-American literature, and jazz and hip-hop as literature. She wrote



Dr. Jennifer Young Tait

poetry and was working on a memoir, *Visa, My Visa*, which told the story of her courtship and engagement to her Jamaican husband, Ralph Tait.

Most recently, she was awarded a GLCA New Directions grant to study the life and work of Bai T. Moore, a contemporary Liberian poet, a project on which she began working after visiting Liberia as part of a teacher-training initiative. She was a member of RISE Liberia, an organization committed to rebuilding the infrastructure of Liberia through education, co-founded by Fatu Kamara '04.

An organ donor, she saved or enhanced the lives of more than 50 people through her gifts.

In addition to her husband and son, survivors include her mother, a sister and two brothers, and in-laws.

The Solomon Arthur Young Tait Fund has been established on her son's behalf. Donations may be made to the fund care of Grace Episcopal Church, 555 Michigan Ave.; Holland, MI 49423. 📧

Editor's Note: Additional materials online include reflections from English faculty colleague Dr. David Klooster centered on their trip to Liberia in 2008 to conduct a workshop for university professors.

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Tradition-Rich Season

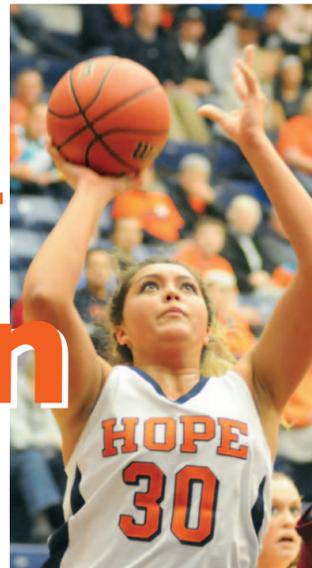
Hope's tradition-rich basketball program highlighted the winter sports season with record performances, conference championships and post-season tournament appearances.

The men's basketball season was launched under first-year coach Matt Neil '82, who took over the reins after a long tenure as an assistant to now-retired coach Glenn Van Wieren '64. The program did not lose a beat, winning a record 35th Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic (MIAA) championship and advancing to the NCAA Division III tournament for a 22nd time.

There were many season highlights. Senior Will Bowser of Midland, Mich., (pictured above to the right) scored a school-record, home-floor 46 points in an overtime victory over Kalamazoo.

The Flying Dutchmen defeated rival Calvin in two of their three meetings to take a five-win advantage in the storied series.

Two victories were especially meaningful for coach Neil whose sons, Logan and Grant, were members of the



basketball program. Grant, a freshman, played on the junior varsity team, and Logan, a junior, was a key contributor on the varsity. In fact, Logan was a key contributor in two of coach Neil's 22 first-year victories. He was the leading scorer in his father's first collegiate victory (23 points against Aquinas, 92-69), and led the team in scoring in the MIAA title-clinching game (17 points against Olivet, 65-60).

Bowser, who became the 18th Hope male basketball player to score more than 1,200 points, received All-MIAA first team and All-Region honors.

The women's basketball program continued its string of successes by advancing to the NCAA championships for a sixth consecutive year after sharing the conference (MIAA) championship with rival Calvin.

The Flying Dutch, under coach Brian Morehouse, posted a 27-3 season record.

In 15 seasons under coach Morehouse, the Flying Dutch have posted a record of 375-63. This year's senior class, led by All-American Carrie Snickers of Jenison, Mich., (pictured above to the left), compiled a four-year record of 117-8.

Snickers was joined on the All-MIAA first team by senior Erika Bruinsma of Grand Rapids, Mich. Sophomore Liz Ellis of East Grand Rapids, Mich., was honored as the MIAA's defensive player of the year.

Snickers was again named a consensus All-American. She became the first Hope basketball player (male or female) to receive first-team All-America honors three consecutive years.

There were two other very memorable basketball moments.

One didn't occur on the basketball court, but in Lake Macatawa as coaches Morehouse and Neil took The Plunge into the icy waters to benefit Special Olympics

(see photo above). Hope's basketball program has a long history with Special Olympics going back to coach Russ DeVette '45. This year, involvement with Special Olympics gained a national emphasis through NCAA Division III.

The second occurred just as Hope's season was ending. The death of a basketball player at nearby Fennville High School was devastating to those in that small nearby community (see page five). The high school team was coached by Hope basketball alumni Ryan Klinger '01 and his wife Becky Sutton '02 Klinger. In the aftermath, the college reached out to Fennville by offering DeVos Fieldhouse as a location for the team's district tournament games. The impact of this tragic death and the community's reaction to it captured the attention of a national audience through the media. More than 10,000 fans filled DeVos over the three tournament games.



Sophomores Libby Westrate and Josh Grabijas each competed in three freestyle events at the NCAA Division III Swimming & Diving Championships. Westrate's best finish was in the 50 sprint (20th) and Grabijas' best was in the marathon 1,650 (17th).

Swimming and Diving

Both Hope swimming and diving teams garnered second place in the MIAA championships under coach John Patnott.

Eleven Hope athletes received All-MIAA honors: junior Patrick Frayer of Grand Rapids, Mich.; sophomore Josh Grabijas of Howell, Mich.; sophomore Nick Hazekamp of Janesville, Wis.; freshman Jacob Hunt of Muskegon, Mich.; senior Ashley Jasperse of Grand Rapids, Mich.; sophomore Geoff Ludema of Ada, Mich.; junior Andrew Rose of Holland, Mich.; junior Jeff Shade of Davison, Mich.; junior Sarah Sohn of Arlington Heights, Ill.; senior Alicia Tuuk of Lansing, Ill.; and sophomore Libby Westrate of Grandville, Mich.

Two Flying Dutch were triple winners at the MIAA championships: Libby Westrate in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle events, and Sarah Sohn in the 500 and 1650 freestyle and 400 individual medley. Sohn's time in the 1650 was a conference record.



Hockey

For the second straight year and the third time in school history, the Flying Dutchmen finished second at the national tournament of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). This year's nationals were held in Holland, Mich.

Coached by Chris Van Timmeren '97 (pictured above), the Flying Dutchmen won a school-record 28 games. Named ACHA All-Americans were junior forward Chris Kunnen of Des Moines, Iowa, and junior goalie Dave Nowicki of Littleton, Colo.

MIAA Commissioner's Cup

Through the winter sports season, Hope was in second place in the Commissioner's Cup standings of the MIAA. The MIAA award is based on the cumulative performance of each member school in the league's 18 sports for men and women. Calvin topped the standings after the winter season, leading Hope 137-129. 📧

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Sensei and Student

By Greg Chandler

Growing up on a farm in upstate New York, Eva Dean '83 Folkert never dreamed that she would live overseas, let alone teach at a university in Japan.

So when Professor Folkert received an e-mail in February of last year from Alfredo Gonzales, associate provost and dean for multicultural education and international

education at Hope, asking if she would be interested in teaching at Meiji Gakuin University in the fall of 2010, she had only one reaction: "Are you kidding me?"

Professor Folkert, an assistant professor of kinesiology and co-director of athletics at Hope, was excited about the possibilities, but also initially struggled with fears and questions. She did not know a word of Japanese, and she was hesitant to leave her husband, Cal '81, and two sons, Peter '12 and Matt '14, back in Holland for three-and-a-half months.

"It was one of those once-in-a-lifetime chances that you have some big reasons to say no to, and many bigger reasons to say yes to," Professor Folkert said.

In the end, Professor Folkert said yes.

"Not many people are given an opportunity like this in their lifetime, and I didn't want to regret passing up this opportunity when my lifetime is over."

It turned out to be an experience that Professor Folkert will never forget, providing her with new ways to see the world and understand her academic discipline that have enriched her life and her teaching at Hope.

"Teaching at MGU gave me an opportunity to not only value experiences in an international classroom but also reflect upon and appreciate my American one. Pedagogically, I have a tendency to assume that my students might know more, have a knowledge base greater about some topics than they actually do. In Japan, I could not start with that assumption. In Japan, I started with the assumption that my students knew nothing at all about my subjects -- American history and sociology of American sports. This caused me to step back and rethink how I approach teaching in the US. So now I slow down, I don't assume, and I give my students a better chance for full discovery of the subject matter and even of themselves."



She had never lived abroad and didn't speak the language, but that didn't stop Eva Dean '83 Folkert of the kinesiology faculty from spending the fall semester as the college's exchange professor at Meiji

Gakuin University in Japan. In fact, she welcomed the opportunity to gain new perspective on not only her scholarly discipline but life in a culture new to her, lessons that now inform her teaching at Hope.

"This experience was so far outside of anything I've ever dreamed of doing. When I think of how everything turned out, it was a mystery whose contents were blessed," said Professor Folkert, who has held a variety of responsibilities, including working in the public relations, registrar and athletic ticket offices, since joining the Hope staff in 1985. She has been part of the kinesiology staff since 1997.

At MGU, Professor Folkert taught a course on American studies at Meiji Gakuin University's main campus in Tokyo, and a course on sociology of American sport at the university's Yokohama campus. Along the way, she connected and made friends, not only with fellow Americans who were living in Japan, but with the Japanese students that she taught.

Professor Folkert continued a longstanding exchange between Hope and Meiji Gakuin that dates back to 1965, when the two institutions began exchanging students. The colleges have exchanged faculty members since 1994.

Participants in the exchange program teach a course on American studies, and are given the flexibility to determine the subject matter. "Every faculty member has an opportunity to take something about the United States, and

make it their own course," Associate Provost Gonzales said.

When students at Meiji Gakuin's Yokohama campus heard about Professor Folkert's course on sport in American society, they enrolled in droves. Forty-two students signed up.

Professor Folkert recalls the first day. She showed pictures of various American sports icons to see what Japanese students knew.

They instantly recognized Tiger Woods, LeBron James, and tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams. They didn't recognize Brett Favre.

As the semester progressed, Professor Folkert talked about how men and women athletes are portrayed differently in American media, which elicited some surprised reactions from her students.

"They believed everything was totally equal for men and women in sport in the United States," Professor Folkert said. "While we're doing a better job with (promoting equal access to athletics through) Title IX, they aren't equal in other ways, especially media. We don't see women professional sports get mainstream attention. You rarely see a woman on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* unless she's in a bikini."

"My Japanese students not only see America as a land of opportunity, but they see America as a land of equal opportunity. This idea of unequal representation threw them for a bit," Professor Folkert added.

When not teaching, Professor Folkert took time to soak up all that she could about Japan. She would go to the local markets to buy fruits and vegetables, she worshipped at a local storefront church, and, of course, she

would go sightseeing. One day, shortly before the end of her tenure, she took a train to visit the northern Japanese city of Nagano, host the 1998 Winter Olympics. And true to her passion for sport, she went to a couple Japanese major league baseball games, a professional soccer game, the world women's volleyball championships, and a sumo wrestling competition. She became hooked on the latter sport, including one as a "hit" of her stay in her online blog, *An American Life in Japan*:

"Sumo is so unlike anything I see in the U.S. that my intrigue was heightened and sustained the entire time I was here," Professor Folkert wrote in her blog. "I followed sumo news in the *Japan Times*. I watched as much as I could whenever I found it on TV. I learned terms so I could better understand broadcasts and stories. I am a huge fan of this huge sport."

