

# HOPE

## People Person

Social psychologist David Myers  
reaches the world in print.

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## On the Cover

Dr. David Myers of the Hope psychology faculty enjoys a home men's basketball game earlier this year. An insightful student of human behavior in addition to being an enthusiastic member of the Hope community, Dr. Myers has even included a segment about fandom in his textbook *Social Psychology*, currently in its 10th edition. He is one of the nation's top authors of textbooks in the field of psychology—some 15 million students worldwide have read one of his textbooks, which have been published in a dozen languages. He has also written for general audiences on topics ranging from happiness to hearing loss to intuition. Not bad for someone who initially didn't even plan on a career in psychology.



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## "Quote, unquote"

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



Featuring a cross-section of faculty, the "Last Lecture Series" coordinated by the college's chapter of Mortar Board asks professors to share the advice they would give if addressing students for the final time. In February, Dr. Mark Husbands, the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Associate Professor of Reformed Theology, presented "Do Not Go Gentle Into

that Good Night: Christian Theology in a Secular Age," using the words of Dylan Thomas in his title to encourage the members of the audience to remain true to their faith in an era that challenges it. Excerpts follow.

"In one sense, of course, Christians of all ages are faced with the same task—how to speak, reflect upon, worship and bear witness to the triune God in the midst of a world that all too often resists the Lordship of Christ. In similar fashion, the peculiar calling of Christian theology must always resist being co-opted by any school of thought or set of intellectual practices at cross purposes to the Gospel.

The 'Gospel' here is, at one and the same time, both the person of Christ, and the glad announcement that in and through his life, death and resurrection, all other human persons may be set right. Put differently, this means that the history of Jesus stands in judgment over all other histories, rendering them subject to his lordship and redemptive action. Clearly this is what is meant by St. Paul in his decree that Christ 'has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them' (2 Cor 5:14-15) all of which is summed up in the revelation that 'in

Christ God was reconciling the world to himself' (2 Cor 5:19).

"Accordingly, the following is a brief dogmatic response to the question of what does it mean to do theology in a secular age. This proposal takes its bearings from one of Calvin's most important dogmatic claims: *Nostri non sumus, sed Domini*, we are not our own, but the Lord's (Instit. III, 7, 1)...

"We also endeavor to follow another theological principle, though not from Calvin at this point, but from the British theologian John Webster instead. Early on in his essay 'Eschatology and Anthropology' he claims that Christian theology 'is responsible in its context but not in any straightforward way responsible to its context.' To this he adds, 'context is not fate; it may not pretend to have a necessary character, to be anything other than a contingent set of cultural arrangements which stands under the judgment of the Christian Gospel.'

The freedom from cultural and conceptual bondage granted to Christian theology is itself a cheerful expression of evangelical freedom. 'Evangelical freedom' here has everything to do with the whole scope of intellectual, moral, and spiritual liberty from patterns of sin and brokenness. Note, these patterns are often thought to be spiritual, and no doubt there is always a dimension of this. It is just as important, however, to recognize that evangelical freedom and the spiritually life-giving work of sanctification may just as readily apply to the bondage of the reason as much as the will. Accordingly, rather than seeing divine freedom as an authoritative constraint or limit upon the will, evangelical freedom reminds us that God's redemptive work in Christ evokes corresponding patterns of human freedom, thought, and obedience.

In short, although Christians in the West live in a secular age, they also know that questions of personhood and identity are only properly understood in light of the history of God's free and merciful fellowship with us. In short, we only truly know who we are in light of God's reconciliation of humanity in Christ."



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## Distinctive Hope



Hope continues to be—as has been true for many years—the only private, four-year liberal arts college in the United States with national accreditation in art, dance, music and theatre. The programs earn distinction in numerous other ways, of course. Earlier this year, for example, Hope College Theatre's production of *Gone Missing* was one of only eight chosen for presentation during the Region Three Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, the second time in four years a play at Hope was selected for the highly competitive event. In addition, at press time the college learned that the production has also earned three national awards. More is on page 18.



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# Events



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Spring Semester

April 26, Thursday--Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

April 27, Friday--Spring Festival. Classes dismissed at 3 p.m.

April 30-May 4, Monday-Friday--Semester examinations

May 4, Friday--Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.

May 6, Sunday--Baccalaureate and Commencement

May 7, Monday--Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon

**May Term**—May 7-June 1

**June Term**—June 4-29

**July Term**—July 2-27

## ADMISSIONS

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

**Visit Days:** Visit Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The remaining days for 2011-12 are Friday, April 13, and Friday, April 20

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

## THEATRE

**Ring Around the Moon**—Friday-Saturday, April 20-21; Wednesday-Saturday, April 25-28

By Jean Anouilh

DeWitt Center, main theatre

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

## DANCE

**IDT**—Thursday-Saturday, April 12-14

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.  
Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.

**Student Dance Concert**—

Monday-Tuesday, April 16-17

Dow Center, 8 p.m.

Admission is free.

**Student Dance Concert**—

Monday-Tuesday, April 23-24

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

Admission is free.

## DE PREE GALLERY

**Graduating Senior Art Show**—

Through Sunday, May 6

Work by graduating art majors.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, March 30, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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



## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Alumni Weekend**—Friday-Saturday, April 27-28

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '62 through '82.

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

## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance**—Friday, April 13

DeVos Fieldhouse

**Honors Convocation**—Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m.

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

**Baccalaureate and**

**Commencement**—Sunday, May 6

Dimnent Memorial Chapel and Holland Municipal Stadium (DeVos Fieldhouse if rain)

## MUSIC

**Jazz Combos Concert**—Monday, April 9: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Vocal Jazz Workshop Concert**—

Tuesday, April 10: Wichers

Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of

Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Jazz Arts Collective and Combos**

**Concert**—Wednesday, April 11:

Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30

p.m. Admission is free.

**Concert Band Performance**—

Thursday, April 12: Dimnent

Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

**Women's Chamber Choir**—

Monday, April 16: St. Francis de

Sales Catholic Church, 195 W. 13th

St., at Maple Avenue, 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

**Orchestra Concert**—Friday, April

20: Dimnent Memorial Chapel,

7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**"Sundays at 2"**—Sunday, April 22:

Jennifer Walvoord, violin, Alicia

Eppinga, cello, Andrew Le, piano,

Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.

Admission is free.

**Woodwind Quintet Recital**—

Sunday, April 22: Wichers

Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of

Music, 3 p.m. Admission is free.

**Combined Choirs Concert**—

Tuesday, April 24: Dimnent

Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

**Wind Ensemble Concert**—

Wednesday, April 25: Dimnent

Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

## JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

**Susanna Childress and Bich Minh Nguyen**, poetry/fiction, Tuesday, April 17

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

## INSTANT INFORMATION

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

## TICKET SALES

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



## SPORTS SCHEDULES

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

# HSRT

HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

## HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

HSRT is planning an exciting 41st season, opening in the DeWitt theatre on Friday, June 15. Information about the season's multiple mainstage productions and children's shows, including titles, descriptions and the performance schedule, as well as ticket prices, is available online at [www.hope.edu/hsrt](http://www.hope.edu/hsrt).

Tickets go on sale to the public on Monday, May 7, and will be available at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse or by calling (616) 395-7890.



## 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](http://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.





**Dr. Heather Sellers**      **Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson**

## GRADUATION '12:

In just a few short weeks, the college's alumni ranks will swell by nearly 690.

The college's 147th Commencement, celebrating the graduating class of 2012, will be held on Sunday, May

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

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Heather Sellers, professor of English. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson, who is the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel at Hope.

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

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



**HONORARY DEGREE:** Hope will award an honorary degree to Joel Bouwens '74 of Holland, former chairperson of the college's Board of Trustees, on Sunday, May 6, during the Commencement.

Bouwens, who chaired the board from August 2003 through July 2011, will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters

degree for distinguished service to the college. A shareholder in the firm of Cunningham Dalman PC, Attorneys, he has been a member of the board since 1993. His tenure on the board will conclude in 2013.

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## COMMEMORATIVE GIFT:

The fall celebration of the Van Raalte Bicentennial included an international bilateral conference, which started at Hope in Graves Hall (October 24-25) and ended at an elegant former manor house, Landgoed Het Laer, in Ommen, Overijssel, the Netherlands

(November 3-4). During the latter conference, Van Raalte Institute Director Jacob E. Nyenhuis and Associate Provost Alfredo M. Gonzales presented the city of Ommen with a duplicate of the 27-inch bronze maquette for the Albertus C. Van Raalte Sculpture in Centennial Park. They are pictured at left and center as Ommen Alderman J.P. "Ko" Scheele accepts the gift.

**RESEARCH BIRTHDAY:** The college's long-standing and acclaimed tradition of educating students through involvement in collaborative research with members of the faculty in the natural and applied sciences has been made possible and is sustained by many groups and individuals, including not only the faculty scholar-mentors who guide the work but the private organizations, government agencies, and alumni and friends of the college that provide crucial financial support.

Hope notes with pride its long-standing relationship with Research Corporation for Science Advancement (RCSA), the oldest foundation in the United States devoted wholly to science, as the foundation marks its 100th anniversary this year. Through the years, Hope has received more support from the foundation, \$1,695,435, than any other liberal arts college; Hope is also tied for first among liberal arts colleges for the number of grants (64) that members of the faculty have received.

RCSA's president, Dr. James M. Gentile, is a former member of the Hope faculty and dean for the natural sciences, serving at the college from 1976 to 2005. Dr. Michael P. Doyle, a previous RCSA president, was a Hope faculty member from 1968 to 1984.

Based in Tucson, Ariz., the foundation provides catalytic funding for grants, conferences and advocacy to support early career faculty, innovative ideas for transformative research, integration of research and science teaching, interdisciplinary research, and building tomorrow's academic cultures. More about the foundation and its 100th anniversary year is available online at [www.rescorp.org](http://www.rescorp.org).

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



**VIRTUALLY HOME:** A major ongoing remake of the college's website is intended to make visiting the college online even more enjoyable and informative.

Launched in January, the new design is the fourth, and most extensive, revision of the site since [www.hope.edu](http://www.hope.edu) debuted in 1995. The goal of the new design is to more clearly express Hope's unique position in the higher-education community as an institution that provides students with rigorous academic and co-curricular programs in a vibrant Christian environment.

Last year, the college's primary web address was visited an estimated 1.2 million times, a figure that doesn't include the hundreds of thousands of other visits directly to special-interest areas such as admissions, alumni, athletics and the arts.

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

## MILESTONE MARATHON:

The annual student-organized Dance Marathon fundraiser achieved a major milestone this year, topping \$1 million across the event's 13-year history.

The 24-hour Dance Marathon is conducted annually on behalf of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich., both to raise funds and to build awareness of the hospital's work.

This year's Dance Marathon raised \$92,444.32, pushing the cumulative total since the event began in 2000 to \$1,003,599.60. Nearly 700 students participated in the marathon, held at the Dow Center on Friday-Saturday, March 9-10.

The landmark total provided an aiming point as fundraising took place across the months preceding the marathon itself, but primarily as an effect and not a cause. The emphasis throughout—as it has been since the beginning—remained on those the effort benefits: children in a time of need. The 212-bed hospital cares for more than 7,600 inpatients and 190,000 outpatients annually from a 37-county region. Student organizations participating in the event establish relationships with families who have been served by the hospital, and the families are highlighted during the two-day marathon.

"We knew at the start that it was something that would be attainable if we worked really hard," said senior Ryan Tussey of Fort Wayne, Ind., who co-directed this year's Dance Marathon with senior Michael Dirksen of Grand Rapids, Mich. "It's so rewarding to be able to do this for the hospital."

Dirksen credited the tradition of generosity that has prompted thousands of students and countless contributors from the larger community to sustain a tradition of outstanding effort.

"A school of Hope's size is not expected to raise much more than \$10,000, so the fact that in 13 years we were able to reach \$1 million is unbelievable," he said.

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**HOPE IN PICTURES:** Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope. Pictured is a moment from the Saturday, Jan. 28, celebration of the fifth birthday of popular Hope mascot Dutch, which included not only the mascot game shown (part of the halftime activities during the men's game with Alma College) but also the presentation of cards signed by well-wishers of all ages and a cake with candles and the singing of "Happy Birthday to You" during the Winter Happening luncheon earlier in the day.



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



# A Greater Home for Music



There's really no overstating the difference that will be made.

The concert hall and music facility that headlines the *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign will be replacing a building constructed when the college was about one third its current size. That statistic alone says much about the need for an upgrade, but the emphasis in the department of music is not on what will be transcended but on what will be gained. The new building will make possible an even stronger learning experience for students, and not just music majors but the hundreds college-wide who take courses in the department each semester.

"The building will make a major difference," said Dr. Robert Hodson '89, who is an associate professor of music and chairperson of the department. "It will provide teaching, rehearsal and performance space that not only supports the size of our program but is designed to be outstanding in supporting the learning of music."

The concert space is an especially exciting part of the project, and intended to enhance not only the campus but the wider community. There are particular benefits to student performers in honing their craft in acoustically superior space, but that venue will no less benefit audiences attending the 100-plus recitals and concerts held at Hope each year, events that include not only students and

faculty, but community groups and guest artists from across the nation and around the world.

"This will be a top-notch, first-rate concert hall, specifically designed for music, that will be unequalled in West Michigan," Dr. Hodson said.

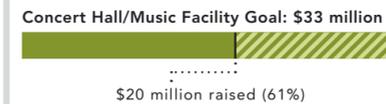
The new building will be constructed facing Columbia Avenue between Ninth and 10th streets. At 64,000 square feet, the \$33 million facility will be more than double the size of Nykerk Hall of Music, which totals about 27,000 square feet.

The project has received major support through a lead gift from the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation. Fundraising for the building so far totals \$20 million.

The building's primary concert hall will seat 800, and will include both main-floor and balcony seating.

"It's big enough to do everything we need to do, yet small enough to be intimate," said Dr. Brian Coyle, professor of music.

A smaller recital hall will seat about 125. In contrast, most concerts at Hope currently take place in either Dimnent Memorial Chapel, which isn't ideal acoustically for performance, or Wichers Auditorium in Nykerk Hall. At the same time, Dimnent is much in demand given its primary role as a place of worship, presenting scheduling challenges for both the music program and Campus Ministries.



Less visible to visitors, the teaching and rehearsal spaces will be no less significant. The new building will include 25 practice rooms and 25 teaching studios, as opposed 15 of each in Nykerk Hall. They will support learning by some 600 students each semester taught by 40 full- and part-time faculty.

The practice rooms will make an important difference to individual students, for whom peak demand can create a situation akin to a busy holiday-season parking lot. "You can pass by at certain times of day and every practice room will be taken and students are on the prowl for practice space," Dr. Coyle said.

In the same way, the faculty are also squeezed. In some cases, for example, two, three or even four part-time instructors share office space in a single converted practice room measuring less than 10 feet per side.

The new building will also better support the college's 20 performing ensembles, none of which have acoustically supportive rehearsal space, and will include accommodations for newer initiatives, like the popular program in studio recording, that weren't envisioned when Nykerk Hall opened in 1956. And then, there are the little things, like adequate storage space for instruments that currently call a hallway

The new concert hall and music facility will provide both outstanding teaching space (for a department that outgrew its current home years ago) and performance space unequalled in West Michigan. Planned for Columbia Avenue between Ninth and 10th streets, the concert hall will not only benefit those who perform in—and attend—Hope student and guest-artist concerts, but will also serve as a resource for the broader Holland and West Michigan communities.

home, soundproofing that prevents individual practices from becoming inadvertent ensemble-playing and a roof that doesn't, despite all best efforts, insist on leaking...

Even as it benefits Hope students, the building will help bring true a community dream of nearly two decades. In the 1990s, Holland explored the possibility of an "area center," a facility envisioned as a philanthropic and public partnership that could host both athletic contests and performances. The idea was that the center would succeed the venerable Civic Center, at the time home court for Hope men's basketball, which in both size



A jazz group practices in Snow Auditorium, a rehearsal location that is much in demand despite its limitations. The department of music—like the college—has grown multifold since Nykerk Hall of Music was built in the 1950s, and the importance of acoustically superior space has likewise only increased. The new building will make a major difference.

and design was no longer adequate.

The area center didn't materialize, but a component of it was realized when the college's Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse opened in 2005. In addition to providing a top-flight home for Hope athletics, the fieldhouse has also become an important venue for community events, ranging from basketball games, to high school graduations, to concerts and even dinners.

However, while the fieldhouse does host musical performances, it's clearly not designed for them. The college's concert hall will in a sense complete—and even improve upon—the second half of the area-center vision by providing outstanding performance space intended specifically for music.

Correspondingly, the college is making a priority of developing partnerships with community organizations like the Holland Symphony Orchestra, Holland Chorale and Grand Rapids Symphony that could benefit from the space. The Holland Symphony Orchestra, for example, has been holding its concerts, which consistently draw audiences of more than 800, at a Zeeland high school and would like a destination venue closer to home.

The new building, adjacent to Holland's downtown, even becomes part of an "arts corridor" developing along Columbia Avenue between 14th and Eighth streets, from the department of dance in the Dow Center, to the DeWitt Center main theatre, to the De Pree Art Center and gallery and forthcoming Kruijenga

Art Museum, to the Holland Area Arts Council on Eighth Street, all part of a thriving area arts culture that is itself a community asset.

"That's one of the biggest draws in a community for both employers and people: does that city have a cultural center—and where is it," said Kay Walvoord, president of the Holland Symphony Orchestra. "With a downtown location you have access to restaurants, businesses. That all ties together, too."

The vision is for the relationships to foster additional connections. Already through the years, for example, many members of the Hope faculty and students have performed with the Holland Symphony Orchestra, which has also provided internship opportunities for students interested in arts administration. Hope choirs joined with the group and the Holland Chorale in 2009 for a performance of Verdi's *Requiem* (a landmark achievement for a community of Holland's size), and the college has hosted or co-hosted events like the Holland Symphony Orchestra's concerto competition for youth in January and week-long summer conducting institute. With additional links through geography as well as purpose, the opportunities should only grow.

"I think Hope College and our orchestra have a lot in common," said Doug Rasmussen, chairman of the Holland Symphony Orchestra's Board of Directors. "We together share a strong cultural commitment to our greater community. We see that as a great basis from which both of our organizations can work to make the concert hall a great success."



