

# HOPE

## Building Hope Together

The support of alumni and friends is essential to ensuring *A Greater Hope* for the students of today and tomorrow.  
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## On the Cover

*Students pass amongst campus landmarks as they go about preparing for the future. The college exists because of the generosity of those who for more than 150 years have valued the difference that the college makes and wished to help ensure and enhance a Hope education for generations to come. This issue's focus on **A Greater Hope** outlines the many ways that the campaign will have an enduring impact and how alumni play a crucial role in making it happen.*



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## “Quote, unquote”

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

*Hope College formally launched its 151st academic year on Sunday, Aug. 26, welcoming the incoming Class of 2016. In the Opening Convocation address, Charlotte vanOyen-Witvliet, who is the John H. and Jeanne M. Jacobson Professor of Psychology, presented “Learning in a Life that Matters.”*



*Approximately 2,000, primarily new students and their families, attended the event, which was held in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse in the midst of the college's Orientation Weekend, which ran Friday, Aug. 24, through Monday, Aug. 27.*

*The entire address is available online.*

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“What I invite you to think about is your vocation of learning at Hope,” Dr. vanOyen-Witvliet said, “Not learning to live a life that will matter someday (as if real life begins after graduation), but learning in a life that already matters now.” Hope’s mission, she said, is established “to support the ongoing discovery of how to live out your vocation as an individual, in community. Learning is the calling of students. Learning is the vocation of our college community.”

The students, Dr. vanOyen-Witvliet noted, are joining a community whose dedication to fostering their discernment extends campus-wide.

“Hope is made up of people who get up every day to create the best possible community of learning,” she said. “Together, administrators, librarians, cooks, secretaries, trustees, coaches, directors, chaplains, custodians, professors, officers, counselors and many more play their parts in making Hope a learning community that is concerned with your flourishing here and now... and ultimately when all things are made new.”

What that means for the students across their

years at Hope and how they might themselves focus their experience, she noted, is reflected in an overview from the college titled “Graduates anchored in Hope”: “Hope graduates are educated to think about life’s most important issues with clarity, wisdom and a deep understanding of foundational commitments of the historic Christian faith. They are prepared to communicate effectively, bridging boundaries that divide human communities. They are agents of hope who live faithfully into their vocations. Hope graduates make a difference in the world.”

A key step in the process, Dr. vanOyen-Witvliet said, is for the students to think in terms of calling: to discern where needs, faithfulness, talents, and interests intersect.

“Frederick Buechner (in *Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC*) says that ‘The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do and (b) that the world most needs to have done... The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet,’” Dr. vanOyen-Witvliet said.

She described six “signposts” that provide clues in discerning calling, a listing shared in the book *The Will of God as a Way of Life* by Dr. Gerald Sittser '72, who is a professor of theology at Whitworth University: What motivates you? What are your talents or gifts? What life experiences form you? Opportunity, with its open doors and closed doors. Conversations with a discerning community. And joyful service—Buechner’s “deep gladness.”

Hope, she noted, would provide numerous opportunities for students to explore how the pieces might fit for them, and even, perhaps, to be surprised by the result.

“Beware, attending classes, conferences, and the Critical Issues Symposium could inspire a new love for history, political science, philosophy, poetry, statistics, piano performance, chemistry, another language, theology or psychology,” Dr. vanOyen-Witvliet said. “You could realize that you have gifts in areas you hadn’t explored before. You might learn about communities you didn’t know existed. And, you might see the world’s needs. You just might discover a calling you hadn’t planned on. It happens.”

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## Distinctive Hope



Colleges and universities don’t exist in isolation. Hope benefits in numerous ways from its hometown of Holland, Mich., not least of all because the campus is adjacent to the award-winning downtown, and in turn serves as a resource in partnership with the community. Indeed, the college owes its existence to Holland’s founder, who established the Pioneer School from which the college grew because he knew that education was essential to the city’s future. The annual Hope-Holland Community Day, in its 47th year this past September 1, celebrates the relationship, an opportunity for the campus and Holland communities to come together for a picnic and a home football game (some 4,250 strong at newly renovated Holland Municipal Stadium). As Holland Mayor Kurt Dykstra said in remarks from the 50-yard line to the capacity home audience, there may be communities and colleges with relationships that are as strong, but there certainly aren’t any with relationships that are better.



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## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Fall Semester

Nov. 2-4, Friday-Sunday—Family Weekend  
 Nov. 22-26, Thursday, 8 a.m. to Monday,  
 8 a.m.—Thanksgiving Recess  
 Dec. 7, Friday—Last day of classes  
 Dec. 10-14, Monday-Friday—Semester  
 examinations  
 Dec. 14, Friday—Residence halls close,  
 5 p.m.

## ADMISSIONS

**Campus Visits:** The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from September through May 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 days for 2012-13 are:

Friday, Nov. 2	Friday, Feb. 1
Friday, Nov. 9	Friday, Feb. 15
Friday, Nov. 16	Monday, Feb. 18
Monday, Jan. 21	Friday, March 1
Friday, Jan. 25	

**Junior Days:** Spring-semester Visit Day programs designed especially for juniors.

Friday, April 5  
 Friday, April 12  
 Friday, April 19

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

## DANCE

**dANCEpROJECT**—Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3  
 Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. all four nights, with “Family Affair” matinees on Saturday, Oct. 27, and Saturday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m.

*Tickets for the evening concerts are \$10 for regular admission, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under. Admission to the matinees is free.*

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

**Student Dance Concert**—Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 3-4  
 Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.  
 Admission is free.

## THEATRE

**Sweeney Todd**—Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10; Wednesday-Saturday-Nov. 14-17  
 By Stephen Sondheim  
 DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.  
*Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.*



## DE PREE GALLERY

**Hope College Alumni Show**—Through Sunday, Nov. 18  
**Juried Student Show**—Friday, Nov. 30-Sunday, Dec. 9  
 Work by Hope students.

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

## GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

**Eldar Djangirov Trio**—Wednesday, Nov. 7, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.  
**Suspicious Cheese Lords**—Friday, Jan. 18: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.  
**L.A. Theatre Works: *Pride and Prejudice***—Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 19-20: Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
**Emerson String Quartet**—Tuesday, April 2: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

*Tickets are \$18 for regular admission, \$15 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children 18 and under. Season tickets are also available for \$63 for regular admission, \$50 for senior citizens and \$140 for families.*



## SPORTS SCHEDULES

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

## 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.

## INSTANT INFORMATION

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained online 24 hours a day.

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## MUSIC

**Wind Ensemble “Halloween Concert”**—Wednesday, Oct. 31: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.  
**Guest Artist**—Thursday, Nov. 1: Arts Midwest Visiting Ensemble, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 11 a.m. Admission is free.  
**Guest Artist**—Thursday, Nov. 1: Gideon Whitehead, classical guitar, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.  
**Brown Bag Concert**—Friday, Nov. 2: Holland Area Arts Council, noon. Admission is free.  
**Guest Artist**—Saturday, Nov. 10: Douglas Humpherys, piano, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.  
**Jazz Combos Concert**—Monday, Nov. 12: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.  
**Vocal Jazz Concert**—Tuesday, Nov. 13: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.  
**Jazz Arts Collective and Jazz Combos Concert**—Wednesday, Nov. 14: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.  
**Orchestra Concert**—Friday, Nov. 16: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.  
**Guest Artist**—Friday, Nov. 16: Ben Rector, singer-songwriter, Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for the general public and \$5 for Hope students.  
**Women’s Chamber Choir, with Luminescence and 12th Street Harmony**—Monday, Nov. 19: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.  
**Lieder Abend**—Tuesday, Nov. 20: location and time tba. Admission is free.  
**Christmas Vespers**—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 1-2: Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The services are on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. The public sale of tickets will be on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. until the tickets are gone in the DeVos Fieldhouse ticket office. Tickets are \$10 each, with a limit of four per person.  
**Guest Artist**—Monday, Dec. 3: The Tom Harrell Quintet, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.  
**Wind Ensemble Concert**—Tuesday, Dec. 4: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.  
**Concert Band Performance**—Thursday, Dec. 6: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.  
**Brown Bag Concert**—Friday, Dec. 7: Holland Area Arts Council, noon. Admission is free.  
**Madrigal Dinner**—Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8: Maas Center, auditorium, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 18 and Hope students.

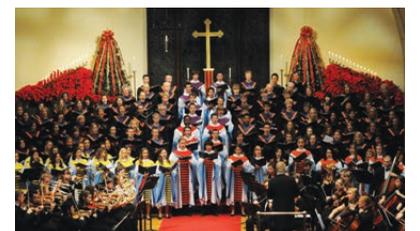
## JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

**Joy Harjo and Danielle Cadena Deulen**, poetry/essay, Thursday, Nov. 15  
**Shane Book and Mat Johnson**, poetry/novel, Thursday, Feb. 7  
**Mark Winegardner**, novel, Tuesday, March 26  
**Ed Hirsch**, poetry, Thursday, April 18  
*The readings will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free.*



## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Nykerk Cup Competition**—Saturday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m.  
 Holland Civic Center  
**World Christian Lecture Series**—Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.  
 “Reshaping Lament: Music and the Way to Joy,” by Jeremy Begbie, the Thomas A. Langford Research Professor in Theology at Duke Divinity School and founding director of Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts. Pillar Church, 57 E. 10th St.  
**Christmas Vespers**—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 1-2  
 Dimnent Memorial Chapel  
**Honors Convocation**—Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.  
 Dimnent Memorial Chapel  
**Baccalaureate and Commencement**—Sunday, May 5  
 Dimnent Memorial Chapel and Holland Municipal Stadium (DeVos Fieldhouse if rain)



## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Family Weekend**—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 2-4  
**Winter Happening**—Saturday, Feb. 2  
 Featuring multiple seminars and home men’s basketball.  
**Satellite Basketball Gatherings**—Saturday, Feb. 9  
 Hope-Calvin men’s basketball.  
**Alumni Weekend**—Friday-Saturday, April 26-27  
 Includes reunion class activities and the annual Alumni Banquet.

*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).*



## ENROLLMENT RECORD:

The summer's projections proved accurate: the largest incoming class in the college's history has helped lift Hope to record enrollment for a

second year in a row.

Hope has enrolled 3,343 students, a total buoyed by the 904 first-time students who enrolled this fall.

The previous highs, both set last year, were 3,249 and 848 respectively. It is the seventh year in a row that overall enrollment at Hope has been above 3,200.

Hope anticipated the high enrollment based on the strong 2011-12 admissions-recruiting year and large number of registrations during the summer, and as reported in the August issue of *News from Hope College* added course sections and housing across the summer months to help assure that the college was ready.

(The image is from freshman check-in during Move-In Day. A gallery of photographs from Orientation Weekend is available online.)

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## FORMER PM HONORED:

Hope presented an honorary degree to Dr. Jan Peter Balkenende, former prime minister of the Netherlands, on Friday, Sept. 7.

He received the degree, a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) during a banquet in the evening in recognition of his distinguished service to the Kingdom of the Netherlands

and for his emphasis on Christian principles as a component of good government. He is pictured at right with President James Bultman '63.

Dr. Balkenende also presented a campus address, "Europe: Risk or Opportunity? Economic developments, financial challenges and European values," earlier in the day.

Dr. Balkenende was prime minister and minister of general affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands from July 2002 until October 2010. He is now a professor of governance, institutions and internationalization at the Erasmus School of Economics and the Erasmus School of Law of the Erasmus University Rotterdam. He is also a partner at Ernst & Young (BeNe Head Office, Rotterdam), responsible for international affairs, corporate responsibility and advisory activities on public-private issues.

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## NEW PROFESSORSHIP:

Dr. Aaron Best of the biology faculty has been appointed the first recipient of the college's new "Harrison C. and Mary L. Visscher Endowed Professorship in Genetics."



The professorship was established by Dr. Harrison C. Visscher '51 and his first wife, the late Mary Zweizig '52 Visscher. It honors a distinguished member of the biology faculty who leads an active teaching and research program in the field of genetics and/or molecular biology and demonstrates in his or her professional and personal life a commitment to the mission of the college. Appointments are for a 10-year term.

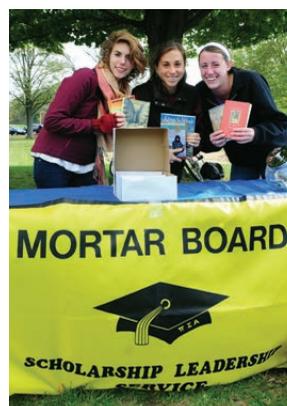
Dr. Best has been a member of the Hope faculty since 2004. He teaches microbiology, and his primary research interest is in understanding the evolution of fundamental cellular systems and how microorganisms function at a systems level.

His appointment to the professorship began on July 1. He was honored during a formal investiture ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 27.

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## MORTAR BOARD HONORED:

The college's chapter of Mortar Board has continued its tradition of recognized excellence, again receiving multiple awards during the national organization's annual summer conference.



The honors follow having received multiple awards during each of the past several years, including being named the top chapter during the national conference in 2010. There's a five-year wait before the chapter will be eligible to be considered for the top award again.

The awards program recognized activities during the 2011-12 school year. Hope received a "Golden Torch Award" and 17 "Project Excellence" awards. The conference was held on Friday-Sunday, July 20-22, in Chicago, Ill.

The "Golden Torch Award" honors chapters that have excelled in the areas of scholarship, leadership and service. The Hope chapter was one of the top five "Golden Torch Award" recipients for the fifth year in a row.

The Hope Alcor chapter received 17 "Project Excellence Awards," after receiving 12 awards last year and eight awards during each of the two years before that.

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**GUIDE PRAISE:** Hope has continued to fare well in a variety of college guides as the newest editions have been hitting the shelves.

Hope is among the select number of colleges and universities nationwide listed in the new edition of the book *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About College*. The college has been included since the publication debuted in 1996.

Hope continues to be listed among the best liberal arts colleges in the nation in the annual rankings compiled by *U.S. News & World Report*, in the first tier, at 100th out of the more than 250 institutions that are considered national liberal arts colleges, and is one of only six identified by the publication as a "2013 Up-and-Comer." Hope also continues to be included among the 33 institutions that the publication recognizes for providing outstanding undergraduate research/creative project opportunities, and is one of the 75 national liberal arts colleges in a listing of "A-Plus Schools for B Students."

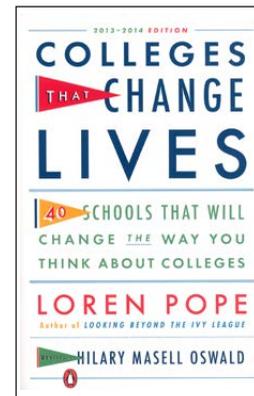
Among other annual guides, Hope continues to be one of only about 300 colleges and universities included in the *Fiske Guide to College*, and is included in *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges*, compiled and edited by the staff of the *Yale Daily News*; in the *America's Top Colleges* guide published by *Forbes Magazine*; and ranked as one of the "Best in the Midwest" section of the *2013 Best Colleges: Region by Region* posted on PrincetonReview.com.

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**HOPE IN PICTURES:** Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope. Pictured is a moment from this year's "Time to Serve" program, which involves hundreds of new students in service projects throughout the greater Holland area shortly after they've started at Hope, helping them to get to know their new community and ways that they can serve within it. (Although designed for new students, the program is also popular with upperclassmen, with many signing on simply because they enjoy the experience and want to help.)



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# Innovative, Student-Focused, Recognized Excellence

By Chris Lewis '09

Ever since Hope's founding in 1866, teacher preparation has been one of the college's primary focuses. In fact, Hope's first catalog stressed the importance of preparing educators for long-term careers, by emphasizing what was then known as the "Normal Branch" of college education, stating, "One of the ends proposed by the Institution has been the training of teachers; and those who have fixed on teaching, as a permanent profession, will be allowed to take the normal course of elective studies."

Today, the college's department of education recommends roughly 150 graduating seniors to the State of Michigan for teacher certification each year, and more than 3,100 alumni work in elementary and secondary education, teaching in public and private K-12 schools throughout the world, all graduates of a program that itself earns high marks from the state. Earlier this year, the department earned

a 70 – the highest score possible – on the Michigan Department of Education Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores Report, which was released this summer. Hope and the University of Michigan were the only programs in the state to earn a perfect score. Since the report's inception in 2005, Hope has received an "Exemplary" rating every year, tying for first in 2006-07.

Prior to the establishment of the state's report, Hope's department of education was also recognized by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) in 2002 as one of only six colleges nationwide to earn a "Distinguished Achievement Award." The award was developed to identify institutions that integrate ISTE standards into their teacher-education programs.