Hope's ties to Japan date back to the college's earliest days. Through the encouragement of Reformed Church in America missionaries, Japanese students began coming to Hope in the 1870s. In 1879, one-third of the graduating class—two of the six members—came from Japan.

Programs such as Hope's exchange with Meiji Gakuin are expected to continue to grow in importance in the future, as part of the college's mission to educate students to lead lives of leadership and service in a global society.

"Hope College has to continue to look for ways to increase the capacity of students and faculty, to engage the world, not only in Japan, but in China, South Korea, Mexico and so on," Associate Provost Gonzales said.

Professor Folkert keeps in touch with some of her Japanese students through e-mail. Looking back, she says her experience "doesn't make me an expert" on Japan, but more of an intentional observer. She now can't imagine her life without having gone to Japan.

"Intellectually, we know that the world is big and people live in different ways, but we don't understand it until we are in a new place to live it," Professor Folkert said. "Our little provincial minds box us in in more ways than we know. Once I lived, worked, ate, slept in a different country and knew what it was like to buy groceries at a sidewalk vegetable stand from someone who didn't speak my language, and I didn't speak hers -- until we do those things on an extended basis, we don't fully get it."

"I learned that it's people -- kind, smart, genuine people -- that make places wonderful and real, not the other way around. I will miss Japan but mostly, I will miss its people." 🇯🇵

*Editor's Note: For more of Professor Folkert's story, go to her story called *An American Life in Japan* at www.evadeanfolkert.wordpress.com.*



Sons Matt '14 and Peter '12 visited during the college's fall break, and in addition to seeing the sights even participated in Professor Folkert's American studies class at Meiji Gakuin University. They are pictured with the Great Buddha at Kamakura.

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 — Eva Dean '83 Folkert, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology and Co-Director of Athletics





Scott Travis '06
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When it comes to the economy, everyone has an opinion. A quick glance at your local paper, a scan of online headlines and even thorough analysis from your favorite weekly will reveal discrepancies. No matter where you look, opinion varies concerning the scale, span and source of our fiscal state of affairs. Regardless of the latest numbers and the spin of your news source of choice, one thing is for certain: finding a job has never been an easy task.

In the midst of an economic recovery, this is certainly still the case. While organizations like the National Association of Colleges and Employers are predicting a better job market this year, with surveyed employers saying they will hire 13.5 percent more bachelor's degree recipients this year than last, many recent college graduates are facing competition from experienced candidates who lost their jobs during the recession.

Whether it's tackling big questions concerning vocation or landing the first job after graduation, we know that the role Hope plays in the lives of both our students and alumni is as important now as it has ever been. In fact, identifying job opportunities for graduates was one of the most important services acknowledged in the 2010 Alumni Attitude Survey. The survey also revealed that many of the services available to students and alumni are not adequately promoted.

With this in mind, here are some tips for taking advantage of the career resources available through the Hope College Alumni Association:

- Get online and get involved. Check out the event listings at www.hope.edu/alumni for career related events.
- Don't underestimate your network. Search by class or city in the alumni directory or join Hope's Career Resource Network.
- Keep your resume relevant and ready. Hope has partnered with Optimal Resume to offer online resume management for all students and alumni.
- Make JobStop a stop for you. From student jobs to internships and entry-level positions, Hope posts job leads at jobstop.hope.edu. Experienced positions are coming soon!
- Embrace social media. Connect on our LinkedIn group, which now has more than 2,000 members sharing career advice, networking tips and job leads.

You can learn more at www.hope.edu/alumni/career.

Window to Hope's History



The event that today's students know as Spring Festival, an afternoon celebration that marks the last day of classes, was once May Day, a tradition that included the selection of the May Queen and her court. This shot from 1939, looking south toward Van Vleck Hall in what was then called the "Sunken Gardens," was donated to the college's Joint Archives of Holland this fall from the estate of the late Robert Wishmeier '39, whose active interest in photography as a student included not only campus events but shooting activities like Tulip Time for *The Holland Sentinel*. His gift of hundreds of prints and negatives, which significantly bolsters the college's and community's visual record of the period, includes other subjects as well, among them China during his World War II military service, and Hope memorabilia that he had collected through the years.

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, March 1, 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 3.

40s

Harvey Hoekstra '45 of Escondido, Calif., has written a book, *Honey, We're Going to Africa*. The book tells how God led and blessed him and his wife during their 30 years in Sudan and Ethiopia. Accompanied by several family members, he went to Ethiopia in February for the dedication of the first 250 talking Bibles, recorded translations of the four Gospels. **Olga Kilian '49 DeKok** and **Paul DeKok '51** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December. **Vernon Houting '49** of Holland, Mich., and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December. **George Zuidema '49** of Holland, Mich., has been honored through the painting and installation of a portrait that is being displayed at the University of Michigan Medical School. The medical school is commissioning portraits of all of its vice provosts and vice presidents; he was the institution's first vice provost for medical affairs, serving from 1984 until retiring in 1995. The portrait was presented by the artist and the medical school's dean during a reception on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

50s

Jack Walchenbach '57 of Lake Stevens, Wash., recently has published a book, *John Calvin as Biblical Commentator*, published by Wipf

Three Alumni to Receive Awards

The college's Alumni Association will honor three alumni during the annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, April 30.

The association will present Distinguished Alumni Awards to Dr. William Heydorn '55 of Tiburon, Calif., and Dr. Jon Soderstrom '76 of Madison, Conn. The association will present a Meritorious Service Award to Connie Hinga '49 Boersma of Holland, Mich.

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.

The Meritorious Service Award recognizes a person's contributions to Hope and



Dr. William Heydorn '55



Dr. Jon Soderstrom '76



Connie Hinga '49 Boersma

its alumni through notable personal service and long-time involvement with the college. The award is presented to both alumni and friends of the college.

Dr. Heydorn is a physician who served in the U.S. Army for nearly 30 years and has stayed active in medicine since retiring as a colonel in 1989. He is currently a surveyor with the Joint Commission.

Dr. Soderstrom is the managing director of the Office of Cooperative Research at Yale University. The office manages the intellectual assets created at

Yale to achieve the maximum benefit for the public and provide a financial return to support the university's research efforts.

Boersma grew up at Hope, where her father, the late Milton L. "Bud" Hinga, was a member of the teaching, coaching and administrative staff for 29 years, and has stayed involved in the life of the college ever since.

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

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and Stock Publishers of Eugene, Ore. He also has published a curriculum produced by Congregational Ministries Publishing of the PC (U.S.A.), *John Calvin: Founder of the Reformed Tradition*. Following 48 years in ministry, he and his wife are now formally retired.

Susan Graves '59 Van Kuiken of San Francisco, Calif., and her business Sew What were recently featured in an article in *Chron Datebook*.

Carl Ver Beek '59 of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is with Varnum Riddering, was one of six alumni lawyers who participated in the panel presentation "Law School and the Practice of Law: The Lawyer's Perspective" at Hope on Monday, Feb. 21, as part of the college's Pre-Law Showcase.

60s

James Evers '60 of Nanuet, N.Y., and his family published a memorial book of selected poems and art by **Marylin Boughton Evers '60** titled *I Am Danced In Rhythms Incomprehensible*, which is now available from LuLu.com. Proceeds will go to Hospice and

the M.J. Fox Parkinson's Research Foundation. Marylin died in October of 2008.

Lora VanDuinen '61 Wood and **Harold Wood '63** of Locust Grove, Va., report that they are enjoying retirement. They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Their eight grandchildren (ages six-16) keep them busy. They are also busy with church activities at their multi-denominational church.

George Bosworth, Jr. '66 of Phoenix, Ariz., retired in October as executive director of Urban Land Institute. He looks to rebalance with family, faith and green development. **Richard Koster '66** of Fort Thomas, Ky., reports that life is good. He bought a small home close to his son and his family across from Cincinnati. He has started his eighth year as editor of *The Universalist Herald*, and his first year as coordinator of the Christian Universalist Association. He is looking forward to the 45th class reunion.

David VanderWel '67 of Holland, Mich., will retire from Camp Geneva this spring. He has served as executive director for 17 years.

Ann VanDorp '68 Query of Zeeland, Mich., has a scholarship fund

named after her through the Holland Zeeland Community Foundation, honoring her 22 years with the Zeeland Chamber of Commerce.

Beppy Albers '69 Michel of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., is now a licensed marriage family therapist in private practice in Torrance, Calif., specializing in trauma and PTSD. She is a member of The Soldiers Project and offers free therapy to our veterans and families when they cannot access their benefits.

70s

Alice "Peg" Adams '70 Faulman of Boyne City, Mich., has retired after 15 years as the high school mathematics department head and only high school teacher of mathematics at Concord Academy Boyne. The public charter school ranked in the top nine percent of schools in the State of Michigan resulting from student testing data for mathematics and reading.

Wendell Wierenga '70 of Rancho Sante Fe, Calif., has been elected to the Cytokinetics Inc. Board of Directors. He is currently executive vice president



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HAMILTON, MICH.

"What sweet delight a quiet life affords."

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Sibylline, Pres. '22; Y. W. C. A. Cabinet '21-'22.

Alice Brower '23 Hoffs of Kalamazoo, Mich., turned 109 on Friday, Feb. 25. She is Hope's oldest graduate and one of the oldest people in the state of Michigan. She was, as the accompanying image from the 1923 *Milestone* notes, president of the Sibylline sorority in the fall of her senior year. She was a charter member of the society, which was established by a group of freshman women in the fall of 1919. A profile of her was featured in the April 2008 issue of *News from Hope College* in conjunction with her 106th birthday.

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of research and development of Ambit Biosciences.

Reed Brown '71 of San Francisco, Calif., is retired and reports that he remains deeply grateful to Hope College and all it has meant in his life for all the years. "May God bless all of us as we have been blessed."

Keith Crossland '71 of Chicago, Ill., was recently awarded the USTA Officials Award, the 2010 John McGovern Award, which is the most prestigious official award honoring the umpire or linesman for his work throughout his career as an official.

He has worked the US Open for more than 25 years. His duties include all match scheduling, and updating and refinement of the chair umpire palm unit. As a result, he has been invited to work in the scheduling office at the Australian Open the last three years. He is also a full-time supervisor for the USTA Pro Circuit events.

Kenneth Formsma '71 of Grand Haven, Mich., led the Jingle Bell Parade on Saturday, Dec. 4. He was honored this past May with the local Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Spirit of Community Award for devoting time

and energy to improve the quality of life for others, and demonstrating leadership and initiative in the development of volunteer projects.

Richard Lowing '71 of Glendale, Ariz., retired on Tuesday, Feb. 1, and is spending time with grandchildren. After 30 years of living in Arizona he and his wife will now spend half the year in Montague, Mich., officially becoming snowbirds.

Mary Joling Grooters '71 Oosterhouse of Rockford, Mich., has retired from teaching at Kentwood Public Schools. She has 10 grandchildren.