The largest single fundraising effort in the college's history, the \$175 million *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign will benefit every student as it strengthens the college's endowment, adds several new buildings, and supports immediate needs through the annual Hope Fund. For more information, and to explore supporting the college through the campaign, please visit Hope on-line at [www.hope.edu/agreaterhope](http://www.hope.edu/agreaterhope) or contact Mary Remenschneider, campaign director at [remenschneider@hope.edu](mailto:remenschneider@hope.edu) or 616-395-7775.

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# Nursing the Hope Way

By Greg Olgers '87

If it was only a matter of diagnosing the health care need and responding to it, the exercise would be easy.

For the students in the nursing skills lab, however, things are a bit more challenging. The patient, "Jackie," is frightened and refusing the treatment that could save her life. What to do?

Her sister's in the room and that comforts her some, and Jackie also hits it off with one

of the nursing students trying to help her. It's a starting point, and gradually the team works through Jackie's anxiety and is able to give her the help she requires.

It takes compassion and quick thinking, and it isn't the sort of situation for which even the best textbook is an adequate guide.

Which is why the department has scheduled the roleplaying exercise, with Jackie represented by one of the lab's practice mannequins and given voice by a faculty member, and students portraying her sister and health care staff. By this time in their training all of the students have already had a variety of clinical placements in area hospitals and elsewhere, but there's always value in more experience, especially paired with the opportunity to reflect on it with others.

"I think it's really helpful," said senior Amanda Sutton of Novi, Mich. "I think the most helpful part was talking about it after."

"Combining the psychological piece and the medical piece is not something you see very often," she said. "It's good to reason through how you would respond to a more difficult patient."

Preparing graduates to see their discipline in a larger way is an essential and distinguishing characteristic of Hope College Nursing, which is celebrating both its 10th anniversary and a 30-year history. Growing out of a program that Hope and Calvin College had operated jointly since 1982, Hope nursing began in the spring of 2002 with the same holistic approach that has characterized a Hope education for nearly 150 years.

"We started with the mission of the college and then we developed our nursing program mission and philosophy, and then the curriculum," said Dr. Susan Dunn, associate professor of nursing and chairperson of the



Numerous field placements provide Hope nursing students with a wealth of experience, but there are important lessons to be found in classroom exercises as well. Role-playing situations in the Nursing Skills Lab, for example, provide experience with a variety of different—and challenging—scenarios, and, vitally, give the students and their faculty mentors an opportunity to immediately discuss what worked and what didn't. The equipment in the lab is the same as the students will encounter in clinical settings, and sometimes even better.

department, who has been a member of the faculty since 1997.

Correspondingly, students take classes not only in the nursing program (in which they begin coursework as sophomores) but across the arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural and applied sciences. Every nursing student engages in original research. Off-campus programs—among them mission trips, a May Term in Queretaro, Mexico, and an internship semester in Chicago—provide opportunities to experience nursing in diverse settings. The relationship of faith to care is woven throughout the curriculum.

The facilities are also state-of-the-art, based in the A. Paul Schaap Science Center that opened in 2003. The most distinctive teaching space, the spacious skills lab, features the same equipment the students will find in practice, as well as learning resources like "SimMan 3G," a high-tech, computerized mannequin that can even be programmed with a variety of symptoms. Strong partnerships with hospitals and other health-care agencies across the region also provide a wide range of clinical opportunities locally.

The result has served students well. Hope graduates have consistently exceeded the state and national averages in passing the national licensing exam, and during 2010-11 Hope was among the select eight percent of programs nationwide whose graduates achieved a 100-percent pass rate. Every Hope nursing graduate who has sought an RN position has found one. Alumni of the program have also been successful in gaining admittance to the

nation's top graduate programs in nursing.

The prospects for employment are good in general. Projections estimate a 20 percent shortage of nurses by 2020. Those nurses also need instructors—nationally in 2010, there were 880 faculty vacancies in nursing.

Student interest in the Hope way of teaching nursing has been consistently high, so much so that in 2009 the program obtained approval from its accrediting agency and the Michigan Board of Nursing to expand enrollment from 36 students per class year (108 total across the sophomore, junior and senior classes) to 45 per year.

Junior Angelina Matthews of Amityville, N.Y., first became aware of Hope through the book *Colleges That Change Lives*. Interested in nursing, she quickly realized that Hope had the

program she was seeking.

"I knew that I would get to have a relationship with my professors. I knew that I would get to have an enriching class experience. I knew if I had smaller classes, I would be able to get to know my professors better, and they would be able to get to know me," she said.

She's valued the opportunities that she's found—and in turn has been recognized herself. Last spring, she won a scholarship from the Kalamazoo-Muskegon chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, the second Hope student to receive one of the awards in three years.

This past summer, she participated in an interdisciplinary research project led by Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown of the psychology faculty and Vicki Voskuil of the nursing faculty that focused on an area effort to help young children become ready for school, including through medical care. That experience in turn led to a chance to participate in a professional conference in Las Vegas, Nev., this spring.

She appreciates the broader skill set that participating in research has helped her develop. "Not many people can know how to evaluate something and then know how to interpret it," she said.

She has been equally pleased with the campus environment that has matched her anticipation, and the faith perspective that has informed her education as well.

"I love being surrounded by it because it makes me think about it all the time and think about what God wants me to do," Matthews

said. "I've really been strengthened by the community here. I love it."

Emilie Dykstra '08 Goris was likewise interested in a holistic experience when she was a prospective student.

"I wanted to study at an institution where there was an opportunity for relationship building with students and faculty," she said. "I was also attracted to the campus and the overall 'feel/fit' after a campus visit," she said. "The religious affiliation and strong science programs at Hope were also a selling point."

She's now a doctoral student in nursing at Michigan State University, where she won a two-year John A. Hartford Foundation Predoctoral Scholarship. She feels that her time at Hope has served her well, especially the research she conducted with Dr. Dunn on state and trait hopelessness levels in cardiac rehabilitation patients.

"This invaluable undergraduate nursing research experience was the main significant factor that led me to pursue doctoral study in nursing," she said.

Joel McVeigh '10 transferred to Hope to pursue his interest in geriatric nursing after visiting a friend who was a student and learning how outstanding the program was. He is now employed as assistant director of nursing in an orthopedic rehabilitation and long-term care center in Franklin, Tenn., where he draws on many of the lessons learned at Hope.

"First and foremost, the one class that has been the most helpful, especially in my current position, is Nursing Management," he said. "This class gave me the structure, tools and discipline to be an effective leader on my first day at work."

Beyond his nursing coursework, he noted, "I have found my liberal arts education to be a significant contribution to my nursing career and life in general."

"Moving away from familiar surroundings and people has forced me to draw on the cultural experiences I had while at Hope College," he said. "The mission of Hope College was truly practiced in the nursing program; I learned how to adapt to new cultures and environments within the community and at the bedside."

"The diverse education I received at Hope also prepared me for life in general," McVeigh said. "My spiritual and physical health has been maintained, even though I am over 500 miles from the source of where I learned to care for it. I truly believe that my education at Hope College has developed me into a caring, disciplined, open-minded individual who lives that out in my everyday life in order to make the world a better place." 🙌

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Just as throughout the academic program, involvement in collaborative research with members of the faculty is an important dimension of the Hope nursing program—and a unique dimension that is consistently praised by students and alumni for the additional skills and depth that it provides. Following her participation in an interdisciplinary nursing-psychology project this summer, junior Angelina Matthews had an opportunity to present her work during the 15th Annual Meeting of the Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences in February. With the exception of the Hope contingent, which also included psychology students, most of those attending were graduate- and doctoral-level scholars.





Dr. Jane Dickie

Diane Lucar-Ellens

Herb Martin

Jim VanderMeer '76



# Teaching from the Heart

It is a priority at Hope to help students discern their calling, that place where, as Frederick Buechner has said, one's deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

The process requires understanding of the self within, awareness of the needs without, and the ability to see how the two together might guide a life.

The four members of the faculty who are retiring at the end of the school year have each spent decades guiding Hope students in that journey: **Dr. Jane Dickie**, professor of psychology (1972); **Diane Lucar-Ellens**, associate professor of Spanish (1990); **Herb Martin**, associate professor of accountancy (1982); and **Jim VanderMeer '76**, associate professor of kinesiology (1985). Dedicated mentors, they have done so as fellow travelers, their paths reflecting how they recognized and responded to the intersection themselves.

## Dr. Jane Dickie

Dr. Jane Dickie didn't set out to spend four decades professing developmental psychology. When she made the decision after graduating from Alma College in 1968 to pursue a master's and doctorate at Michigan State University, it was simply because she didn't want to stop learning.

"I honestly didn't think 'This is preparing me to be a professor,'" she said. "I loved the

field. I wanted to keep studying."

As a graduate assistant, though, she quickly realized that she loved teaching as well. As she sought what she would assumed would be a first but not also last faculty position, she liked what she found at Hope.

"What compelled me to Hope was really the feeling I had with the faculty and students that I met here," Dr. Dickie said. "I thought it was to spend a couple of years. I didn't think it was going to be the rest of my life."

Her tenure has even seen her teach three generations of the same family: Wilma Winkels '73, who returned to college to complete her degree; Dr. Lynn Winkels '81 Japinga, who is now a member of the Hope religion faculty; and Annie Japinga, a freshman this year.

Dr. Dickie came to Hope as a pioneer, a woman with a Ph.D. and commitment to involving students in research at a time that society still largely felt that females should be homemakers. She served as a role model herself, and also established the college's interdisciplinary women's studies program—coursework in the 1980s, a minor in 1991, a major in 2005—to help equip students to go themselves into the world with a larger view.

Her dedication to the program reflects a commitment to social justice that has informed her work throughout her time at Hope. Asked during a recent campus address what had given

her the most joy during her time at the college, she answered that she has treasured exploring that commitment in community.

"I really think it's the students and faculty coming together with a vision of what could be," she said.

## Diane Lucar-Ellens

Growing up in the Reformed Church in America in Grand Rapids, Mich., Diane Lucar-Ellens spent a lot of time on the Hope campus, so enrolling as a freshman in the fall of 1967 was a natural choice.

She'd planned to become a social worker but couldn't remove herself enough from the pain of those she was training to aid. Pursuing a minor in Spanish as well, she decided to study abroad in Bogota, Colombia.

The experience led to a new direction. Instead of returning to Hope she settled for a time in Peru, where she found herself uniquely qualified to help others in a way she'd never anticipated, teaching English as a second language.

"I didn't have any education in teaching languages, but I did it and I loved it," Professor Lucar-Ellens said.

When she returned to the United States some years later, she went back to school and completed degrees in Spanish, finishing her bachelor's at Calvin College and a master's at Grand Valley. She taught in the Grand Rapids Christian schools for 10 years and then at Calvin for a decade before returning to Hope.

She enjoyed the homecoming. "Dr. Herb Weller was my professor when I was here, and he was still here—that was cool, to come back and teach with him," she said.

Especially, though, she's valued connecting with students, not only in the classroom but through activities like the Spanish-language chapel program that she and colleague Dr. Daniel Woolsey established five years ago. She's found it particularly rewarding to work with students through the college's First-Year Seminar program, helping young students new to college find their way.

"That's just been a real joy for me—to be able to nurture these students along and see them graduate," she said.

## Herb Martin

Herb Martin's first year as an undergraduate was an unhappy experience. The college he attended had large classes with incompetent and unconcerned instructors. So, he took a break and drove a milk-delivery truck for two years. Most of his colleagues primarily liked being behind the wheel, but he discovered that he especially enjoyed something else: the recordkeeping.

"Basically, you had to keep a set of accounts receivable records," Professor Martin said. "I loved that part and most people didn't."

He transferred to John Brown University for his bachelor's degree and then the University of Arkansas for his master's before settling in Michigan and beginning a career in public accounting.

It was some years later that he had an opportunity to teach a class at Hope College, invited to contribute his expertise as a local in-service professional. "I thought, 'Sure, that sounds like a rewarding thing to do,'" Professor Martin said. Transitions in the department led to a full-time position the following year, and he's never looked back.

He has especially enjoyed seeing outstanding young students mature and become outstanding professionals.

"It has been enjoyable to identify those kids and see them go out in the professional world and do well," he said.

Hope accounting graduates are employed with small firms and large, in government and with non-profits, around the world—and also close to home. He is proud that former student Martha Weener '85 LaBarge is now a faculty colleague, that former student Tom Bylsma '86 is Hope's vice president and chief financial officer, and the business services leadership and staff includes former students like Doug VanDyken '87, Kevin Kraay '81, Jacqueline Van Heest '85 Kacmar and Holli Tigchon '96 Overbeek. The list goes on.

"The people who are running this college are our students, and I feel confident that Hope College is in good hands," he said. "They're all competent professionals."

## Jim VanderMeer '76

Jim VanderMeer '76 had it planned, and it even worked out. He enrolled at Hope to become a mathematics teacher, completed his degree and went on to a good position with the Holland Public Schools.

But, he'd also loved sport his entire life. He'd minored in physical education at the college, where he had played football, and he was even able to become involved in coaching in the school system.

It happened soon thereafter that the district needed qualified substitutes in physical education, and he was asked to help out, leading to a paradigm shift, although still with

his core commitment to making a difference to students. "I found out as much as I liked teaching math, that I really liked physical education as well," he said.

Professor VanderMeer subsequently completed a master's in physical education at Western Michigan University, and then continued at Holland Public—but with a new focus—until retiring in 2006.

He also returned to Hope as an active member of the campus community, joining the football coaching staff in 1985 and even teaching during a one-year leave from Holland. It was a natural choice, given his good experiences as a student.

"Hope ended up being a place I loved," he said. "There were great relationships with a lot of people, which also led to growth in my faith that has had a lifelong impact—as much as I grew academically."

When his tenure with Holland Public ended, he joined the faculty full-time, and has been serving since as coordinator of academic programs for physical education and health education programs.

Like the others ending their tenure this spring, Professor VanderMeer feels that it's time to move on to a new phase of life, but he does so grateful for the years he's spent at Hope and the people he's spent them with.

"If you have a job where you can do what you love to do, with people you love to do it with, that is a great situation," he said. "I'm so thankful for that. I enjoy coming to work every day." 🐾

*Editor's Note: Biographical sketches of all four professors are featured on Hope's website.*

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# Restoring Hope in the Midst of Tragedy

By Chris Lewis '09

For many residents of Middleburgh, Prattsville and Schoharie — three small towns located along upper New York's Schoharie Creek — the morning of Sunday, August 28, was anything but typical.

Rather than enjoying the peace and tranquility of a late-summer day, while worshipping at church or fellowshiping with friends and loved ones, many residents were concerned about the future of their homes, businesses and lives.

As a result of Hurricane Irene, meteorologists had predicted that mild to moderate flooding would soon occur in the area. Some residents prepared for the worst by installing flood doors on their homes and businesses, and by placing sandbags throughout the cities' downtowns and subdivisions, while others thought nothing of the predictions and had little time to prepare.

Nonetheless, regardless of meteorologists' warnings and citizens' preparations, no one could have predicted what was about to transpire.

Within a matter of six hours, more than 28 inches of water fell in the area. Floodwaters surged at upwards of 50 miles per hour, completely destroying homes and businesses. Hundreds of people were injured. And three RCA churches, all pastored by Hope alumni, were nearly ruined.

The historic Middleburgh Reformed Church, pastored by Jeff Kelley '01, survived the record-breaking flood, but suffered significant damage, as roughly eight feet of water filled the church's sanctuary.

"There was mud everywhere. We lost mostly everything, including all the furniture in the sanctuary," Kelley said. "Although God resides with the church's people, and not the building, the church influenced and shaped us. It was heartbreaking to see the sanctuary turned over and the fellowship hall covered in mud."

Prattsville's Reformed Church, co-pastored by Greg '02 and Rebecca LaRoy '01 Town, found itself directly in the floodwaters' path as well.

"The weeks following the flood were surreal. Our quiet town was transformed into a war-zone," Rebecca Town said. "The National Guard lined the streets and military vehicles sat at every corner. It was a sight no one had ever imagined, even in their worst nightmares."

Although some items were saved, the church's Bibles, organ and piano, among dozens of other items, were devastatingly lost or destroyed.

"We were absolutely shocked. We never expected anything this damaging," Greg Town said. "The fellowship hall was a complete loss after the flood tore out the kitchen and extensively damaged everything in it. In the sanctuary, everything was damaged, although we saved the baptismal font, pulpit, lectern and Communion table in hopes of refurbishing them."



A submerged sign in Schoharie and the aftermath in Middleburgh Reformed Church demonstrate the intensity, and indicate the totality, of the flooding wrought by Hurricane Irene. Recovery



In ministry—and as residents themselves—they have faced unimaginable challenges in the wake of the flooding caused by Hurricane Irene in August in their New York communities. And yet, they have also seen faith and hope as residents have pulled together and become closer to rebuild and restore. From left to right are the Rev. Jeff '01 and Lara Alderman '01 Kelley (Middleburgh Reformed Church); the Rev. Greg '02 and the Rev. Rebecca LaRoy '01 Town, with daughters Karissa May and Emelyn Rose (Prattsville Reformed Church and Jewett Presbyterian Church); and the Rev. Michael '99 and the Rev. Sherri '98 Meyer-Veen, with children Samuel and Sophia (Schoharie Reformed Church). (All photographs on these pages courtesy of the Kelleys, Meyer-Veens or Towns)

In addition, the pastors lost most of their parsonage's belongings. Even worse, the congregation no longer had a church they could regularly call "home."

"They didn't have a place to gather anymore," Rebecca Town said. "We became like pilgrims wandering in the desert."

Unfortunately, Schoharie Reformed Church, pastored by Michael '99 and Sherri '98 Meyer-Veen, did not escape the demoralizing flood either. In fact, approximately 90 percent of the entire village was impacted by the flood.

"Our large fellowship hall, which was located in the basement below our sanctuary, was completely submerged under the flood waters," Michael Meyer-Veen said. "It was almost impossible to dry everything out, so it had to be completely gutted."

However, in the midst of such tragedy, it seemed as if the flooding brought out the best in each community member.

"The Middleburgh community came together to help. It was incredible to witness people come out and do whatever they could, from running dump trucks to serving sandwiches," Kelley said.

Pastor Kelley and his wife, Lara Alderman '01 Kelley, were especially impressed by the selflessness of all Middleburgh residents.

"When volunteers and other agencies started arriving after the flood, many said they had never seen a community come together like this," Kelley continued. "Witnessing the expression of such goodness and love deepened my appreciation for this town and its people."