"These standards represent the most innovative thinking by educators regarding what teachers need to know about and be able to do with technology for teaching, learning, and assessment," said Susan Mooy '64 Cherup, who is the Arnold and Esther Sonneveldt Professor of Education. "Technology has become an integral part of teaching and learning for both students and professors and consistently reflects changes in the technological landscape. For example, iPad apps are currently used in the department's literacy classes to enrich reading and writing skills. In addition, the apps are used in courses like 'The Exceptional Child' to prepare students for future careers in special and general education."

She added, "Initially, faculty debated whether to provide a separate technology course or to include technology in all courses. The department decided that students would gain a working knowledge of technological applications if they were infused into all education courses rather than taught in one course."



The college's department of education has itself earned top marks from the State of Michigan, tied for first from among all of the state's teacher-education programs in a report released earlier this year. Above, students participate in the college's Liverpool June

Term, one way that the program helps provide experience with a variety of educational needs and teaching models, the better to help graduates serve wherever in the world their careers take them. (Photo courtesy of the department of education)

"Through this approach, we are prepared to accommodate different learners by taking into consideration visual, auditory, and kinesthetic styles," said Lindsey Lane, a senior from Palatine, Ill., with a special-education double-major (learning disabled and emotionally impaired). Aside from its technological applications, the department is also well-regarded for its field placements, which begin with the program's very first course, "Educational Psychology," and continue throughout students' collegiate careers, enabling students to work with children and fully understand the demands of teaching well before their final semester as student teachers begin.

Field experiences are built into nearly every education course, as students receive 120-150 hours of direct experience, teaching a wide range of subjects in multiple grade levels. Allison Taber '09, who now teaches first grade in Hudsonville, Mich., was able to experience the department's full assortment of field placements first-hand.

"I had placements in many schools and grades, including kindergarten, first, second, and sixth grade," Taber said. "My placements progressed from observation to teaching small lessons, to receiving full responsibilities, including parent contact. They were an excellent opportunity to experience teaching in a classroom."

The opportunities also extend off-campus, including summer programs at South Dakota's

Rosebud Indian Reservation and in Liverpool, England.

Allison Greene, a junior from Bloomfield Hills, Mich., with a comprehensive education K-8 and special education-learning disabled major, participated in the Rosebud and Liverpool programs this summer.

"I learned a lot about patience and understanding of students with different backgrounds," said Greene. "I was also able to teach my first lesson, so now I feel more confident in getting up in front of a classroom."

During their final semesters at Hope, most education students work as teacher candidates in West Michigan-based public, charter, and private schools. Some, however, decide to student teach outside of Michigan, through off-campus programs like the Chicago Semester and the Philadelphia Semester.

"These programs provide a chance for students to hone their skills in a unique educational setting outside of western Michigan," said Nancy Cook, professor of education and director of student teaching.

Through a relationship with Interaction International, an organization that places student teachers in schools throughout the world, the department has also begun to offer opportunities for students to teach in nations like Thailand and India.

Lane will be teaching at Rosslyn Academy, an international Christian school located near Nairobi, Kenya, this fall. "I will be observing initially and then teaching full-time, planning and implementing daily lessons, assessing students, and providing different learning opportunities for many different learners," she said.

"Students have a wide range of experiences to choose from," said Dr. Laura Pardo, professor of education and chairperson of the department. "It not only helps them find their niche, but also helps them see that teaching isn't prescriptive."

Last spring, Spencer Vanderheide, a senior and special education major from Grandville, Mich., had a field placement at Holland's Woodside Elementary. This fall, he is student teaching in a ninth-grade special needs classroom at Hudsonville High School.

"My day-to-day responsibilities will change each week. At first, I will work on building rapport with students," said Vanderheide. "Eventually I will create entire units and take over as a full-time teacher."

The array of placements and student-teaching opportunities is matched by the breadth of degree options available to students. The department offers seven majors and four minors at the Elementary Certification level and 23 majors and 14 minors at the Secondary Certification level. The most recent additions include a program in Early Childhood Education, which focuses on the development of children from birth to age eight.

"With the introduction of that program this fall semester, we will eventually be placing student teachers in preschool and infant programs in the near future as well," Professor Cook said.

Beyond their formal coursework, students may also choose to serve with local organizations that work with children, such as the Children's After School Achievement (CASA) or the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Other students participate in student-led chapters of two national professional organizations, the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). The organizations provide workshops and set up panels, featuring guest speakers who live and teach throughout the United States.



Senior Spencer Vanderheide student-taught at Holland's Woodside Elementary last semester and is at Hudsonville High School this semester. When they student teach, Hope students have already had several placements in classrooms, beginning with their first course in the education program, "Educational Psychology."

All of the experiences weave together to prepare students in six professional abilities – effective communication, professional collaboration, curriculum development, problem solving, decision making, and scholarly education – by the time they graduate, alumni of a program that has been readying teachers to shape young lives for more than 150 years.

"Hope education students possess the skills and knowledge necessary to be effective and collaborative teachers," Dr. Pardo said. "As I interact with teachers and principals around the country, they speak often about how well-prepared our teachers are, how easily they adapt to new contexts, and how passionate they are about teaching all children."

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# Dance Research a Holistic Ideal

Researchers from three academic divisions have worked together on a dance study that has earned international attention

By Greg Chandler

Much like an athlete who experiences “butterflies” in his or her stomach in anticipation of a big game, dancers often go through similar feelings of nervousness and anxiety before they take the stage to perform.

Hope seniors Ariana Cappuccitti, of Mount Prospect, Ill., and Rachel Cho, of Barrington, Ill., both know that experience first-hand, having been part of the college’s dance program. But they’ve taken that experience one step farther – using their interest in science, as well as dance, to learn about the physiology and psychology behind those feelings.

Cho and Cappuccitti have spent the past two years taking part in a unique interdisciplinary research project, involving the departments of dance, biology and psychology, to analyze anxiety levels of dancers and how they differ between rehearsal and performance, as well as before and after performances.

“Dancers, performers and athletes all talk about getting in ‘the zone,’ and this was an empirical way to describe that,” said Cappuccitti, a double major in dance and psychology.

The study, which involved 73 dance students from Hope, measured the amount of cortisol – a hormone that is released in response to stress – in the saliva of dancers. Participants were also asked about their mental state, before and after rehearsals and before and after performances, through a series of questions.

“I was immediately attracted to the research because I have been looking for ways to combine my two passions – dance and science,” said Cho, a double major in dance and chemistry who

is planning to attend medical school after she graduates from Hope in May.

The study found anxiety levels among the dancers were higher before performances than prior to rehearsals. However, dancers with more experience – at least 10 years of training – were less anxious both before taking the stage and after performance, said Linda Graham, professor of dance and the department’s chairperson.

“We’ve had the anecdotal evidence (about anxiety levels), but this is data that proves what we already knew,” said Professor Graham, who was joined in advising the students on the research project by Dr. Greg Fraley, associate professor of biology, and Dr. Lorna Hernandez Jarvis, professor of psychology and director of general education and interdisciplinary studies.

“It shows we need to have performance as a regular and integrated part of our (dance) education curriculum,” Professor Graham added.

Hope dance students have an opportunity to take part in four student-produced concerts each year, as well as an annual mainstage concert every March and theatre productions. They also can join one of several affiliated companies, including dANCEpROjECT, IDT (formerly InSync Dance Theatre) and Strike Time



Even at Hope where the emphasis is on making connections between disciplines, the collaborative research project “Physiological and psychological anxiety levels in dancers during performance compared to rehearsal” stands out. Faculty from three departments—biology, dance and psychology—together have been mentoring students in conducting the study, through which the team examined the experience of 73 dance students by measuring their cortisol levels and via a survey. The department of dance emphasizes performance opportunities for its students as a key component of their education, scheduling multiple concerts during each school year. Pictured is “Sur La Table” choreographed by faculty member Steven Iannacone, performed during Dance 37; by dANCEpROjECT; and in February 2012 during the “Michigan 5” collegiate showcase concert at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts in West Bloomfield, Mich.

Dance Company. Some 120 students are either majoring or minoring in dance.

Dr. Fraley, who has studied the impact of stress on brain activity, says the research showed experienced dancers can self-regulate their stress levels before they go to perform.

“The dancers that have had a lot of experience being on stage, immediately before they walk on stage, their stress hormones dropped to baseline, non-stress levels,” said Dr. Fraley, a fourth-degree black belt in Taekwondo

who also teaches martial arts classes at Hope. “They’re able to dial it down.”

Cappuccitti discovered through the research that the dancers’ mind and body did not always experience the same things at the same time.

“Dancers mentally feel more anxiety before performance, but their body is less stressed, and dancers feel less anxious after (performance), but their body is experiencing high levels of stress,” she said.

Dr. Jarvis’ involvement with the study gave her a chance to reconnect with her roots. Before entering the academic world and study of psychology, she danced for six years as a member of Mexico’s national ballet company.

“It gave me an opportunity to use my training as a scientist to look at dance with a new eye,” Dr. Jarvis said.

Dr. Jarvis says as a liberal arts institution, Hope has afforded the opportunity for many students to combine their interest in dance with other academic pursuits. “You don’t have to be just a biologist, you don’t have to be just a psychologist, you don’t have to be just a dancer,” she said.

The research project actually dates back to 2005, when Krista Stanton ’07, a dual major in dance and biology, approached Professor

Graham about doing an independent study project involving performance anxiety among dancers. Stanton had done some research into such issues among athletes, but had not found any comparable research into what happens with dancers, Professor Graham said.

Stanton’s initial research, conducted with Professor Graham and Dr. Fraley, was presented to the International Association for Dance Medicine and Science in 2008.

The most recent research, which also included participation from Hope graduates Allyson Dreger ’12, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Heather Stiff ’12, of Galena, Ohio, received a research award from the Midwestern chapter of Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology, in May. Students also presented their research during Hope’s Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance last spring, and at the Van Andel Institute’s West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference.

Ariana Cappuccitti and Rachel Cho will give a poster presentation on the research project at the International Association of Dance Medicine and Science conference in Singapore in late October. Professor Graham says the project demonstrates what can happen when students and faculty members can work together across multiple disciplines.

“We’re at a liberal arts institution that values the whole being, and this is a research project that reflects that totality of mind, body and soul,” she said. “This is as cross-disciplinary as you can get.”

Rachel Cho believes her dual major and participation in the research study has helped prepare her well for medical school and life after she leaves Hope next spring.

“My science classes have taught me important analyzing and critical thinking skills while my dance classes have taught me to be more creative and think outside of the box,” she said.

Ariana Cappuccitti agrees. “This experience has made me a quicker problem solver in the moment of high stress and little time. It has also taught me how to work with people,” she said.

Even as the students recognize the ways that they have gained through the research experience, their mentors celebrate their contributions to the process, not least of all their central role not only in conducting the research but in identifying the subject itself. It’s what makes research at Hope truly collaborative, and a learning experience that has a lasting impact.

“It’s really student-driven. The students ask the questions. We’re here (as faculty members) to help facilitate answering those questions,” Professor Graham said. 🐦

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The interdisciplinary study has earned a variety of honors, including being chosen for presentation this month during the annual International Association of Dance Medicine and Science conference in Singapore. The student researchers are pictured last spring at a venue closer to home, the college’s annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance at the DeVos Fieldhouse. From left to right are Allyson Dreger ’12, senior Rachel Cho, Heather Stiff ’12 and senior Ariana Cappuccitti.



# Washington Internship Provides Historic Opportunity



Senior Joel Hartleroad of Waterford, Mich., was hoping for a meaningful internship when he signed up for the college's spring 2012 Washington Honors Semester and applied to work with the U.S. Department of State.

He found it and then some, serving on the department's task force responsible for planning the May 2012 NATO Summit in Chicago, Ill., and then rounding out the experience as part of the team staffing the event.

That he was about to have a unique experience became apparent during his first day in January. He arrived anticipating that he'd be part of a group of students hailing from a variety of colleges and universities. As his orientation proceeded and he didn't see any others, he asked his supervisor about them.

"I said, 'Where are the other interns?'" Hartleroad recalled. "She said, 'You're *the* intern.'"

He immediately became the seventh member of the summit's planning group. His colleagues were a trans-diplomatic Fellow from Croatia, an Air Force major, three senior diplomats and a public-relations specialist who was also a diplomat.

"That itself was just flooring," he said. They put him to work immediately, giving him a 150-page background memo to absorb on the go. The summit, after all, was only four months away.

Hartleroad, who is an international studies major, liked the challenge. "You had to hit the ground floor running, but it was totally worth it," he said.

His responsibilities during the months in advance of the summit included running the secure website used for sharing materials related to the event; developing a handbook for the summit's delegates and liaison officers; and assisting NATO's deputy assistant secretary general, from scheduling meetings with

Senior Joel Hartleroad not only had a chance to see history being made but the opportunity to assist in the process through his recent internship with the State Department through the college's Washington

ambassadors, to communicating back-and-forth with a variety of foreign embassies. Often, the others were working with him on the same tasks.

"You didn't just necessarily have one specific role," Hartleroad said. "It was all so interconnected that your role overlapped with somebody else's."

During the May 20-21 summit itself, he served as a liaison officer, assisting the delegation from Latvia. His memorable experiences included being present while President Barack Obama and NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark made their opening statements.

"The experience that I cherish the most was being able to see the actual room," he said. "When you go in, you just have to pause because there sitting in front of you are the leaders of the world, and you're just absolutely in awe."

At the same time, he also appreciated the opportunity to gain a more down-to-earth

Honors Semester. He was part of the team that planned the May NATO Summit in Chicago, Ill., and then worked at the event itself as a liaison officer assisting the Latvian delegation.

perspective, such as while discussing hockey with Latvia's foreign minister as they walked along Chicago's Lake Michigan coast during a break from events.

"At that moment I gained a greater respect not only for who they are but also a greater insight that they are just like you and me," he said.

It's experience and perspective that he feels will serve him well no matter where next life leads.

"You will always remember you were there and in some small way contributed to making something a success," he said. "I don't know if I will necessarily plan a NATO summit in my life ever again, but it is something that will always carry with me all of my life wherever I go."

Dr. Jack Holmes, a professor of political science who has been conducting collaborative research with Hartleroad, gives Hartleroad credit for making the most of the chances his semester provided.

"Joel clearly had a great opportunity and did a great job with that," he said. "He's good at managing time and getting things done that need to be done. When you put a lot into a program, you're going to get a lot out of it."

Milestone experiences are a tradition and goal of the college's long-running Washington Honors Semester, which began in the 1970s. Across the decades students have had internships with a variety of government agencies, non-governmental organizations, companies, congressional offices, the White House and many more. Although coordinated through the college's department of political science, the program and internship placements aren't discipline-specific; students interested pursuing a variety of majors have participated in the semester through the years.

Such off-campus programs—and Hope offers many, both domestically and abroad—are an important and unique opportunity for growth that complements students' on-campus experience.

"What you do is get used to and exposed to a different world, a different set of expectations," said Dr. Holmes, who has led the Washington, D.C., semester many times through the years (members of the faculty share the responsibility). "Students focus much better when they're back here because they see where they want to go and how they want to get there."

Hartleroad has been enjoying all of the opportunities that he has found at Hope. He spent the fall 2011 semester in Freiburg, Germany, visiting multiple nations (Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain and the Vatican) as he studied the functioning of the European Union. During his time abroad, he saw the Pope give Mass in Germany (and was pleased to find that he could follow the German-language sermon) and saw the U.S. ambassador to Germany.

"To be honest, the last year of my life has been filled with complete surprises and I feel all too fortunate to be in the position that I was," he said.

He appreciates the range of programs available at Hope and that the college enables students to forge them together in a personalized way, and encourages other students to take advantage of them.

"Not only has Hope given me the tools to do something like this, but they've given me the opportunity," he said. "I cannot say enough about the internship opportunity through the Washington Honors Semester program."

"Going abroad to Germany in combination with the D.C. program, I don't know of another school that provides the opportunity to leave for a year," he said. "It's worth it, 10 times, the amount that I'm paying in tuition."

Back in the States, his research with Dr. Holmes has involved working on Dr. Holmes's on-going analysis of long-term trends in U.S. foreign policy. They and senior Sa'eed Husaini of Jos, Nigeria, are developing a paper together. They worked on the project this past summer and are continuing this semester. It's likewise experience that he values.

"Here I feel like every professor would definitely favor writing a paper with a student and helping propel them on to the next stage, which Dr. Holmes has done for me, as opposed to at a bigger college or university," he said.

Graduating in December, Hartleroad is still working out the path he will follow next. Buoyed by his experiences in both Europe and with the State Department, he is interested in working as a policy-maker in either international business or government in international relations.

In any case, he wants to make a difference, equipped through his time at Hope with a sense of what that could look like.