Ronald Franklyn '72 of Wayne, N.J., retired after 35 years of ministry in the Reformed Church in America. He served churches in Cleveland, Ohio; Holland, Mich.; and Wayne, N.J. He served for 20 years at the Pequannock Reformed Church in Wayne. The church asked the Classis of Passaic Valley to declare him Minister Emeritus, an action that took place in November. He now works as a stay-at-home dad.

Susanne Lightner '74 Smith of Holland, Mich., and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January.

Neil Clark '75 of Marietta, Ga., has been named director of guidance of the year for the State of Georgia by the Georgia School Counselors Association. He currently serves as dean of college counseling and guidance at The Walker School.

Carol Echenique '75 Hoekstra of Washington, D.C. was promoted to national director of social services in the Veterans Department.

Pete Hoekstra '75 of Holland, Mich., was honored on Thursday, Jan. 13, with the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal by



Photo Follow-Up: A number of alumnae have helped identify the 1960s-era Nykerk Song section pictured in the December issue of *News from Hope College* ("Window to Hope's History," page 23). Participants in the event have noted that the group is the sophomore Class of 1967 during the fall of 1964. Many thanks to those who took the time to respond to the story's request for assistance and put a school year and class year to the image!

Michael Leiter, director of the National Counterterrorism Center. Pete was in Congress for 18 years, and was both the former chairman and ranking member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal is the highest award that can be granted to non-career Federal employees, private citizens or others who have performed distinguished service of exceptional significance to the intelligence community. On Monday, Feb. 21, he spoke about service to country through this year's Hope College Student



Intentional Stewardship

The Rev. Timothy '84 and Brenda Hoffman '89 Dieffenbach early on made a commitment to include Hope College in their estate plan. In formulating their estate plan, they intentionally reflected upon the values they hold dear, their family, and stewardship. They chose to include Hope not only because of the positive impact the Hope community has on them and their family, but because of Hope's continued commitment to educate the whole person—academically, spiritually, and co-curricularly—in a Christ-oriented environment. Tim and Brenda believe that planning ahead is important, and they encourage others to do so.

Hope is grateful to the Dieffenbachs 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 Tim and Brenda have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community.

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Jack De Witt '32 of Zeeland, Mich., turned 100 on Sunday, Jan. 30. Commemoration of the event included an open house at Second Reformed Church in Zeeland the day before and recognition as a centenarian on the *Today* show on Thursday, Jan. 27. He and his brother, Dick, who together founded and for many years owned Big Dutchman of Zeeland, are celebrated on campus by the

name of the DeWitt Center, for which they provided a leadership gift in 1968. They are pictured below during the building's groundbreaking in October of that year (from left to right are **Hugh De Pree '38**, chairperson of the Board of Trustees; **Dr. Calvin VanderWerf '37**, president of Hope; and Dick and Jack DeWitt). In addition to Jack DeWitt, the college has four other alumni who are 100 or older: **Alice Brower '23 Hoffs** (109), **Julia Van Dam '30 Finlay** (101), **Jeane Walvoord '30** (101) and **Jean Herman '33 Hill** (100).



Congress Speaker Series, which focused on the theme "Helping Other People Every Day: Incorporating Service into Profession."

Kathy Karle '75 Lievense of East Lansing, Mich., is currently serving as the director of development and alumni relations at Michigan State University's College of Nursing.

Donna Smith '75 has been named dean of the Comenius Center at Moravian College.

Peter Ferriby '76 of Hamden, Conn., has been named the librarian of Sacred Heart University's Ryan-Matura Library.

June Johansen '76 of Grand Rapids, Mich., recently retired after teaching 34 years at Sand Lake Elementary for TriCounty Schools.

Diane Harvey '76 Krauszer of Wasilla, Alaska., was ordained in

the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on Jan. 10, 2010. She is the pastor at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Palmer, Alaska.

Gus Lukow '76 of Hudsonville, Mich., was honored with a scholarship fund for his many years of service and dedication to science excellence. The scholarship will be given to a West Ottawa High School graduate.

James Wildgen '76 of Grandville, Mich., collects and restores pinball machines as a hobby.

David Smazik '77 recently accepted a call to serve as senior pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Morristown, N.J.

Phillip Sneller '77 of Sheboygan, Wis., retired from the pastoral ministry in the Reformed Church in America on Jan. 31, 2011. He served churches in Fennville, Mich.; Hull, Iowa; and

Fulton, Ill. While in Fulton, he also served as chaplain of the Fulton Police Department.

Carol Cook '77 Wildgen of Grandville, Mich., has been playing the violin with the West Michigan Symphony for many years.

Sharon Adcock '78 of Holland, Mich., was reappointed to *USA Today's* "Road Warrior Panel" and was recently quoted in an article on "How to turn a stressful business trip into a time to relax." In addition, she was recently elected to the advisory board of FlyerTalk.

Drew Deters '78 of Zeeland, Mich., has been named realtor of the year by the West Michigan Lakeshore Association of Realtors. He is an agent with Five Star Lakeshore.

Glennye Grindstaff '79 of Indialantic, Fla., accepted a new call to CrossRoads Community Church, United Church of Christ in Melbourne, Fla., where she will serve as senior pastor.

Isaac Myers '79 of Indianapolis, Ind., has been appointed president of St. Francis Medical Group, a group of more than 140 physicians practicing in central Indiana.

80s

Thomas Elhart '81 of Grand Haven, Mich., has been appointed to the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners.

Marilyn Johnson '81 Aardema of Fairfield, Ohio, has been named chief scientific officer, for the BioReliance Corporation, providing oversight for all scientific and regulatory aspects for the toxicology division.

Steven Aardema '81 of Holland, Mich., is the new director of finance for Mona Shores Public Schools in Muskegon.

Suzanne Galer '81 of Huntsville, Ala., is on the vocal faculty at Oakwood University, Alabama A&M University, and Valley Conservatory; is the director with Bel Canto Studios of North Alabama; and is the minister of music at First United Methodist Church of New Market, Ala.

Gwen Kitchens '81 Auwerda of Holland, Mich., in March was named executive director of Holland's Tulip Time Festival, which is running Saturday-Saturday, May 7-14, this year. Her background is in human resources, and she most recently served as human resources director at AEES Inc. of Mattawan, Mich., after having previously been with Johnson Controls Inc. for more than 20 years, including three years as human resources director.

Terri Lynn Land '81 of Byron Center, Mich., who recently concluded service as Michigan's Secretary of State, was recognized for her achievements and courage by the Michigan Women's Foundation. She has joined the board that governs policy at Gerald R. Ford

International Airport.

William Langejans '81 of Holland, Mich., recently volunteered to cook lunch for about 400 guests that toured *Harbor Country* kitchen walk 2010. It was a fundraiser for a Chicago charity Design 4 Dignity. He prepared Cuban black beans and Cuban marinated chicken, and would be happy to share the recipes.

Kathy Breyfogle '83 Crepas of Kalamazoo, Mich., participated in her first ever half-marathon in May 2010 in Madison, Wis., with sister-in-law Lynn Massey '90 Breyfogle. They also ran the Disney Princess half-marathon in February at Walt Disney World.

Jim Eickhoff '83 has joined the University of Phoenix as senior vice president of strategy and implementation.

Jeffrey Beswick '84 of Grand Haven, Mich., who is with Varnum Riddering, was one of six alumni lawyers who participated in the panel presentation "Law School and the Practice of Law: The Lawyer's Perspective" at Hope on Monday, Feb. 21, as part of the college's Pre-Law Showcase.

Tina de Jong '84 Hoy of Midland, Mich., and her husband were honored in November with the 2010 Friendship Award from Big Brothers Big Sisters in the Heart of Michigan. She is also a three-year breast cancer survivor. She celebrated 25 years working as a vision rehabilitation therapist this past February.

Jane Abe '86 of Naperville, Ill., is now the director of membership with the Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce in Aurora, Ill. The chamber is located in the second largest city in Illinois, and is one of the largest chambers in the Chicagoland area.

Al Fedak '75 and **Susan Hermance '75 Fedak** of Albany, N.Y., composed a new tune called "Hope College." They debuted it at the wedding of their son, **Ben Fedak '03**, and **Anna Pillot '09** on Oct. 23, 2010. **Rick Van Oss '75** played the organ, while **Gene Marie Callahan '73** was the soloist. Rick and Gene also played "a Rejoicing," which was written by Al for the wedding of Rick's daughter, **Kate Van Oss '05 Welch**, several years ago. That was Al's first second-generation wedding. He had also played for Rick and **Cheryl Blodgett '76 Van Oss's** wedding in 1976. Ben is upholding a Hermance family tradition. This is the fourth generation of couples meeting and marrying from Hope College.

For more than 30 years, **John Van Voorhees '76** and **Joan Donaldson '75** of Fennville, Mich., have grown organic blueberries at Pleasant Hill Farm, one of the first certified organic blueberry farms in Michigan. John, who is a third-generation farmer, was the Michigan Delegate to the first meeting that established the Natural organic standards. He has helped MSU select staff for the university's new organic department and is always experimenting and works with MSU on some experiments. Pleasant Hill farms was featured this past summer on PBS's TV show, *Sue Chef - Get Fresh* and will also be included in an upcoming book, *Fresh and Local in Michigan*. Joan not only works on the farm, but is also an author. Her latest book, *On Viney's Mountain*, won the friends of



American Writers Award and a spot on the Bank Street list of Best Books 2010, and will be representing the State of Tennessee at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., in September. She will also be speaking in May at Spalding University, where she completed her Master of Fine Arts degree. Spalding has chosen her book as the "book in common" for the writing-for-children majors. She also sold an article to *A Simple Life* about the oxen pictured with John.

Steve Majerle '86 of Belmont, Mich., coached his 600th basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 15. He is 375-161 in 23 years as the boys coach at the Cheboygan, Mount Pleasant and Rockford schools, and 43-21 in the three years as the Rockford girls basketball coach.

Todd Recknagel '86 of Saline, Mich., has been elected to the International Franchise Association Board.

Alan Supp '86 of Rockford, Mich., recently became vice president of the Blandford Nature Center Board of Directors, a non-profit organization in Grand Rapids. He serves as a senior vice president and lead member of Trillium Financial Group, a financial planning and wealth advisory team at UBS Financial Services Inc.

Alan Sutton '88 of Lancaster, Calif., was awarded the Air Force Research Laboratory, Propulsion Directorate's, 2010 Technology Transfer Award. More importantly, the Upper Stage Engine Technology team he manages has won the 2010 E.C. Simpson Award for outstanding accomplishments in rocket propulsion research.

Joseph Cossey '89 of Spring Lake, Mich., was inducted to the Fennville High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Jan. 7, 2011.

Ryan Dodde '89 of Holland, Mich., was featured in an article in *The Holland Sentinel*, "Surgeon by day, Sculptor by night." He is a plastic surgeon at Plastic Surgery Arts of West Michigan and does sculptures in his in-home art studio.