Meanwhile, the Towns believe the flood actually improved Prattsville residents' relationships with one another. Since Prattsville is quite small, with only about 700 residents, everyone was acquainted prior to the flood, but not necessarily close. Today, personal relationships are much more abundant.

"The community is now more honest and open about their fears, hopes and dreams. Having a shared sorrow has created a special kind of solidarity," Rebecca Town said.

As Prattsville residents supported each other throughout the recovery process, they slowly became more comfortable around each other and began to share their most personal thoughts and perspectives with one another.

"Now, when we say everyone knows everyone, it's true because we have a shared experience and a shared hope for our future," Greg Town said.

Shortly after the flood, the Meyer-Veens held a community worship service with one central message in mind: "There is help. There is hope. God is with us and we will rebuild." Since then, each member of the church has dedicated more time and effort to helping fellow residents successfully recover from the flood.

"Our body of believers has found themselves thrust into an incredible ministry, a daily miracle, through the recovery effort we have been engaged in from the beginning," Michael Meyer-Veen said.

Additionally, the pastors have focused on three tasks throughout the recovery process: restoring residents' lives, renovating homes and

businesses and remodeling churches as quickly and effectively as possible.

"A couple days after the flood, the Consistory made the decision that we would focus solely on helping people repair their homes and businesses," Kelley said. "Eventually, Middleburgh's church was also slowly remodeled and has begun to host worship services in the fellowship hall."

"This entire recovery process is a lesson of keeping our faith and hope in God's vision for us alive when the task before us seems too big for us to handle," Rebecca Town said. "So we've dreamed beyond ourselves, hoping to make Prattsville's large sanctuary a multipurpose space, which can be used by the entire community for worship and gatherings of all sorts."

In the meantime, the Meyer-Veens have tirelessly volunteered to help develop Schoharie Recovery, Inc., a non-profit, volunteer-based recovery effort of the town's school district, and to establish and chair a local, long-term disaster recovery group.

During their time at Hope, the Kelleys, Meyer-Veens and Towns knew each other in various ways, through their involvement in campus groups and events. However, they were reunited after they were called to serve their respective RCA congregations, which are all members of the Schoharie Classis. Throughout the last few years, their relationships blossomed during monthly clergy network group meetings. In recent months, they have regularly shared the ways in which their faith has sustained them and provided them with hope for the future.

"The six of us, as unique individuals, have been thrown into new ways of ministry that we never expected," Greg Town said. "Yet, we know that only through Christ's strength have we been able to handle the recovery process as we help our neighbors and our congregations discern God's vision for their future."

*Editor's Note: Additional information about the ongoing recovery efforts at the churches and their communities may be obtained through their websites, [www.middleburghreformed.org](http://www.middleburghreformed.org), [www.prattsvillereformed.wordpress.com](http://www.prattsvillereformed.wordpress.com), and [www.schohariereformedchurch.org](http://www.schohariereformedchurch.org).*

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— Greg Town '02





# Psychology for the World

By Greg Chandler

**D**r. David Myers of the Hope psychology faculty is ever a teacher, relating his discipline to the individual even while reaching millions.

In the mid 1990s, Dr. Myers was being interviewed for an ABC TV one-hour special on “The Mystery of Happiness,” the topic of his book *The Pursuit of Happiness: Who Is Happy—and Why*. At one point during the taping, he asked the host, “Are you a happy person?”

He replied that he wasn’t. “The program then made him into a case example of what factors do and don’t mark happy lives,” said Dr. Myers, who has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1967.

While Dr. Myers did more than 400 media interviews based on the *The Pursuit of Happiness*, which he called “an interim report on a fledgling science” in his preface, he was particularly pleased by the network program, which was broadcast three times to

huge audiences. “They did a really good job of presenting the scientific pursuit of happiness.”

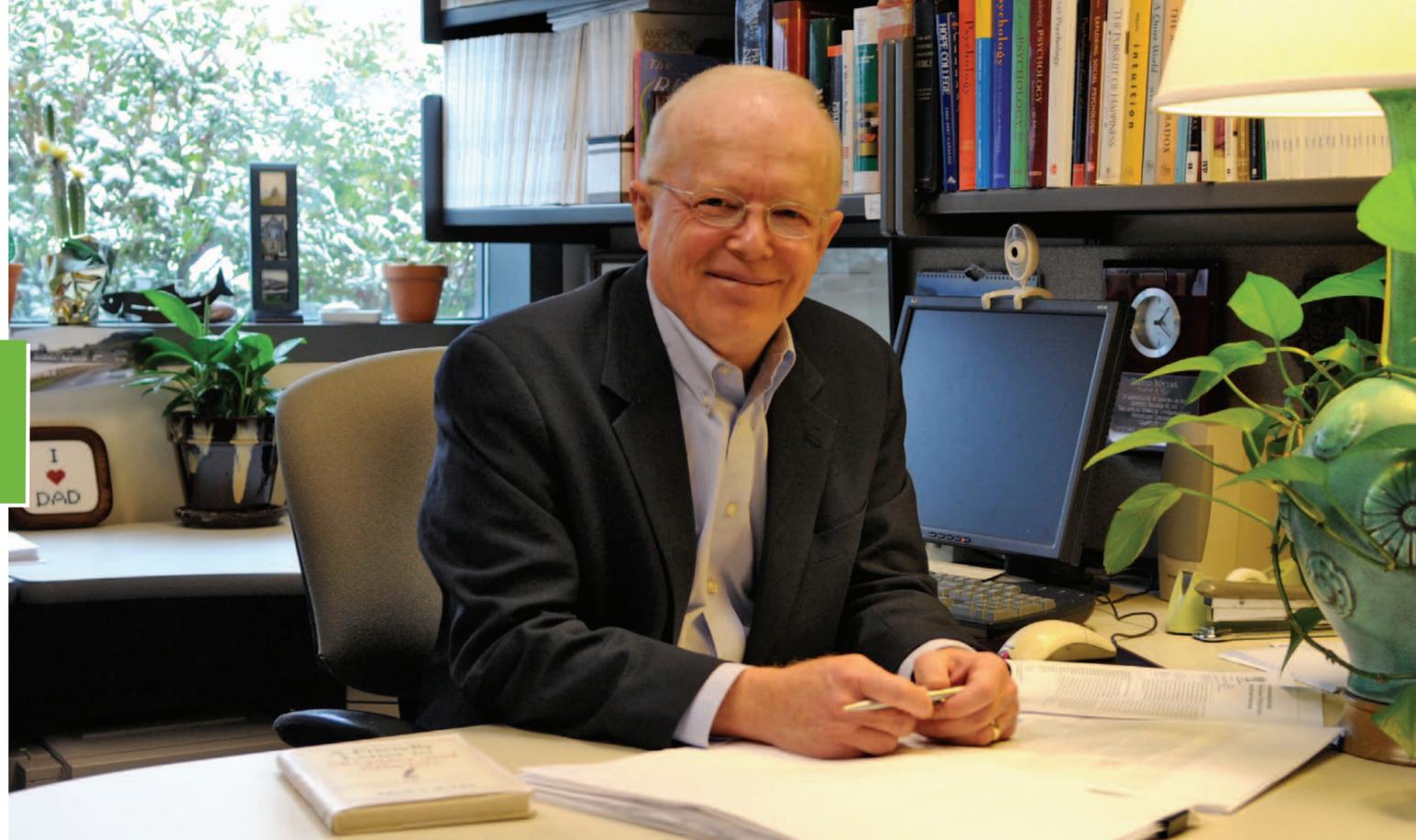
While Dr. Myers may be best known to general audiences for books such as *The Pursuit of Happiness*, he has actually built a reputation as one of the nation’s top authors of textbooks in the field of psychology.

Some 15 million college students around the world have read one of Dr. Myers’ textbooks. He has authored 31 versions of the 10 editions of his introductory psychology text, along with 10 editions and five brief versions of his text on social psychology. The books have been published in a dozen foreign languages. His writings have also been published in more than three dozen academic journals, including *Science*, *The American Scientist*, and *Psychological Science*, and four dozen magazines, from *Scientific American* to *Christian Century*.

“I feel privileged to assist in the teaching of so many people, in so many places, and in so many languages. I feel a responsibility to do it well,” Dr. Myers said. “Fortunately, I have been blessed with abundant help from world-class editors and hundreds of supportive colleagues.”

Long-time colleague Dr. Thomas Ludwig, who is the John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology, credits Dr. Myers for encouraging his interest in joining the Hope faculty in the late 1970s. He says Dr. Myers’s prominence in his field has been a credit to the college and to the study of psychology itself.

“Dave has consistently worked to bring the results of psychological research to public awareness, helping people understand how psychological principles help explain human behavior,” said Dr. Ludwig, who has developed computer-based and online activities to accompany Dr. Myers’s introductory psychology texts. “Millions of high school and college students have learned about psychology by reading one of Dave’s books, and this has given them a good foundation for success in their careers and their personal relationships.”



Dr. David Myers is a firm believer in the value of Hope’s liberal arts education as preparation for the complexity, variety and change students will experience across their post-college lives. His own scholarship reflects a range of interests within his discipline, from psychology and social psychology itself to topics as disparate as happiness and hearing loss.

Dr. Ludwig has also team-taught classes with Dr. Myers in recent years on the connection between psychology and faith, a topic on which Myers has written five books, including *Psychology Through the Eyes of Faith* (with British psychologist Malcolm Jeeves).

Not bad for someone who didn’t initially consider psychology as a career field when he entered Whitworth College, a liberal arts school in Spokane, Wash., in the early 1960s. Majoring in chemistry for his undergraduate degree, Dr. Myers initially planned to go into medicine, but by his senior year, he had decided to go into another direction.

“I decided I didn’t want to be a doctor. I wanted to be a professor, but I needed something to profess that wasn’t biology or chemistry,” he quipped.

It was then that Dr. Myers decided to go into psychology, with a particular interest in social psychology. He earned his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Iowa. He joined the Hope faculty the year he received his Ph.D. from Iowa.

Dr. Myers points to his own experience as a student at a liberal arts college, as well as his many years of teaching students at Hope, as examples of the value of a liberal arts education.

“What liberal arts colleges do is help prepare students for the unpredictable future,” Dr. Myers said. “Most students enter college with an idea of what they want to do, and they’re wrong. They end up majoring in something unrelated to what they were thinking about. They’ll end up working in something unrelated to their major.”

“A liberal arts education prepares you to think critically, to communicate effectively, to understand yourself and the world around you,” he added.

At one point early in his career, Dr. Myers considered returning to his home state, as he

was being strongly encouraged to apply for a position at a major university there. He and his wife, Carol, struggled with the decision, ultimately agreeing that they wanted to stay in Holland long-term.

“This was the place that fit who we were. We never regretted that decision,” Dr. Myers said.

Dr. Myers is also thankful that the college has supported him, even when tackling controversial subjects. In 2005, he co-authored the book *What God Has Joined Together: The Case for Gay Marriage*, with Letha Dawson Scanzoni. The book was written as an effort to reconcile the conflict between those in the faith community who favor traditional marriage and those who support gay marriage.

“Hope has given me the freedom, without restraint, to follow my calling,” Dr. Myers said. Dr. Myers is an enthusiastic member and supporter of the Hope community. Even as he is featured internationally for his work, he is quick to highlight his connection to the college to those he meets. A sports enthusiast as well, he can consistently be seen in the faculty section at home basketball games, and regularly plays hoops at the Dow Center during the lunch hours. With 45 consecutive years as a part of the campus community, he is the longest-serving current member of the Hope faculty.

Hope professor of psychology Dr. Jane Dickie credits Dr. Myers for encouraging her to reapply at the college after being initially turned down for a teaching position. Dr. Dickie says Dr. Myers works to ensure justice and fairness in this world.

“David is rational and an empiricist to the highest degree. It surprises him when others do not act in rational ways,” Dr. Dickie said. “But he is very patient, and explains with detail and with finesse to help people understand. This is what has made him not only a very successful, world-class author, but a great colleague in the department.”

Another area where Dr. Myers has found his voice in the public arena is in his advocacy for helping those with hearing loss. He has been a leading advocate nationally for the installation of “hearing loops,” which broadcast public-address systems, television and telephone sounds directly to hearing aids (transforming them into wireless loudspeakers). He founded a college-hosted web site, hearingloop.org, and has written about 30 articles on the topic, as well as a 2000 book, *A Quiet World: Living with Hearing Loss*, which depicts his own journey with hearing loss. A recent front-page *New York Times* story on this consumer-led movement soon became the paper’s second most e-mailed article of the prior month, and concluded by explaining: “In the pre-loop days at Dr. Myers’s church in Michigan [Hope Church], the assistive-hearing headsets were rarely used by more than a single person at any service. Other worshipers were dissuaded by the inconvenience and embarrassment, he said. Shortly after the loop was installed, 10 people told him they were using it, and the number has been growing as more people get hearing aids that work with the system. ‘If we build it, they will come,’ Dr. Myers said. ‘I see no reason why what’s happened here in West Michigan can’t happen across America.’”

It now is happening, and in April of last year, Dr. Myers received the American Academy of Audiology’s President’s Award for his advocacy of hearing loop systems. It was one of three major awards he has received recently. He also was honored by the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences Foundation, and received the Society for Personality and Social Psychology’s 2011 Award for Distinguished Service on Behalf of Social-Personality Psychology.

For all his recognition and notoriety, Dr. Myers still finds joy in coming to his Hope office on a daily basis and interacting with students and faculty members, and continuing to study the field he has written so extensively about.

“I learn something new every day. That’s the joy of what I do,” Dr. Myers said. 🐟

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– Dr. David Myers, professor of psychology



Appreciative students seek autographs from Dr. David Myers following a lecture in Beijing, China. His texts on psychology and sociology have been published in a dozen languages, and have been used by millions around the globe.





# So Much to Cheer About

**H**ope sports fans had plenty to cheer about this past winter season as athletes accomplished on a number of fronts. The tradition of excellence in basketball continued for both the men's and women's teams, which combined for an impressive 49-7 record. The women's and men's swimming/diving teams topped MIAA schools in the number of qualifiers to the NCAA Division III championships.

The combined successes keep Hope atop the standings of the Michigan Intercollegiate

Athletic Association (MIAA) Commissioner's Cup race, an award given to the member school with the best cumulative finish across the 18 league-sponsored sports. Hope is seeking to win the honor a record 12th consecutive year.

Through the winter season, the six sports for men have each finished second or higher in the MIAA standings while the women's teams have been first or second in five of six sports.

## Men's Basketball

The Flying Dutchmen repeated as MIAA

champions, at one point in the season had a 23-game winning streak, and qualified for the NCAA championships for a seventh consecutive year. Eleven times during the season the Flying Dutchmen played in a sold-out DeVos Fieldhouse. A season highlight was defeating rival Calvin three times.

Senior guard David Krombeen of Grandville, Mich., was named a Division III first-team All-American and the MIAA's most valuable player. Joining him as All-MIAA honorees were junior Nate Snuggerud of Zeeland, Mich., and senior Peter Bunn of Lansing, Mich.

Coach Matt Neil '82, who has guided the Flying Dutchmen to a 50-9 record in two seasons, was named the Great Lakes Region Coach-of-the-Year and was nominated for the John McLendon National Coach of the Year award, which is presented to the outstanding head basketball coach encompassing all collegiate levels.

## Women's Basketball

For a ninth consecutive year, the Flying Dutch posted a 20-win season. Coach Brian Morehouse '93 in 16 seasons has guided the Flying Dutch to a 397-67 record, which ranks among the best in all of NCAA Division III.

Three team members were presented all-conference honors by coaches in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). Honored were junior Liz Ellis of East Grand Rapids, Mich., junior Courtney Kust of Cincinnati, Ohio, and senior Maddie Burnett of Grand Rapids, Mich. Ellis for the second consecutive year was voted the MIAA's defensive player of the year.

## Swimming/Diving

Hope's swimming and diving teams, coached by John Patnott, each finished second at the MIAA championships, combining to win the gold medal in 18 events.

Ten athletes were named to the All-MIAA teams. Junior Libby Westrate of Grandville, Mich., was named the women's most valuable swimmer. She was a triple winner at the MIAA championships, capturing the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle races.

Seniors Sarah Sohn of Arlington Heights, Ill., and Jeff Shade of Davison, Mich., were each named All-MIAA for a fourth consecutive year. Other honorees were junior Josh Grabijas of Howell, Mich., senior Matt Gregory of St. Joseph, Mich., junior Nick Hazekamp of Janesville, Wis., sophomore Maria Kieft of Spring Lake, Mich., senior Andrew Rose of Holland, Mich., junior Kyleigh Sheldon of Hastings, Mich., and senior Chelsea Wiese of Rochester, Mich.



Chelsea Wiese

Outstanding accomplishment in both athletics and in the classroom was highlighted at the NCAA championships, when Chelsea Wiese (pictured) was presented the Elite 89 award for maintaining the highest cumulative grade point average among all of the competitors at the Division III swimming and diving championships. The Elite 89 award is presented to the top scholar-athlete at each of the 89 NCAA championships held over the year. An accounting major, Wiese has maintained a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade

point average. Co-captain of the team, she was the MIAA champion in the 200- and 400-yard individual medley events.

Hope had three honorable mention All-America performances at nationals – Libby Westrate in the 50-free; Josh Grabijas in the 1,650-free; and the women's 800-free relay of Libby Westrate, Sarah Sohn, Chelsea Wiese and junior Erin Holstad of Traverse City, Mich.

## Hockey

For the 11th consecutive year, the Flying Dutchmen qualified for the national

tournament of the American Collegiate Hockey Association. Coached by Chris VanTimmeren '97, the Flying Dutchmen were 1-1-1 at nationals and finished the season with a 26-7-1 record. Seniors Chris Kunnen of Des Moines, Iowa, and Dave Nowicki of Littleton, Colo., were named ACHA All-Americans. 🏒

## Exciting Athletic Moments in Photos

See photos of several exciting Hope sports moments during the winter season at:

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Senior Sarah Sohn swam to All-MIAA honors four consecutive years.



Senior David Krombeen was league MVP and a first-team All-American.



# "One of the Best"



Hope College Theatre's production of *Gone Missing*, originally presented on campus in April 2011, was one of only eight plays chosen for the highly competitive Region Three Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. It was the second time in four years that a Hope production was chosen for the event.