"I truly, deep down want to make sure that I've helped make at least one person's life better, if not a larger group," he said. "That's what motivates me." 🐦

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Joel Hartleroad's opportunities at Hope have also included the opportunity to participate in collaborative research in political science, working with Dr. Jack Holmes on an analysis of long-term trends in U.S. foreign policy.



# Mosaic of Hope

Always, Hope has been a team effort.

The transformational learning that takes place at the college relies on a dedicated faculty and staff who devote themselves to the students in their care, and it owes no less to the alumni and friends whose support makes a Hope education possible. It has been that way from the beginning, with every student benefiting from the generosity of those who came before.

The *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign seeks to make an even more outstanding Hope by providing exceptional facilities and resources that will serve students for generations to come. It is a vision being made reality one gift at a time, each reflecting the difference Hope made, a life led and a desire to help others in turn--and every gift and more essential. 🐦

## Brian Yarch '99 Grand Rapids, Mich.

It wasn't any one thing that drew Brian Yarch '99 to Hope as a student. It was everything. "I didn't pick Hope because of any specific program, but because of its reputation as a strong Christian school that provided a well-balanced educational experience," he said.

He made the most of opportunities both on-campus and off. He majored in business administration, economics and German, and had an internship with John Hancock. He enjoyed Chapel and focusing on service through Habitat for Humanity, and studying abroad in Germany for a year.

"The four years I spent at Hope made a lasting impact on my life," he said. "I grew spiritually and overall in life. I have a lot of great memories and built some long-lasting relationships."

Today he is the chief operating officer and a managing partner with Regal Financial Group LLC, with additional senior roles with Regal Investment Advisors LLC and Regulus Advisors LLC, and is a registered representative with American Portfolios Financial Services Inc. He also serves as a deacon and treasurer at his church, and with wife Courtney is busy with the couple's three young children.

The Yarchs have supported the campaign with a planned gift, including Hope among the beneficiaries of their family trust. They have left the gift undesignated so that the college can use it where it will do the most good.

"Being a church treasurer, I realize that the leadership of the organization has a better handle on the needs of the organization than an individual person," he said. "I also trust that Hope will make the best decisions in using our gift to meet needs at the college."



## Sarah Lokers '08 Wixson and Matt Wixson '08 Ann Arbor, Mich.

Even as they have been starting out with their post-Hope lives, Matt Wixson '08 and Sarah Lokers '08 Wixson have made a point of giving back to the college every year since graduation.

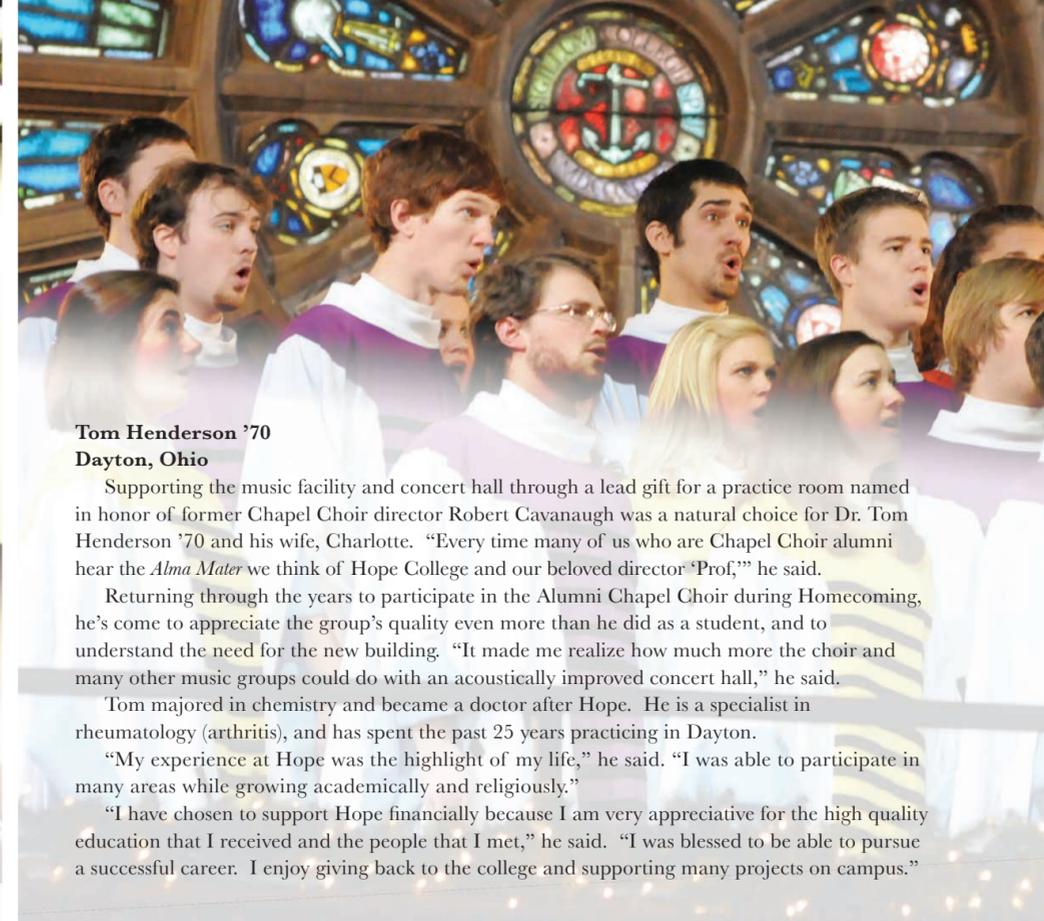
"Both Sarah and I believe strongly in the value of a Hope College education," Matt said. "Hope's mission is one that we identify with, to grow hard-working citizens who are rooted in the Christian faith."

"Given the current economic situation in our country and the ever-increasing squeeze on liberal arts (and all other) institutions, it is important to give back in any way we can to a place that provided so much," he said. "I believe that Hope has been good stewards of the gifts given, and I trust that donations will

be used in the best possible way to further the college's impact on future generations."

Matt completed medical school this past May and started his residency in June. Sarah has completed a J.D. and accepted a position with Secrest Wardle. Their active lives have also included joining a local Reformed church, buying their first house and adopting a puppy. They've designated their gifts to the Hope Fund, which provides operating support college-wide and thus impacts every student daily.

"Since the Hope Fund is aimed toward student life, it feels very natural to direct our contributions there," Matt said. "Both Sarah and I personally benefitted from the work of the Hope Fund, so it is great to pay it forward."



## Tom Henderson '70 Dayton, Ohio

Supporting the music facility and concert hall through a lead gift for a practice room named in honor of former Chapel Choir director Robert Cavanaugh was a natural choice for Dr. Tom Henderson '70 and his wife, Charlotte. "Every time many of us who are Chapel Choir alumni hear the *Alma Mater* we think of Hope College and our beloved director "Prof," he said.

Returning through the years to participate in the Alumni Chapel Choir during Homecoming, he's come to appreciate the group's quality even more than he did as a student, and to understand the need for the new building. "It made me realize how much more the choir and many other music groups could do with an acoustically improved concert hall," he said.

Tom majored in chemistry and became a doctor after Hope. He is a specialist in rheumatology (arthritis), and has spent the past 25 years practicing in Dayton.

"My experience at Hope was the highlight of my life," he said. "I was able to participate in many areas while growing academically and religiously."

"I have chosen to support Hope financially because I am very appreciative for the high quality education that I received and the people that I met," he said. "I was blessed to be able to pursue a successful career. I enjoy giving back to the college and supporting many projects on campus."

## Todd VanderVeen '95 and Carrie Maines '98 VanderVeen Arlington Heights, Ill.

Todd VanderVeen '95 and Carrie Maines '98 VanderVeen each found much to treasure at Hope.

"Hope provided me with the professional tools I needed to succeed," Todd said. "My advisor, Professor Tom Smith, was there as a professor, mentor and friend for me. And participating in the London Business May Term with Professor Tony Muiderman helped me better understand global business strategies, while forming lifelong memories."

"Many things stand out to me from my time at Hope College," Carrie said. "Music practice at Nykerk—morning, noon and night. Being blessed to travel the world through amazing opportunities such as Symphonette and my Senior Seminar at Vienna Summer School. The personal interactions with my professors. And, creating lifelong friendships."

Carrie's degree in mathematics and music performance led her to Aon Hewitt, where she is now a lead systems analyst within benefits implementations. Todd's degree in business administration took him to Allstate, where he is now a state manager.

Their support of the campaign reflects a rich mix of experiences, and includes the Hope Fund, music facility and concert hall, the department of economics and business administration, and a scholarship focused on diversity.

"We give back to Hope in appreciation of the opportunities we had as students," they noted. "We have been blessed in our life and feel it's important to show our support to the college and its future."

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Images of the Hope of today reflect timeless experience. Clockwise from top center: chemistry research; singing in the Chapel Choir; learning abroad in Vienna; an exhibition in De Pree; and studying in the Pine Grove.

## Joan TenCate '63 Bonnette South Haven, Mich.

As a student, teacher and creator of art, Joan TenCate '63 Bonnette appreciates the difference that outstanding space can make. It was a visit to some of the world's best that prompted her to become one of Hope's first art majors. "I attended Hope's Vienna Summer School and I was very inspired by the art galleries we visited in Europe," she said.

After Hope, she completed her K-12 teaching certification and a master's, taught in the Livonia Public Schools, and led art workshops for local groups. She's also been an artist throughout her life, with work in a variety of competitive exhibitions.

When she was at Hope, the department of art had two faculty and was on the fourth floor of Lubbers Hall. She's appreciated the growth in the program in the years since, and is pleased to be supporting a new era by contributing to the Kruiuzenga Art Museum.

"I'm hoping that the museum expands the educational possibilities especially for people who are interested in visual arts," she said. "There can be opportunities for training people in museum administration, the business of art, as docents, preparing exhibitions, restoring artwork, and the research and cataloging of objects in the college's own collection."

She is also looking forward to the new building as a patron.

"I have stopped in over the years to see the exhibits in De Pree, and the quality has been excellent," she said. "And with bigger space, the college will have many more opportunities."





# Highlights of the Summer Stage



A Midsummer Night's Dream (2006), with Hillary Parker as Titania

An era has ended with the retirement of Mary Schakel '69, who has been involved with Hope Summer Repertory Theatre for all but one of HSRT's 41 years.

She joined HSRT for its first season in 1972 as costume designer, returning to the same role in 1974 after a year away. She became managing director in 1979, and from 1984 through the most recent season was the producing director.

Friends of HSRT were joined by current and past members of the company in paying tribute to her on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Holland Area Arts Council.

To further commemorate Schakel's tenure and impact, and not least of all to celebrate HSRT itself, *News from Hope College* asked her to reflect on her favorite productions across the past 41 seasons. Perhaps that would be a top-five list, or perhaps a top-10 list... or perhaps not. Since 1972, HSRT has produced 162

mainstage shows, 114 Children's Performance Troupe shows, 26 Second-Stage or "Bonus" shows and 12 Cabaret shows, 314 total at a variety of venues both on campus and in the surrounding community.

And so instead here is a broader-than-10 mix of highlights from more than four decades of outstanding summer theatre at Hope, presented with the understanding that even it shouldn't be considered "final." That's what happens when every season, every production, is a labor of love.

"As I look back, I find that I have chosen most of them based on performances of wonderful actors. In some cases it has been because of the struggles the whole creative team had on a given show, and how they dealt positively, and a great production was the result," Schakel said.

"And look at the ones that have been left off the list," she said. "I am second-guessing everything on my list now, as I write this."



Editor's Note: Mary Schakel '69 was featured in the December 2007 issue of *News from Hope College*, which is available in pdf form on the college's website.

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"One loves plays and productions for many different reasons. *Art*, by Yasmina Reza is probably my single favorite of everything we have done. It represented the synergy of many factors. In my final costume design effort I was blessed to work with the 'dream team'. The cast, David Colacci, James Saba and Dana Snyder, was directed by Tom Bullard and the design team was headed by one of my favorite colleagues, Joseph Flauto. We did that one in 2004."



Art (2004), with James Saba, Dana Snyder and David Colacci



"Three of my favorite plays, which HSRT then translated into great productions: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1974, 1988, 2006) I remember the first one most fondly because some of our earliest company members, with whom I am still friends, were in that production—among others are Tom Stechschulte, Kim Zimmer, A.C. Weary, Alan Suddeth, Bill Tewinkle, Nancy Sigworth, Richie Hoeler and the late Brad Williams.

*Ah Wilderness* (1972 & 1983). I love that play and remember both productions fondly, the first because it was the first summer and the cast included my 'future' sister-in-law, Deborah Noe Schakel and the 1983 production because it was the first time I collaborated with fellow designer Joseph Flauto.

*Death of a Salesman* (1977). Simply a great play, which we did well!"



The Importance of Being Earnest (1993), with Thaddeus Smith and Gail Rastorfer



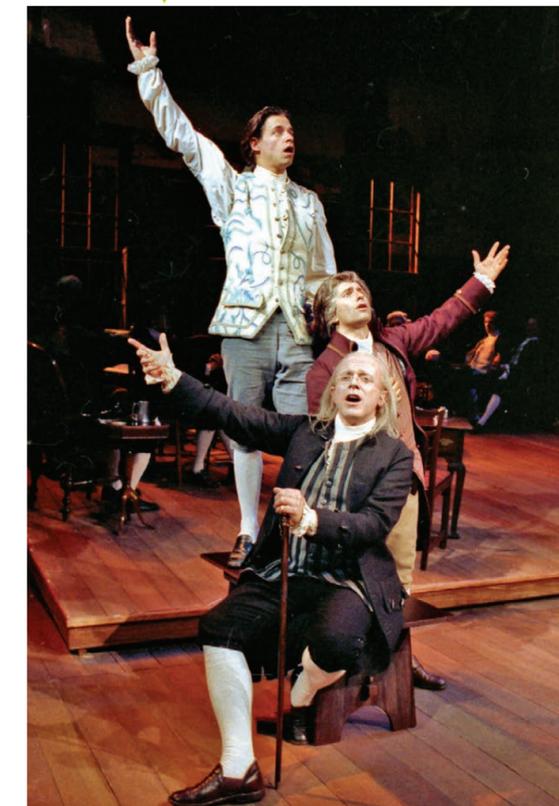
Other past productions I have loved: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1977 and 1993), *The Tempest* (1999), *Billy Bishop Goes to War* (1987 and 1997), *A Trip to Bountiful* (1997), *The Game*

*of Love and Chance* (2003), *Harvey* (1988), *Rumors* (2001), *The Foreigner* (1987 and 2008), *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1997), *The Road to Mecca* (1990), and *Bedroom Farce* (2005).

"It is harder for us to reach a solid level of production in musicals than in plays because of the technical and financial challenges. Musicals I have loved and of which I have been proud:

- Oklahoma* (1975)
- Godspell* (2007)
- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (1982 and 2000)
- 1776* (1992)
- Beehive* (1995)
- Anything Goes* (1989)
- The Human Comedy* (1991)
- Pump Boys and Dinettes* (1988 and 1989)
- Spitfire Grill* (2005)
- The Children of Eden* (2011)

"The above are not entered in any particular order. If I had to pick a single favorite among all of the above, it would have to be *1776*. The artistic synergy in that production was at such a high level, that I am quite sure that we could never replicate it. As then Dean Bobby Fong said about our outstanding and successful production of *Twelfth Night*, 'If we could bottle it, we'd all be rich!'"



1776 (1992), with Brett Halna du Fretay as Thomas Jefferson, David Colacci as John Adams and Brad Williams '73 as Benjamin Franklin

# History in Action



Hope history students contributed to the community by developing research papers for use as background by the artists developing proposals for Holland's "Scenes from South Shore" mural project. Pictured is one of the five murals completed this summer, a celebration of Holland's ship-building heritage by artist Jessica Miller.

Hope history students played a behind-the-scenes role in a highly visible addition to a neighborhood on Holland's southwest side.

The students developed 20 research papers made available as background information for the artists who developed proposals for the ongoing "Scenes from South Shore" community mural project. Highlighting aspects of Holland's history, the initiative produced five murals this summer with another five planned for each of the next two years. The murals adorn the outer walls of businesses in the South Shore Village neighborhood on Holland's southwest side.

The concept was initiated by the City of Holland as part of its neighborhood enhancement program and developed in conjunction with merchants and residents of South Shore Village. The selections were made by a neighborhood committee based on the proposals, and the murals completed in August.

To support the variety of themes the organizers hoped to see the artists address across the duration of the effort, the students covered

local-history topics ranging from Chief Joseph Waukazoo, to area boat-building companies and the Great Lakes liners that used to anchor in Holland, to Holland's H.J. Heinz Company factory. The reports, along with background from other sources, were posted on the project's online "Call to Artists" page, providing details and inspiration for the artists.