Rhys VanDemark '89 of Middleville, Mich., was featured in *The Grand Rapids Press* on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010 regarding his 20-year career as a child-life specialist. He has been at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital since 1997.

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Lynn Massey '90 Breyfogle of Riverside, Pa., participated in her first ever half-marathon in May 2010 in Madison, Wis., with sister-in-law Kathy Breyfogle '83 Crepas. They also ran the Disney Princess half-marathon in February at Walt Disney World.

Elizabeth Byma '90 of Kentwood, Mich., received her Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees"), and is an assistant professor in the department of nursing at Calvin College.

Todd Adams '91 of Tallahassee, Fla., was elected chair of the Fermilab Users executive committee, which represents the 3,000 scientists who use the national laboratory.

Ben Opipari '91 of Kensington, Md., runs a website called *Songwriters on Process*, which features interviews focused on the creative process of songwriters, more than 75 since the site began in June 2010. In the first six months he also highlighted writers in a variety of other genres, and the Interviews with Poets section in the site's archives includes Hope faculty members Jack Ridl (June 18), Rhoda Janzen (Aug. 20) and Heather Sellers (Oct. 26). As a freelance writer, he also contributes to the music sections of the *Washington Post* and *Baltimore Sun* online.

Jennifer Joyce '91 Pedley of Milford, Mich., recently became a published author. *Secrets To Your Successful Domestic Adoption* was released on Monday, Nov. 1, by HCI Books, Inc. (the *Chicken Soup* publishers). She has been a birthmother in an open adoption, as well as a professional in the field of adoptions, for nearly 20 years. Her

work facilitating weekend retreats for birthmothers with the On Your Feet Foundation was featured in an episode of MTV's documentary series, *Teen Mom* last January (wearing her Hope sweatshirt) and will be shown in a second episode of the upcoming season four (airdate not yet released).

Todd Abbott '92 of Newton, Mass., will be blogging and training to run the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 18, for the Vernon Cancer Center at Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

Jacqueline Bost '92 of Marina del Rey, Calif., recently accepted the position of vice president of marketing with Lanyon, Inc., headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

Sabrina Haverdink '92 of Grand Rapids, Mich., recently wrote her first book, *Faith and the S.T.O.P. Principle*, a Christian devotional.

Jamie Lee '92 Schmidt of Davison, Mich., reports the birth of her son (please see "New Arrivals"), noting that "it was a difficult road to get to this joyous occasion." On Aug. 21, 2008, she and her husband delivered their first son, Adam Jr., who survived only moments. Throughout the first pregnancy, Jamie suffered severe preeclampsia and had to deliver at 5 1/2 months. Subsequently she has become a dedicated volunteer for the preeclampsia foundation and devoted stay-at-home mom and wife.

Brian Standish '92 of Johnston, Iowa, was recently promoted to vice president of global operations for Kemin Health, an innovative human nutrition company, most recognized as the worldwide patent holder for lutein.

Kristen Koole '92 Zoetewey of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a social worker with Heartland Hospice.

Peter Stuursma '93 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the principal at East Grand Rapids Middle School and recently completed an undefeated (12-0) year coaching the East Grand Rapids High School football team. He has won six Division 3 state titles or 126 wins during his coaching career. On Tuesday, March 1, he spoke about service to community through this year's Hope College Student Congress Speaker Series, which focused on the theme "Helping Other People Every Day: Incorporating Service into Profession."

Jeff Baxter '94 of Littleton, Colo., has written a new book, *Together: Adults and Teenagers Transforming the Church*.

Shonn Colbrunn '94 of Zeeland, Mich., is the chief technology officer and co-founder of Kidtelligent, a specialist in organizational development and training, which launched its first-of-its-kind parenting resource.

Cary Harger '94 of Muskegon, Mich., was named varsity head football coach for Oakridge Public School. He was an assistant coach at Oakridge for the past 16 years, serving as the offensive and defensive line coach, and as of recently the special teams coordinator.

Carrie Borchers '95 of Grandville,

Mich., sales account manager at IT Resource, was included in the *Grand Rapids Business Journal's* 2010 "40 under Forty Business Leaders" list. Honorees are nominated on the basis of leadership, professional achievement, awards, and community service. She has also been elected vice president of the Coopersville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Heather Dine '95 Dibkey of Holland, Mich., has owned Lakeshore Pilates since 2003. This fall, the studio became a licensed training center, where she can teach other Pilates teachers.

Christin Van Wyk '95 Greiman of Midland, Mich., teaches undergraduate courses at Northwood University within the management department.

Jennifer Nash '95 Kotchenruther of Grand Rapids, Mich., performed as part of a violin duo at the Spring Lake District Library in February.

Shirley Lopez '95 of Lansing, Mich., is the owner of Freelance Marketing Company, writing for CNN Affiliate Companies and other major companies. She works from home and also became an Angelic Minister, ordained in 2003.

Christopher Greiman '96 of Midland, Mich., is an account manager within the sales department of The Dow Chemical Company.

Benjamin Marty '96 of Maple Grove, Minn., is developing software at SoftBrands, now an Infor affiliate.

Andrew Van Pernis '96 of Westlake Village, Calif., is a software engineer at DreamWorks Animation Studios in Glendale, Calif.

Heidi Giddy-Van Pernis '97 of Westlake Village, Calif., will begin a master's program in guidance counseling-college student personnel at California Lutheran University.

John Grooters '84 of Holland, Mich., is the writer, director, and co-producer of *The Frontier Boys* which opened in February in theaters around Grand Rapids. The film was also selected for the Saboth Film Festival in Milan, Italy. The movie is based on a book he wrote with the help of his son several years ago, and was filmed in Charlevoix, Mich. He has received more than 62 national awards for production excellence as a writer, director and producer. **Eric Schrottenboer '01** wrote the film score, and **Dwight Beal '87** along with John performed songs in the film and wrote and recorded a new song for the closing anthem of the film. John is owner of Grooters Productions, Angelhouse Media, and Extraordinary Images.net.



Christa Wierks '97 Murphy of Holland, Mich., has added a used bookstore to the Africa's Child Family Resale Store which she and her husband opened in 2009 to help support their mission work in Kaloma, Zambia.

Doug Roberts Jr. '97 of East Lansing, Mich., has joined Consumers Energy's state governmental affairs team in Lansing.

Betsey Van Faasen '97 Rubel and Jason Rubel '97 of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., have four daughters, Katie (seven), Claire (six), Anna (four) and Molly (two). Betsey works part-time as an estate-planning attorney. Jason is the associate principal at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School.

Miska Kuipers '97 Rynsburger of Holland, Mich., has authored *It's Time to Play Outside*, a book of 101 detailed ideas on how a parent can take five minutes to set up creative play for children outdoors.

Jonathan DeWitte '98 of Holland, Mich., is chief of staff of Bill Huizenga, Republican Congressman representing Michigan's 2nd District.

Rachel Hillegonds '99 of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is with Miller Johnson, was one of six alumni lawyers who participated in the panel presentation "Law School and the Practice of Law: The Lawyer's Perspective" at Hope on Monday, Feb. 21, as part of the college's Pre-Law Showcase.

Jeff Trytko '99 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a project manager at GVSU over a Department of Defense Grant

providing no-cost rehabilitation services to wounded veterans at Mary Free Bed. More can be read about the project on the Mary Free Bed website.

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Cory M. Curtis '00 of Denver, Colo., was recently one of 12 attorneys elected nationwide for partnership at Baker Hostetler. He is a member of the litigation group and concentrates his practice in commercial litigation. He earned his law degree in 2003 from the University of Denver College of Law, where he served as a member of the Denver University Law Review.

Eric Goodman '00 of Twinsburg, Ohio, has been elected partner with Baker & Hostetler LLP. He will be working for the business group in the Cleveland office.

Ed Jewett '00 is a physical education teacher at Lockwood Elementary in Eaton Rapids.

Chad Kleinheksel '00 of Hudsonville, Mich., has been elected partner at Warner Norcross & Judd, LLP in Grand Rapids. He will concentrate his practice in intellectual property law, primarily patent and trademark law.

Jennifer Schwieger '01 of Brooklyn, N.Y., completed a fellowship in International Emergency Medicine at Columbia University and is now working in the emergency room in Brooklyn and with Samaritan's Purse internationally.

Three generations of the extended **Nyenhuis** family enjoyed first-hand experience with a historic anniversary this past fall. They visited Greece in conjunction with the commemoration of the 2,500th anniversary of the run that inspired the modern marathon. Participants in the trip included Dr. **Jacob E. Nyenhuis**, who is professor of classics and provost emeritus and director of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute, and his wife **Leona Nyenhuis '93** of Holland, Mich.; their daughter **Kathy Nyenhuis '80 Kurtze** and her husband **Arthur G. Kurtze III '80** of Carson City, Mich.; their granddaughter **Aubrey Kurtze '05 Hilton** and her husband **Adam Hilton '05** of Holland; their granddaughter **Allison Kurtze '06 Edema** and her husband **Todd Edema '03**; and their grandson Arthur ("Budd") Kurtze IV. Kathy, Aubrey, and



Adam were among the 7,500 who ran the 5K and 10K races, whereas Budd was among the 12,500 people who ran in the Athens Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, following the route that legend says the messenger Pheidippides took to announce the Athenian victory over the Persians during the Battle of Marathon in 490 BC. Following the race, Dr. Nyenhuis led a classical tour of Greece for the family. The trip also was a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the marriage of Kathy and Arthur. The photo shows Kathy, Aubrey and Adam in front of the Panathenaic Stadium where the races ended.

Susan DeKam '02 of Plano, Texas, was featured on the Kegg Organ Builders website. She was a finalist at the 2010 AGO Young Artists Competition and has recorded a program of works by Bach, Vierre, Mozart, Brahms, Schumann, Buxtehude, Alcock, Durufle and

Howells. The recording was performed on the organ at Zion Lutheran Church in Wausau, Wis., and should be released in the spring of this year.

Kara Schwieterman '02 Haas of Delton, Mich., and her husband headed up the great backyard bird count in February with the Binder Park Zoo and the BC Brigham Audubon Society. Kara has been the manager of Michigan State University's Kellogg Bird Sanctuary since 2009.

Raj Malviya '02 of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is with Miller Johnson, was one of six alumni lawyers who participated in the panel presentation "Law School and the Practice of Law: The Lawyer's Perspective" at Hope on Monday, Feb. 21, as part of the college's Pre-Law Showcase.

Jason Pratt '02 of Milwaukee, Wis., received his master's at Michigan State University, studying microbiology and molecular genetics, in 2005. He is now a yeast and fermentation scientist at MillerCoors in Milwaukee. Jason is also a member of an expert taste panel which samples beer across the nation for its color, texture and taste.

Laura Howe '03 of Ann Arbor, Mich., was accepted to the allergy and immunology fellowship training program at the University of Michigan.

Vince Scheffler '03 of Frisco, Texas, was recently elected president of the Parker College of Chiropractic Alumni Association. As part of his duties he will serve as a board of trustee member for the college. He is the youngest board member in the history of the school.