Outstanding quality has again earned Hope College Theatre major recognition.

The department's production of *Gone Missing* was one of only eight plays chosen for presentation during the Region Three Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in early January. The productions were selected by jury to showcase the best collegiate theatre of the year.

It was the second time in only four years that a Hope production was chosen for the highly competitive event. The college's production of *Rose and the Rime* was selected for the 2008 festival. Based on its performance at the 2008 regional, *Rose and the Rime* was one of only three full-length college/university-staged plays chosen for that year's national festival.

*Gone Missing* is an inventive new cabaret by Steve Cosson, artistic director of the New York City ensemble, The Civilians, with music

and lyrics by Michael Friedman. Premiered in 2003, *Gone Missing* is based on interviews conducted by the theatre company's members around the topic of losing something. Throughout the production, stories and songs about something "gone missing"—be it a dog, a shoe, a piece of jewelry—are shared.

Hope College Theatre originally presented *Gone Missing* in April 2011, in the DeWitt Center main theatre. All of the original cast members reprised their roles for the regional event, including three who had since graduated.

The performance, directed by Dr. Daina Robins, professor of theatre and chairperson of the department, included a response session with two theatre professionals, Michael Legg of Actor's Theatre of Louisville and Michael Blatt, a professional actor from New York. Legg praised the performance, noting, "Hope College's production of *Gone Missing* was one

of the best KC/ACTF invited productions I've seen. They perfectly captured the style, heart and substance of this complex and beautiful piece of theatre. I'm incredibly impressed by the talent and professionalism of the students I meet from Hope's theatre program. They're definitely receiving the training and support they need to be competitive in their future careers."

Along with the showcased performances, the festival also includes workshops, a new play festival, an extensive display and competition for student designers, the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship auditions, and opportunities for stage managers, playwrights, directors and designers to exhibit their work and receive feedback from theatre professionals.

A total of six Hope students nominated by ACTF responders based on their appearances in Hope productions during 2011 participated in the Irene Ryan Acting Competition: senior Kelsey Cratty of Rockford, Ill. (*The Two Gentlemen of Verona*), junior Skye Edwards of Morrison, Colo. (*Gone Missing*), junior Jesse Swatling-Holcomb of Oakland, Calif. (*Gone Missing*) senior John Telfer of Escondido, Calif. (*Under Milk Wood*), senior Christoff Visscher of Silver Spring, Md. (*The Two Gentlemen of Verona*) and senior Kara Williams of Saline, Mich. (*Under Milk Wood*).

In addition, senior Brittini Nowicki of West Bloomfield, Mich., who was stage manager for the college's November production of *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, was selected to participate in both the semi-final and the final round of the National Stage Management Fellowship, and Kara Williams auditioned and was cast in a role for the Student 10 Minute Play Festival. 🎭

As *News from Hope College* went to press, the department of theatre learned that *Gone Missing* has earned three national awards through the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in addition to this year's regional recognition:

- The production itself is being recognized in the category of "Distinguished Production of a Musical";
- Faculty member Daina Robins is being honored as a "Distinguished Director of a Musical";
- Junior Skye Edwards is receiving the "Outstanding Choreography Award" for his work on the production.

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

A few years ago *National Geographic* teamed up with author and explorer Dan Buettner to publish a cover story about *blue zones*, listing places where people lived longer and better. If Hope alumna Alice Brower '23 Hoffs were representative of West Michigan, they would have to add another location to their list.

As I write, it is February 25, and Mrs. Hoffs is celebrating her 110th birthday. Forget cliché comments about the invention of black and white television, when she was born Nathan Stubblefield had just made the first public demonstration of *radio*.

She made the trip to Hope from her hometown of Hamilton, Mich., soon after the first Ford rolled off an assembly line. Edward D. Dimnent was president of Hope when she arrived, and his vision for a Memorial Chapel was not yet complete. On her way to class she passed some of today's familiar landmarks, including Van Vleck, the President's Home, and Voorhees. She also walked alongside Van Raalte Hall and Carnegie Gymnasium, now only memories.

After majoring in English and music and chartering the Sibylline sorority, Alice graduated in 1923, during the same spring the first nonstop transcontinental flight was completed. She subsequently taught in Wayland, Michigan for two years. She married Dr. Marinus Hoffs '24 in 1927 and settled in Lake Odessa, Michigan, where she was a volunteer organist at Central Methodist Church for 42 years. The span of history her life covers is impressive and inspiring.

In fact, according to the Gerontology Research Group, Alice is one of only about 70 confirmed "supercentenarians" in the entire world. With our planet's population approaching seven billion, her longevity is extremely impressive. While I'm not privy to her secret for a long life, I do know that the entry in the college's 1923 yearbook reads, "what a sweet delight a quiet life affords." Perhaps Alice, like those living in Buettner's *blue zones* around the world, is on to something.

# Window to Hope's History



Easy-does-it as members of the faculty and staff carefully load (or perhaps unload) what is presumably an instrument at the northwestern entrance to Nykerk Hall of Music. Along with providing desperately needed space and its major performance and pedagogical advantages, discussed on pages six and seven, the college's new concert hall and music facility will feature a more user-friendly design than Nykerk, but what is particularly striking in this 1960s-era photo (at least, *News from Hope College* thinks so) is the vintage Volkswagen bus.

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, Feb. 28, 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 8.

## 30s

**Gertrude Jalving '33 Kleinheksel** of Holland, Mich., turned 100 years old on Friday, Nov. 11.

**Ruth Muilenburg '36 Jeffery** of Grand Rapids, Mich., turned 97 years old on Wednesday, Nov. 30. She continues to play the cello in the Grand Rapids Symphonette. She celebrated at the Clark Retirement Community with **Barbara Dee Folenbee '43 Timmer** playing "Happy Birthday." They were both members of the Sigma Sigma sorority.

**Patsy VerHulst '38 Purchase** and **Earl Purchase '40** of Richmond, Va., celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in August.

## 40s

**Bernice Nichols '49 Stokes** of Canastota, N.Y., has written a book, A

The Hope College Alumni Association presented **Barbara Dee Folenbee '43 Timmer** of Holland, Mich., with a Meritorious Service Award during the Winter Happening luncheon on Saturday, Jan. 28. Barbara Dee has been active in the life of the college in a variety of ways since enrolling as a freshman from New York, and is known especially for her service as a pianist at numerous events at Hope as well as throughout the community through the years. Although the occasion was



intended to honor her, she in turn honored those attending by playing at the luncheon, offering several renditions of "Happy Birthday" when also during the event Hope mascot Dutch was feted for turning five.

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*History of Oneida Lake Congregational Church, 1814-2006*, a six-year venture that included information stored in several universities, colleges and libraries. She and her husband were also part of a three-person committee that helped publish *The Churches of Madison County 2006* to honor the bicentennial celebration of Madison County. It includes resumes from 87 active churches as well as information from 73 that have closed since 1796. She and her husband also celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in June.

## Four Alumni to Receive Awards

The Hope College Alumni Association will honor four alumni during the annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, April 28.

The association will present Distinguished Alumni Awards to Dr. Everett Nienhouse '58 of Ellsworth, Mich., and Carlsbad, Calif.; Dr. Glenn Van Wieren '64 of Holland, Mich.; and Jacquelyn Nyboer '67 Van Wieren of Holland. The association will present a Meritorious Service Award to Tom Renner of South Haven, 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



Dr. Everett Nienhouse '58



Dr. Glenn '64 and Jackie Nyboer '67 Van Wieren



Tom Renner '67

contributions to Hope and 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. Nienhouse is being honored for his impact as an educator, including his decades on the chemistry faculty of Ferris State University, from which he retired in 1994, and his continued service as a volunteer.

The Van Wierens are being honored for their impact as educators and in service in West Michigan, including together

at Hope as Glenn served on the college's kinesiology faculty and coached for more than four decades.

Renner is being honored for his long-time service coordinating the public, community and media-relations programs at Hope. He is associate vice president for public and community relations at the college, where he has been a member of the staff since 1967.

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

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## 50s

**Lorraine VanFarowe '50 Sikkema** and **LaVerne Sikkema '51** of Holland, Mich., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December.

**L. James Harvey '52** of Caledonia, Mich., has developed a Powerpoint presentation on Christian retirement in the 21st century based on his book *Run Thru the Tape*. The presentation has been given to several churches in West Michigan, including the Calvary Undenominational Church in Grand Rapids on Thursday, Feb. 23.

**Douglas van Gessel '52** of Artesia, Calif., is a spiritual advisor, counselor and pastor at Artesia Christian Home for the Aged.

**William Sailer '53** of Deal Island, Md., is retired and is now doing pen and ink drawings of lighthouses, boats and railroads. He reports that he would love to get in touch with any Knicks or fellow school mates.

**Walter De Vries '54** of Wrightsville Beach, N.C., retired as executive director of the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership and adjunct professor of the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

**Alvin VanderKolk '55** of Lansing, Mich., and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in February.

**John Van Iwaarden '57** of Holland, Mich., spends his winters in Florida at the active retirement community of The Villages. Recently he and his wife served as judges in the Villages Charter High School Science Fair. He reports that he loves his golfing and in the recent past has recorded three holes-in-one and one eagle, thus proving that there are still "lucky shots" on the links.

**Harley Brown '59** of Holland, Mich., was featured in the *Holland Sentinel* regarding his volunteer work at the Good Samaritan Ministries and the Holland Museum.

## 60s

**Jim Evers '60** of Nanuet, N.Y., and a friend have created a new social network web site where people can share personal life stories: <http://www.storybright.com>.

**Bill Drake '61** of Huntersville, N.C., continues to be involved in education. After 30 years, he retired from Guilderland High School as Spanish teacher and cross country/track and field coach. Following retirement in

New York, and until 2008, he was a teacher and coach at Cannon School in Concord, N.C. Presently he is a substitute teacher in area Huntersville, N.C., private schools. For the past seven years he has been an invited teacher assistant in English conversation classes in two high schools in Montevideo, Uruguay, during the month of February. He continues to be involved with cross country and track and field as a certified USATF starter, and for the past five years has been the starter for many invitationals as well as the North Carolina state track and field/ cross country championships. He and his wife have four children and 13 grandchildren.

**Esther Fai-Wan Su '62** of Chula Vista, Calif., reports that with her training from Hope in chemistry and her biological chemistry degree from University of Michigan she now helps people "to examine the important issues of Creation/Evolution and show them the six-day creation recorded in the Bible is trustworthy and the Creator of everything is indeed the God of the Bible."

**James Hesslink '62** of Menomonee Falls, Wis., reports that he and his wife bought a place in Largo, Fla., and now spend three months a year there.

**Elizabeth Kraus '62 Jones** of Edmond, Okla., sings in the Edmond Community Chorale & Church choir. She is an active master gardener and volunteers at First Christian Church's "Breakfast on Boulevard," which provides a free hot breakfast and a sack lunch five days a week and in winter makes certain that patrons have a heavy coat. One day a month she does blood pressures and makes arrangements for folks to get to a free clinic in their area if necessary and also a food pantry.

**Reuben Kamper '62** of Rochester, Minn., retired from IBM after a 30-year career as a human factors engineer.

**Carol Sikkema '62 Kamper** of Rochester, Minn., retired from Rochester

**M. Samuel Noordhoff '50** of Grand Rapids, Mich., was honored with the Prestigious Sir Harold Gilles Lecture Award during the British Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (BAPRAS) annual meeting. The organization honors physicians who have made the most significant contribution to plastic surgery over their career. He had all of his training in general surgery and plastic surgery in Grand Rapids at Butterworth Hospital. He is recognized worldwide for helping children and adults receive holistic care for cleft palate and craniofacial

deformity. Much of this assistance has been with his own time and money. In 1989, he formed the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation to transform lives where there was a lack of medical resources. He has established the Chang Gung Craniofacial Center in Taiwan, recognized as one of the leading centers for cleft lip and palate care in the world. His "Love Makes Whole" team has traveled to 11 countries, and completed 56 cleft missions serving Vietnam, Kenya, Nigeria, Cambodia, the Philippines, China, Myanmar, the Dominican Republic, Laos, Indonesia and Mongolia. The Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation team has also trained



115 seed craniofacial medical practitioners from 14 countries. During the annual meeting he was the Gilles Lecturer and spoke on "A Serendipitous Journey." He is (pictured right) with Mr. Tim Goodacre, president of BAPRAS.

Community College after teaching political science for 18 years and served as a county commissioner for 26 years.

**Michael Magan '62** of Ada, Mich., retired in December 2010 and acquired his volunteer MD License in Michigan and now is helping H.I.S. (Health Intervention Services) in Grand Rapids, Mich., where his daughter, **Laura Magan '90 Vander Molen** is the director.

**E. Andrew Phail '62** of Easley S.C., retired in 2005 as a tax accountant. He reports that he built a house in 2006 and enjoys traveling in the southeast USA and assists low-income people projects.

**Donna Fisher '62 Post** of Grand Rapids, Mich., has retired from Westminster Presbyterian Church. She is a docent at the Meyer May House (Frank Lloyd Wright) in Grand Rapids and gives tours to guests from all over the world. She also travels the United States to visit other Frank Lloyd Wright

and historical homes.

**Dianne Deems '62 Smith** and her husband have retired to Bath, Maine, after living and visiting in many foreign nations. They now participate in varied activities at Bowdoin College.

**Carol Rattray '63 Wanat** of Oceanside, Calif., retired in May 2009 as technical services librarian at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base and library specialist for the Marine Corps ILS (Integrated Library Services). She reports that she loved the mostly unspoiled terrain from ocean to mountains to desert of the wildlife preserve that Camp Pendleton is.

**Mary Folkert '64 Laverman** of Phoenix, Ariz., retired in 2010. She was a Latin teacher at Brophy College Prep High School.

**Carla Reidsma '65 Masselink** of Holland, Mich., has been recognized as one of the top 400 female financial advisors by *Barron's* magazine.

**Jacob Pruiksmas '65** of Arlington, Va., retired for a second time on Monday, Oct. 31. This time he retired from Wells Fargo Bank, NA, wealth management, strategic business segment following 11 years of service.

**Brian Dolphin '66** of Belding, Mich., retired from optometry after 42 years.

**Graham Duryee '66** of Douglas, Mich., was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the West Michigan Lakeshore Association of Realtors. He is a manager with Greenridge Realty in Holland, Mich.

**William Schurman '66** of Littleton, Colo., retired in 2008 as a Colorado deputy state public defender while serving all of Northwest Colorado when he resided in Steamboat Springs.

**Gerald Auten '67** of Arlington, Va., has been promoted to senior research economist with the U.S. Treasury Department.

**Taibi Kahler '67** of Hot Springs, Ark.,



Beverly and Roger '61 Mulder

## Fans for Life

Roger Mulder's first memory of Hope was as an eight-year-old boy. Not having a dollar to get into a Hope basketball game—then played at the Holland Armory—he watched the game through a window while perched on a ladder. Today, Roger still enjoys watching Hope basketball games—albeit now with his wife, Beverly, and in better seats at the DeVos Fieldhouse!

The Mulders have been faithful fans and supporters of Hope for many years—joyfully giving of their time and financial resources. Most recently, Roger and Beverly made provisions to include Hope in their estate plans. They know the quality of the Hope experience and feel blessed to be in a position to give back.

Hope is grateful to the Mulders 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 like Roger and Beverly have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community.

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**George Bitner '60** of Spring Lake, Mich., has been coaching the Spring Lake High School boys' and girls' golf teams since 1978. The girls won the Lakes 8 Championship for the seventh year in a row and the boys' team won for the second year in a row. Both teams have placed second in the regionals and have qualified for the state tournament. He also won Regional Coach of the Year in both regionals, and was nominated by the M.I.H.G.C.A. to be Michigan's representative for the national High School Athletic Coaches Golf Coach of the Year.

is a clinical psychologist and an author of four books in five languages and 100 articles/publications. He received the Eric Berne Memorial Scientific Award (1977), and was a consultant to President Bill Clinton (1984-2000); a consultant to NASA, providing his Process Communication Model (PCM) which he originated, in the selection of astronauts (1978-1996); recipient of the Intertel Hall of Fame (2006); and president of KCI with offices in U.S., Caribbean, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia, providing more than a million PCM profiles worldwide.

**John Killmaster '67** of Middleton, Idaho, recently completed a large stained glass church window, 12 feet by eight feet, which was installed at Bread of Life Fellowship Church, Boise, Idaho. He has donated 600 works of art to the Herrett Museum-Twin Falls, Idaho and is represented in permanent collections at the Museum of Contemporary Craft, Portland, Ore., and the Enamel Museum, Bellevue, Ky., and the National Automotive History Collection, Detroit, Mich.

**Mary Koeman '67 Olthoff** of Boynton Beach, Fla., retired in May 2011, after 44 years of teaching.

**James Pohl '67** of Lake Ozark, Mont., recently retired from 42 years of parish ministry in the United Church of Christ. He now travels extensively with his wife for her work.

**Ruth Ziemann '67 Sweetser** of Lombard, Ill., was recognized for 25 years employment at Illinois Institute of Technology. She has a published paper, "AAUW Research: Catalyst," and participated in a mission trip to the AIDS/maternity clinic in Tanzania last summer.

**Arlene Schutt '67 Tenckinck** of Warwick, N.Y., is the road scholar program coordinator camp consultant for the Warwick Conference Center.

**Margaret June '67 Vander Laan** of Sacramento, Calif., retired in June 2011 after 42 years of teaching, most of which were spent as a reading specialist in elementary schools.

**Darlene Hansen '68 Yanoff Saylor** of Hope, N.J., (please see "Marriages") served as an elementary teacher for 11 years in Christian school and 17 years in public school, and holds a master of environmental education degree. She is also the mother of four sons.

**John Schalk '68** of Chesapeake, Va., is an independent consultant credentialed with the Bureau of Primary Health Care of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and provides administrative and governance support and training to various government-supported health centers (such as community and migrant health centers) in all 50 states and territories.

**J. Robert Flier '69** of Wheat Ridge, Colo., has published his first novel, *The Beast from the Swamp*, an action/adventure story which is available in paperback and eBook. His first writing experience came in his senior year at Hope, when he took a creative writing class taught by Dirk Jellema.

**Alan Jones '69** of Burr Ridge, Ill., has been informed by *Teachers College Press*, Columbia University, that his book *Becoming A Strong Instructional Leader: Saying No to Business as Usual* is being published this spring.