"Hope College made that one step easier for them, so that the artists had some information available to them," said Lorma Williams '76 Freestone, executive director of the Holland Area Arts Council, which helped out by hosting the web page and using other communication tools to get the word out about the project. "It was really helpful. It was a springboard for where the artists went with some of their submissions."

Dr. Marc Baer, professor of history and chairperson of the department, recruited the students, who were history majors and minors, in response to the organizers' request for help. He noted that the project presented a solid opportunity to serve the community while also supporting the department's emphasis on providing meaningful opportunities for students to develop and apply a variety of skills.

"The department provides real-world skills through its courses, including thinking through a project assignment and coming up with a plan for carrying it out; conceptualizing research strategies; locating appropriate sources and analyzing them, and writing both to inform and persuade," he said.

"My sense from reading the students' essays is that the project gave the students involved an excellent experience in that it encompassed all these skills," Dr. Baer said. "In no case did I need to look over their shoulders, and in very few cases did I even have to do light editing. As most of us today are asked to produce professional and cogent writing with strict length limits and deadlines, I would recommend any of these

students to a variety of employers."

In addition to reflecting student scholarship, the completed project even features Hope visually. Mural painter Conrad Kaufman included the college's Martha Miller Center for Global Communication in his exploration of Holland's legacy buildings, along with landmarks such as downtown's Tower Clock building and the former Ottawa Beach Hotel.

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The topics of the other murals (and their artists) are: *The Wizard of Oz*, by Joel Schoon-Tanis '89; Holland's four Medal of Honor recipients, by Derek Johnson and Adam Dahlstrom; Holland's ship-building, by Jessica Miller; and Holland's landmark attractions, by Mary Sundstrom and Maggie Bandstra. A photo showing Joel at work on his mural is in the "classnotes" section.

## Timeless Tradition

The classes of 2015 and 2016 add their own chapter to the Pull tug-of-war, where teamwork, dedication and enthusiasm have remained constants even as the storied event has traveled across the 115 years from its origins in 1898 to the present.



Moments from Pull '12, held on Saturday, Sept. 29. Clockwise from top: Odd-Year (sophomore) moraler and puller Rachael Huffman and Jon Lindman in Pit 1; Odd-Year moraler and anchor Paige Pawcett and John May; Odd-Year celebrates with a dip in the Black River; spirited Even-Year fans; Even-Year works the rope; the final outcome, Odd-Year wins by 79 feet, eight inches after two hours and seven minutes. A gallery of more than 80 images from the Pull is available online.

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# This Time, It's Personal



By Greg Olgers '87

Can it really be time for our son, David, to be starting college? Who said that these 18 years could pass so quickly? From first words and first steps to this new step into adulthood and building a life of his own, it's all happened way too soon.

Although we're still adjusting to that particular shock, his mother (Kathy Hogenboom '85 Olgers) and I are thrilled with his college choice. Now, it'd probably be

a surprise if I didn't say that. After all, I've worked at Hope since 1988. The cause-and-effect, though, runs the other way. I joined the staff because I had a terrific experience as a student and found that Hope really did live out, in large ways and small, all the things that it said it was.

To have seen it continue to be true and to watch Hope make a difference to thousands of students across about a generation has been a joy. It's all been there: outstanding faculty and staff who care about the students and take a real interest in them as individuals, strong academics that connect with students in so many ways, an ecumenical Christian character concerned with engaging with the world, co-curricular activities that themselves change lives, and friendships that last a lifetime.

This fall, our first child has the opportunity, and so we find ourselves parking our sedan on 13th Street during Move-In Day, Friday, Aug. 24, a riot of crates, tubs and boxes filled with everything we could think to include based on our collective best effort as a family to equip David for the coming year.

We are immediately greeted by a team of students, volunteers all, whose sole purpose is to empty our vehicle and whisk its contents to David's room. By the time we arrive on campus in the late morning they've already been at it for 1.5 hours with many more to go, and it's warm and humid, and yet they're cheerful and welcoming, and make short work of a task that would have taken us multiple trips. Plus, they know where in the building the room is.

The upperclassmen are a good indication of what we will encounter the entire weekend: a personal touch and a genuine desire to help make Orientation Weekend a good experience for the new students and their families alike. We also see it just a few minutes later when we reach the room and find the door bedecked with multiple notes of welcome. As we're helping David settle in across the afternoon, several members of the residence life staff, and others from the college, visit room-to-room to introduce themselves and ask if any of us have questions or need any help.

We'd already met David's roommate, Jordan, during the summer when the two of them made a point of getting together after exchanging e-mails a few times. Today we enjoy meeting his family as well.

A couple years ago, mercifully, the college eliminated the construction of home-made lofts in favor of "loftable" bed frames provided as standard equipment. Our experience is thus definitely easier than that of the generations who often came to campus equipped with trailer loads of lumber and occasionally power tools, but even the pre-fab components require

College is a major transition for parents as well as students. Hope makes it easier across all of Orientation Weekend, starting with arrival Friday morning when student volunteers offer cheerful greetings and then proceed to unload the car and carry every item inside. The goodbyes Sunday evening are still difficult, but everything in between reinforces that we are leaving our child at not only an outstanding educational institution, but a good place. Pictured with Greg '87, incoming freshman David and Kathy Hogenboom '85 Olgers are sophomore Orientation Assistants Adela Aguilera of Freeland, Mich., and Eva Balich of Three Oaks, Mich.

a bit of fiddling. We work well together in common cause, though, and ultimately get the room's furnishings arranged to our sons' taste. Actually, I think it's a nice chance to bond a bit.

The students' Orientation activities begin Friday evening and run through Monday, with the activities for families spanning Friday through shortly after the Opening Convocation Sunday afternoon. Kathy and I considered skipping many of the family events, particularly the structured presentations, since we like to think that we know the college pretty well. Repeatedly, though, colleagues whose children

had attended Hope encouraged us to go, noting that we'd find the experience both informative and affirming.

I'm glad that we listened. Across the weekend, we're impressed and reassured by the heart and caliber of the people making the presentations, on topics ranging from the Center for Writing and Research, to "Now that I Am the Parent of a Hope Student," to Campus Ministries, to the Phelps Scholars Program in which David is participating (the parents even get to attend as our students have their introductory class session Saturday afternoon). Certainly I know from working with them these many years that the people at Hope care deeply about what they do and are outstanding as they do it, but (and this sounds like an action-movie tag line) this time, it's personal.

Oh, my, is it personal.

I realize that the change for our family is much gentler than for many. After all, I can even see David's residence hall from my office window.

This transition, though, isn't really about geography. President James Bultman '63

says it during the opening session in Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Saturday, and there are more than a few tears in the audience as we hear expressed what I suspect most of us have been handling individually so far, especially as we've focused on being excited for our children and helping them with their adjustment. Recalling his own experience as a college parent, he notes, "This is a change in our lives. We're sending off our most prized possession to the care of another person." Parents' Council chairs Keith and Tracy Kreb make the same point during their remarks: "After 18 years, the process of letting go isn't easy."

Of course, we don't own our children. It's more that we're granted the privilege of borrowing them for a while, and our part of the bargain includes doing our best to prepare these precious, remarkable, developing humans to leave even as they become the most important part of our lives. The relationship remains at that point, but the roles change, and their decisions become ever more their own.

If I could have a selfish wish, it would be to stop the clock or even turn it back and keep hanging on, but, since I don't get that one, my hope as David grows into independence is that the connections that he makes in his life will be good for him as he continues to become. Clearly we'll still be there for him, always, but increasingly he will find his path shaped by experiences outside of our involvement.

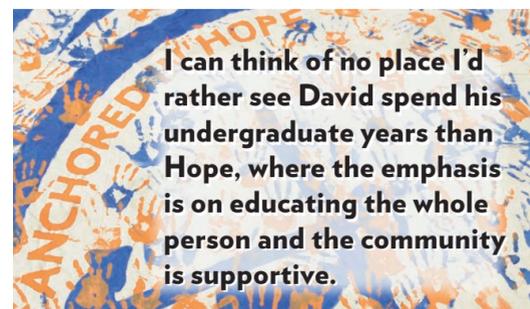
College is a part of that process, from search and selection through all the learning and growth that take place across the years which follow. While we can guide and advise, the choice and how they live into it is ultimately each student's, and we can only hope that they choose a place that will be a light for them that will itself prepare them well for the stages to come. I can think of no place I'd rather see David spend his undergraduate years than Hope, where the emphasis is on educating the whole person and the community is supportive. As Orientation co-director and Hope senior Ellen Milroy said during her remarks to us on Saturday, "Your child will be loved and cared for by the people of Hope College."

It doesn't eliminate the sting of having David absent from our daily lives, but it helps. I'm also grateful that he's enthused about this next stage in his life. That's as it should be, and it also helps.

Knowing that I'd be writing this story, he takes time to send me a note after his first day of class: "I really like being here. All of the people here are really nice and I think it's a really great environment to be in. I'm excited that classes started, and think it'll be a good year." 🙌



Settling in included working with David's roommate Jordan Hill and his family to figure out how to loft the beds provided by the college, to provide a bit more space. Although the process managed to present challenges of its own, generations of parents will recognize that it was still a far sight easier than starting from scratch. From left to right are Jordan Hill, David Olgers, Jordan's father Tim Hill and Greg Olgers '87.



# History in Action



Hope history students contributed to the community by developing research papers for use as background by the artists developing proposals for Holland's "Scenes from South Shore" mural project. Pictured is one of the five murals completed this summer, a celebration of Holland's ship-building heritage by artist Jessica Miller.

Hope history students played a behind-the-scenes role in a highly visible addition to a neighborhood on Holland's southwest side.

The students developed 20 research papers made available as background information for the artists who developed proposals for the ongoing "Scenes from South Shore" community mural project. Highlighting aspects of Holland's history, the initiative produced five murals this summer with another five planned for each of the next two years. The murals adorn the outer walls of businesses in the South Shore Village neighborhood on Holland's southwest side.

The concept was initiated by the City of Holland as part of its neighborhood enhancement program and developed in conjunction with merchants and residents of South Shore Village. The selections were made by a neighborhood committee based on the proposals, and the murals completed in August.

To support the variety of themes the organizers hoped to see the artists address across the duration of the effort, the students covered

local-history topics ranging from Chief Joseph Waukazoo, to area boat-building companies and the Great Lakes liners that used to anchor in Holland, to Holland's H.J. Heinz Company factory. The reports, along with background from other sources, were posted on the project's online "Call to Artists" page, providing details and inspiration for the artists.

"Hope College made that one step easier for them, so that the artists had some information available to them," said Lorma Williams '76 Freestone, executive director of the Holland Area Arts Council, which helped out by hosting the web page and using other communication tools to get the word out about the project. "It was really helpful. It was a springboard for where the artists went with some of their submissions."

Dr. Marc Baer, professor of history and chairperson of the department, recruited the students, who were history majors and minors, in response to the organizers' request for help. He noted that the project presented a solid opportunity to serve the community while also supporting the department's emphasis on providing meaningful opportunities for students to develop and apply a variety of skills.

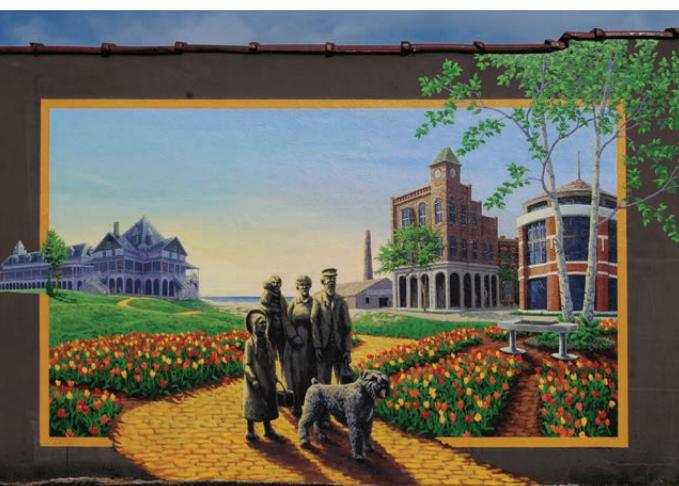
"The department provides real-world skills through its courses, including thinking through a project assignment and coming up with a plan for carrying it out; conceptualizing research strategies; locating appropriate sources and analyzing them, and writing both to inform and persuade," he said.

"My sense from reading the students' essays is that the project gave the students involved an excellent experience in that it encompassed all these skills," Dr. Baer said. "In no case did I need to look over their shoulders, and in very few cases did I even have to do light editing. As most of us today are asked to produce professional and cogent writing with strict length limits and deadlines, I would recommend any of these

students to a variety of employers."

In addition to reflecting student scholarship, the completed project even features Hope visually. Mural painter Conrad Kaufman included the college's Martha Miller Center for Global Communication in his exploration of Holland's legacy buildings, along with landmarks such as downtown's Tower Clock building and the former Ottawa Beach Hotel.

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The topics of the other murals (and their artists) are: *The Wizard of Oz*, by Joel Schoon-Tanis '89; Holland's four Medal of Honor recipients, by Derek Johnson and Adam Dahlstrom; Holland's ship-building, by Jessica Miller; and Holland's landmark attractions, by Mary Sundstrom and Maggie Bandstra. A photo showing Joel at work on his mural is in the "classnotes" section. [↗](#)

# Timeless Tradition

The classes of 2015 and 2016 add their own chapter to the Pull tug-of-war, where teamwork, dedication and enthusiasm have remained constants even as the storied event has traveled across the 115 years from its origins in 1898 to the present.



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

**A**wards mean a lot, but they don't say it all. The people in baseball mean more to me than statistics."

When you are writing a column published in October on the topic of alumni awards, why not start it off with an Ernie Banks quote? Plus, when you have an audience that includes many with an affinity for the Windy City, quoting Mr. Cub is sure to generate a few smiles.

However, the real reason for referencing this Hall of Famer's take on recognition and relationships is that Hope recently honored three alumni, presenting Young Alumni Awards to Dan Capps '98 and Seth '97 and Stephanie '97 Kaper-Dale. Dan has hiked the full length of the Appalachian Trail; earned multiple master's degrees; volunteered in the Peace

Corps; earned his Ph.D. in science education; helped found a non-profit; and spoken to Hope students back on campus; and currently serves as assistant professor of science education at the University of Maine, where he is passionate about teaching and teacher education.

Seth and Stephanie have both received Master of Divinity degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary. They have volunteered at a children's home in Ecuador and currently serve as co-pastors of the Reformed Church of Highland Park in New Jersey, where they advocate for the environment, lead an effort to provide low-cost housing to serve young women who have aged out of foster care, and have most recently made headlines by actively helping Indonesian immigrants avoid deportation.

These three could easily put impressive numbers to their accomplishments by tallying up the students taught, articles published, residents housed, and immigrants helped. However, as Ernie would say, it's not about the statistics. Their priority has been on making a difference in the lives of others. That's also an emphasis at the *alma mater* they share, and it is a privilege for the Alumni Association to honor them for lives well led.

To see a list of past recipients for all of the alumni awards, or to make a nomination, please visit the college online.

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# Window to Hope's History



A Hope tradition since 1898, the venerable Pull tug-of-war here continues on Friday, Oct. 6, 1972, as the sophomore Class of '75 vies with the freshmen of '76. The sophomores won the contest, besting the opposition in 54 minutes ('76 went on to a sophomore victory the following fall). Forty years separate this particular Pull from the most recent installment, held on Saturday, Sept. 29, but other than fashion and hairstyle, a visitor traveling one to the other would find them closely akin.

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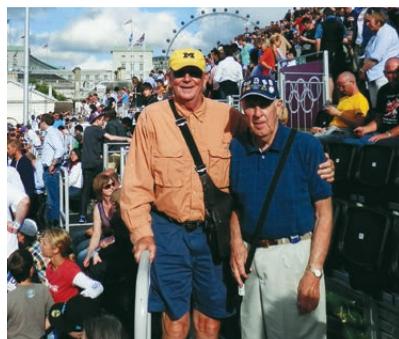
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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, Sept. 18, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, Oct 30.



**Al Boers '51** of Holland, Mich., pictured with **Bill Vanderbilt Sr. '61**, attended the London Olympics in July. This was the ninth Olympic event that Al has attended. He started attending the games in 1968 in Mexico City. He took a break when his four children were young, but started up in 1988 in Korea, then Barcelona, Atlanta, Sydney, Athens and Beijing. He enjoys the summer games, but did attend Salt Lake City winter games in Utah. His favorite location was Korea, where he stayed with a host family and was able to get immersed in the Korean culture. The track and field stadium events are his favorite. His wife, **Elaine Groustra '52 Boers**, has attended several with him, as has **Tom Bylsma '86**. He has also been to three Pan-American games.