Jeremy Brieve '04 of Holland, Mich., who is with Priority Health, was one of six alumni lawyers who participated



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Pictured: Larry, jazz musician and future public accountant.



in the panel presentation “Law School and the Practice of Law: The Lawyer’s Perspective” at Hope on Monday, Feb. 21, as part of the college’s Pre-Law Showcase.

Kevney Croucher-Dugan '04 of Douglas, Mich., works for a Chamber of Commerce-related marketing organization.

Michael Douma '04 presented “Dutch Americans and the Rise of Heritage Studies” on Friday, Dec. 3, at Hope. He was the visiting research fellow at the A. C. Van Raalte institute this past summer. He is a doctoral candidate at Florida State University, where his studies have focused on Dutch-American history.

Heidi Snoap '04 of Grandville, Mich., is currently teaching second grade for Caledonia Community Schools.

Ryan Wert '04 of Lansing, Mich., is a recording engineer and the owner of Elm Street Recording.

Vance Brown '05 of Decatur, Ga., does subcontract, grant and property management for the Office of the Directorate of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of Atlanta, Ga.

Lacee Carr '05 is a chiropractic physician (please see “Advanced Degrees”) with Dr. Rod McLane in Marysville, Mich.



Jennifer Passchier '99 of Denver, Colo., was highlighted in the University of Colorado Hospital insider newsletter. She is the principal at Park Lane Elementary in Aurora, Colo. At Park Lane, 88 percent of the 375 students qualify for free or reduced lunch, and English is a second language for 56 percent of the students. Under her direction, the school has added 2,000 books and distributed many more to students to start a family literacy program, and she has started a fitness and nutrition program. The hospital has partnered with the school to provide books, turkeys and other food for the holidays, and launched an “adopt-a family” program with other events planned for the rest of the year.

Daniel Miller '05 of Huntertown, Ind., is working as an intern with the NH3 Fuel Association.

Jessica Robinson '05 of Westminster, Colo., is an education and employment counselor with Urban Peak in Denver, Colo.

Stephanie Szydlowski '05 of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is with Kuiper Orlebeke, was one of six alumni lawyers who participated in the panel presentation “Law School and the Practice of Law: The Lawyer’s Perspective” at Hope on Monday, Feb. 21, as part of the college’s Pre-Law Showcase.

Lori Sullivan '06 recently received a J.D. degree (please see “Advanced Degrees”) and is licensed to practice law in Virginia. She was sworn in before the Supreme Court in Richmond on Wednesday, Nov. 3, and is employed with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Emily Slavicek '07 Beachy of Coldwater, Mich., is the new pastor at the Girard United Methodist Church.

Erik Jimenez-Fuller '07 of Kyle, S.D., was hired this past October as the third-fifth-grade mathematics interventionist for Little Wound Elementary School. His wife is a fifth-grade teacher at the school as part of the program Teach for America.

Rebecca Kolak '07 is serving as an environmental educator and AmeriCorps volunteer at the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust in Bath, Maine.

Sarah Mignin '07 of Chicago, Ill., has recently joined Orbit Media Studios Inc. as a relationship manager.

Jennifer Pyle '07 of Hinsdale, Ill., recently won first place in Toastmaster’s International humorous speech competition in the club-, area- and district-level competitions.

Lisa Peterson '08 Adams of Portland, Ore., recently accepted an elementary teaching position at Prune Hill Elementary in Camas, Wash.

Aaron Clark '08 of Holland, Mich., is a licensed financial advisor with Zichterman & Clark Capital Management of Raymond James.

Christopher Dekker '08 of Hudsonville, Mich., performed at the First United Methodist Church’s pipe organ festival on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Daniel Holt '08 of Chicago, Ill., was one of three panelists for this year’s Hope College Student Congress Speaker Series, which focused on the theme “Helping Other People Every Day: Incorporating Service into Profession.” His service field was with Teach for America in Los Angeles, Calif. He is currently employed as a systems integration analyst at Accenture.

Mackenzie Snyder '08 is a certified credit union financial counselor. She is a specialist in Latino market research with Consumer Credit Union.

Crystal Frost '09 Feyen of Bloomington, Minn., is a young-adult mental health practitioner with

Resource Inc., an outreach program providing a full spectrum of recovery-oriented services to help families and individuals with mental illness, substance abuse and homelessness thrive in the community.

Ashleigh Schiffler '09 of Plymouth, Mich., was one of three panelists for this year’s Hope College Student Congress Speaker Series, which focused on the theme “Helping Other People Every Day: Incorporating Service into Profession.” Her service field was with the Peace Corps in Guatemala. She is currently director of Boys and Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit, Mich.

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Seth Carlson '10 of Lawton, Mich., was one of three panelists for this year’s Hope College Student Congress Speaker Series, which focused on the theme “Helping Other People Every Day: Incorporating Service into Profession.” He has been with AmeriCorps in West Ottawa, Mich.

Felipe Matioli '10 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a human resources representative with Kellogg Company in Battle Creek.

Rachelle Victory '10 Nauta of Jenison, Mich., is working as a registered nurse at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Chelsey Poindexter '10 of East Jordan, Mich., recently was the winner of the *Outfit My Classroom* sweepstakes offered through MEEMIC New Teacher Network. She teaches English, mythology and drama at Harbor Springs High School. She received \$500 worth of desktop accessories and school supplies for her classroom.

Eileen Sanderson '10 has been teaching at MeySen Academy in Sendai, Japan, where she was when the March 11 earthquake and tsunami struck. In the aftermath, she was able to help with relief efforts set up from the school and plans to remain. She

Camaron Voyles '07 is in New Zealand, currently living in Auckland, on a working holiday until he starts law school in the fall. He had been living in Christchurch for 11 days when the February 22 earthquake struck. He was uninjured, but of the earthquake and the period which followed he notes, “It was, needless to say, a very miserable and stressful time.” The account he wrote at *News from Hope College’s* request is available on the publication’s web page.

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Travis Williams '98, of Hamilton, Mich., who is the executive director of The Outdoor Discovery Center and Macatawa Greenway of Holland, Mich., was presented the “Best Informal Science Teacher of the Year” award by the Michigan Science Teachers Association on Friday, Feb. 25, during the group’s 58th annual conference. He is pictured after the presentation with his wife, **Stephanie Jones '99 Williams**.

requests prayers for Japan, especially for the people in the coastal areas, and giving to aid.

Sally Vander Ploeg '10 of Holland, Mich., gave a recital on Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Holland Area Arts Council. She is preparing for her graduate school auditions at the Boston Conservatory, Longy School of Music and Westminster Choir College. The recital showcased a variety of classical music from a Beethoven sonata, to a Brahms viola sonata, to vocal pieces by Strauss and Schumann.

Lucas Wolthuis '10 of Vicksburg, Mich., won first place in the Frostbite 5K Run on Saturday, Feb. 5. He is a study-hall teacher and head track coach at Vicksburg High School.

Marriages

Judith Wiley '62 and Rick Storey, April 24, 2010.

Joel Lefever '86 and Janet Blyberg, Oct. 16, 2010, Alexandria, Va.

Daniel Fischer '96 and Beth Quimby '99, Aug. 8, 2010, Letchworth State Park.

Benjamin Marty '96 and Amy, June 5, 2010.

Jenna Swanezy '02 and G. Drew Kastran, Aug. 28, 2010.

Eric Barendse '03 and Eileen Hartigan, Feb. 26, 2011, Waitsfield, Vt.

Lindsay Hall '03 and Jaymey Hardin, Sept. 18, 2010, Ashland City, Tenn.

Miriam Northcutt '03 and Ben Bohmert, August 2009.



Carrie Cole '04 and Paul Rosas, July 17, 2010, Knoxville, Tenn.

Kevney Croucher-Dugan '04 and Erin Baungard, Sept. 25, 2010, Bend, Ore.

Veronica Farley '04 and Aaron Seybert, June 11, 2010.

Sara Bolkema '04 and Aaron Good, Dec. 18, 2010, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Christopher Hagen '04 and Jenna Treumuth '07, Oct. 23, 2010.

Sarah Lamer '05 and Michael DeVisser, July 16, 2010, Holland, Mich.

Sona Smith '06 and Elisha Hall, Sept. 26, 2010.

Emily Slavicek '07 and William Michael Beachy, Jan. 15, 2011, Girard, Ohio.

Evelyn Daniel '08 and Michael Martin, Aug. 7, 2010, Dearborn, Mich.

Dan Holt '08 and Julie Hoogerhyde '08, July 3, 2010, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lauren Stacks '08 and Thomas Yamaoka '08, Sept. 4, 2010.

Hope Schwartz '08 and Caleb Sparks, Nov. 12, 2010, Memphis, Tenn.

Kalee Monhollon '09 and Clinton Wilm '09, Jan. 8, 2011, Holland, Mich.

Cassie Jo Sneller '10 and Jonathan De Kleine, June 25, 2010, Holland, Mich.

New Arrivals

Thomas Doerr '76 and Gilda Rodriguez Doerr, Adrian Jalen, Dec. 1, 2010.

Bryan Whitmore '90 and Heather VanLangevelde '94 Whitmore, Joseph Bryan, Jan. 19, 2011.

Mark Bernecker '91 and Michele Nederveld '92 Bernecker, Danielle Annette, July 1, 2010.

Jamie Lee '92 Schmidt and Adam Schmidt, Nathaniel Adam, July 29, 2010.

Daniel Van Iwaarden '92 and Dorothy Van Iwaarden, Daniel Alan, Feb. 20, 2011.

Kevin Klaasen '95 and Christie Eding '98 Klaasen, Camdyn Robert, Feb. 7, 2011.

Jennifer Schaefer '95 Myers and

Louis Myers, Aubry Grace, Nov. 29, 2010.

Melissa Neckers '95 VanderLeek and Scott VanderLeek, Thomas Bruce, Jan. 13, 2011.

Amity Weeldreyer '96 Pothoff and Gregory Pothoff, Kaleb Gregory, Feb. 11, 2011.

Tammy Bouwens '97 Ashby and Andy Ashby, Whitney Renee, Dec. 15, 2010.

Timothy Heneveld '97 and Stacey Baker '01 Heneveld, Talon John, Feb. 16, 2011.

Lora Clark '97 Kolean and Mark Kolean, Alexis Grace, Jan. 8, 2011.

Sara Nicles '97 Wiles and Nathan Wiles, Phoebe Aletha, May 24, 2010.

Jason Windeler '97 and Heidee Kimnic '98 Windeler, Chaz Michael, Nov. 1, 2010.

Rachel Postmus '98 Becher and Jim Becher, Owen James, Oct. 15, 2010.

Frances Eilers '98 and Patrick Eilers, Andrew Kenneth, Mar. 20, 2010.

Sarah Gorter '98 and Jim Carlson, Annika Florentina Gorter Carlson and Julianna Pakalana Gorter Carlson, Oct. 26, 2010.

Kimberly Powell '98 Mills and Joseph Mills, Isabella Grace, Aug. 13, 2010.

Clinton Moore '98 and Lara Wagner '98 Moore, Maverick Rinehart, Dec. 18, 2010.