## 70s

**Richard Frank '70** of Dallas, Texas, spoke at the 74th annual Zeeland Chamber meeting on Monday, Nov. 14. He is the executive board chairman for Chuck E. Cheese.

**Dianne Wyngarden '70 Mugg** of Holland, Mich., is completing her 18th year of serving as chaplain for Good Samaritan Ministries in Holland Mich. She reports that she is a blessed grandma of 11, loves to travel with her husband and is beginning the process of retirement.

**D. Ann Prins '70** of Holland, Mich., retired from Herrick District Library as a library assistant in the genealogy department in August 2011. She had worked at Herrick from 1988 until 2011 as overdues, then technical services, branch co-ordinator for Jamestown and Nunica libraries and then genealogy. Her

**Timothy Van Dam '74** of New York, N.Y., was featured in the November issue of *Avenue Magazine* as among the "Distinguished Designers of 2011." He is in practice with Ron Wagner, focusing on both residential and corporate assignments. Their work has been featured in publications including *Architectural Digest*, the *New York Times* and *Interior Design Magazine*, just to name a few.

love of history served her well in this last position as she compiled two books on the Civil War soldiers in Ottawa County, one a listing of all of the participants and the other tidbits and trivia about former Civil War soldiers in Ottawa County.

**Robert Eckrich '71** of Germantown, Md., has left his position as a solutions analyst for Content Management Corporation and is now festival director for the Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard in Dickerson, Md. He is also taking voice acting classes, hoping to branch out in his semi-retirement.

**Jonathan Fuller '71** of Huron, Ohio is retired from the Ohio Geological Survey.

**Robert Sikkel '71** of Holland, Mich., has been named Fellow in The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. He is currently a partner in Barnes & Thornburg LLP's Grand Rapids office.

**George Bennett Jr. '72** of Gettysburg, Pa., recently was appointed to Lower Susquehanna Synod Candidacy Committee, screening and relating to future rostered ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Michael Boonstra '72** of New York, N.Y., was a lighthouse keeper on the Island of Seguin off the coast of Maine for the summer of 2010, during which he kept a blog: [seguincaretaker.wordpress.com](http://seguincaretaker.wordpress.com). After 30 years in the film industry he has taken an early retirement and is currently studying for a license through the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs to be a tour guide. His last gig was as production coordinator for the Marvel film *The Avengers* opening in May. For 27 years he has sung with the Central City Chorus, and in March he performed in the fourth annual gig of the Wee Corner Crooners, a close harmony a cappella group, at the Laurie Beechman Theater. He also directed another of **Donald Steele's '72** short plays for Artistic New Directions Eclectic Evening of Shorts which opened in February.

**Kathryn Page '72 Camp** of Munster, Ind., retired from corporate law in 2009 to become a full-time writer.

**Nancy Johnson '72 Cooper** of Clifton, N.J., has served as a volunteer at church, including as treasurer, first vice president of consistory, ordained elder and deacon, librarian, adult Sunday School teacher, member of hand bell choir and senior choir, pianist, president of women's group, and serving at a monthly free-meal program. She has also been involved at the classis level, serving on a supervision commission. She is currently the supervisor of a Hispanic church in their classis.

**Anne Fisher '72** of Hessel, Mich., has retired and is traveling, and doing research for family and local history involving Michigan and Ontario, Canada.

**Jerry Keizer '72** of Byron Center, Mich., has retired. He was president of Grant Rental and Sales.

**Fonda VanSloten '72 Kirchmeyer** of Placitas, N.M., reports that she is thrilled that she has had three nieces graduate from Hope and currently has a great niece attending.

**Kathleen Hoger '72 Mulder-Sheridan** of Holland, Mich., retired



**Steve Visscher '80** of Bronxville, N.Y., received a 2010-2011 prime time Emmy Award for Outstanding Sound Editing for a series for his work as a Foley editor on the Martin Scorsese's *Boardwalk Empire*, an HBO television series.

from the State of Michigan as a child care license consultant in 2009.

**Gayle Rissi '72** of Grand Rapids, Mich., has retired from Eastminster Pre-School as director.

**Patricia Shiffner '72** of North Brunswick, N.J., has retired from teaching after 38 years. She is now taking fun classes at a Lifelong Learning Program and joined a book club.

**Nancy Sterk '72** of Hart, Mich., has retired as director of Michigan's Mason/Oceana County department of human services in 2008. She now fills her time with volunteer activities including serving as board chair of the Hart Main Street Program, chair of the Hart Area Public Library Board, secretary of the Oceana County Community Foundation, and secretary of the Hart Rotary Club. She also carves out time to travel, particularly enjoying cruises in the Caribbean.

**Laurel Beth Dekker '72 Van Haitsma** of Scottville, Mich., has retired from teaching. She now volunteers as a Kid's Hope mentor and helps coordinate Hand2Hand ministry with her husband, **Rick Van Haitsma '71** at the Mason County Reformed Church.

**Joanne Wernet '73 Ezinga** of Canaan N.Y., completed a solo hike of the Appalachian Trail, walking 2,169 miles through 14 states from Georgia to Maine from March 18 to September 16, 2010. Pictures of her hike can be seen at <https://picasaweb.google.com/101025068731825109776/StarredPhotos#>

**Gregory Green '73** of Holland, Mich., has retired from Haworth.

**Burton F. VanderLaan '73** of Wyoming, Mich., is the new medical director for Priority Health's Network Effectiveness. He is responsible for improved performance of the networks and delivery systems, focusing on successful development and implementation of medical management programs in partnership with the organization's network of physicians and hospitals. Prior to joining Priority Health, he served as regional medical director for Aetna Inc. for the Midwestern area.

**Jean Klooster '73 Vizithum** of Zeeland, Mich., has retired from teaching. She taught in the Jenison Public Schools.



**Lori Siegel '85 Cook** of Comstock Park, Mich., won a YWCA Tribute Award on Wednesday, Nov. 2. She was nominated by members of the community. Child and family services manager at WOOD-TV 8, she is best known by her other name, Maranda. She is involved in community service projects and needs of teachers in the classroom.

**Steven Stokes '74** of Canastota, N.Y., received a distinguished service award in May from the School Boards Institute of Oneida, Madison and Herkimer counties, in appreciation of his 12-year service as a trustee on the school board and his years of community service with the youth sports program, historical societies and his church. He is a social studies teacher at Fayetteville-Manlius Central School.

**Stephen Bergmann '76** of Prescott, Ariz., is a medical social worker for the home health program of the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society in Prescott and the surrounding communities.

**Barbara Wrigley '76** has moved to Berkeley, Calif., and is now the senior director for Out & Equal Workplace Advocates in San Francisco.

**Carlos Carus '77** of Murphy, N.C., recorded a solo blues/rock album called *Still Hungry for the Blues*, produced by DVMedia World. It was released in April on Amazon and iTunes.

**David Cochran '77** of Grand Rapids, Mich., reports that he is working on many home projects and traveling to distant lands. He and his wife have journeyed to Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and French Polynesia. He retired after 31 years of teaching for Southfield Christian and Northview Public Schools.

**James Hesselschwerdt '77** of Sparta, Mich., is the senior financial consultant in Microsoft Dynamics ERP applications. He travels internationally to configure and train users in enterprise financial systems.

His clients include Stewart-Haas, Mega-Uranium, Taser and Varoom, Ka-boom and Zap.

**Elizabeth Boersma '77 Jasperse** of Traverse City, Mich., is employed with Pregnancy Care Center as a client services assistant.

**Marie Sherburne '77 Mercier** of Tustin, Mich., retired from the Cadillac Area Public Schools in June 2010 after teaching elementary special education for 31 years.

**Gary Olsen-Hasek '77** of Salem, Ore., has been focusing on creating visual artwork for various Oregon galleries and exhibits during 2011. He has won eight awards. He focused on printmaking while at Hope, and now produces digital art or mixed media.

**David Smazik '77** of Morristown, N.J., co-authored the book *Life Momentum* with his brother. He is the senior pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown.

**Michael Drahos '78** of Sherburne, N.Y. received the distinguished superintendent award in May from the School Boards Institute of Oneida, Madison and Herkimer counties, N.Y., recognizing his faithful service as superintendent of Morrisville-Eaton Central School district and his efforts on behalf of Hurricane Katrina relief in New Orleans. He has accompanied teams of students during school breaks to help out since the disaster.

**Scott E. Dwyer '78** of Grand Rapids, Mich., was included in the 2012 edition of the Best Lawyers in America. He works for Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC. Lawyers are selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers solely on the basis of a nationally-conducted peer-review survey in which more than 25,000 leading lawyers vote on the legal abilities and professional achievements of other lawyers in their specialties.

**Bob Namar '78** of Basking Ridge, N.J., has had freelance articles published in *Financial Executive International* magazine, on eFinancialCareers.com and in the Irish dance magazine, *Feis America*.

**Brian Stauffer '78** of Holland, Mich., is a senior operations manager for wellness at Priority Health. He is helping to improve the health of members throughout the State of Michigan and nationally.

## 80s

**Daven Claerbout '80** is the owner and executive vice president of sales of Dutchland Plastics in Oostburg, Wis. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame for exemplary dedication and service to the industry on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the annual fall conference Association of Rotational Molders (ARM). This is the highest honor bestowed on an individual in ARM.

**Bruce Cook '81** of Aurora, Ill., spoke at Hope through the Chemistry Seminar Series on Friday, Jan. 27. A manager advanced refining technology with BP, he presented "BP World Energy Outlook 2030: Challenges in Sustainability."

**John Weiss '81** of Byron Center, Mich., is the new executive director for the Grand Valley Metro Council. The council is an alliance of governmental units in West Michigan and appointed to plan for growth and development, improve the quality of the community's life, and coordinate governmental services.

**Julie VerBeek '82 Drew** of Dyer, Ind., is the director of children's ministries at Crete Reformed Church in Crete, Ill.

**Edward Stinson '82** of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been a partner in the COA firm of Gould, Stinson & Gray, PC for the past 20 years and has been practicing public accounting for the past 30 years.

**John Van Iwaarden '82** of Grandville, Mich., and his wife own four VIP Pet Stores in the Grand Rapids and Holland area, and are celebrating their 23rd year in business.

**Linda Miller '83** of Naperville, Ill., has been elected as the treasurer of the Naperville Junior Woman's Club for 2012.

**Joel VanHouten '83** of Greenville, Mich., has been the Greenville High School vocal music teacher at Greenville Public Schools since 1983. He is also the high school choir director.

**Doug Lehman '84** of Colorado Springs, Colo., has co-authored a chapter titled "The Families and Children of Fallen Military Service Members" in *Combat and Operational Behavioral Health*, the next volume of the Textbooks of Military Medicine series. He is a treatment provider at Fort Carson.

**Tracy Ore '84** of Saint Cloud, Minn., has recently completed a one-year appointment as associate provost of undergraduate education and student support services at St. Cloud State University. She is currently serving as interim chair of the department of social work and is president of the Sociologists for Women in Society, an international organization working to improve women's lives through advancing and supporting feminist sociological research, activism and scholars.

**Kathy Kaehler '85** of Hidden Hills, Calif., had an article posted on Tuesday, Nov. 22, on the *Huffington Post* website regarding "A Life in Fitness Can Lead to So Many Opportunities." She is an author, celebrity trainer and spokesperson.

**Diane Boughton '85 Walker** of Albemarle, N.C., has taught elementary physical education at Stanly County

**Meredith Arwady '00** shared in a Grammy presented during the 54th Grammy Awards on Sunday, Feb. 12. She was a member of the cast in the Metropolitan Opera's production of *Doctor Atomic*, which won in the "Best Opera Recording" category for *Doctor Atomic* "Live in HD." Released in January 2011, the recording features the Met's 2008-09 production of the opera, which explores the creation of the first atomic bomb. Meredith was a principal soloist, portraying Pasqualita, a Native American working for the family of scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer as a maid.

Schools for 10 years. For almost four years she has coordinated Mighty Milers, a running program for children organized through the New York Road Runners Organization. She has been a member of the North Carolina Association of Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NCAHPERD) for 10 years and has successfully coordinated a Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser at her school for six years.

**Steve Majerle '86** of Belmont, Mich., was honored by Rockford Public Schools for his service and leadership on Friday, Jan. 13. He had coached the girls' basketball team for three years and the boys' team for 14. As reported in *The Grand Rapids Press* on January 6, he had retired from teaching and coaching due to Parkinson's disease.

**George "Jay" Quist '86** of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder as judge for the Kent County Family Court.

**Beth Sanford '87 Farwell** of Ada, Mich., recently became an Employment Specialist in the REACH employment initiative at Goodwill Industries of Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Sandy Judson '87 Kemink** of Holland, Mich., is a licensed counselor with 8th Street Counseling in downtown Holland.

**Julie Maire '88 Turner** of Foristell, Mo., was recently promoted to associate professor and department chair, nonprofit administration at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. She was also named "Professor of the Year" by the Lindenwood Student Government Association.

**Stephanie Juister '89 Duggan** of Gulf Breeze, Fla., is the new senior medical officer for Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla.

**Steve Hughes '89** of Hamtramck, Mich., helped open Public Pool, an art space in Hamtramck in which artists can come together to work and show off their talents and labor. He is also the publisher of *Stupor* and is a partner in Hughes and Lynn Building and Renovation.

**David Lowry '89** of Holland, Mich., was recently featured in the *Becker's*



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*Orthopedic, Spine and Pain Management Review* as one of the “20 Spine and Neurosurgeon Inventors to Know.” He has invented a new spine surgery technique for patients suffering from spinal stenosis. He is the neurological spine surgeon with The Brain + Spine Center in Holland.

**Kathleen McGookey '89** of Middleville, Mich., was the reader at the annual Mosaic publication party at the Kellogg Community College's Café Connection on Monday, Nov. 28.

**Karen Jekel '89 Palmateer** of Holland, Mich., is planning on opening a crematorium in Holland by springtime. She is the president of Lake Michigan Crematory Inc.

## 90s

**Darrin Duistermars '90** of Holland, Mich., was recently elected president of the Michigan Amateur Softball Association for the second time. He has also served as a player representative for the State of Michigan to the Amateur Softball Association's National Council for the past eight years. He still serves as the public address announcer for Hope College men's and women's basketball, and worked in the same capacity for both women's soccer and softball this past spring/fall.

**Jonathan Liepe '91** of Colorado Springs, Colo., is co-chair of the State of Colorado's Energy Workforce Consortium, a state-wide, industry-led advisory group working with higher education and other partners to address projected talent gaps in the energy and utilities sector. Additionally, in January he began serving on the board of directors for SET Family Medical Clinics, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that

**Chris Avery '05** of Washington, D.C., is one of only two scientists nationwide chosen to serve as a 2011-12 American Chemical Society Congressional Fellow. Fellows are entry-level Ph.D.'s or experienced professionals from academia, industry or non-profits, and are placed for a year as a staff member in the office of a senator, representative or committee. The program's goals are to provide policy-makers with high-quality information on science-related issues and to educate scientists on how government works and how science policy is made. Chris, who completed his doctorate in analytical chemistry at the University of Michigan in 2011, has been working in the office of Senator Christopher A. Coons (D-Del.) on energy, environment and innovation issues.

serves the uninsured & under-insured in the Pikes Peak Region at little or no cost to the patient.

**Elizabeth Parker '91** of Sammamish, Wash., is on *Fashion Star*, a NBC reality TV show that debuted in March.

**Michelle Dziurgot '92** of Washington Township, Mich., has been elected editor of the *Macomb Dental Society Journal*.

**Scott Frederick '92** of Waterford, Mich., has been promoted to regional FVP of business development for Crestmark Bank.

**Eric Kivisto '92** of Raleigh, N.C., has been appointed to serve on the American Health Care Association (AHCA)/ National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) Quality Committee. He is the director of policy development at the North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association.

**Carol Bolt '92 Rigsbee** and **Rob Rigsbee '92** and their sons Luke (13) and Graham (11) moved to McCordsville, Ind., where Rob is senior minister of Fortville Christian Church. **Michael Schanhals '92** of Muskegon, Mich., is the coach for the men's lacrosse team at Hope College.

**Eric Fielding '93** of Ellicott City, Md., and his wife opened a private practice, Fielding Psychological Associates, this past fall. They offer psychotherapy and psychological testing for clients with diverse diagnoses that range from children to adults.

**Anna-Lisa Cox '94** reports she is happy to be back in Michigan. She is still a non-resident fellow at Harvard University's W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, and is in the area doing research on her newest book on African American pioneers on the antebellum Midwestern frontier. She is also a consultant to the Smithsonian's new National Museum of African American History and Culture, which will open on the Mall in Washington, D.C., in 2015.

**Judy Kleis '94** of Kalamazoo, Mich., has adopted a daughter (please see “New Arrivals”). Her adoption was finalized April 2011, after they arrived in Michigan from Uganda during September 2010. They met when Judy was serving as a missionary in Jinja, Uganda, as the business administrator in an orphanage.

**Tim McCarty '94** of Middletown, N.Y., was recently awarded the Jim Ross Service Award for 10 years of outstanding coaching by the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association (N.Y.). He coaches football and track at Monroe Woodbury Middle School in Central Valley, N.Y., and also teaches seventh-grade social studies.

**Carrie Borchers '95** of Grandville, Mich., was elected president of the Coopersville Area Chamber of Commerce for 2012. She was previously elected in 2010 by general membership of the Chamber to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors, and was vice president of the board in 2011.

**Eric Foster '95** of Grand Rapids, Mich., was honored for his service and leadership to the community by the Progressive Women's Alliance.

**Peter Hicks '95** of Bastrop, Texas, joined the Lower Colorado River Authority as the deputy emergency

**Luke Boote '08** of Holland, Mich., completed two marathons, Chicago and the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., and a half Iron man, which is a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride and 13.1-mile run. If these marathons weren't accomplishments enough, Luke completed them during his nine months of chemotherapy and proton radiation. He was an avid cyclist and runner and didn't let his diagnosis with Hodgkin's Lymphoma slow him down. The cancer treatment center from which he received his treatments is



located in Illinois and he was one of the first 10 patients to receive proton therapy, an advanced form of radiation therapy. You may follow Luke on <http://lukeboote.com/>

management coordinator in July 2011. The portion of the Texas Colorado River for which the agency is responsible is more than 600 miles long, and has six dams, multiple power plants and more than 4,500 miles of electric transmission lines. Since he joined the organization, the agency has done several full-scale exercises and was affected by the wildfires that began on Labor Day resulting in more than 1,600 homes being lost. It has been among the busiest times for emergency management in the organization's history.