## 40s

**Clarence Hopkins '48** of Holland, Mich., and his wife celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in August.

## 50s

**Glenn Petroelje '52** of Holland, Mich., and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September. **Vernon Hoffman '56** of Grandville, Mich., retired after a 30-year career with Western Theological Seminary.

## 60s

**George Boerigter '61** of Holland, Mich., has helped start up companies in several countries, and the fruits of that labor are now resulting in weddings. He was the guest of honor at a large Chinese wedding with 1,200 guests in February 2012. In addition, he and his wife were the official witnesses and George gave the wedding speech to the entire gathering. In September, he will be the guest of honor in the United Kingdom for the daughter of the owner of another company. **Landis Zylman '61** of Holland, Mich., and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. **Glenn Pietenpol '64** of South Haven, Mich., has been elected to the South Haven Community Foundation.

## 70s

**Jeff Winne '73** is a furniture sales executive based in Charlotte, N.C., covering western North Carolina for Business Interiors by Staples. **Robert Bruinooge '74** moved to Pennsylvania in June of this year to take the call of co-pastor with his wife, **Mary Jo Walters '75 Bruinooge**, to the Presbyterian Church of Osceola Mills, Pa. Mary Jo is also the chaplain of Windy Hill Village, a senior retirement facility in Philipsburg, Pa. **Carol Hoekstra '75 Sheets** of Silver Spring, Md., who is the national director of social work, Department of Veterans Affairs, presented on a plenary panel at the 2012 National Association of Social Workers national practice conference, "Restoring Hope: The Power of Social Work" in Washington, D.C., to more than 1,000 social workers. The plenary panel was a critical component of the conference and "Building Hope with Honor for



**Suzie Ross '56** of Lacey, Wash., started playing pickleball in 2007 when it was introduced in her residential community. She is now one of 75 club members and plays five days a week. On Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29, she played in her third consecutive Washington State Senior Olympic Games, where she and her partner came in first place. She loves the competition and draws on her experience as a four-year tennis player at Hope.

Veterans and Military Families."

**Richard Williams '75** of Albuquerque, N.M., provided the leadership of the New Mexico MainStreet Program, through which the first Native American MainStreet Program at Zuni Pueblo in the Trust's history was established. The new partnership between the sovereign nation of Zuni, the state of New Mexico, and the Trust will explore the opportunities for community development within a new cultural community. There are currently 29 MainStreet and Arts and Cultural Districts in the state of New Mexico.

**Kay Maassen Gouwens '77** continues to practice law in Anchorage, specializing in advice to Alaska Native health-care organizations.

**Peter Maassen '77** of Anchorage, Alaska, has been appointed to the state Supreme Court by Alaska Governor Sean Parnell.

**James Dykstra '78** is serving as a specialized transition minister in the Reformed Church in America, and is currently with First Reformed Church of Wichert, in St. Anne, Ill.

**Paul Pratt '78** of Wyoming, Mich., is the lead pastor of First Reformed Church of Grandville, Mich.

**Doug Koopman '79** of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been named executive associate to the president for communication and planning at Calvin College, working within the office of the president.

**Peter Warnock '79** of Columbia, Mo., won the "Rookie Competitor Award" at the Missouri Atlatl Association's event at the Cahokia Mounds World heritage site. An atlatl is a spear thrower, used by ancient humans before the bow and arrow.

## 80s

**Timothy Griffin '80** of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been named pediatrician-in-chief at Helen Devos Children's Hospital and department chief at Spectrum Health Medical Group.

**Kirk Hoopinger '81** of Chicago, Ill., has been selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America, 2013. He is employed by the national law firm of Quarles and Brady LLP.

**Kevin Kraay '81** of Zeeland, Mich., placed second in his age group in the Michigan Titanium Triathlon on Sunday, Aug 26.

**Patty Dryfhout '81 Pratt** of Wyoming, Mich., is the director of music at First Reformed Church of Grandville, Mich.

**Leslie Ortquist-Ahrens '83** of Berea, Ky., is an associate professor of comparative literature, and scholar



**Jim VanderMeer '76** of Holland, Mich., at left, was presented with an appreciation award by Hope's head football coach, Dean Kreps, during a ceremony preceding the college's Community Day game on Saturday, Sept. 1, at Holland Municipal Stadium. He was a member of the Hope football coaching staff for 27 seasons, and after retiring from the Holland Public Schools in 2006 taught in the college's department of kinesiology. He retired from Hope this past spring as an associate professor of kinesiology emeritus.

# Family Tradition

A total of 116 of the college's new and transfer students have generational ties to Hope, ranging from as recent as their parents' experience to as distant as the 1850s.

## Seventh Generation

### Andrew Neevel (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

Mother - Susan Thompson '87  
 Father - Jeffrey Neevel '87  
 Grandmother - Marcia Veldman '56 Thompson  
 Grandfather - Norman Thompson '53  
 Grandmother - Barbara Jeffrey '56 Neevel  
 Grandfather - James Neevel '56  
 Great-Grandmother - Pearl Paalman '24 Veldman  
 Great-Grandfather - Harold Veldman '21  
 Great-Grandmother - Cornelia Nettinga '27 Neevel  
 Great-Grandfather - Alvin Neevel '26  
 Great-Great Grandfather - Henry Veldman 1892  
 Great-Great Grandfather - Siebe Nettinga 1900  
 Great-Great-Great Grandfather - James Zwemer 1870  
 Great-Great-Great Grandfather - Adrian Zwemer 1857

## Fifth Generation

### Jonathan Hoffman (Holland, Mich.)

Mother - Jennifer Schackel '89 Hoffman  
 Father - Timothy Hoffman '86  
 Grandfather - William Hoffman '59  
 Great-Grandmother - Julia VanOss '30 Oosting  
 Great-Grandfather - Melvin Oosting '31  
 Great-Great Grandmother - Janet VanDenBelt 1899  
 Van Oss

### Eric Money (Castle Rock, Colo.)

Mother - Sara Van Anrooy '82  
 Grandmother - Margaret DeValois '52 Van Anrooy

Grandfather - John Van Anrooy '52  
 Great-Grandmother - Bernadine Siebers-De Valois '30  
 Great-Great-Grandfather - John Van Anrooy 1876

## Fourth Generation

### Nathan Boersma (Holland, Mich.)

Grandmother - Lois Hinkamp '44 Boersma  
 Grandfather - Vernon Boersma '44  
 Great-Grandmother - Martha DeJong 1907 Hinkamp  
 Great-Grandfather - Paul Hinkamp 1907  
 Great-Great Grandfather - Jacob DeJong 1880

### Alexander Carpenter (Alexandria, Va.)

Mother - Susan Beede '88 Carpenter  
 Father - John Carpenter '87  
 Grandmother - Sandra Decker '60 Beede  
 Grandfather - Alan Beede '61  
 Great-Grandfather - Irving Decker '33

### Joshua Dykstra (Holland, Mich.)

Mother - Mary Ann Hylander '86 Dykstra  
 Grandfather - Henry Dykstra '61  
 Great-Grandmother - Sara VanSingel '25 Dykstra  
 Great-Grandfather - Rensa Dykstra '25

### Sarah Ellis (Holland, Mich.)

Mother - Barbara Cochran '83 Ellis  
 Father - John Michael Ellis '86  
 Grandfather - Jack Lamb '54  
 Great-Grandmother - Edna VanTatenhove '47  
 Haworth

### Rachel Gugino (Holland, Mich.)

Father - Tod Gugino '85  
 Grandfather - Henry Dykstra '61  
 Great-Grandfather - Rensa Dykstra '25

### Abby Gust (Roanoke, Va.)

Grandfather - Roger Yntema '58  
 Great-Grandmother - Emma Zagers '36 Yntema  
 Great-Great-Grandmother - Clara Yntema 1916

### Andrew Holbrook (Hopewell Junction, N.Y.)

Mother - Cathleen Bast '82 Holbrook  
 Father - Taylor Holbrook '80  
 Grandmother - Janet Wessels '59 Bast  
 Grandfather - Robert Bast '58  
 Grandmother - Anna Herder '52 Holbrook  
 Great-Grandfather - Henry Bast '30

### Anna Kremer (Zeeland, Mich.)

Mother - Rebecca Buning '88 Purnell  
 Father - James Kremer '88  
 Grandmother - Barb Pennings '56 Kremer  
 Grandfather - James Kremer '56  
 Great-Grandmother - Josina DeCracker '29 Pennings  
 Great-Grandfather - Marion Pennings '26

### Dan Kuiper (Zeeland, Mich.)

Mother - Jill Burggraaff '88 Kuiper  
 Father - Doug Kuiper '87  
 Grandmother - Jackie Schrotenboer '64 Burggraaff  
 Grandfather - John Burggraaff '62  
 Great-Grandmother - Ruth Hardie '25 Burggraaff  
 Great-Grandfather - Henry Burggraaff '27  
 Great-Grandfather - John Burggraaff 1911

### Isaac Martin (Bethlehem, Pa.)

Mother - Mary Mulder '77  
 Father - James Martin '77  
 Grandmother - Luella Rozeboom '51 Mulder  
 Grandmother - Ruth Kamalla Korteling '51 Martin  
 Great-Grandmother - Anna Winter 1919 Korteling  
 Richardson  
 Great-Grandfather - Sebia Van Zwaluwenburg 1888

### David Olgers (Holland, Mich.)

Mother - Kathy Hogenboom '85 Olgers  
 Father - Greg Olgers '87  
 Grandfather - Dean Hogenboom '56  
 Grandfather - Earl Olgers '65  
 Great-Grandmother - Dena Habink '22 Hogenboom  
 Great-Grandfather - Joshua Hogenboom '25  
 Great-Grandfather - Lambert Olgers '30

### Rachel Taylor (Zeeland, Mich.)

Mother - Sonia VanEyl '84 Taylor  
 Father - Philip Taylor '80  
 Grandmother - Miriam Gemmill '53 Van Eyl  
 Grandfather - F. Philip Van Eyl '55  
 Step-Grandmother - Hermina "Mickie" VanEgmond '50 Van Eyl

Grandmother - Barbara VanNeuren '51 Taylor  
 Grandfather - Jack Taylor '50  
 Great-Grandfather - Harold Gemmill '56

### Cailyn TenHoeve (Naperville, Ill.)

Mother - Linda Miller '83  
 Father - Tom TenHoeve '83  
 Grandmother - Suzanne Underwood '57 TenHoeve  
 Grandfather - Tom TenHoeve '56  
 Great-Grandfather - Tom TenHoeve '27

### Abigail Thomas (Augusta, Mich.)

Father - John Thomas '83  
 Grandmother - Jeanne Bondhouse '54 Thomas  
 Grandfather - Gordon Thomas '53  
 Great-Grandfather - Harry Bondhouse 1918

### Kelsey VanEyl-Godin (Ada, Mich.)

Mother - Christina VanEyl-Godin '82  
 Father - William VanEyl-Godin '81  
 Grandmother - Hermina VanEgmond '50 VanEyl  
 Grandmother - Miriam Gemmill '53 VanEyl  
 Grandfather - F. Phillip VanEyl '55  
 Great-Grandfather - Harold Gemmill '56

## Third Generation

### Alexander Arthurs (Holland, Mich.)

Mother - Kathryn De Young '88 Arthurs  
 Father - Kenneth Arthurs '88  
 Grandmother - Marcia Smith '55 De Young  
 Grandfather - Robert De Young '56

### Timothy Bloemendaal (Holland, Mich.)

Father - Dirk Bloemendaal '76  
 Grandfather - Dirk Bloemendaal '52

### Michelle Boerigter (Los Alamos, N.M.)

Mother - Kathleen Reeder '83 Boerigter  
 Grandfather - George Boerigter '61

### John Boss (Charlevoix, Mich.)

Mother - Erica Kratzer '85 Boss  
 Father - Nathan Boss '83  
 Grandmother - Judith Anselmo '81 Kratzer

### Hunter Brumels (Holland, Mich.)

Father - Kirk Brumels '88  
 Grandmother - Doris Taylor '62 Brumels  
 Grandfather - Bruce Brumels '59

### Sean Dickason (Frederick, Md.)

Grandmother - Lois Thoms '59 Dickason  
 Great-Grandfather - William Wells Thoms '25

### Kelly Dykema (Hudsonville, Mich.)

Mother - Sharon Kooistra '78 Dykema  
 Father - William Dykema '79  
 Grandfather - Nelson Dykema '50

### Skylar Heidema (Kalamazoo, Mich.)

Mother - Adrienne Thomas '89 Heidema  
 Father - Gilbert Brad Heidema '89  
 Grandmother - Phyllis Van Landegent '66 Thomas  
 Grandmother - Joy Heidema '89

### Jayne Kessel (Byron Center, Mich.)

Mother - Cynthia Van Ark '81 Kessel  
 Father - James Kessel '80  
 Grandfather - Bernard Van Ark '56  
 Grandmother - Gladys Roos '53 Kessel

### Enjolie Kollen (Holland, Mich.)

Grandfather - Wendell Kollen '64  
 Great-Grandfather - Harvey Kollen '28

### Abigail LaBarge (Hudsonville, Mich.)

Mother - Martha Weener '85 LaBarge  
 Father - John LaBarge '85  
 Grandfather - Sherwin Weener '62

### Sarah Merrill (Zeeland, Mich.)

Mother - Mary Lokers '85 Merrill  
 Grandfather - Vern Lokers '48

### Klare Northuis (Holland, Mich.)

Mother - Pamela Bulthouse '81 Northuis  
 Father - Mark Northuis '82  
 Grandmother - Eunice Schipper '52 Northuis  
 Grandfather - Donald Northuis '55

### Cara Schipper (Holland, Mich.)

Father - Timothy Schipper '82  
 Grandmother - Connie VanZylen '53 Ryskamp  
 Schipper

### Erin Schregardus (Holland, Mich.)

Mother - Wendy Hunt '87 Schregardus  
 Father - Randall Schregardus '86  
 Grandmother - Cheryl Schouten '65 Schregardus

### Clara Schriemer (Vicksburg, Mich.)

Father - David Schriemer '81

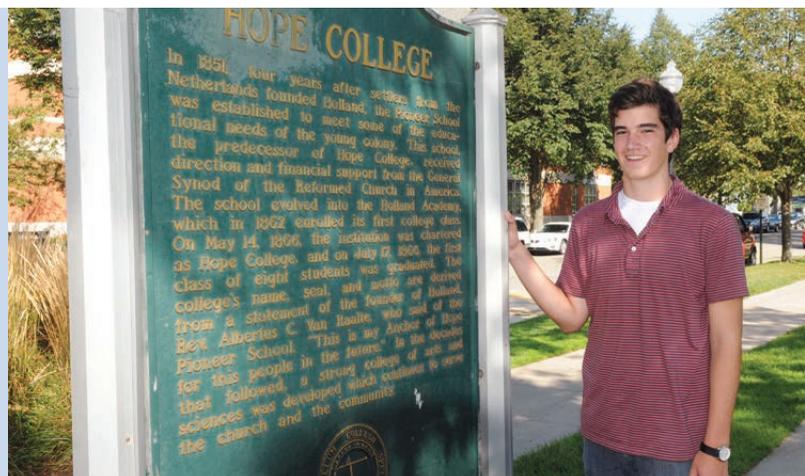
## Since Before the Beginning

Hope has changed just a bit since seventh-generation student Andrew Neevel's family began its long association with the campus.

Van Vleck Hall, today the college's oldest building, hadn't even been completed yet when his four-great grandfather, Adrian Zwemer, graduated in 1857 from the Holland Academy that preceded the college. Van Vleck opened the following year.

In fact, even Hope didn't yet exist. The college, which grew out of the prep school, enrolled its first students in the fall of 1862 and graduated its first class the same year that it received its charter from the State of Michigan, in 1866.

Andrew, who is from Ann Arbor, Mich., arrived on campus in August as the second seventh-generation in the college's history. The first, nine years earlier, was his cousin Jeff Brown '07 (Andrew's father and Jeff's mother are siblings). In addition to being a seventh-generation student on



Seventh-generation student Andrew Neevel's ancestors have been a part of Hope since before the college even began. His four-great grandfather Adrian Zwemer graduated in 1857 from the Holland Academy from which Hope grew a half-decade later.

his father's side, Andrew is also a fifth-generation student on his mother's side.

His extensive Hope ancestry definitely made him aware of Hope ("I knew the school well before I even started to look at colleges because of frequent visits," he noted), but it didn't translate into pressure to attend himself. "I looked at a few other schools and weighed my choices like anybody else,"

said Andrew, who is interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

What made Hope the right choice for him was the college's emphasis on the whole person, an approach that he feels will serve him well.