Kristin Nowak '98 Pecora and Mike Pecora, Michael Joseph, July 12, 2010.

Dean Thayer '98 and Katherine Berghorst '00 Thayer, Norah Grace, Jan. 3, 2011.

Jeanna Keinath '98 Weaver and Brian Weaver '98, Madeline Hope, Oct. 6, 2010.

Jeffrey Kauffman '00 and Elizabeth Kauffman '02, Nora Elizabeth, June 18, 2010.

Sarah Buchinger '00 Kramer and Jonathan Kramer, Samuel Steven, Dec. 31, 2010.

Jessica McCombs '00 McCarthy and Mark McCarthy, Annalise, Sept. 10, 2010.

Kristin Kooiker '00 Vanden Heuvel and Jon Vanden Heuvel, Madeline Jane, Oct. 29, 2010.

Kelli Berggoetz '01 Hulst and Brad Hulst, Chloe Addison, Nov. 3, 2010.

Jessica Case '02 Eisenberg and Adam Eisenberg, Hannah Marlee, Oct. 23, 2010.

Matthew Kalajainen '02 and Rachel Smarszcz '03 Kalajainen, Evan Matthew, Nov. 10, 2010.

Nicholas A. Reister '02 and Misten Weeldreyer '99 Reister, Gesche Misten Rebecca Weeldreyer Reister, Oct. 17, 2010.

Amy Woolard '02 Sanchez and Marc Sanchez, Ada Zoe, Nov. 20, 2010.

Katie Baumann '02 Tidball and Daniel Tidball, Grayden Parker, Dec. 26, 2010.

Kevin Wolthuis '02 and Jennifer Bodine '03 Wolthuis, Blaise Michael, Dec. 11, 2010.

David Arnoldink '03 and Julie Visser '03 Arnoldink, Mason John, Jan. 7, 2011.

The Hope-Calvin men's basketball rivalry took on a new yet familiar form on Saturday, Nov. 13. Alumni spanning a quarter century of Hope men's basketball history teamed up to face a contingent of alumni of Calvin College at Calvin Christian High School for a game to benefit the Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund of Ivanrest Christian Reformed Church of Grandville, Mich. The Hope squad lost 82-76, but the event itself was a winner, raising

\$5,500 for young students and hosting an audience of about 300. Playing from Hope were **Tod Gugino '85** of Holland, Mich.; **Wade Gugino '92** of Holland; **Duane Bosma '96** of Holland; **Joel Holstege '98** of Jenison, Mich.; **Chris Vander Slice '99** of Grandville; **Josh Canan '00** of Zeeland, Mich.; **Mike VanHekken '03** of Wyoming, Mich.; **Derek VanSolkema '08** of Byron Center, Mich.; and **Cody Canan '10** of Holland. There's talk of a rematch this coming fall.

Katie Stephan '03 Cobb and Rodney Cobb '03, Ellie Paige, Oct. 27, 2010.

Kimberly Pett '03 De Jager and Chad De Jager, Cassidy Joy, Dec. 3, 2010.

Corrie Durham '03 Hillary and Phil Hillary, Isaac John, Nov. 9, 2010.

Noel Snyder '03 and Heidi Dykema '04 Snyder, Jude Lewis and Hazel Brynn, Nov. 9, 2010.

Kyle Nevenzel '04 and Amber Nevenzel, Kenzie Mae, Feb. 18, 2011

Willam Norden '04 and MaraJoy Norden, Berend Stanley, Sept. 9, 2010.

Anne Slaughter '04 Stolz and Matthew Stolz '04, Harrison Matthew, Jan. 28, 2011.

Rebecca Marcus '05 Brown and John Brown, Hannah GraceLin, July 25, 2010.

Megan Scholten '05 Decker and Jason Decker, Annalise Leigh, Jan. 28, 2011.

Megan Jager '05 Kelder and Michael Kelder, Evan James, Feb. 6, 2011.

Kari Chase '05 Law and Josh Law, Grace Madeline Rose, April 14, 2008; Sydney Faith, Aug. 20, 2009; and Molly Hope, Jan. 13, 2011.

Janelle Swisher '05 Sievert and Jared Sievert, Owen Matthew, Jan. 26, 2011.

Lucas Wolfe '05 and Rachel Kuiphof '05 Wolfe, Elliot John, Jan. 3, 2011.

Joseph Diekevers '06 and Kristin Rose '07 Kiekevers, Thomas Edward, Feb. 17, 2011.

Krista Rottschafer '06 Heemstra and Andy Heemstra, Elijah Timothy and Evelyn Hope, Oct. 5, 2010.

Sona Smith '06 and Elisha Hall, Ayah Sol Masai Hall, Jan. 8, 2010.

Robert '06 Sweas and Krista Sweas, Juliana Rose, Jan. 6, 2011.

Jeffrey Vandlen '06 and Kimberly Mosley '06 Vandlen, Caleb Dale, Dec. 21, 2010.

Elisabeth Lintemuth '07 Cunningham and William Cunningham, Luciana Elisabeth, Feb. 8, 2011.

Daniel Wizner '07 and Elizabeth Case '07 Wizner, Isabelle Josephine, Dec. 4, 2010.

Roxanne Fishnick '09 Adkins and Matthew Adkins, Matthew Xander, Nov. 27, 2010.

Advanced Degrees

Elizabeth Byma '90, Ph.D. in nursing, Michigan State University, December 2010.

Gina Switalski '93 Schinker, Ph.D. in educational leadership and organizational analysis, Western Michigan University.

Christin Van Wyk '95 Greiman, Master of Business Administration, Northwood University, December 2007.

Christopher Greiman '96, Master of Business Administration, Northwood University, December 2010.

Jeffrey Kauffman '00, Master of Arts in humanities, Central Michigan University, August 2009.

Jennifer Schwiager '01, Master of Public Health, Columbia University, May 2010.

Elizabeth Kauffman '02, Master of Arts in English language and literature, Central Michigan University, December 2009.

Kimberly Pett '03 De Jager, Master of Education, Grand Valley State University, 2010.

Sara Bolkema '04 Good, Master of Music in music education, VanderCook College of Music, July 2010.

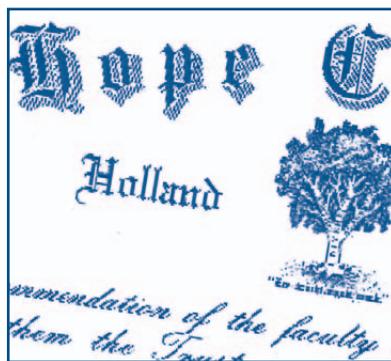
Heidi Snoap '04, master's degree in educational leadership, Grand Valley State University.

Lacee Carr '05, Doctor of Chiropractic, Palmer College of Chiropractic, October 2010.

Lori Sullivan '06, J.D., Columbus School of Law, November 2010.

Stelios Alvarez '08, Masters in Business Administration, with an emphasis on international management, Grand Valley State University's Seidman College of Business, December 2010.

Crystal Frost '09 Feyen, Master of Social Work, University of Minnesota, August 2010.



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Deaths

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Robert Albers '52 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011. He was 80.

He was a surgeon in Holland since 1963, and in the late 1970s formed Holland Surgical Associates.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Rose Tardiff '53 Albers; his sons, Michael Paul (Kathy) Albers and Mark Robert (Kate Brown) Albers; his grandchildren, Martha, Mitch and Jillian Albers; his sister, Norma Albers '48 (William) Zonnebelt; and his brothers-in-law, Calvin Tardiff and Ray (Gail) Tardiff.

MaryJane Dixon '66 Baxter of Port Charlotte, Fla., died on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2010. She was 66.

She was an elementary teacher with the New York City Public School System before retiring.

Survivors include her husband of 12 years, Robert Baxter; and nephews, Kenneth Dixon and Thomas Dixon.

William S. Bernard '91 of Royal Oak, Mich., died on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010. He was 42.

Survivors include his mother, Nancy (Terrence) Wright; his brother, Joseph (Kelly) Wright, Terrence (Kim) Wright; his sister, Leigh (Sean) Conrad; and several nieces and nephews.

Nicole Beuschel '11 of Comstock Park, Mich., died on Monday, Feb. 21, 2011 after a 10-year battle with cancer. She was 28.

Survivors include her mother, Patricia Beuschel; and grandmothers, Florence Schut and Janice Beuschel.

Ann Fikse '47 Boss of Waupun, Wis., died on Friday, Nov. 26, 2010. She was 84.

She was a school teacher in Hudsonville and Holland, Mich., and in Waupun, where she ministered to unmarried pregnant girls. She served on the Board of Trustees for Western Theological Seminary.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Donald Boss '50; her son, Richard (Amy) Boss; two daughters, Mary (Calvin) Siegel and Rhoda (Christopher) Kerkes; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Cynthia Fikse '50 (Michael '52) Romano; and two brothers, John (Beverly) Fikse '55 and Evert (Ardith) Fikse '60.

Virginia Miller '57 Bostian of Freeport, Ill., died on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011. She was 75.

She worked in Newell's production control for a number of years.

Survivors include her husband, David Bostian; son, Scott (Rita) Bostian; two grandchildren, Talia and Juniper; brother, Gerald (Carol) Miller '62; and two nieces.

Irwin L. Brink '53 of Plymouth, Mich., died on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010. He was 80.

He was an accountant for Evans Products Company and Masco, Inc. After retiring he drove the Red Bell Nursery school bus.

Survivors included his wife of 58 years, Shirley Brink; his children, Lynda (Dan) Markiewicz, Russ (Carolyn) Brink, Jerry (Tracy) Brink and Katie (Michael) McCollum; and six grandchildren.

Luella Brady '48 Browand of Lansing, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011. She was 87.

She was a librarian at the Kalamazoo Public Library, and also substituted for the Lansing Public Schools.

Survivors included her daughters, Luanne (Ed) Rabideau, Kristine (Dave) Holubowicz and Barbara Pasch; son-in-law, Tom Pasch; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Malcolm Brown '49 of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., died on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010. He was 83.

He retired from Bacon Hill Reformed Church. He served as director of ministries of the Peniel Bible Conference.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Florence Stewart '52 Brown; his son, Timothy (Cathy) Brown; brother Bruce Brown; two sisters, Edith McCormick and Margaret Call; and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry Bulthuis '40 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010. He was 95.

He was a private practice physician in Jamestown from 1947 to 1982.

Survivors include his children, Mary (Neil) Van Regenmorter, Linda (Tom) Spalman, George (Trudy) Bulthuis and Ron Byker; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers, Glenn (Alida) Bulthuis '46, and Donald (Elaine) Bulthuis '50; sister-in-law, Genevieve and Clair DeMull; and many nieces and nephews, including Steven Bulthuis '90.

David Clark '60 of Muskegon, Mich., died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011. He was 72.

He was a teacher and a guidance counselor, and also worked as a financial advisor.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Northrop Clark; daughter, Kristin Clark '95 (Jeff) Williams; sons, Stephen (Erin) Clark, Jeffrey (Samantha) Anhalt '94, Joel (Krista) Anhalt, and Jonathan (Erin) Anhalt; 19 grandchildren; brother, Charles (Donna) Clark; sisters, Doris Ann Clark and Claudia (Larry) Pearson; and former wife, Norma Jean Foster '70 Clark.