**Kara VanderKamp '95** is the founder and executive director of a small non-profit called Remember Niger, which helps expand educational opportunities in Niger, in West Africa. Her main job is to raise money to pay for building new schools in Niger (she works with the Evangelical church there, supporting their efforts), student scholarships and teacher-training scholarships. Her primary funders have been churches in the U.S.

**Joel Reisig '96** of Birmingham, Mich., is filming *A Dog for Christmas* in Rockford, Mich. The film is being made for Lifetime and ABC Family.

**Phillip Torrence '96** of Portage, Mich., who is the office managing partner for Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP in Kalamazoo and chair of the firm's financial institutions practice, has been named by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* as one of 25 Leaders in the Law for 2012. According to the publication, the honorees were selected by an editorial board, which chose attorneys who exemplify the noble tradition of the legal profession and are committed to practicing law in Michigan; have a record of winning cases or solving problems with the utmost integrity; possess the ability to achieve success; display strength of character; and are passionate and aggressive on behalf of clients and the legal community.

**Andrew Van Pernis '96** is working at DreamWorks movie studios in Glendale, Calif., in the SKG department. He recently completed *Puss In Boots* and is currently working on *How to Train Your Dragon 2*. He and his wife, **Heidi Giddy-Van Pernis '98**, live outside Los Angeles, Calif.

**Evan Llewellyn '97** of Spring Lake, Mich., was selected as one of the top-20 under-40 business leaders in the Grand Haven and Spring Lake community by *The Business Times of Northwest Ottawa Co.*, a local Chamber of Commerce publication. He is a financial advisor with Edward Jones.

**Chad Nelson '97** of Washington, D.C., is the academic advisor, undergraduate programs for Kogod School of Business, American University.

**Miska Kuipers '97 Rynsbarger** of Holland, Mich., is the author of *It's Time to Play Outside: 101 Ways for Children to Enjoy Independent Fun Under the Sun*.

**Steve Currie '98** of East Lansing, Mich., is the new deputy director for the Michigan Association of Counties. He is responsible for the organizational management of MAC.

**Heidi Giddy-Van Pernis '98** of Westlake Village, Calif., is in her fourth semester at California Lutheran University in the Master of Science program for college student personnel.

**Brian Giere '98** of North Aurora, Ill., has joined Promus Capital LLC in Chicago as an investment advisor for individuals and families.

**Lara Plewka '98 Macgregor** of Louisville, Ky., has started a new nonprofit called Hope Scarves. The organization is designed to share scarves and stories of hope with women who have lost their hair due to cancer, illness or injury. Lara received scarves from a friend in 2007 during her treatment. Later, she was able to pass them on to a friend along with her personal story. She hopes that when a woman wraps her Hope Scarf around her head she feels the courage of the women who have worn it and their fighting spirit.

**Michelle Piel '98** of Oak Park, Ill., is the vice president of sales for East Central Region for PerfectServe.

**Michael L. Taylor '98** of Troy, Mich., has been named as a principal of Harness Dickey. He focuses his practice on preparing and prosecuting patents and trademarks, freedom to operate as well as due diligence investigations, and litigating intellectual property matters in many technical fields, including chemical and medical device fields which relate to his studies at Hope.



**Jeanna Keinath '98 Weaver** of Dublin, Ohio, was recently named partner at Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and largest law firms. She focuses her practice primarily in the area of banking law. She is a *cum laude* graduate of University of Toledo College of Law, and a member of the Columbus and Ohio State Bar associations, the State Bar of Michigan, and Commercial Real Estate Women.

**Joshua Metzler '99** and **Erin Shiel '99 Metzler** and family are taking a California adventure and have recently moved to the San Francisco Bay for a new position.

**Joshua Schicker '99** of Decatur, Ga., is a worship leader in mission at North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga.

**Kerry Gross '99 Williams** of Kalamazoo, Mich., has become the director of resource and technology development at Catholic Family Services in Kalamazoo, Mich. Her new role combines marketing and resource-development responsibilities.

## 00s

**Banu Demiralp '00** of Arlington, Va., co-founded Anka Rising, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in 2011.

Anka Rising is dedicated to helping eradicate modern-day slavery. The organization's programmatic work focuses on creating awareness in and educating the private sector.

**Phillip Haan '00** has become vice president - finance for the Retail

Bowling segment of Brunswick Bowling & Billiards, a division of Brunswick Corporation, in Lake Forest, Ill. He and **Elizabeth Jetter '04 Haan** and their two sons recently relocated to Lake Bluff, Ill. from Appleton, Wis.

**Katie Horsman '00 Hall** of Richmond, Va., spoke at Hope through the Chemistry Seminar Series on Friday, Jan. 13. A research scientist with the Virginia State Police, she presented "CSI: Virginia."

**Rochelle Marker '00 Haug** of Ann Arbor, Mich., became a credentialed minister with the Assemblies of God in October 2010. In April 2011, she and her husband began a ministry to evangelize international grad students, Chinese students in particular, on the University of Michigan campus. They are currently working to develop a comprehensive discipleship curriculum to help international students learn the Gospel.

**Greg Kilby '00** of Grand Rapids, Mich., was made partner at the law firm of Warner Norcross in Grand Rapids, Mich. He focuses his litigation practice on business-to-business disputes and defense of general commercial, employment and securities cases. He has been named a "Rising Star" by Michigan Super Lawyers. He holds a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law, *cum laude*, where he was a member of the University of Miami Law Review editorial staff.

**Jonathan Phillips '00** of Broken Arrow, Okla., took a position as the sales execution coordinator for Anheuser-Busch in Tulsa, Okla.

## INTERNATIONAL

**GATHERING:** At the initiative of Alumni Board member Brian Gibbs '84, who lives and works in Germany, a gathering of international alumni was held in The Hague on November 5. They met for dinner at the home of Ann Vander Borgh '82 Koriijn and Wouter Koriijn, with Matthew '84 and Me Hyun Cho '88 Vander Borgh as co-hosts. Among the guests were Gibbs, Julie VandyBogurt-Haaksman '84 and her husband, Cor Haaksman, Johannes "Jan" Huber '67, and Bert and Karin Bos of Belgium, who have recently become friends of the college. Representing Hope were Professor Emeritus Elton '50 and Elaine Bruins, Associate Provost and Dean for International and Multicultural Education Alfredo and Maria Gonzales, Professor



and Provost Emeritus Jacob and Leona '93 Nyenhuis, and Regional Advancement Director James Van Heest '78. From left to right are Jack Nyenhuis, Lee Nyenhuis, Jan Huber, Elton Bruins, Ann Vander Borgh-Koriijn, Elaine Bruins, Matt Vander Borgh, Bert Bos, Me Hyun Vander Borgh, Jim Van Heest, Karin Bos, Cor Haaksman, Julie VandyBogurt-Haaksman, Brian Gibbs, Maria Gonzales, Wouter Koriijn, and Alfredo Gonzales.

**Valorie Vance '00** of Aiken, S.C., is in her seventh year as a chemistry teacher at South Aiken High School. She was named International Serteen Advisor of the Year for 2010-11. The all-volunteer organization allows high school students to help their communities and develop leadership skills. She continues to be active at South Aiken Presbyterian Church, with Girl Scouts and with AAUW.

**Sara Lamers '01** of Berkley, Mich.,

received a Pushcart Prize nomination for her poem "Miscarriage." The poem was nominated by *DMQ Review* and appeared in the fall 2011 issue.

**Steven J. Rypma '01** of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been named partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. He practices in the real estate department in the firm's Kalamazoo office, counseling buyers, sellers, investors and lending institutions in the purchase, sale, leasing and financing of commercial real estate, as well as negotiating and drafting commercial leases for office, retail and industrial spaces. In addition, he advises clients on general corporate and business transactions, including entity formation, structuring, interest transfers, stock sales and joint ventures. He earned a J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

**Lindsay Maharg '02 Bitzer** of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., is Unionville-Sebewaing girls' basketball coach.

**Amy Avery '02 Hampton** of Westerville, Ohio, obtained a Master of Arts in counseling ministries (MACM) and an M.Div. (please see "Advanced Degrees"), and is a licensed professional counselor in the State of Ohio.

**Maren Heiberg '02** is currently living and working in Darjeeling, India, doing community development and educational consultancy.

**Jennifer Peeks '02** of Bethel, Alaska, won the Bogus Creek 150 dog sledding race. She is the first woman to win that race.

**Andrew Riker '02** of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been promoted to senior wealth management advisor for Greenleaf Trust.

**Jared VanNoord '02** of Central Lake, Mich., has accepted a call to Belltower Reformed Church. He and his wife **Kristen DeYoung '01 VanNoord** have four boys, Gideon, Seth, Micah and Levi.



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**Curt Copeland '03** of Zeeland, Mich., is the new athletic director at Fowlerville High School.

**Laura Howe '03** of Ann Arbor, Mich., is board-certified in both internal medicine and pediatrics. She continues training in allergy/immunology at the University of Michigan and plans to practice allergy/immunology in both the adult and pediatric population.

**Martin Kane '03** and **Melody Kuiken '03 Kane** recently returned from a six-month, short-term mission to Africa. They were sent and supported by their church, First Presbyterian Church of Champaign. They went as part of an ongoing partnership with a church a village in rural Malawi. Melody returned to teaching second grade in the public schools and Martin is a software developer at Wolfram Research.

**Christian VanSlooten '03** of Rehoboth, N.M., is the principal of Rehoboth Christian High School.

**Sharon Clark '04 Gutowski** of St. Louis, Mo., photographed students, trainers, models and other local professionals to create a calendar to raise money for malaria awareness and prevention.

**Meridith De Avila '04 Khan** of Lynchburg, Va., is the photographer for the media, marketing and communication office at Sweet Briar College, a 3,200-acre women's college in the heart of Virginia. Together with her husband, she also owns and operates MDK Studio, a portrait studio located in Riverviews Artspace in Lynchburg.

**John Leahey '04** of Saint Joseph, Mich., won the grand prize in the Notre Dame MBA Mini Deep-Dive challenge, a virtual case competition. He will receive a fellowship award toward tuition. His marketing plan was for Microsoft to strengthen community engagement by making it easy for people to help each other out.

**Sarah Bolman '04 Sobel** of Walker, Mich., is the director of Girls on the Run of Ottawa and Allegan County.

**Anna Eriks '04 Sundberg** of Kentwood, Mich., is a program supervisor at Pine Rest Christian Homes.

**Stephen Adair II '05** of Royal Oak, Mich., is finance director and treasurer of the city of Center Line, Mich.

**Jamie Campbell-Baker '05** of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a children's protective service investigator in Van Buren County.

**Brittany Gasper '05** is now a visiting professor teaching biology and microbiology at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla. (please see "Advanced Degrees").

**Maegan Hatfield-Eldred '05** of Holly, Mich., is a post-doctoral fellow in rehabilitation psychology and neuropsychology services at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Mich.

**Pannha Sann '05** of Chicago, Ill., is a fifth- and sixth-grade science teacher at Deneen School of Excellence in Chicago, Ill.

**Lauren Engel '06** of Arlington, Va., is an attorney-advisor at the Federal Maritime Commission in Washington, D.C.

**Josh Hundt '06** of Lansing, Mich., has been promoted to senior regional project

manager at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. He manages business and community development projects in West Michigan.

**Bryan Johnson '06** and his wife (please see "Marriages") reside in Kalamazoo, Mich. He teaches middle school mathematics.

**Leah DeWitt '06 Locker** of Holland, Mich., is the new girls' soccer coach for Zeeland East. She was the Chix's junior varsity coach for the last two seasons.

**Kathleen Ludewig '06 Omollo** of Ann Arbor, Mich., is the project manager for the African Health Open Educational Resources Network at the University of Michigan Medical School Office of Enabling Technologies.

**Julie Pollock '06** of Champaign, Ill., has begun a postdoctoral position in the chemistry department of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Daniel Buck '07** and **Carolyn Courtade '09 Buck** are working with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) at a missions training base in Switzerland, near Geneva, primarily in the training department. Much of their job consists of training and equipping young people to know God more deeply and to go out into the world and live out and share that knowledge in whichever branch of society they are passionate about. They report that they are both extensively using the skills they gained while at Hope, it just looks a little different than they initially expected while they were in school.

**Kyle Jewett '07** of Muskegon, Mich., is the new varsity head coach for the Reeths Puffer football team.

**Rachel Walstra '07 Katterhenrich** and her husband have been preparing for mission work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. This year they moved to Mbeya, Tanzania, and are now beginning work studying the linguistics of the Bungu language to help pave the way for a Bible translation.

**Stith Keiser '07** of Cheyenne, Wyo., recently sold his business, My Veterinary Career LLC, to the American Animal Hospital Association. He will continue to run the business for the AAHA.

**Miriam Lee '07 Presley** recently began teaching adaptive music education for students with special needs in Frederick County, Md.

**Ryan Lincoln '07** of Silver Spring, Md., completed his master's and has accepted an analyst job in the Washington, D.C., area.

**Amanda Danielson '07 McElroy** of Richmond Hill, Ga., is working for the Department of Defense as an elementary music teacher at Fort Stewart, Ga.

**Laura Johnson '07 Morris** has moved to Boulder, Colo., (please see "Marriages"). She works for the University of Colorado at Boulder as a hall director.

**Christian Piers '07** will attend the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine this fall. He has been working as a biologist at Ocean Rider Seahorse Farm and living on the big island of Hawaii with his wife, **Rachael Sauermaier '07**, since they married in 2008.

**Jennifer Pyle '07** of Hinsdale, Ill., recently won first place in the

Toastmaster's International Humorous Competition at both club- and area-level competitions. She is a federal account manager at CDW in Chicago, Ill.

**Cody Canan '08** of Zeeland, Mich., won the grand prize on the game show *Let's Make a Deal*. He and his girlfriend won a 2012 Mazda CX-7 which was behind Door #1.

**John Dulmes '08** of Falls Church, Va., is a legislative correspondent for U.S. Senator Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), who is the Senate Republican Whip. John works on immigration, border security, labor and the workforce, and welfare issues.

**Nicole Mulder '08 Dulmes** of Falls Church, Va., is a mathematics teacher at McLean High School in the Fairfax County Public Schools, the 11th-largest district in the U.S. The student population at McLean is very diverse, including many international students and the children of several diplomats.

**Rob Kenagy '08** is pursuing his Master of Fine Arts at Virginia Tech. He recently received the Virginia Tech Poetry Prize, the highest award, for his poem "End Notes."

**Stephanie Kirkham '08** is currently serving as an AmeriCorps member with the Faith in Youth Partnership through Good Samaritan Ministries in Holland, Mich., and is a senior M.Div. student at Western Theological Seminary.

**Christopher Maybury '08** is currently living in and traveling around Europe specifically in the U.K. and Switzerland. He is involved with a few mission projects in both countries but reports

that the main reason he is there is out of obedience and passion to know Him more and more. He does have a blog: [www.chrismaybury.blogspot.com](http://www.chrismaybury.blogspot.com).

**Tricia Miedema '08** of Caledonia, Mich., is a physician assistant in the radiation oncology department at the West Michigan Cancer Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

**Chase Morris '08** has moved to Boulder, Colo., and works for Agriburbia as an organic farmer and engineering consultant.

**Quinn Nystrom '08** of Minneapolis, Minn., has been named one of 10 national semifinalists for *Glamour Magazine* and Sally Hansen's "Best of You" contest. She was nominated because of the work that she has done for diabetes (she also has type-1 diabetes).

**Stephanie Pasek '08** of Denver, Colo., is a teacher in the Denver Public School district.

**Tracy Benjamin '09** of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the coach for the women's lacrosse team at Hope College.

**Tyler Depke '09** of Gages Lake, Ill., was recently awarded first place and \$10,000 by the American Chemistry Council in the "From Chemistry to Energy" video contest from Zooppa.com.

**Allison Hawkins '09** of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., is teaching French at G-Star School of the Arts High School in West Palm Beach, Fla.

**Tara Kuhnlein '09** of Stevensville, Mich., joined *Fox News Rising* on WCCB (Channel 18) in Charlotte, N.C., as a

## ENTRIES SOUGHT

# Alumni Show Fall 2012

All alumni with a B.A. in studio art from Hope are invited to submit entries for the fall 2012 Homecoming exhibition, which will run **Friday, Oct. 12, to Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012**. The entry deadline is Tuesday, May 1. Please visit the department of art and art history online at [www.hope.edu/academic/art](http://www.hope.edu/academic/art) or call **(616) 395-7500** for more information and submission instructions. [More ONLINE !\[\]\(d20fe61466b19e63a2404105bc64a716\_img.jpg\) www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)



co-host. She is using her stage name, Christine Noel.

**Samuel Ogles '09** of Wheaton, Ill., is an associate marketing manager in social media for Best Western Plus River North Hotel Chicago.

**Katie Terpstra '09** of Chelsea, Mich., played Beth March in the Wild Swan Theater performance of *Little Women* in December.

**Paul VanKempen '09** of Princeton, N.J., ran the Grand Rapids Marathon with his dad, **Case VanKempen '77**, on Tuesday, Oct. 16. Case missed his personal best time by three minutes. Paul ran it 25 minutes faster than Dad.

## 10s

**Caitlin Derby '10** of Denver, Colo., is interning at Horizon Community Middle School and pursuing her MSW from the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work.

**Adam Loveless '10** of Caledonia, Mich., and **Drew Born '13** launched ReindeerCAM.com this past holiday season. The website and video streamed live from the North Pole (Caledonia). Santa came out dressed up to feed the two reindeer twice a day.

**Andrew Palkowski '10** of Byron Center, Mich., is the new Holland Christian boys' lacrosse coach.

**Austin Stauffer '10** is working in Vail, Colo., as a downhill ski instructor.

**Cassidy Bulthuis '11** of Nuncia, Mich., is the freshman volleyball coach for Spring Lake schools.

**Trevor Coeling '11** of Hudsonville, Mich., will attend the University of Michigan School of Dentistry starting in June.

**Amanda Goodyke '11** of Grandville, Mich., is a neurosurgery registered nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital. She is also attending graduate school at the University of Michigan School of Nursing to obtain a master's degree as a pediatric nurse practitioner.