"I liked it because of the liberal arts education," he said. "I want to be a well-rounded person as well. I liked that Hope offers that."

Grandmother - Elizabeth Schriemer '46  
Grandfather - Don Schriemer '47

**Amanda Scott (McMillan, Mich.)**  
Father - Steven Scott '79  
Grandmother - Lois DeKleine '49 Scott  
Grandfather - Bernard Scott '50

**Jessica Scott (McMillan, Mich.)**  
Father - Steven Scott '79  
Grandmother - Lois DeKleine '49 Scott  
Grandfather - Bernard Scott '50

**S. Andreas Slette (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Jane DeYoung '81 Slette  
Father - Stein Slette '87  
Grandmother - Marcia Smith '56 DeYoung  
Grandfather - Robert DeYoung '55

**Ashleigh Smith (South Haven, Mich.)**  
Mother - Debra Renner '89 Smith  
Father - David Smith '89  
Grandmother - Carole DeYoung '67 Renner  
Grandfather - Thomas Renner '67

**Caroline Toren (Lynwood, Mich.)**  
Father - Carl Toren '79  
Grandmother - Lucille Teninga '46 Toren  
Grandfather - Chester Toren '41

**Joshua VandeBunte (Holland, Mich.)**  
Father - Paul VandeBunte '86  
Grandmother - Alida Keizer '49 VandeBunte

**Priscilla VanHeest (Grand Haven, Mich.)**  
Mother - Barbara Good '87 VanHeest  
Father - Thomas VanHeest '85  
Grandmother - Mary Lou Richards '54 VanHeest  
Grandfather - Cornelius VanHeest '52

**William VerDuin (Grand Haven, Mich.)**  
Father - Robert VerDuin '57  
Grandmother - Mary Vijscher '24 VerDuin

## Second Generation

**Peter Anderson (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Sarah Huttar '78 Anderson  
Father - Paul Anderson '88

**Blake Appell (Midland, Mich.)**  
Father - Robert Appell '86

**Katja Babcock (Mount Pleasant, Mich.)**  
Mother - Renee Babcock '84

**Joseph Beemer (St. Joseph, Mich.)**  
Mother - Janet Carlson '87 Beemer

**Ethan Beswick (Grand Haven, Mich.)**  
Father - Jeffrey Beswick '84

**Kylie Boeve (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Heidi Praamsma '93 Boeve  
Father - Kory Boeve '92

**Ellery Bouwkamp (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Lisa Stevens '88 Bouwkamp

**Mikaela Brinks (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Dawn DeWitt '84 Brinks  
Father - Kurt Brinks '83

**Madeline Brochu (Fairfield, Maine)**  
Mother - Amelia Strainer '80 Brochu

**Daniel Brune (Midland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Ann Stremler '84 Brune

**Timothy Burtrum (Winter Park, Fla.)**  
Father - Tim Burtrum '86

**Zoe Caltrider (Mason, Mich.)**  
Mother - Sue Marceny '82 Caltrider  
Father - Bruce Caltrider '82

**Kenny Cole (Jenison, Mich.)**  
Mother - Lynette Carter '85  
Father - Kelly Cole '86

**Timothy Cook (Aurora, Ill.)**  
Father - Bruce Cook '81

**MacKenzie Coyle (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Deborah Coyle '99

**Dana DeBest (Ann Arbor, Mich.)**  
Great-Grandfather - Carl Damson '28

**Janel DeGraaf (Rockford, Mich.)**  
Mother - Julie Hudson '90 DeGraaf

**Joseph DeVinney (Grand Rapids, Mich.)**  
Father - Eric DeVinney '83



Pictured from left to right are many among the third-, fourth-, fifth- and seventh-generation members of this year's freshmen and transfer students: Row 1: Ashleigh Smith (3), Clara Schriemer (3), Kelsey VanEyl-Godin (4), Cailyn TenHoeve (4), Amanda Scott (3), Jessica Scott (3), Enjolie Kollen (3); Row 2: Klare Northuis (3), Rachel Taylor (4), Sarah Merrill (3), Cara Schipper (3), Caroline Toren (3), Jayne Kessel (3), Michelle Boerigter (3), Kelly Dykema (3), Abby Thomas (4); Row 3: Priscilla VanHeest (3), Timothy Bloemendaal (3), David Olgers (4), Skylar Heidema (3), William VerDuin (3), Jonathan Hoffman (5), Isaac Martin (4), John Boss (3), Andrew Neevel (7).

**Jason DeWitt (Cincinnati, Ohio)**  
Mother - Nancy Dirkse '81 DeWitt  
Father - Scott DeWitt '81

**Jared Dice (Grand Rapids, Mich.)**  
Mother - Lydia Straw '83 Dice  
Father - Randall Dice '84

**Bethany Disher (Fort Wayne, Ind.)**  
Father - Michael Disher '81

**Palmer D'Orazio (Clarkston, Mich.)**  
Father - Robert D'Orazio '80

**Jonathan Dunbar (Loudon, N.H.)**  
Mother - Marcia-Anne Beard '75 Dunbar

**Elizabeth Eader (West Point, Ky.)**  
Mother - Michelle Tate '89 Eader

**Alex Eidson (Grand Haven, Mich.)**  
Mother - Robin Pfeiffer '84 Eidson

**Hailey Fairchild (Hamilton, Mich.)**  
Grandfather - Gordon Sluiter '61  
Grandmother - Leanne Hayes '83 Fairchild

**Marie Fisher (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Deb Trent '94 Fisher

**Nick Gibson (Grand Rapids, Mich.)**  
Mother - Cynthia Jager '87 Gibson

**Riley Gortsema (Grandville, Mich.)**  
Mother - Julie VanHeest '86 Gortsema

**Sarah Gould (Whitehall, Mich.)**  
Grandfather - Joseph Fralick '55

**Lauren Hazekamp (Fruitport, Mich.)**  
Grandfather - Charles Hazekamp '54

**Brianne Hemmeke (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Suzanne Jurgens '88 Hemmeke

**Rachel Henry (Grand Rapids, Mich.)**  
Father - Chip Henry '85

**Alexandra Huss (Brighton, Mich.)**  
Mother - Jacquelyne Townsend '89 Huss  
Father - Bradley Huss '88

**Megan Immink (Zeeland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Connie Eding '89 Immink  
Father - Barry Immink '87

**Michael Johns (Flushing, Mich.)**  
Mother - Susan Prentice '85 Johns

**Clarissa Johnston (Normal, Ill.)**  
Mother - Lori Harvey '84

**Kara Josephson (Ada, Mich.)**  
Mother - Kimberly Kuiper '82 Josephson

**Noah Jurik (Mesick, Mich.)**  
Father - Dean Jurik '79

**Jordan Kalsbeek (Wyoming, Mich.)**  
Step-Father - Ken Cook '78

**Kalynah King (Adrian, Mich.)**  
Father - Kevin King '85

**Kelsey King (Ann Arbor, Mich.)**  
Mother - Cynthia Downs '89 King

**Ryan Konkle (Marshall, Mich.)**  
Grandfather - Ronald DeGraw '56

**Mark Koppenaar (Zeeland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Mary Jo Price '84 Koppenaar

**Hannah Larson (Jackson, Mich.)**  
Mother - Suzanne Lobs '91 Larson  
Father - Scott Larson '91

**Alysha Lemmen (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Karla Ryzenga '88 Lemmen

**Meghan Loree (Spring Lake, Mich.)**  
Mother - Catherine Beahm '77 Loree  
Father - H. Andrew Loree '78

**Duncan MacLean (Grand Rapids, Mich.)**  
Mother - Jodi Noorman '88 MacLean

**Zachary Matson (Mahwah, N.J.)**  
Mother - Debra Kort '86 Matson

**Jenna Maury (Lawton, Mich.)**  
Mother - Laura Wilkinson-Hall '88 Maury

**Ellen Menken (Zeeland, Mich.)**  
Grandfather - Randall Menken '77

**Aleksandrs Molenaar (East Grand Rapids, Mich.)**  
Grandfather - Harold Molenaar '56

**Margaret Mulder (Allendale, N.J.)**  
Grandmother - Luella Rozeboom '51 Mulder

**Meghan Newman (Omaha, Neb.)**  
Mother - Shawn Carpentier '85 Newman

**Chloe Nykamp (Hudsonville, Mich.)**  
Mother - Susan Burrell '85 Nykamp

**Nathan Petroelje (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Kathleen Ferguson '89 Petroelje

**Nathan Poll (Zeeland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Laurie Camiller '92 Poll

**Cameron Pratt (Zeeland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Paula Kooops '84 Pratt  
Father - James Pratt '81

**Mitch Reitsma (Ada, Mich.)**  
Mother - Tami Tiggelman '89 Reitsma

**Brandon Richardson (Galesburg, Mich.)**  
Mother - Christine Wichnal '88 Richardson  
Father - Mark Richardson '88

**Elizabeth Ringel (Freeland, Mich.)**  
Grandmother - Hazel Rozendahl '60 Groenhof  
Grandfather - Eugene Groenhof '61

**Mary Rose (Holland, Mich.)**  
Father - Philip Rose '83

**Jordan Scholten (Bryon Center, Mich.)**  
Grandfather - Bob Schrier '56

**Joshua Snyder (Zeeland, Mich.)**  
Father - Mark Snyder '85

**Ezra Sprik (Grand Rapids, Mich.)**  
Father - Sherman Sprik '77

**Andi Stuk (Mattawan, Mich.)**  
Father - Tim Stuk '86

**Taylor Thorpe (Fenton, Mich.)**  
Father - Andrew Thorpe '86

**James Timmer (East Grand Rapids, Mich.)**  
Mother - Marybeth Stegeman '82 Timmer  
Father - Gregory Timmer '83

**Zachary Vandenberg (Holland, Mich.)**  
Mother - Sara Baar '87 Vandenberg

**Victoria Vanderhart (Caledonia, Mich.)**  
Mother - Robin Beckett '87 VanderHart  
Father - Paul VanderHart '86

**Hana VanderVeen (Arlington Heights, Ill.)**  
Grandmother - Ardis Daining '63 Huizenga  
Grandfather - Paul Huizenga '60

**Michael VanWyngarden (Holland, Mich.)**  
Father - Robert VanWyngarden '80

**Frankie Vergos (Flushing, Mich.)**  
Father - Peter Vergos '86

**Michael Wilbur (Norton Shores, Mich.)**  
Mother - Jean Voss '86 Wilbur  
Father - Wesley Wilbur '82



Fifth-generation students Eric Money and Jonathan Hoffman.



**Joel Schoon-Tanis '89** of Holland, Mich., is one of five artists selected to paint murals this summer for the "Scenes from South Shore" community mural project. The murals adorn the outer walls of businesses in the South Shore Village neighborhood on Holland's southwest side. Joel, whose portfolio includes numerous works done with children in mind,

found *The Wizard of Oz* (author L. Frank Baum used to vacation at Macatawa) a natural choice. "It was a no-brainer for me," he said. "Over the years I've done a number of *Wizard of Oz* references in a few different paintings." More about the mural project, for which Hope students conducted research made available to the artists, is on page 16.



of teaching and learning in the center for transformative learning at Berea College.

**John Grooters '84** of Holland, Mich., and his wife, **Judith Hentschel**

**'91 Grooters**, owners of Grooters Productions, have won awards for their latest films. *The Frontier Boys* won the 2011 Gold Crown Award, best picture and the 2012 Bronze Crown Award, Best Curriculum. *Meet Hiram Edson* received the 2012 Bronze Crown Award, Best Short Film, and the family devotional series *Watch & Talk* was also nominated for Best Curriculum.

**Johnny Marmelstein '85** of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., received his certification in college counseling from the University of California in San Diego, and is working with student-athletes to help them find great college options both academically and athletically.

**Rhonda Postema '86 Klomprens** of Holland, Mich., is a principal with Hamilton Community Schools.

**David Hoff '87** of Arlington, Va., is the new vice president for communications and marketing with the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. He will be the spokesperson for the NAPCS and the public charter school movement.

**Stephen Paulsen '88** of Grand Rapids, Mich., and **Harry Coffill '89** of Grand Rapids have written an original melodrama: *Trouble at Holly's Holiday Emporium or He's Checkin' it Twice*. The play will debut at East Grand Rapids High School in December.

**Amy Buczkowski '89 Freehafer** of Hudsonville, Mich., is a career counselor in the career development center at Hope College.

**Timothy Laird '90** of Holland, Mich., joined 11 coworkers from Perrigo Company (Allegan, Mich. and Minneapolis, Minn.) in running a Ragnar Relay in Chicago, Ill., in June. Runners began in Madison, Wis., and finished the event 30 hours later in Chicago's Lincoln Park on Montrose Beach.

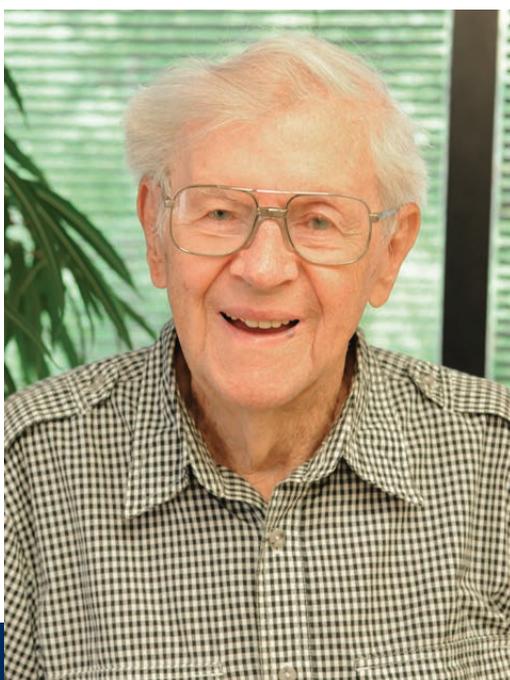
**Kevin O'Keefe '90** of Holland, Mich., has been hired into the personal lines department at Lenz & Associates in Zeeland, Mich.

**Sabina DeWitt '92 Otteman** of Zeeland, Mich., is Hope College's Hope Fund director.

**Sarah Rickert '93** of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been working as a quality manager at Living Essentials (makers of 5 Hour Energy) since January 2011.

**Scott Runyon '93** of Howell, Mich., launched a new non-profit organization called Be Well Services with a team of people from his church. As director of this organization, he will set the course to make wellness services available to people in the U.S. who don't currently have access to them. These services include: chiropractic care, massage therapy, counseling, yoga and others. He is also continuing his Master of Divinity studies through the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, running his massage therapy business, The Healing Hands Company, and taking time to play with his beautiful and hilarious seven-year-old daughter, Qwynn.

**Melissa Cech '95 Bouws** of Zeeland, Mich., has joined the Hope College faculty as an assistant professor of nursing.



Don Van Ark '42

## Providing Opportunities for Students with Needs

Don Van Ark '42 has always cared about kids. He and his late wife, Lileeth '42, were teachers, and Don also enjoyed a rewarding 29-year career as principal for Lakeview Elementary School in Holland. With no children of their own, Don and Lileeth made a conscious decision to support organizations that would make a difference in the lives of young people.

By including Hope College in their estate plan, the Van Arks fulfilled a lifelong desire to help provide for students who, without the necessary financial assistance, might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy the Hope experience as they did seven decades ago.

Hope is grateful to all of the 700-plus members of the Dimment Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting the students and faculty of the college. For more than 30 years, planned gifts from donors like Don and Lileeth Van Ark have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community.

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**Pete Goers '95** of Grand Haven, Mich., won the Midwest Professional Volleyball Association Muskegon Open on Saturday, July 14.

**Jason Hall '96** is with Midwest Construction Group in Zeeland, Mich., where he serves as project executive and partner. He also has become a partner and CEO of a small tech company in Holland, Mich. called GeLo. GeLo has developed a beacon using Bluetooth technology (BLE) that will transmit information directly to smartphones. Though the technology has several uses, it is being used right now with parks and museums to create personal tours using individual smartphones enabled with Bluetooth 4.0.

**Phillip Sneller '97** retired from the pastoral ministry in the Reformed Church of America in January 2011. After working part-time as a para-transit bus driver for Metro Connection in Sheboygan, Wis., he has now been promoted to full-time director of maintenance and grounds for the City of Sheboygan parking utility.

**Kristen Stetekee '98 Floriana** is executive operations assistant for Optimal Solutions, a software development and engineering company in Wyoming, Mich.