Thomas DePree '57 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010. He was 75.

He owned an insurance company in Holland, and served as the chairman for the Ottawa County Republican Party and on the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 50 years, Deanna DePree; two daughters, Dana DePree Minter and Dori DePree; a son, Hopwood DePree; a granddaughter, Jetsen Black Minter; two brothers, Kenneth DePree '54 and James DePree; and a sister, Suzanne DePree.

Richard De Vlaming '67 of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, died on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010. He was 68.

He was a retired insurance broker who served as president of the Insurance Brokers Association.

Survivors include his wife, Donelle Diggie '67 De Vlaming; a son, Len; daughter-in-law, Caireen; and two granddaughters.

Louise McDowell '53 DeWitte of Webster, N.Y., died on Friday, Dec. 31, 2010. She was 79.

She was a school teacher and a volunteer for the Nature Conservancy's Thousand Acre Swamp.

Survivors include her husband, Roy DeWitte '53; a son, David (Frances) DeWitte; daughters, Nancy DeWitte '82 (Tom) Condon, Anne (Dan) Shelley; grandchildren, Stephanie DeWitte '09, Robert and Mary DeWitte, and Tyler and Lauren Shelley; brothers, Ralph (Peg) McDowell and James (Shirley) McDowell; and several nieces and nephews.

Delbert De Young '52 of Friesland, Wis., died on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011. He was 81.

He founded Cupery & De Young Storage Corp., Adams Transit Inc. and De Young Rentals.

He and his first wife Doris, established a scholarship fund at Hope, The Delbert '52 and Doris '52 De Young Scholarship Fund.

Survivors include his wife, Betty De Young; his son, Peter De Young '78 and James (Holly Anderson '90) De Young '88; his daughter, Mary De Young '78; two granddaughters, Tessa and Rebecca De Young; two stepsons, Douglas (Deidre) Lloyd and Donald (Sally) Lloyd; step-daughter, Lisbeth (David) Deblitz; four step-grandchildren, Douglas (Kiley) Lloyd, Samuel Lloyd, David (Alexia) Deblitz, and Emily Deblitz; step-great-granddaughter, Evelyn; his sister, Marlene (James) Smedema; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Kroes '51 De Young Cupery and Kay Adams; and step-sister-in-law, Nancy Noordhof.

Marcine Muilenburg '53 DeJong of Waterville, Minn., died on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011. She was 82.

After several teaching jobs in Iowa and Michigan, she and her husband moved to Kodaikanal, South India in 1957 to teach in a boarding school for missionary children. They retired to Arizona in 1993.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Keith DeJong '50; her sister, Lee Roos; her sons, Garry (Suzanne

Smith) DeJong, Bruce (Tamar Ulrich) DeJong, James (Dawn Reynolds) DeJong; her daughter, Dorothy (Jeff Jarvis) DeJong; her grandchildren, Terah, Hans, S. Ketsa, Leif and Andry DeJong, Noelle and Annelise DeJong, and Hunger DeJong-Caron.

Joseph Dolnik '52 of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Wednesday Jan. 19, 2011. He was 86.

He was employed as a teacher in Shelby and Kalamazoo schools and later as a machine operator for Eaton Corp.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Dolnik; children, Richard (Dorrie) Dolnik, Ronald (Laura) Dolnik and Kathy Dolnik; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Julia Blough '64 Dunton of DeMotte, Ind., died on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2010. She was 88.

She taught high school and college-level students.

Survivors include her sons; James Dunton and John (Nedra) Katrine Curtis Dunton; a brother, Michael (Janet Hollander '63) Blough '61; and nieces and nephews, including David Blough '87, Kenneth Blough '90 and Ruth Blough '93 Cowles.

Shirley Leslie '49 Dykstra of Centreville, Va., died on Friday, Nov. 26, 2010. She was 86.

A lifelong artist, she was an accomplished carpenter and worked scene design with the theatre department at SUNY Binghamton (now Binghamton University). She obtained her real estate license in 1980 and became an agent in Fairfax.

Survivors include her brother, Craig Leslie '51; her four children, Leslie Dykstra '74 (Robert Schoening), Lynne Perry, Craig (Valerie) Dykstra and Kevin (Katy O'Grady) Dykstra; five grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews, including Linda Leslie '82 and Dwight Leslie '72.

Vergil Dykstra '49 of Fairfax, Va., died on Friday, Dec. 31, 2010. He was 85.

His teaching career including positions at the University of Cincinnati, University of Oregon, the University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota and SUNY Binghamton.

Survivors include his four children, Leslie Dykstra '74 (Robert Schoening), Lynne Perry, Craig (Valerie) Dykstra and Kevin (Katy O'Grady) Dykstra; five grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many nephews and nieces including Linda Leslie '82 and Dwight Leslie '72.

Harold Franken '51 of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, Dec. 13, 2010. He was 82.

He worked for WHTC for 41 years and was president of the Holland area Reformed Church classis.

Survivors include wife of 55 years, Jean Franken; his children, John (Kim) Franken '85 and Steve (Liesje) Franken; and six grandchildren, including William Franken '14.



Gertrude Bolema '44 Fuller of Naples, Fla., died on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010. She was 90.

She was the business administrative assistant to her husband with several of his businesses.

Survivors include her brother, David (Patti) Bolema; her sons, Tim (Susan) Fuller and Steven Fuller; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, including Theodore (Sally) Bolema '82 and Sally Bolema '84 (William '84) Fisher.

Gerard Gnade '50 of Okemos, Mich. died on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010. He was 84.

He retired from his medical practice in 2003 and was also a chief of staff, medical director of Hospice and director of utilization review during his career.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann; his children, Carol (Lorraine Miller) Gnade, Diane Gnade '77 (Robert) Valentine, Gail (Steven Palmer) Gnade, Gerard (Kimberly) Gnade, Rena VanRenterghem '87 (Ron) Azar, and Robert (Cynthia Van Duryne '90) VanRenterghem '90; brother, Kenneth (the late Mari) Gnade '56; 18 grandchildren, including William Valentine '09; nine great-grandchildren; and three nieces and their families.

David Hager '52 of Warrenville, Ill., died on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. He was 80.

He was the founder and owner of D.J. Hager, Inc., a consultant in pension and profit-sharing plans.

Survivors include his children, P. Elizabeth Hager '77 (Mario) Testani, Derrick Hager '79, Kimberley (Philip) Libers, Daniel (Kimille) Hager and Brooke (Joseph) Filas; a brother, Daniel Hager '54; and nine grandchildren.

Audrey Christy '49 Heasty of Bloomington, Ind., died on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010. She was 84.

She and her husband were missionaries in Africa for approximately 15 years. She returned to Kenya after her husband's death and worked in the clinic they opened until she retired in 1997.

Survivors include her six children, Alfred Heasty, Rita Chee, Dennis Heasty, Dona Brown, Paul Heasty and adopted son, James Bol Biel; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Linda Lange '74 of Huntington W.Va., died on Monday, Nov. 29, 2010. She was 60.

Survivors include her brother, Mark (Karla) Lange '76.

Joanne Hasper '68 Langeland of Muskegon, Mich., died on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011. She was 64.

She was an active homemaker and a "second mom" to many of her children's friends.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Langeland '67; five children, Carrie (Todd) Carlson, Christie (Patrick) Kennedy, Cindy (Tim) Taylor, Charles (girlfriend, Kim Weiland) Langeland, Jr. and Cathy (Don) Lake; 11 grandchildren; and sister, Barbara (Mark) Sanders.

Blaise Levai '42 of Jacksonville, Fla., died on Monday, Dec. 20, 2010. He was 91.

He served as a missionary pastor and professor in India for more than 15 years. He worked as managing editor for the American Bible Society, director of literature for the Methodist Board of Missions in New York and pastor of churches in New Jersey and Florida.

He received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Hope College in 1987.

Survivors include his wife Marian Korteling '47 Levai; his five children, Lynda, Kathy, Nanci, Bob and Judy; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Robert Looyenga '61 of Rapid City, S.D., died on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010. He was 71.

He taught analytical chemistry at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology for 25 years and was a forensic chemist for the Pennington County Sheriff's Office and the Rapid City Police Dept.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Fugazzotto '61 Looyenga; four children, W. Paul Looyenga, Judith Looyenga, Mark Looyenga and Suzanne Norton; nine grandchildren; two sisters Faye Rychman and Donna Heckelsmiller; and a brother, Lowell Looyenga.

Julius Lubbers '40 of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011. He was 92.

He practiced dentistry in Holland until the mid-1980s.

Survivors include his children, Pamela Lubbers, Peg Sarantos, and Jeffrey (Carol) Lubbers; 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; his sister, Mildred (Julius) Tripp; and several nieces and nephews.

Rosey Seith '45 Maatman of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011. She was 87.

She was a teacher at the Zeeland and Hamilton high schools for 22 years.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Donald Maatman; children, Stephen (Lynn) Maatman '73 and Peggy Maatman (James) Sonke; and four grandchildren.

Hamilton McCallum '51 of Hudsonville, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011. He was 80.

He was the head of industrial engineering at General Motors for 32 years.

Survivors include his children, Betsy (Barry) Eisenga, Susan (Gary) Mosher, Cindy (Rick) Mouw and Sarah (Terry) Prindle; 11 grandchildren, including Adam Eisenga '02 and Katherine Eisenga '06; two great-grandchildren; brother, John (Mary Kuit '50) McCallum '50; and many in-laws.

John Muller '42 of Spring Lake, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011. He was 89.

He served as a pastor for churches in New York, Canada, Michigan, Florida and California. He also published five books,

the most recent *No Nonsense Ministry*.

Survivors include his two children, Mary Jane Muller '68 Montgomery and John Jay Muller; grandchildren, John Duitsman and Naomi Chmelik, John Jay Muller, Jr. and Sarajane Huerbsch; and great-grandchildren, Collin Correia, Peyton Brill, Bronywn Audrey Hall and Clara Huerbsch.

George Nordhouse '41 of Spring Lake, Mich., died on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011. He was 96.

He worked at Nordhouse Equipment Co. until his retirement.

Survivors include his step-daughter, Valerie Garrot; and many cousins.

Mary "Betty" Oonk-Wojahn '90 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010. She was 82.

She was a telephone operator for Michigan Bell for more than 30 years. She worked as a receptionist at Big Dutchman and was an art assistant at West Ottawa High School for five years.

Survivors include her children, Michael (Barbara) Oonk '70, Mary Oonk '73 (Michael) Veele, Jack Oonk '86, Kim Wojahn, Dan Ross and Carol (Wayne) Roberts; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister, June McMeeken; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Word has been received of the death of **John Pink '71** of Royal Oak, Mich., who died on Monday, Jan. 28, 2002. He was 54.

Gerard "Nick" Pool '56 of Muskegon, Mich., died on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010. He was 76.