**Courtney Hacker '11** of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a psych registered nurse for the University of Michigan Health System.

**Marissa Jackson '11** is living in Los Angeles, Calif., doing a service year with

an AmeriCorps program called City Year. **Kali Pierson '11** has purchased Get Fit, a fitness center in Wilmington, Ohio.

**Megan Shima '11** is teaching third grade at Washtenaw Christian Academy in Saline, Mich.

**Marissa Lintemuth '11 Stauffer** (please see "Marriages") is presently working in Vail, Colo., as a pre-school teacher.

**Jonathan Wepler '11** of Libertyville, Ill., starred in the musical *John & Jen* at the Libertyville Encore Theatre in January.

## Marriages

Marcia Jordan '62 Raab and David Livingstone Ireland, January 2011, New Castle, Ind.

Darlene Hansen '68 Yanoff and L. Douglas Saylor, Sept. 18, 2011.

Stefany Nicodemus '97 and Steve Howard, Sept. 24, 2011.

Kathryn Binkley '01 and Christopher Oney, Oct. 22, 2011.

Erin Hughes '02 and Jeffrey Cobb, Sept. 2, 2011.

Kimberly Droscha '02 and Andrew Floyd, July 16, 2011.

Emily Cronkite '04 and Michael Coronado, Sept. 10, 2011, Holland, Mich.

Justin Kribs '04 and Ashley Farr '05 Kribs, Sept. 17, 2011.

Sarah Bolman '04 and Andrew Sobel, Sept. 16, 2011.

Anna Eriks '04 and Daniel Sundberg, May 21, 2011.

Daniel VanDis '05 and Lindsey Brink '04, Dec. 23, 2011, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Jamie Campbell '05 and Jim Baker, July 3, 2010.

Bryan Johnson '06 and Krista Augustine, Aug. 6, 2011, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Kathleen Ludewig '06 and Nixon Omollo '06, Aug. 14, 2010.

Jaime Jo Sabol '06 and Derrick Huff, Nov. 5, 2011, Kernersville, N.C.

Laura Johnson '07 and Chase Morris '08, July 30, 2011, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miriam Lee '07 and Justin W. Presley, June 4, 2011, West Bloomfield, Mich.

Peter Overbeek '08 and Elizabeth Brooks '09, July 2, 2011, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Hillary Byker '08 and Matthew Schmidt '08, August 2011.

Aaron McBride '08 and Rachel Van Hamersveld '08, Aug. 19, 2011, Traverse City, Mich.

Trevor Shull '08 and Mary Hughes, Nov. 28, 2009, Columbus, Ohio.

Jeniece Terrien '08 and Steve Denhof, Oct. 7, 2012.

Keith Thompson '08 and Ashley Walworth, July 16, 2011.

Perry Greene IV '09 and Kaitlin Kessie '10, Sept. 24, 2011, Holland, Mich.

Paul Neumann '09 and Andrea Holt, July 9, 2011, Holland, Mich.

John Pelton '09 and Meghan Morrissey, Oct. 8, 2011, Durham, N.C.

Brittany Posma '09 and Nicholas Knapp, Oct. 8, 2011.

Teresa Borst '10 and Andrew VanDerSchaaf, Jan. 6, 2012.

Dan Claus '10 and Grace Olson '10, May 28, 2011.

Jessica Clouse '10 and James Myers, Dec. 30, 2011, Bronson, Mich.

Katherine Schrotenboer '10 and Brandon Nagelkirk, Oct. 1, 2011.

Austin Stauffer '10 and Marissa Lintemuth '11, July 16, 2011, in Lansing, Mich.

Cody Tozer '10 and Sarah Derrick, Dec. 17, 2011, Holland, Mich.

## New Arrivals

Holly Villepique '92 Hickey and John Hickey, Ryan Fitzpatrick, May 14, 2011.

Eric Kivisto '92 and Cheri Kivisto, Carter, born Feb. 14, 2011, adopted Sept. 27, 2011.

Candy VanderKolk '93 Dillon and Robert Dillon, Bennett Alexander, Sept. 16, 2011.

Judy Kleis '94, Malia Kisakye, April 12, 2006, adopted April 22, 2010.

Teresa Deer '95 Anderson and Scott Anderson, Max Curtis, March 23, 2008.

Kathryn Guy '96 Birch and Casey Birch, Sarah Esther, Nov. 16, 2011.

Melissa O'Connor '96 Meuzelaar and Tom Meuzelaar, Blake Hendrik, Nov. 24, 2011.

Alison Shields '96 Sardana and Sanjay Sardana, Callie Shoba, Dec. 2, 2011.

Christian VerMeulen '96 and Kara Doezema '96 VerMeulen, Charlotte Avery, Dec. 9, 2009.

Amy Goorhouse '97 Hicks and Rob Hicks, Tabitha Eunsoo, born on Aug. 6, 2009, adopted on Feb. 10, 2011.

Anne Horton-Weis '97 and Josh Vura-Weis, Maxwell Alan, Dec. 12, 2011.

Christa Wierks '97 Murphy and Robert Murphy, Joshua Robert, Nov. 12, 2011.

Christine Herman '98 Kern and Gregory Kern '98, Mathew David, Nov. 28, 2011.

Dawn Samsell '98 Powell and Thomas Powell, Hudson Lewis, Nov. 29, 2011.

Kristi Bakker '98 Stulp and Keith Stulp, Melanie Arianna, Oct. 28, 2011.

Henry Chen '99 and Julie King '05 Chen, Micah Robert, Dec. 27, 2011.

Jill Beck '99 Kohlmeier and Jace Kohlmeier, Raena Culley, Dec. 1, 2011.

Andrew Norden '99 and Shanna TenClay '99, Willamina Claire, June 1, 2010, and Beatrix Grace, July 11, 2011.

Zachary Dickinson '00 and Jordana Blondin '03 Dickinson, Harper Henley, Dec. 15, 2011.

Chad Ferguson '00 and Vicki Dryfhout-Ferguson '01, Finn Jacob, Nov. 4, 2011.

Benjamin Lane '00 and Hilary Skuza '00 Lane, Charles Everett, Aug. 27, 2011.

Tracy Cornell '00 Nykamp and Marc Nykamp, Hudson Jones, Jan. 5, 2012.

Kati Hoffman '00 Whitmyer and Nathan Whitmyer '00, Avett Henry, Jan. 31, 2012.

Robin Aalderink '00 Wright and Kyle Wright, Acacia Joy, Nov. 20, 2010.

Dan Besselsen '01 and Sandra Vanderwal '01 Besselsen, Mariele Alan, Oct. 28, 2011.

Emi Teshima '01 Irish and Evan Irish '01, Ethan Evan, Oct. 30, 2011.

Kimberly Grotenhuis '01 Petroelje and Eric Petroelje, Grace Noelle, Nov. 23, 2011.

Brian Porter '01 and Jennifer Raupp '02 Porter, Zachary Edward, Feb. 1, 2012.

Joellen DeLong '01 Shellenbarger and Andy Shellenbarger, Alec Joseph, May 10, 2011.

Joshua Sturtevant '01 and Belinda Lopez Sturtevant, Annelise June, Nov. 8, 2011.

Rebecca LaRoy '01 Town and Greg Town '02, Emelyn Rose, Dec. 27, 2011.

Dana Lamers '01 VanderLugt and Timothy VanderLugt, Levi Daniel, Dec. 20, 2011.

Megan Timmer '02 Blondin and Rus Blondin '02, Georgia Grace, Feb. 16, 2012.

Kara Schwieterman '02 Haas and Joshua Haas, Lillian Rose, Feb. 21, 2012.

Andrea Mulder '02 Huisman and Derek Huisman, Ian Nathaniel, Oct. 18, 2011.

Julie Hofman '02 Karsten and Dave Karsten, Evelina Luna, May 10, 2011.

Jenna Gerbens '02 Poll and J.R. Poll, Audrey Grace, Jan. 9, 2012.

Derek Pomp '02 and Rebecca Pomp, Lydia June, Jan. 31, 2012.

Treasure Givan '02 Samuel and Andrew Samuel, Kelly Sue, Dec. 30, 2011.

Tamala Habers '02 Schippers and Erick Schippers, Jayden Lee, Nov. 23, 2011.

Sarah Sudnick '02 Terpstra and Nicholas Terpstra, Bennett Nicholas, Feb. 22, 2012.

Laura Smith '02 Thormann and Ryan Thormann, Luke David, Aug. 19, 2011.

Sara Troyer '02 and Jeff Mazurek, Claire Elizabeth, Dec. 7, 2011.

Jared VanNoord '02 and Kristen DeYoung '01 VanNoord, Gideon, July 2011.

Stephanie Venard '02 VanTil and Daniel VanTil, Maggie Kay, Nov. 10, 2011.

Sally Fisher '03 Bawtinheimer and Adam Bawtinheimer, Calvin Jon, Jan. 6, 2012.

Tim Folkert '03 and Sara Folkert, Canon Harvey, Nov. 21, 2011.

Christopher VanderHyde '02 and Holly Douglass '03 VanderHyde, Elise Hope, May 17, 2011.

Molly Baxter '04 Dalessandro and Scott Dalessandro '04, Penelope Frances, Dec. 16, 2011.

Jeff Eldersveld '04 and Lacey Wicksall '04 Eldersveld, Hans, June 20, 2011.

Meridith De Avila '04 Khan and Adeel Khan, Farhan David, Feb. 3, 2011.

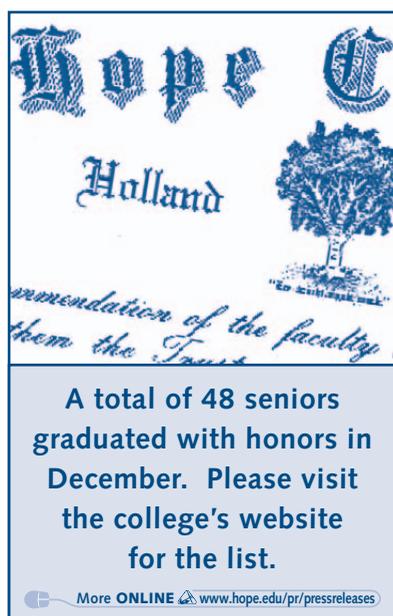
Laura Cheek '04 Mitchell and Daniel Mitchell, Lilah Sloane, July 14, 2011.

Courtney Laarman '04 Thompson and Curtis Thompson, George Winslow, Dec. 27, 2011.

Katherine VanderLind '04 VanDorn and Bryan VanDorn, Zoë Katherine, Nov. 28, 2010.

Jill Pinter '05 Berryman and Eric Berryman, Henry James, July 7, 2011.

Anthony Bordenkircher '05 and Christen Conner '05 Bordenkircher, Samuel Allen, Nov. 26, 2011.



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A total of 48 seniors graduated with honors in December. Please visit the college's website for the list.

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Mary Scholtens '05 Cook and Matthew Cook '05, Emma Reese, Dec. 23, 2011.

Lisa Genzink '05 Myrick and Bryan Myrick, Grant Michael, Dec. 30, 2011.

Nick DeKoster '06 and Katie Wright '06 DeKoster, Lincoln Wright, Sept. 30, 2011.

Elizabeth Hammon '06 Geurink and Chad Geurink '08, Brea Ellen, Nov. 10, 2011.

Stephen Murphy '06 and Jennifer Schwartz '07 Murphy, Molly Grace, Feb. 5, 2012.

Matthew Pridgeon '06 and Laura Kadzban '06 Pridgeon, Kathryn Jeanne, Nov. 14, 2011.

Andrew Rose '06 and Lauren Mueller '07 Rose, Christian Andrew, Jan. 16, 2012.

Lisa Wisniewski '06 Schindler and Rick Schindler, Natalee Rose, Sept. 22, 2011.

Jill Bramos '06 Wolf and Nathan Wolf, Anna Marie, Jan. 17, 2012.

Jennifer Stults '07 Dykema and Mark Dykema '07, Charlotte AnneMarie, Oct. 29, 2011.

Aaron Kenemer '07 and Rachel Kenemer, Calvin Wesley, Jan. 29, 2012.

Bradley Haveman-Gould '08 and Margaret Haveman-Gould, Quincy J., Dec. 21, 2011.

Tara Wheeler '09 Salas and Jason Salas, Tripp James, Jan. 24, 2012.

Ashley Sligh '09 Tibbe and Matthew Tibbe, Lydia Grace, and Liam Thomas, Dec. 13, 2011.

Jenna Hunger '11, Camden Monroe, Sept. 28, 2011.

## Advanced Degrees

Frederick Des Autels '50, Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT), Kaplan University Online, Jan. 17, 2012.

Charity Priest '77 Johnson, Master of Education in literacy and learning, Walton University, May 2009.

Gayle Bond '87 Kuipers, Master of Science in exercise physiology, Western Michigan University, June 2011.

Kristin Tichy '92 Pagenkopf, The French Pastry School's L'Art de la Pâtisserie, Dec. 16, 2011, Chicago, Ill.

Kara Schwieterman '02 Haas, Master of Fine Arts practice of teaching: early childhood education, Western Michigan University, 2011.

Amy Avery '02 Hampton, M.Div., Methodist Theological School, December 2011.

Jennifer Mills '03 James, Ph.D. in school psychology, Loyola University Chicago, December 2011.

Carrie Meulenberg '03 Quist, Master of Education with an emphasis in school library media, Grand Valley State University, August 2011.

Amy Reynolds '03, Master of Administration and Supervision, University of Virginia Curry School of Education, December 2011.

Christian VanSlooten '03, master's in educational leadership, Western New Mexico University, May 2011.

Kristin Dowedite '04 Ripley, Master of Education in reading and literacy studies, Grand Valley State University, August 2011.

Anne Slaughter '04 Stolz, Master

of Arts in education, Cornerstone University, December 2010.

Matthew Stolz '04, Master of Arts in education, Cornerstone University, December 2010.

Jamie Campbell-Baker '05, Master of Social Work, Western Michigan University, April 2010.

Anna Bristle '05 Olmstead, Master in Science from Capella University in mental health counseling, September 2011.

Brittany Gasper '05, Ph.D. in microbiology, Purdue University, August 2011.

Maegan Hatfield-Eldred '05, Doctor of Philosophy in clinical psychology, Central Michigan University, December 2011.

Pannha Sann '05, Master of Education, interdisciplinary studies in curriculum and instruction, National-Louis University, December 2011.

Josh Hundt '06, Master of Public Administration, Western Michigan University, August 2011.

Julie Pollock '06, Ph.D., Duke University, 2011.

Lisa Wisniewski '06 Schindler, master's in reading, Roosevelt University, December 2011.

Ashley Tillman '06, master's in curriculum and instruction in science education, Arizona State University.

Christian Piers '07, Master of Fine Arts in fiction, Warren Wilson College, January 2012.

Barbara Schornstein '07, Master of Science in exercise science with a concentration in biomechanics, Ball State University, December 2011.

Alexa Jansma '08, D.V.M., Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, January 2012.

Benjamin Barkel '10, Master of Science, simulation in aerospace engineering, University of Liverpool, U.K., December 2011.

## Deaths

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

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**Levi Akker '51** of Clinton, Iowa, died on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011. He was 86.

Survivors include his wife, Myna Akker; daughter and son-in-law, Dawn (Bob) Michmerhuizen; son and daughter-in-law, Brian (Mary) Akker '79; three grandchildren; sister, Eunice Still; brother, Louis Akker; and stepchildren, Carey Peerbolt Japhet, Sally Peerbolt, Doug Peerbolt and Dona Peerbolt.

**Barbara Kooy '72 Bauer** of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, Feb. 6, 2012. She was 61.

She worked for Challenge Manufacturing as a purchasing agent.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Bill Bauer '71; children, BJ Bauer and Rachel Bauer; brother, Kevin (Bonnie) Kooy; sisters and brother-in-law, Chris (Ron) Waltz and Sue Bauer.

**Elizabeth Goehner '36 Boven** of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012. She was 96.

She was a partner in the operation of Boven's Store. She also substitute taught for many years in the Holland Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her brother, George Goehner.

Survivors include her husband of 71 years, Stanley Boven '36; children, Douglas Boven, Richard (Sally) Boven; and Jean Boven '75 (Steve '74) Norden; sisters-in-law, Elisabeth Boven and Phyllis Agnew; brother-in-law, Lawrence Anderson; seven grandchildren, including William (Mara) Norden '04 and Pieter Norden '11; and one great-grandchild.

**Jeanann Elgersma '65 Brandt** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011. She was 68.

She taught English at Calvin College and Cornerstone University.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter (Janetta) Elgersma; and granddaughter, Hannah Brandt.

Survivors include her husband Carl Brandt '64; children, Martha Brandt '92 (Gregory '93) Johnson, Christopher (Laura Lange '97) Brandt '95, Joel (Sarah Keay '98) Brandt '97, and Robert (Gwen Veldhof '99) Brandt '99; eight grandchildren; aunt, Hattie Dik; and siblings, Hank (Cleo) Elgersma, and Arlene (Dick) Forbes.

**Albert Bursma Jr. '59** of Brewster, Mass., died on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012. He was 74.

He retired from Houghton Mifflin as president of the school division.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Clara Jean DeVree.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Phyllis Brink '58 Bursma; daughter, Jane Bursma '84 (Michael) McDonald; son, James (Amy Dice '89) Bursma '87; four grandchildren; brother, Frederick (Donna) Bursma, sisters, Lillian Tinholt and Patricia (Richard) Levy; and siblings-in-law, Bruce (Priscilla DeJong '63) Brink '60.

**Lawrence Buteyn '39** of Muskegon, Mich., died on Thursday, May 21, 2009. He was 91.

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

He worked for CWC Textron more than 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia Buteyn.

Survivors include his son, Bruce (Carol) Buteyn; his daughter, Pamela Buteyn '68 (Richard) Haferman; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and sisters, Kay DeBoer and Phyllis (Don) Ameele.

**John Conatser '74** of Chicago, Ill., died on Monday, Aug. 15, 2011. He was 59.

He was a comptroller for a men's fragrance company for nearly 10 years.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Conatser; and children, Nicole (Brian) Roth and Graham Conatser.

**Charles Darocy '49** of Prudenville, Mich., died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011. He was 84.

He served in the United States

Army in the 399th Infantry Division as a sergeant, and earned a Bronze Star and Purple Heart during World War II.

He was a pastor in several churches in New York.