**Todd Tulgestke '00** of Holland, Mich., is the new principal at West Ottawa High School.

**Jacob Sitati '01** of Highwood, Ill., has been named in the 2014 Class of Emerging Leaders by The Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Each year, an independent selection committee identifies a new class of leaders from a competitive pool of the best and brightest in Chicagoland to participate in the two-year Emerging Leaders program. During the first year, the Emerging Leaders meet as a group in a series of seminars to examine timely issues such as the global economy, foreign policy, energy, and migration. In the second year, they develop, produce, and present a report on a pressing global challenge that affects Chicago and the Midwest.

**Christina Stavros '01** of Grand Rapids, Mich., has accepted an invitation to be the pilot student for a new Certificate in Byzantine Chant program at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline (Boston), Mass.

**Megan Zeneberg '02 Freudigmann** of Grand Rapids, Mich., recently accepted a full-time position at Grand Valley State University as an affiliate professor of elementary education.

**Lana Krolkowski '02** is the new high school mathematics and physics teacher for Northville Public Schools.

**Aranh Pen '02** of Holland, Mich., has joined Hope College as a postdoctoral fellow in chemistry.

**Nicholas A. Reister '02** has joined the law firm of Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge. He works in the firm's Grand Rapids office practicing in the areas of trusts, estates and business law. Nick is also serving as an instructor and adviser with Hope College's Center for Faithful Leadership's Entrepreneurial Leadership course.

**Jessica Zimbelman '02** of Lansing, Mich., was recently hired as an assistant defender at the State Appellate defender office in Lansing, Mich. She will represent indigent criminal defendants on appeal. She continues to serve as adjunct faculty at Michigan State University College of Law, instructing students in appellate law.

**Sarah Hokenson '02 Therkildsen** of Kalamazoo, Mich., became a certified massage therapist in July.

**Andria Hundt '03 Amendt** of Knoxville, Tenn., graduated from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Pediatric Residency Program in June 2011. She is currently employed as a pediatric hospitalist at East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

**Jenna Wassink '03 Deenik** of Ada, Mich., recently completed the educational requirements for fellowship in the society of actuaries. She currently works at Jackson National Life Insurance Company in Lansing, Mich., where she is a manager in the actuarial financial reporting area.

**Lindsey Root Luna '03** of Rockford, Mich., has joined the Hope College faculty as a visiting assistant professor of psychology.

**Jennifer DeVries '85** of Elmhurst, Ill., was named one of the top 20 most influential people in online learning by OnlineUniversityRankings.org in 2010. She received the recognition for her research and writing on "Rapid eLearning." She is president and chief solutions architect for BlueStreak Learning. That same year, she was diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Following doctors' orders, she needed to avoid white sugar and flour. She was discouraged by what she found in local supermarkets and health food stores, so she started experimenting with products and recipes. Her recipes led her to publish her first cookbook earlier this year, "*No Whites*" *Baking Book: How to Bake Without White Flour or White Sugar*.

**Blake Konny '04** is the principal of Woodford County Middle School in Versailles, Ky.

**Kyle Morrison '04** of Holland, Mich., has joined the Hope College faculty as an assistant professor of kinesiology.

**Jennifer Price '04** of Kennesaw, Ga., is currently employed as a family nurse practitioner with CVS Minute Clinic.

**Joshua Rumpsa '04** of Holland, Mich., has joined the Hope College staff as an assistant football coach.

**Christy Statema '04** of Zeeland, Mich., has joined the Hope College staff as an admissions representative.

**Brandon Beebe '05** began the Doctor of Transformational Leadership (DTL) program at Bakke Graduate University (please see "Advanced Degrees").

**Jim Boerkoel '05** accepted a position as a postdoctoral fellow at the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab (CSAIL) at M.I.T. in Cambridge, Mass. He has joined the interactive robotics group in the department of aeronautics and astronautics.

**Jonathan Hecksel '05** of Grand Rapids, Mich., recently left Macey Bankruptcy Law to become a partner at Grand Rapids Law Group. He continues to provide legal services in bankruptcy and is expanding his practice into criminal defense and social security.

**Jeffrey Heydlauff '05** of Traverse City, Mich., works for Global Marine Insurance Agency as a commercial marine producer.

**Joseph Tolton '05** is an office manager for the Richmond Church of the Brethren and House Director for the Richmond Catholic Newman Residence while searching for a job as a pastor in the Church of the Brethren.

**Lindsay David '05 Zuska** and **Matthew Zuska '05** reside in West

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**David Fleming '00** is the marketing manager for Code Blue Corporation in Holland, Mich.

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**Tim Boman '10** of Southgate, Mich., is highlighted in the article "Undergrads Prep For Working World" published in *Chemical & Engineering News* on Monday, Sept. 10. The story featured perspective from recent chemistry graduates (Tim was one of two) and employers about how students can improve their hiring prospects. In the article, Tim, who is a process development chemist with Ash Stevens, discussed the importance of his research experience at Hope with Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, who is an assistant professor of chemistry and Towsley Research Scholar.

Bloomfield, Mich., where Matt is in his first year of podiatry residence at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, Mich. (please see "Advanced Degrees").

**Jillian Koestner '06 Allen** of Scottsdale, Ariz., is the director of marketing for The Briad Group.

**Gabriel Kalmbacher '06** and **Anna Marshall '07 Kalmbacher** have launched A Child's Voice, a child welfare program partnering with agencies in Uganda.

**Corissa Gilmer '06 Lamphear** of Whitmore Lake, Mich., has joined the Hope College faculty as a visiting assistant professor of chemistry.

**Heather Amundson '06 Lobejko** of Minneapolis, Minn., is a staff registered nurse in the pediatric ICU for Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.

**Matt Schwabauer '06** of Beverly, Mass., was recently hired as production manager/technical director in the Gordon College Theatre Department. He worked for nearly five years as traffic manager in the Gordon College Design Center before transitioning to the Theatre Department. As a theatre major during his time at Hope, he is extremely excited to be working professionally in his studied field. He has also been heavily involved with the Cape Ann Shakespeare Troupe, a community theatre group based in Gloucester and Rockport, Mass., performing in productions of *The Taming of the Shrew* (Pedant), *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* (Valentine), *Measure For Measure* (Duke Vincentio) and *The Merchant of Venice* (Orlando). He also performed briefly in *Cry Innocent: the People Versus Bridget Bishop* with Gordon College's professional theatre troupe, History Alive. This September, he will play Algernon Moncrieff in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* with the Sea Change Theatre Company of Beverly, Mass. For the last few years, Matt has been involved with and served as Content Editor and Logistics Coordinator for So We

Run, a non-profit organization that got its start collecting gently used shoes and distributing them to those in need through various contacts around the world. In the summer of 2010, the So We Run team took a trip to Guatemala, partnering with Little Lambs International, who are building an orphanage in Jalapa. At Gordon, Matt has also become more involved in student ministry. During the month of February, he served students by being available for prayer during Deep Faith, Gordon's spiritual emphasis week. He also advised a student-led mission trip to Detroit, Mich., during March, where he and the students partnered with Mack Avenue Community Church, an inner-city church whose main ministry thrust is discipleship, using Jesus' ministry style as a model for personal transformation. In May, Matt completed the NAVIGATE Training School, a two-year discipleship and church planting training school through his church, The Harbor, in Beverly, Mass. Each year culminates with an overseas mission trip. In the summer of 2011, he spent three weeks in Bangalore, India. Earlier this summer, he spent two weeks in Paris, France on a church plant scouting mission.

**Ryan Zietlow '06** and **Sarah Mol '07 Zietlow** recently started new careers teaching English in Sendai, Japan. They both currently work for MeySen Academy, Sarah as a kindergarten immersion teacher and

Ryan as a immersion friends club teacher.

**Mark Dykema '07** of Wyoming, Mich., opened a Biggby Coffee franchise in Holland, Mich.

**Morgan Hughes '07** of Holland, Mich., has been the assistant coach for the Hope College Women's basketball team since 2007 and has also added the new position of events and conference manager at Hope to her schedule.

**Nicole Prince '07** of Philadelphia, Pa., writes by day for Anthropologie, where she names products and creates product descriptions for the apparel. By night and in her free time, she writes and maintains a blog with her twin sister, ataleoftwins.com.

**Lindsay Goodell '08** is currently working on her Emergency Department Residency at St. John Hospital in Detroit, Mich. (please see "Advanced Degrees").

**Emilie Dykstra '08 Goris** has joined the Hope College faculty as an assistant professor in the nursing department. She is also pursuing her Ph.D. at Michigan State University.

**Anna Jonkman '08** of Grand Rapids, Mich., attended Pedagogy & Theatre of the Oppressed conference in Berkeley, Calif. in May 2012. She also attended the prestigious Urban Bush Woman's Summer Leadership Institute in New Orleans, La., in July 2012. She is currently a second-year graduate student at the University of Michigan, seeking an MFA in dance choreography with an emphasis on

community engagement.

**Trevor Shull '08** received his doctorate of medicine from The Ohio State University Medical School and started his family medicine residency at the University of Michigan.

**Ashley DeVeitch '09** of Chicago, Ill., is the new director of communications at Metal Service Center Institute in Chicago, Ill.

**Jonathan Koopmans '09** of Byron Center, Mich., is a certified public accountant at Plante Moran.

**Monica Martinez '09 Kraai** is teaching at Innocademy in Zeeland, Mich.

**Jack Nummerdor III '09** is an eighth-grade mathematics teacher and varsity wrestling coach at Reeths-Puffer High School.

**Steven Pels '09** of Flossmoor, Ill., currently works as an environmental scientist for ARCADIS, U.S., Inc.

**Matthew Richardson '09** of Holland, Mich., is currently employed by Hope College as a part-time resident director, and is a full-time teacher with Hudsonville Public Schools.

**Briann Bryant '09 Richardson** of Holland, Mich., is currently teaching at Excel Charter Academy in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Samantha Stille '09** of Holland, Mich., is the new girls' tennis coach for Holland High School.

**Leah Wyatt '09 Vitale** of Point Pleasant, N.J., is a registered nurse in the emergency room at Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

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## 10s

**Caitlin Gardner '10** is teaching first grade at Beaubien Elementary School in the Chicago Public School system.

**Whitney Heneveld '10** of Grand Rapids, Mich., is working as a staff auditor at Beene Garter LLP in downtown Grand Rapids and recently earned her CPA. She is also working to achieve her Master of Science in accounting at Grand Valley State University.

**Amanda Karby '10** moved to Boston, Mass., to attend Emerson College to pursue a master's in publishing.

**Catherine Hoitenga '10 Koopmans** of Byron Center, Mich., is a certified child life specialist at Bronson Children's Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

**Jessenia Olmeda '10 Martinez** is the new program coordinator for the Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program at Hope College. She is also the resident director for Scott Hall with her husband, **Juan Martinez '10**.

**Kyle Mastenbrook '10** of Muskegon, Mich., is the varsity boys' basketball coach at Western Michigan Christian School in Muskegon, Mich.

**Preston Pierson '10** is teaching social studies in the Global Tech 21 Program at East Kentwood High School.

**Daniel Anderson '11** is teaching and coaching football at Ashbrook High School in Gastonia, N.C.

**Devin Berghorst '11** is attending University of Michigan in the master's of higher education administration program and is working in the office of Greek life as a graduate assistant.

**Cassidy Bulthuis '11** is a third-grade teacher at Lincoln Park Elementary School.

**Mary Cantor '11** is a character performer at Walt Disney World.

**James Colten '11** of Wheaton, Ill., is the assistant to the CEO at Sojourners in Washington, D.C.

**Lorie DeGraaf '11** is teaching seventh- and eighth-grade social studies at Ridge Park Charter Academy in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Kelsey Engle '11** is a fifth-grade teacher at Carpenter Elementary School in Park Ridge, Ill.

**Tess Heerema '11** is teaching kindergarten in Skokie, Ill.

**Ashley Jasperse '11** is teaching kindergarten in Byron Center, Mich.

**Jonathan Kinsey '11** of Philadelphia, Pa., is a sales service representative at Aon in Hatboro, Penn.

**Carrie Lehocky '11** is a physical wellness educator at Macatawa Middle School and Harbor Lights Middle School in Holland, Mich.

**Kristen Michels '11** is teaching kindergarten at Cornerstone Christian in Brighton, Mich.

**Jilli Schuler '11** is a K-12 art teacher at White Pigeon Community Schools.

**Aftan Snyder '11** recently accepted a position as associate editor of *The Washington Quarterly*, a prominent foreign policy journal hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

**Rachel Syens '11** is attending Kent State University in Kent, Ohio in pursuit of a master's degree in public history.

**Jonathan Weppler '11** is teaching music at District 70 Butterfield Elementary School in Libertyville, Ill.

**Emilie Anderson '12** of Fenton, Mich., is an athletic trainer at Hope College.

**Katie Anderson '12** is teaching at Eagle Crest in Holland, Mich.

**Esther Barrett '12** of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a full-time realtor with Charles Reinhart Company, Realtors.

**Alisha Boeve '12** is a K-5 resource room teacher in the Hamilton Community School District at Bentheim Elementary.

**Erin Carmody '12** is the head girls' cross country coach at West Ottawa middle schools.

**Nydia Chavarria '12** of Holland, Mich., is a dual language teacher, teaching in the two-way bilingual immersion program at Holland West K-7.

**Kristen Craig '12** is a para professional in Buffalo Grove, Ill.

**Kendra Donze '12** is a Title 1 para professional, working with sixth graders at Riley Middle School in Hudsonville, Mich.

**Jillian Doran '12** is teaching first grade at Lincoln Elementary in Saint Joseph, Mich.

**Sarah Eastman '12** is teaching kindergarten in Saint Joseph, Mich.

**Alyssa Emerling '12** is a special-education teacher at Norview High School in Norfolk, Va.

**Amanda French '12** has accepted a special-education position in Midland.

**Carly Henkel '12** is working with middle and high school youth at Real Life Fellowship in Holland, Mich.

**Katie Herm '12** is a fifth-grade inclusion teacher in Niles, Mich.

**Rachel Immink '12** of Hamilton, Mich., is teaching third grade at West Ward Elementary School in Allegan, Mich.

**Hillary Johnson '12** is a social studies teacher at Hamilton Middle School.

**Cortney Kimmel '12** is a mathematics teacher at Lake Orion High School, teaching ACT Prep, advanced algebra and pre-calculus.

**Tiffany Kuipers '12** is attending Grand Valley State University to obtain a doctorate of nursing practice in the adult/older adult nurse practitioner track.

**Kate Lawrence '12** is working for ESCAPE with at-risk/under-resource youth in Holland and is the program director for the alternative suspension accountability program.

**Lisa Markham '12** is a first-grade teacher at Star International Academy,

part of Hamadeh Education Services Charter School.

**Kyle McLellan '12** has been hired by Disher Design & Development in Zeeland, Mich., in electro-mechanical engineering.

**Amanda Miller '12** is a para professional at West Kelloggsville Elementary School in Grand Rapids, Mich., working with second- and third-grade at-risk students.

**Mieke Mutschler '12** is an instructional para professional at Park Elementary in Hudsonville, Mich.

**Amanda Newbold '12** is working at Northeast Educational Center in Fruitport, Mich.

**Caleb Nykamp '12** of Holland, Mich., is the director of leadership development at Christ Memorial Church in Holland.

**Luther Olson '12** is teaching seventh-grade, eighth-grade precalculus and calculus mathematics at Wapsie Valley High School in Iowa.

**Robin Pulsifer '12** is a music teacher at Grattan Academy in Greenville, Mich.

**Kayla Ruiter '12** teaches at Lighthouse Academy in Kentwood, Mich.

**Hannah Schouten '12** is teaching fifth-grade at Avalon Elementary School in Naples, Fla.

**Lindsey Springstroh '12** is teaching at Lane Tech in Chicago, Ill.

**Emily Stolz '12** is teaching middle school special education near Charleston, S.C.

**Megan Sutika '12** is a special-education teacher in a self-contained autistic classroom at Providence High School in Charlotte, N.C.

**Marco Tori '12** is working at Compass Housing Alliance in downtown Seattle, Wash., for one year with Lutheran Volunteer Corp.

**Erin VanDellen '12** is teaching first grade at Innocademy in Zeeland, Mich.

**Gerrit Veltman '12** of Holland, Mich., is a merchandise associate for kids gear and accessories at Meijer in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Stacy Victory '12** is a fourth-grade teacher at Thornapple Kellogg Schools in Middleville, Mich.

**Shelby Westra '12** is teaching fifth grade in Colorado Springs, Colo.



**Paul Austin '12** is working in Izmir, Turkey, at a private high school, spending the school year helping students prepare for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) proficiency examination, and the SAT if they are interested in studying in the United States. The opportunity developed from his tenure this summer as a counselor at Camp Bradley in Istanbul, through which children developed their English skills mentored by foreign counselors while engaging in arts, crafts, sports and other activities.

Dawn Flandermeyer '05 and John Kopp, Sept. 1, 2012.