He earned a master piano builder certificate in 1961 and worked throughout West Michigan as a musician and freelance keyboard technician. He tuned pianos for some of the music industry's biggest names, including Duke Ellington, George Shearing and Victor Borge.

Survivors include his former wife, Ellen; a son, Andrew; two daughters, Sarah and Ann; four grandchildren; and a brother, Thomas Pool '64.

Robert Prins '54 of Canon City, Colo., died on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010. He was 78.

He spent the last 30 years of his career as a higher education administrator, and was president emeritus of Iowa Wesleyan College.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Ruth Prins; children, Linda Weber, Douglas (Teri) Prins, Debra (Dean) Heavilin, Nancy (Paul) Andrews, Eric Prins and Sarah (Jim) Schmid; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Doris Prins '50 (Paul '50) Alderink.

Barbara Upward '82 Pyett of Beverly Hills, Mich., died on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010 after a six-year battle with BAC lung cancer. She was 50.

She was a certified public accountant, homemaker, community volunteer, gifted home decorator and gardener.

Survivors include her children,

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Christopher and Margaret; parents, Donald (Audrey) Upward; siblings, Jane (Count) Darling and Geoff Upward; and many nieces and nephews.

Ivan Roggen '36 of Saginaw, Mich., died on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010. He was 96.

He maintained a general pediatrics practice in Saginaw until his retirement in 1985.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Jane Roggen; three sons and two daughters, Altan (Kathy) Stalker, Betty Ann Stalker, Lynn (Lloyd) Pender, Michael (Kathie) Stalker and John Roggen; his sister, Marion Roggen '40 McGilvra; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Nancy Vanderkolk '62 Saccani** of Tucson, Ariz., who died on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011. She was 71.

She taught middle school English, first in New Jersey and later in Colorado.

Lila Wiersma '37 Salisbury of Saint Joseph, Mich., died on Friday, Jan. 28, 2011. She was 95.

She taught elementary school for more than 31 years in Garden City, Mich.

Survivors include her son, C. "Gib" (Karyl) Salisbury III; and a grandson, Charles (Jennifer) Salisbury IV.

Ruth Stryker '41 Smith of Angola, Ind., died on Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. She was 90.

She served as a librarian at Tri-State University and was a volunteer tax preparer for the IRS.

Survivors include her two sons, Q. Douglas (Sherry) Smith and Jeffery Smith; and several nieces and nephews, including David Stryker '65 and John (Mary VanKoevering '60) Stryker '60.

Homer Smith '37 of Fort Myers, Fla., died on Monday, Dec. 20, 2010. He was 96.

He established a scholarship fund at Hope, The Homer "Duke" '37 and Louise Smith Scholarship Fund.

Survivors include his step-daughter, Virginia (Daniel) Roscioli; step-son, Peter (Melanie) Rice; and two grandchildren.

Julia Bernius '52 Spitzler of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died on Friday, Jan. 7, 2011. She was 79.

She was an English teacher and then was a typographer for The Phipps Press for 15 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda (Jimmy) Sadler; two sons, Kenneth (Paula) Spitzler and Michael (Patricia) Spitzler; granddaughter, Maggie Spitzler; sister-in-law, Jessica Bernius; three nephews, Matthew, Paul and Glenn Bernius; and former husband, Henry Spitzler.

Margaret Friesema '44 Staver of Jackson, Mich., died on Friday, Dec. 18, 2009. She was 87.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Kuhl; and three grandchildren, Michael, Molly and Peter Kuhl.

Jane Spencer '73 Stegenga of Forest Acres, S.C., died on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010. She was 59.

She worked at Richland Memorial Hospital in the neo-natal intensive care unit.

Survivors include her parents, Robert (Frances Riggs '56) Spencer '53; and her sons, Robert and Chad Stegenga; and seven grandchildren.

Allyn Stillman '50 of Lebanon, Ohio, died on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010. He was 83.

He retired from General Electric Company after 35 years of service.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Marguerite Stillman; sons, Mark and Neil (Rita) Stillman; daughter, Gloria (Ken) Blankenship; and three grandchildren.

Glenn Stokdyk '46 of Fort Worth, Texas, died on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010. He was 86.

He worked at Bond Radiological Group until he retired.

Survivors include his children, Dale (Karen) Stokdyk, Lisa Stokdyk, Linda Stokdyk and Mike (Julie) Stokdyk; granddaughter, Kasey Stokdyk; and sister, Shirley Stokdyk.

Ruth Vander May '42 Van Tatenhove of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011. She was 89.

Survivors include her two sons, Craig Van Tatenhove and Eric Van Tatenhove; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley Green and Joanne Linck; and sister-in-law, Edna VanTatenhove '47 Haworth.

Betty Vicha '61 Van Wyk of Oak Park, Ill., died on Nov. 14, 2010. She was 71.

In 1999, she began her career as a certified financial planner until retiring in 2005.

Survivors include her son, Mark (Linda) Van Wyk; daughter Laura (Bob); her granddaughter, Lily Lin Van Wyk; and her sister and traveling companion, Diane Vicha '56 Ogle.

Gertrude "Trudy" Van Zee '34 of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011. She was 98.

She was the senior catalog librarian at Western Michigan University from 1952 to 1978, retiring as associate professor emerita of university libraries.

Survivors include many cousins.

Robert Visser '54 of Sun City West, Ariz., died on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010. He was 78.

After teaching and coaching for 36 years in the Michigan public schools, he retired and was active with his church, Arizona schools and with Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include his wife Suzanne Swemer '54 Visser; his children, Jane Visser '79 (David '78) Vander Velde, Margaret Visser '83 (Brian '82) Rideout and David Visser; and eight grandchildren, including Paul Vander Velde '09 and Valerie Rideout '09.

Frieda Grote '45 Wezeman of Coupeville, Wash., died on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011. She was 87.

She was an accomplished musician and played piano and organ for 60 years. She taught special education and second grade, retiring in 1987.

Survivors include her children, Paul (Leah), Tim (Nancy), and Lois (Bill); eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

René Willis Jr. '41, of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011. He was 91.

He worked in varying positions for Holland Color which changed ownership to Chematron and eventually BASF. He was instrumental in developing paints for the auto industry before moving into sales and then overseeing OSHA safety regulations for the Holland location.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Anita Vogt '41 Willis; his daughter, Pamela (Annie) Olson; son-in-law, Phil Olson; grandchildren, Benjamin (Leslie) Thomas, Tracy (Taylor) Aalvik, Kathryn (Kirk) Koeman; great-grandchildren, Scott and Randall Thomas, Steven and Allyson Hughes, Andrew and Matthew Koeman and Kyla Aalvik; and many nieces and nephews.

Sympathy to

The family of **Kodjopa Attoh** of Ithaca, N.Y., who died on Monday, Feb. 7, 2011. He was 66.

He was an associate professor of geology at Hope from 1981 to 1993. While at the college, he regularly hosted the African foreign students enrolled at Hope and at Western Theological Seminary. He had also worked at Mekele University in Ethiopia, the University of Kuwait and the University of Ghana through a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship (2002-04) teaching geology.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Greene; two sons, Kafui and Kwaku Attoh; 11 brothers and sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

The family of **Lars Granberg** of Holland, Mich., who died on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. He was 91.

He retired from Hope in 1984 as the Peter C. and Emajean Cook Professor of Psychology. Through his years at Hope, he was also the founding director of the counseling service from 1960 to 1965, acting vice president for academic affairs during 1965-66, dean for the social sciences from 1975 to 1978, and director of interdisciplinary studies—with special responsibility for the Senior Seminar program—from 1978 until he retired.

He left Hope twice for significant service to other institutions. From 1954 to 1960, he was dean of students and associate professor of pastoral counseling in psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. He was president of Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, from 1966 to 1975. Northwestern College presented him with an honorary degree, an LHD, in 1975.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Carol Mae (Van Oss) Granberg '62 of Holland; three daughters and their husbands, Barbara Granberg '67 Joldersma and Dan Joldersma of Holland, Karin Granberg-Michaelson '70 and Wesley Granberg-Michaelson '67 of Kentwood, Mich., and Linda and Wade Popovich of Burke, Va.; six grandchildren, Dirk Joldersma '95 (spouse Lisa Meengs '95 Joldersma), Kevin Joldersma '98 (spouse Kelly Bush '98 Joldersma), J.K. Granberg-Michaelson '04, Karis Rose Granberg-Michaelson '10, Sarah Popovich-Judge '08 (spouse Matthew Popovich-Judge) and Michael Popovich; seven great-grandchildren, Oscar, Garrett, Anneka, Henry, Ella, Celia and Natalie Joldersma; his brother- and sister-in-law, Paul and Barbara Van Oss; and seven nieces and nephews, including Jonathan Van Oss '85 (spouse Sarah Smith '85 Van Oss). He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Bergitte (Tonnesen) Larsen Granberg, and his sister and brother-in-law, Johanna and Fred Swanson.

The family of **Ronald H. Hale** of Fennville, Mich., who died on Friday, Dec. 17, 2010. He was 71.

He was employed at Hope College for 20 years and retired as the director of transportation in 2003.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Judy; children, Lori and Scott Bouwman, Rhonda Hale '84 and Dean Marsman '83, and Ronald and Stacy Hale; eight grandchildren, Michael (Leanne) Bouwman, David Bouwman '11, Kara '11, Kelly '13, Kaitlyn and Kristen Marsman, Ron and Brad Hale; and sisters, Lavonne (Earl) Klyn, and Sharon (Skip) Wilkins.

The family of **Richard Oudersluys** of Holland, Mich., who died on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010. He was 103.

He taught at Western Theological Seminary and Hope College until the age of 82, and gave his last lecture at age 90. He was the instructor in Greek at Hope during 1945-46 and 1954-55, and taught religion during 1951-52. Hope presented him with an honorary degree in 1945. He was honored by HASP, of which he was a charter member, with its Distinguished Service Award in 1996. He received the Western Theological Seminary Distinguished Alumni Award in 1988. Both a seminary chair and scholarship bear his name.

Survivors include his two sons, Richard (Carol) Oudersluys '61 and Mark (Donna Droppers '67) Oudersluys '67; daughter, Judith Brink; eight grandchildren, including JohnMark Oudersluys '97; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family of **Alma Mae Scarlett** of Holland, Mich., who died on Friday, Dec. 10, 2010. She was 92.

She worked for Hope College as manager of the International Education Office for more than 25 years, retiring in 1985.

Survivors include her daughter, Susan Scarlett-Middleton '74 (John); brothers, Roland (Nancy) Bartels and Jay (Dottie) Bartels; and several nieces and nephews.





No Shadows

The great “snowpocalypse” of February 1-2 shut down much of the nation, including Hope, with the worst blizzard in more than three decades prompting a rare cancellation for the college. The 12-plus inches of snow that fell in about as many hours didn’t break spirits, however, and even provided occasion for some singular entertainment as students developed sledding runs in the temporary hills that sprouted, made a snow angel or two, and—Feb. 2 was, after all, Groundhog Day—built a snow cave here and there.