Survivors include his wife, Adele Darocy; daughters, Susan (Michael Bartell) Healy, Carolyn (Vincent) Tillona and Carla Terry Darocy; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Lowell DeWeerd '49** of Tucson, Ariz., died on Friday, Nov. 25, 2011. He was 88.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in North Africa and The Middle East, and flew the Hump.

He taught at Amphi High School and was a counselor, retiring in 1983.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Betty Jane DeWeerd; daughters, Nancy (Stephen Pompea) Regens, Barbara (Jim) Bray and Pamela Kahn; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

**Jack DeWitt '32** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Friday, Jan. 6, 2012. He was 100.

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

He was a long-time president of the Hope's Second Century Club and was a recipient of the college's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1974. He was a principal donor in the construction of the DeWitt Student and Cultural Center.

He founded Big Dutchman with his brother, Dick and went on to invest and became co-owner in Biotec Inc.

Survivors include his wife Marlies DeWitt; four children, Karen DeWitt, Tom (April) DeWitt '90, Sabina DeWitt '92 (Andrew) Otteman '91, and John DeWitt; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

**Peter DeYoung '63** of Berkeley Heights, N.J., died on Monday, Nov. 21, 2011. He was 69.

He worked in computer time sales and computer consulting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold (Anjean) DeYoung; and a brother, Harold DeYoung.

Survivors include his brother, William (Kathleen) DeYoung; sister-in-law, Dianne DeYoung; and several nieces and nephews.

**Harold Dykema '62** of Eau Claire, Wis., died on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011. He was 71.

He was a chiropractor for 40 years, retiring in 2007.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Nelva Helder; three children, Kenneth (Karin) Rohm, Daniel (Stephanie) Dykema, and Janet (Paul) Seymour; six grandchildren; brother, Roger (Belva) Dykema; and sister, Lois Dykema '67 (George) Sharpe.

**Nelson Dykema '50** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Friday, Feb. 10, 2012. He was 86.

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

He taught for 25 years, was a park ranger at Higgins Lake State Park in the summer and, after retiring from teaching, worked at Herman Miller for 10 years.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Caroline Dykema; and a son, Larry Dykema.

Survivors include his children, Mary Dykema '73, John (Marjorie) Dykema '77, and William (Debra) Dykema '79; in-laws, Richard (Gloria) Smith, Florence Smith and Edna Fuder; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

**Kenneth Erickson '52** of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Feb. 17, 2012. He was 80.

He served in the U.S. Army with distinction, earning the Bronze Star Medal with Valor in Korea.

He was Redford Union School district's school superintendent, retiring in 1992.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Betty Erickson.

Survivors include his children, Jeffrey (Rosemary) Erickson, Brent (Marcia) Erickson, and Bradley (Fiona) Erickson; eight grandchildren; sisters, Lois (David) Brenner, and Carol (Richard Lane) MacKenzie; and in-laws, Joyce Martinus, Roger (Ruth VandenBerg '58) Borr '58, Marsha (Paul '59) Northuis.

**Adrian Geenen '52** of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012. He was 84.

He served in the U.S. Army Occupational Forces.

He was the founder of A.C. Geenen Construction, now GDK Construction.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean Vanderploeg Geenen, and second wife, Gloria DeVries.

Survivors include his children, Mary Jo Steel, Laurie (Tim) Dekker, Chuck

(Julie) Geenen, Carol (Bob) Buteyn, Judy (Jody) Myaard and Jane (Peter) Van Rijs; a step-daughter, Sally (Mark) Overway; 18 grandchildren, including Matthew Myaard '10; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Sophie (Jim) Hamberg, Marie (Don) DeVries and Cornelia (Don) Dokter; one brother, John (Louise) Geenen; sister-in-law, Ann Geenen; and brother-in-law, Pete Beyer.

**Gene Goorman '50** of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012. He was 83.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He worked as a dentist until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma Goorman; brother and sister-in-law, Gordon and Johanna Goorman; and parents, John and Gertie Goorman.

Survivors include his sister-in-law, Hazel Van Slooten; and many nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **Daniel Harkin II '90** of Flushing, N.Y., who died on Friday, Nov. 11, 2011. He was 44.

**Anna Herder '52 Holbrook** of Bridgewater, N.J., died on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011. She was 81.

She was the former president of the Synod West of The Reformed Church Women's Ministry and former member of its executive board.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Holbrook.

Survivors include her two daughters, Harriett (David) Lui and Sarah (W. Allen Scheuch) Holbrook '83; a son,

Taylor (Cathleen Bast '82) Holbrook '80; two brothers, Robert Herder and C. Edward Herder; and grandchildren, including Hilary Holbrook '09 and Sarah Holbrook '11.

Word has been received of the death of **Frank Horrocks Jr. '56** of Enon, Ohio, who died on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011. He was 78.

**Stanley Joeckel '36** of Vero Beach, Fla., died on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012. He was 97.

He worked as a mechanical engineer for American Fused Quartz and was co-owner of Infrared Systems.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Fern Corteville '38 Joeckel; and brother, Robert Joeckel.

Survivors include his daughters, Beverly Joeckel '62 (Kurt '63) VanGenderen and Anita Joeckel '66; three grandchildren, Gail VanGenderen '88 Harries, Mark Van Genderen '90 and Joanne VanGenderen '95; and four great-grandchildren.

**Rosalie Rietdyk '39 Johnson** of Spring Lake, Mich., died on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011. She was 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Johnson; son, Brad Johnson; and sister, Kathryn Barnes.

Survivors include her daughter, Carole (Rich) Blazek; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Cone.

**William Kisken '54** of La Crosse, Wis., died on Monday, Jan. 2, 2012. He was 79.

He started a transplantation program and initiated a surgical residency program which he headed for many years at Gundersen Lutheran Clinic. He co-authored more than 60 articles which were published in the medical literature.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane Rietveld '55 Kisken; sons, William (Susan) Kisken, Peter Kisken '83, and Tom (Lisa) Kisken; daughter, Sara (Douglas) French; four grandchildren; brother, Robert Kisken '59; sister, Catherine (Frank) Hare; and brothers-in-law, Charles (Marie) Rietveld and William (Barbara) Rietveld.

**David Laman '36** of Pella, Iowa, died on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. He was 97.

He was a pastor in the Reformed Church in America for 70 years, serving in Michigan, Iowa and California.

Survivors include his five children, Edie (Jim) Van Maanen, Duane (Sheryl) Laman, Jim (Judy) Laman, Ruth (John) DeLeeuw and Marcia (Allen) DeKock; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

**Jack Leenhouts '38** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011. He was 95.

He served with the U.S. Army in Washington, D.C., during World War II.

He was the treasurer and personnel officer for the City of Holland until his retirement in 1983.

Survivors include his wife of almost 70 years, Thelma Kooiker '39 Leenhouts; four children, Thelma (Tommye)

Leenhouts '66, John (Roberta) Leenhouts '69, James Leenhouts '73 and Jane (Bruce) Patterson; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Wayne Lemmen '43** of Traverse City, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 16, 2012. He was 90.

He ministered to six congregations during his 38 years as a full-time pastor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond (Theresa) Lemmen '19; and his wife of 66 years, Carleen Stroop '45 Lemmen.

Survivors include his children, David (Carol) Lemmen, Lois DeHart, Rhoda Lemmen '75 (Dan) Cronin and Thomas (Debra) Lemmen; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and siblings (Irving Lemmen, Shirley Lemmen '45 Kammeraad and Douglas Lemmen.

**Ruth Schuitema '41 Loeks**

of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011. She was 92.

She served as a leader for many non-profit organizations in Grand Rapids and provided tutoring and personal guidance for children in Grand Rapids, on Mackinac Island and in Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" Loeks Sr.; and grandson, Caleb.

Survivors include her children, John (Mary) Loeks; Meria (Erik Craig) Loeks, Lannie (Chris Clemens) Loeks and Jim (Barrie) Loeks; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Ken Louis '53** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011. He was 78.

He worked for Zeeland Public Schools for 33 years as a teacher and principal. He was the music director and organist for the Children's Bible Hour from 1956 to 1995.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anne Louis; and grandson, Kevin Bruins.

Survivors include his children, Fred (Kathy) Louis, Jane (Jerry) Schwabauer, and Mary Bricker; nine grandchildren, including Emily Louis '03 Bruins, Kimberly Louis '07 and Adam Schwabauer '08; six great-grandchildren; brother, Warren Louis; and sister-in-law, Marion Louis.

**John Macqueen '50** of Hastings, Mich., died on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012. He was 82.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked for Decker and then DeNooyer Chevrolet for more than 60 years.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Harter Macqueen; and sister, Katherine Macqueen '49 Howell.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Shirley Macqueen; children, David (Mary) Macqueen, Jim (Michelle) Visser, Michael (Kim) Ter Vree, Greg Macqueen and Gary Snyder, Jeff (Maureen) Macqueen, Todd (Kelley) Macqueen, and Troy (Robin) Macqueen; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

**Bob Mannes '63** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011. He was 71.

He served in the Army National Guard Reserves.

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He was an independent oil and gas producer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Chuck Mannes; and infant daughter, Sharon Mannes.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Rose Mannes; children, Bob (Kristen) Mannes, Dan (Tonya) Mannes, and Suzanne (Dean) VanderZee; 10 grandchildren; and siblings, Jeanne (Kelly) DeWys, Tom (Bonnie) Mannes, and Paul (Dotty) Van Drunen.

**Ann Elizabeth "Betty" Watson '52 Mulder** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. She was 81.

She taught Spanish in the Holland and Saugatuck public schools, at Hope and with West Ottawa Community Education for more than 42 years. She taught at Hope from 1968 to 1970.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Warren Mulder.

Survivors include her cousins, Charles Erber and Kathryn Erber; step-children, Bruce Mulder, Joan Nagelkirk, Brent Mulder; grandchildren; and brother and sister-in-law, Dennis Mulder and Ruth Hollebeck.

**Simon Nagel '68** of Enon, Ohio, died on Friday, Nov. 9, 2011. He was 70.

He served as pastor and associate pastor of two churches in the Grand Rapids area. He also had managed and supervised multiple printing plants in the Chicago area.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Cor Nagel.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Nagel; a son, Paul (Tricia) Nagel; two grandchildren; brothers, John (Sheila) Nagel and Luke (Ava) Nagel; and sister-in-law, Gerda Nagel.

**Barbara Emmick '60 Rank** of Plano, Texas, died on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011. She was 73.

She and her husband spent a year in Madrid, Spain, as Fulbright Scholars. She coordinated the undergraduate Spanish language program and the Spanish teacher-education program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She also taught Spanish at Notre Dame University.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clara (John) Emmick.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Rank; daughters Catherine Rank de Batiste-Redo (Enrique) and Sarah Maynard (David); seven grandchildren; and sister, Sara Olsen.

**Alan Smith '65** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011. He was 67.

He was a partner with Strain, Murphy and VanderWal. He was also a magistrate for the 63rd district.

He was preceded in death by his father, John A. Smith.

Survivors include his mother, Martha Smith; wife of 44 years, Jean Smith; son, Scott Alan Smith; daughter, Shelly (Daniel) Fuller; and two grandchildren.

**Gertrude Young '39 Stewart** of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011. She was 94.

She taught kindergarten in the Grosse Pointe school system.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce Stewart.

Survivors include her son, Bruce (Kay) Stewart; daughter, Kathleen Stewart (James) Ponitz; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Thomas Titus '63** of Tarpon Springs, Fla., died on Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. He was 69.

He served in the Army during the Vietnam era.

He was a sales manager for a packaging company.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Titus; sons, Jay (Amy) Titus and Stephen (Kristen) Tuitus; brother, Lee (Joanna) Titus; and three grandchildren.

**Carl Van Farowe '53** of Waukegan, Iowa, died on Friday, Feb. 3, 2012.

He retired in 1998 after 42 years of full-time professional ministry, but continued as a guest preacher throughout central Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Meryl "Kay" Gowens '56 Van Farowe; and parents, Richard (Nellie Pyle '30) Van Farowe '24.

Survivors include his daughter, Cynthia (Tammis Kelly) Van Farowe; his sons, Paul (Nancy) Van Farowe and John Van Farowe; four grandchildren; and brother, George (Dorothy Winstrom '57) Van Farowe '55.

**Elton Van Pernis '48** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Sunday, Jan 29, 2012. He was 95.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during WW II, reaching the rank of major.

He served on Hope College's Board of Trustees from 1956 to 1963.

He served as a pastor in Byron Center, Mich., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Waupun Wis.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Beatrice Soodsma '51 Van Pernis; son, Dan (Jeanne) Van Pernis '76; daughter, Mary (Tom) Bamborough '83; and four grandchildren.

**Theodore Vanden Berg '51** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012. He was 86.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

He co-owned and operated Northgate Furniture and Appliance.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gladys Vanden Berg.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Vanden Berg; his daughter, Susan Beth (Joseph) Fabiano; one grandson; step-children, Marvin (Diane) Evink, Calvin (Beverly) Evink, James Evink and Janice Evink; seven step-grandchildren; eight step great-grandchildren; brother, David (Marilee) Vanden Berg; and in-laws, Pat Vanden Berg, Leone Vanden Berg, Estelle Lamer, Peter (Lenore) Kas, Henry (Sharon) Schelhaas and Robert (Linda) Schelhaas.

**Lyle Vander Meulen '55** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Friday, Dec. 10, 2011. He was 78.

He worked for Thermotron for more than 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Vander Meulen; grandson-in-law, Joshua McBride; brother, Richard Vander Meulen; and sister, Gloria Wood-Marfia.

Survivors include his children,

Nancy (Randall) Lannon, Paul (Gena) Vander Meulen; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**John Vanden Bos '59** of Houston, Texas, died on Monday, Dec. 31, 2011. He was 73.

He was a Holland patrolman, a NASA operations engineer during the Apollo missions, a Dow project engineer, a ham radio operator and a Red Cross volunteer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Weighmink '61 Vanden Bos.

Survivors include his daughter, Jean (Bill) Tanner; son, Jay (Jill) Vanden Bos; two grandchildren; his sister, Jan (Frank) Wolf; and sister-in-law, Jan (Piet) Veen.

**Brent Vander Kolk '97** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, Dec. 19, 2011. He was 37.

He was the founder, managing partner and practicing attorney with the firm Vander Kolk and Vander Kolk PLC.

Survivors include his wife, Jamie Vander Kolk; sons, Grant and Brent Vander Kolk; parents, Ivan (Mary) Vander Kolk '60; brother and sister, Wayne (Shelley) Vander Kolk '88, and Sandy (Chris) LaGrand; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Rod (Sharon) Watts; and brother-in-law, Adam Watts.

**Nelvie VanderBilt '41 VanderWoude** of Burnsville, Minn., died on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011. She was 91.

She was a pastor's wife, serving churches in Illinois, Iowa, Minneapolis and Washington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Berend VanderWoude Jr. '41.

Survivors include her children, Berend VanderWoude, Dorothy (Alan) Dietsche, Faythe Dornink, Joanne Myers and Mark VanderWoude; grandchildren, including Jason Dietsche '03 and Matt (Valerie Kleinheksel '98) Dietsche '97; and great-grandchildren.

**Norma Claus '38 VanDussen** of Brighton, N.Y., died on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011. She was 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Van Dussen '38.

Survivors include her son, Douglas (Bobbi) Van Dussen; daughter, Deborah (William) Vogt; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Persis Parker '44 VanWyk** of Chapel Hill, N.C., died on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011. She was 89.

She taught science and substituted at Chapel Hill High School.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Judson VanWyk '43; and brothers-in-law, Gordon (Bertha Vis '41) Van Wyk '41 and Robert Wildman '48.

Survivors include her children, Judith (Gene Poveromo) VanWyk, Persis (Perky) Van Wyk, Peter (Michele) Van Wyk, and Judson Jr. (Julie) Van Wyk; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister-in-law, Lois VanWyk '48 Wildman; and many nieces and nephews, including Mark Wildman '72, Susan VanWyk '68 Benedict, Patricia Van Wyk '73 Barlett, Julie VanWyk '77 Clough, and James Van Wyk '82.

**Jeane Walvoord '30** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011. She was 102.

She was a missionary in China, Philippines and Taiwan from 1931 to 1974. The last 12 years, she was the director of nursing services in Taiwan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony (Edith) Walvoord; and sisters, Geraldine Walvoord '28 and Wilhelmina "Billie" Walvoord '30.

**William Wheaton '63** of Charlotte, N.C., died on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012. He was 70.

He worked for Ford Motor Company, F.W. Means and Dietzgen Corp before buying Torrence Blueprint and Graphics Company.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Joann Brown '63 Wheaton; two daughters, Amy (Michael) Keaton and Laura (William) Stafford; two sisters, Nancy Hume and Sally Boldman; and five grandchildren.

## Sympathy to

The family of **Donn Finn** of Sonoma, Calif., who died on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011. He was 74.

He was instrumental in launching the department of theatre at Hope in 1968 and was one of the founders of the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre. He left Hope in 1981 and held a faculty position at California State University, Fullerton until his retirement in 2001.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mali Finn.

Survivors include his second wife, Chizuko; his son, David (Amy) Finn; and two grandchildren.

The family of **Jantina Holleman** of Holland, Mich., who died on Friday, Feb. 24, 2012. She was 91.

She served on the music faculty at Hope from 1946 to 1987. In addition to helping shape the college's music program in numerous ways, she, with Dr. Anthony Kooiker, helped mold the college's Christmas Vespers service into the form in which the popular tradition continues today. She also established the Jantina Holleman Early Childhood Music Education Fund at Hope.

Survivors include her brother, James (Janine) Holleman; and nieces and nephews.

The family of **Kathleen Fitzgerald Yelding** of Holland, Mich., who died on Sunday, March 18, 2012. She was 63.

Her career as an educator spanned more than 30 years, and she served many roles as a teacher, counselor and administrator in several districts including the Van Buren Intermediate School District, Coloma Public Schools, Holland Public Schools and West Ottawa Public Schools.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, John Yelding, associate professor of education at Hope; her children, Elisa (James) Wroten of Holland, Nicole Yelding '03 (Morgan) Sinclair of Holland and Denver, Colo., Jason Yelding '04 of Lowell, Mich., Lynnette (Scott) Croston of Cumming, Ga., Michael (Hope) Yelding of Zeeland, Mich., and Justin Yelding of Holland; grandchildren; father; siblings; father-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.





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