Chris Johnson '05 and Nicole Gugino '07, April 24, 2010.

Heather Amundsen '06 and Patrick Lobejko, May 18, 2012.

Ashley Glickman '06 and Michael Kozma, July 1, 2012, Northbrook, Ill.

Jillian Koestner '06 and David Allen, April 2011.

Heidi Lam '06 and Shawn Winkler, June 30, 2012, Hudsonville, Mich.

Seth Teater '06 and Jenna Van Meeteren, July 16, 2012, Harbor Springs, Mich.

Eric Johnson '07 and Carrie Thomason '07, July 7, 2012, Holland, Mich.

Erika Martin '07 and Andrew Boehm, July 22, 2012.

Jennifer Hansen '08 and Forrest Sincoff Gard, June 16, 2012, Grand Haven, Mich.

Sarah Oosterink '08 and Stephan Mathos, June 16, 2012.

Jill Immink '09 and Andrew Knaus, July 14, 2012.

Jonathan Koopmans '09 and Catherine Hoitenga '10, June 15, 2012.

Melyn Tank '09 and Jay Vandenberg, July 28, 2012.

Leah Wyatt '09 and Jay Vitale, Dec. 3, 2011.

Kayla Borgman '10 and Joshua Fik, July 27, 2012.

Emily Cook '10 and Preston Pierson '10, June 30, 2012, Holland, Mich.

## Marriages

George DeBoer '66 and Jill Martin, Empire, Mich.

Tom Davelaar '72 and Anne Bakker '85, July 7, 2012, Holland, Mich.

Matthew Cook '02 and Marion Vallet, July 14, 2012, Concord, Mass.

Melissa Roop '02 and Christopher Cordes, June 30, 2012, Corrales, N.M.

Alicia Kaneshiro '02 and Stan Setoda, June 12, 2012.

Lesli Fisher '05 and Richard Lavery, July 7, 2012, Holland, Mich.

Lauren Geerlings '10 and Christopher Nelis '10, July 20, 2012.  
Emily Sicard '10 and Trevor Nickerson, Aug. 11, 2012, Holland, Mich.

Kallie Walker '10 and Andrew Spidahl, May 26, 2012.

Julie Ekdom '11 and Christopher Reuschel '12, June 29, 2012.

Paul Rice '11 and Jillian Conner '12, July 7, 2012.

Jonathan Weppeler '11 and Laura Gegg, July 14, 2012.

Paige Barendse '12 and Noah Bosma, April 7, 2012.

Nickolas Boeve '12 and Alisha Compagner '12, Aug. 10, 2012.

Eric Dulmes '12 and Kate Schramper '12, June 2, 2012, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.

Bethany Gravert '12 and Zach Nordhof, June 2, 2012.

Hannah Green '12 and Brandon VanderBeek, July 13, 2012.

Michael Huisingh '12 and Nicole TenBrink, Aug. 3, 2012, Holland, Mich.

Matt Herm '12 and Katherine Karlowicz '12, July 14, 2012, Holland, Mich.

## New Arrivals

Erik Nimz '89 and Katherine Nimz, Tristan James, April 20, 2012.  
Sarah Rickert '93 and Steve Carver, Matthew, Jan. 22, 2012.

Vicki Goeman '94 Hillary and Donald Hillary, Emily Catherine, Sept. 27, 2011.

Kenneth Osborn '96 and Stephanie Osborn, Terin Thomas, June 19, 2011.

Michelle Rhoades '97 Buist and Trent Buist, Payten Daniel, July 19, 2012.

Camie Hoeksema '97 LaPorte and Jeff LaPorte, Bennett Jeffrey, March 1, 2012.

Monica Mellen '97 Crandell and Brad Crandell '98 brought home twins on June 14, 2012; Reuben Gebremikael and Arlo Tsegazeab were born in Ethiopia on Dec. 18, 2010.

Amy Strassburger '98 VanStee and John VanStee, William Jiho, brought home from Seoul, South Korea, on April 13, 2012.

Emily LaLonde '99 MacNellis and Scott MacNellis, Molly Laura, April 30, 2012.

Amanda Matthews '99 Oppenhuizen and Jim Oppenhuizen, Tess Avery, Sept. 11, 2011.

Megan Radcliffe '99 Mills and Joel Mills, Judah Paxton, Feb. 28, 2012.

Guy Risedorph '99 and Sarah Kuipers '99 Risedorph, Gretchen Adelle, Aug. 30, 2012.

Kathryn Schmidt '00 Graf and Luke Graf, Vivienne Elizabeth, Aug. 30, 2011.

Janet Librizzi '00 Kucek and Robert Kucek, Audrey Lynn, March 29, 2012.

Mike Bona '01 and Lindsay Johnville '02 Bona, Jonathan Jacob, Sept. 10, 2011.

Rachel Kuipers '01 Compton and John Compton, Willa Beatrice, June 5, 2012.

Joshua Danek '01 and Carrie Williams '03 Danek, Noah James, Aug. 22, 2012.

Jennifer Mark '01 Gouveia and Matthew Gouveia, Luke James, Sept. 12, 2012.

Carolyn Kremm '01 Smarszcz and Ryan Smarszcz '01, Benjamin Michael, July 10, 2012.

Benjamin Wing '01 and Heather Dustin '02 Wing, Evan Daniel, Aug. 5, 2011.

Robin Oppenhuizen '01 Zondervan and Ray Zondervan adopted Nathan Xinyu Zondervan, born Aug. 24, 2010, from Yunnan, China, on Feb. 21, 2012.

Jeff Anderson '02 and Jenn Anderson, Brady August, May 6, 2012.

Brian Bredeway '02 and Candi Bredeway, Madelynn Grace, Sept. 7, 2012.

Megan Zeneberg '02 Freudigmann and Alan Freudigmann, Quinn Thomas Peter, July 22, 2012.

Kari Rakosky '02 Gruppen and Matt Gruppen, Ruby Elise, July 24, 2012.

Jennifer Chalifoux '02 Saban and Pablo Saban, Fabiana Jane, May 31, 2012.

Andria Hundt '03 Amendt and Cory Amendt, Claire Elizabeth, Oct. 6, 2011.

April Sipe '03 Lawrence and Phil Lawrence, Grant Landon, Nov. 11, 2011.

Bryant Loomis '03 and Becky Byker '04 Loomis, Hudson Philip, Aug. 4, 2010, and William Jay, July 28, 2012.

Brandon Maas '03 and Jillian Pettijohn '05 Maas, Ainsley Jane, April 14, 2012.

Emily Selden '03 Morgan and Andrew Morgan, Jacob Andrew, Oct. 17, 2011.

Joshua Vork '03 and Mindy Beukema '04 Vork, Annelise Rose, July 17, 2012.

Rebecca Barry '04 Bishop and Joshua Bishop, Oliver Michael, Aug. 11, 2012.

Blake Konny '04 and Stephanie Konny, Micah, Nov. 15, 2011.

Justin Kribs '04 and Ashley Farr '05 Kribs, Delaney Faye, June 9, 2012.

Julie Maxwell '04 Leeson and Mark Leeson '04, Maximus Peter, July 31, 2012.

Jeffrey Heydlauff '05 and Katherine Heydlauff, Charlotte Mae, April 17, 2012.

Chris Johnson '05 and Nicole Gugino '07 Johnson, Claire Elizabeth, May 31, 2012.

Jim Librizzi '05 and Julia Jones '06 Librizzi, Penelope Jean, March 3, 2012.

Kortney DeVito '05 Marlatt and Nick Marlatt, Maren Penelope, June 5, 2012.

Candace Graham '05 Molenkamp and Ryan Molenkamp, Lyla Rose, Aug. 30, 2012.

Amy McEwan '06 Flavin and William Flavin '06, William James IV, July 24, 2012.

Ben Mannino '06 and Michelle Graves '06 Mannino, Alexandra Rose, June 24, 2012.

Joy Wilkins '06 and Jeremy Berghorst, Benjamin, July 5, 2012.

Derek Cooper '07 and Carolyn Cooper, Cole Daniel, June 18, 2012.

Kurtis DeHorn '07 and Stephanie Poll '07 DeHorn, Maya Lynn, Aug. 16, 2012.

Allison Adams '07 Frazey and Brent Frazey, Declan John, July 17, 2012.

Joshua Frushour '07 and Annette Opach '08 Frushour, Ronan Michael, June 16, 2012.

Matthew Van Beck '07 and Joanna Van Beck, Jack Peter, July 31, 2012.

Rachel Rees '09 Austin and Andrew Austin, Ethan Scott, March 9, 2012.

Cydney Remy '10 Sheneman and Michael Sheneman, Remy Faye, Aug. 10, 2012.

Victoria Baar '10 Zokoe and Caleb Zokoe, Jameson Andrew, Aug. 6, 2012.

## Advanced Degrees

Gavin Loo '93, Master of Arts in translation, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, December 2011.

Callie Budd '01, Master of Social Work, Michigan State University, May 4, 2012.

Grant Heller '02, Ph.D., clinical psychology, University of Detroit Mercy, May 2012.

Sarah Hokenson '02 Therkindsen, Institute of Massage Education at Kalamazoo Center For the Healing Arts, July 2012.

John Kran '03, Master of Science, agricultural economics, Purdue University; Master of Business Administration, Indiana University Kelley School of Business, 2011.

Jennifer Price '04, Master of Science, Stony Brook University, May 2010.

Brandon Beebe '05, master's in theological studies, Bakke Graduate University, June 2012.

Jim Boerkoel '05, Ph.D. in computer science and engineering, University of Michigan, August 2012.

Caroline Ill '05, Master of Science in education with a specialization in early childhood education, Capella University, June 2012.

Kortney DeVito '05 Marlatt, Master of Education, Western Washington University, June 9, 2012.

Matthew Zuska '05, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery, April 2012.

Liz Otton '06 Boerkoel, Master of Social Work, University of Michigan, December 2007.

Patricia Cross '06, Master of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago, May 2009, and J.D., Barry University School of Law, Orlando, Fla.

Anthony Kreucher '06, Master of Arts in theology, Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

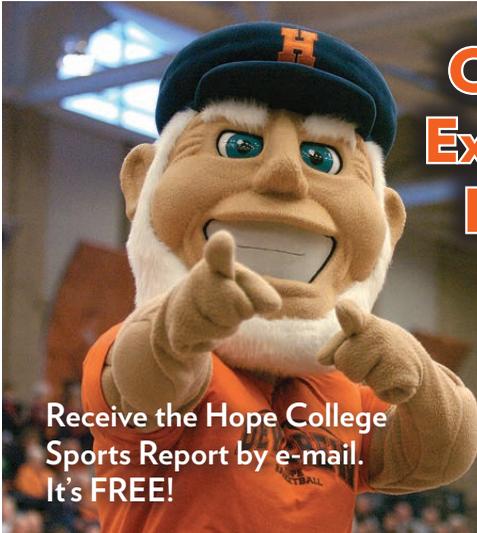
Lindsay Goodell '08, Doctor of Medicine, Wayne State University School of Medicine, May 2012.

Kelly Post '08, MBA in marketing, Thunderbird School of Global Management, August 2012.

Amanda M. McNeil '09, Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 19, 2012.

Haleigh Gokey '10, Master of Public Health, Oregon State University, June 2012.

Erika Bruinsma '11, Master of Business Administration from the FIMBA (14-month Fully Integrated MBA) first graduating class, Grand Valley State University, August 2012.



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## 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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### Esther VanAlsburg '40

**Aardsma** of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012. She was 93.

She received the 4,000-hour award from Holland Hospital, where she was a longtime volunteer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard "Dick" Aardsma '40; daughter, Betsy Aardsma; grandson, Lorin Wegner; brothers, Franklin VanAlsburg and Donald VanAlsburg '27; and sister, Ruth VanAlsburg '31 Cotts.

Survivors include her son, Richard "Rick" (Marilyn) Aardsma '71; daughters, Carole Aardsma '64 and Kathy (Art) Tessimond; three grandchildren, including Rachel (Darryl '96) Wegner; and sister-in-law, Lucy (Frank) VanAlsburg.

**Joyce Leighley '58 Beckering** of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Friday, Aug. 31, 2012. She was 75.

She worked for the YMCA as director of programming for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Kenneth Leighley.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Beckering Jr. '58; her sons, Raymond (Jane) Beckering III, James (Kristan) Beckering '94 and Thomas (Nicole) Beckering; five grandchildren; and siblings-in-laws, Hope Beckering '65 (Richard '63) Brandsma and California (Francine) Leighley.

**Jone Bosch '79** of South Olive, Mich., died on Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. She was 62.

She worked for Evergreen Commons for several years.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jean Bosch.

Survivors include her father, John Bosch; siblings, Julia (Burt) Bergman, Jay (Mary) Bosch, Jack Bosch, Joyce Zwagerman, Jeffrey Bosch, Joe (Karla) Bosch, Jillaine (Marc) Elzinga, and James (Lori) Bosch.

### Sarella VanOss '42

**Bossenbroek** of Grandville, Mich., died on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012. She was 91.

She helped her husband, Leonard Bossenbroek, serve four churches in South Dakota, Iowa and Michigan. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Carl (Nancy) Bossenbroek, James (Carla) Bossenbroek, Steven (Elaine) Bossenbroek, and Lorin (Debra) Bossenbroek; 18 grandchildren, including Chloe Bossenbroek '09 and Chelsea Bossenbroek '09 (Zachary '09) Snyder; 26 great-grandchildren; sister, Leona Van Oss; and brother, Forrest (Jane) VanOss '53.

**Gerard Cook '44** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012. He was 89.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a fighter pilot in World War II. He had a long business career.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry (Wilhelmina) Cook; and siblings, Orwin (Muriel) Cook, Evelyn (Jay) Forney, Myrna (Woody) Bos, and Marlene Cook.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian Tardiff '44 Cook; children, Bill Cook and Bob (Evonne) Cook '72; two grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

**David Coster '59** of Hobart, N.Y., died on Monday, Sept. 17, 2012. He was 77.

He was an elementary English and history teacher.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Buys '59 Coster; daughter, Sheryl Thornley; son, Steven (Lisa) Coster; five grandchildren; brothers, James Coster, Berend Coster and Thomas Coster; and sister, Connie Bruegmann.

**Ardis Bishop '55 Fitt** of North Muskegon, Mich., died on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012. She was 79.

She taught at Kalamazoo Central High School and in the North Muskegon Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Richard "Dick" Bishop.

Survivors include her husband, Don Fitt; her children, Dan Fitt and Kelly (Geoffrey) White; four grandchildren; sister-in-law, Dottie Bishop; and two nephews.

**Kermit Hogenboom '53** of Gerry, N.Y., died on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012. He was 81.

He served for two years in the U.S. Army.

He was the pastor of churches in Leeds and Montgomery, N.Y., Detroit, Mich., Sherman, Knox and Thompson's Lake, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joshua (Dena Habink '22) Hogenboom '25; and his step-mother.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Hogenboom; his children, Laurel (Arthur) Buettner, Janice Hogenboom and Timothy (Jennifer) Hogenboom; three grandchildren; his brother, Dean (Marion) Hogenboom '56; and nieces and nephews, including, Kathleen Hogenboom '85 (Greg '87) Olgers.

**William Jesiek '41** of Macatawa, Mich., died on Monday, Aug. 13, 2012. He was 93.

He served as a pilot and flight instructor in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He worked in the family business, Jesiek Brothers Shipyard.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ginny Jesiek.

Survivors include his sister, Lois Jesiek Kayes; nieces, Karen Kayes '84; Linda (Richard) King; and nephew, Jeff (Sandra DeWitt '87) Kayes '86.

**Margaret Bilkert '41 Lemmer** of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Sept. 21, 2012. She was 92.

Survivors include her three daughters, Ann Lemmer '72 (Barry '74) Brugger, Trisha Lemmer '74 (Dave '73) Gosselar and Robin Lemmer '77 (Bob) Zarhay; her son, Rick Lemmer '70; nine grandchildren, including Joshua (Jennifer Linton '01) Brugger '00; three great-grandsons; sister, Barbara Bilkert '47 (Donald '48) Mulder; and nephew, Scott (Laura Sherwood '88) Mulder '85.

**Abraham Moerland '50** of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Aug. 31, 2012. He was 87.

He was enlisted in the U.S. Navy and a veteran of World War II.

He taught and coached in Byron Center and Union high schools for more than 35 years.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Adam Lucas.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Elin "Ellie" Moerland; children, Abe (Wanda) Moerland, Voni (Phil) Lucas, Mark (Jill) Moerland, Kari (Ray) Fron, Tim (Carolyn) Moerland, Paul (Kathy) Moerland, and Jon (Judy) Moerland; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

**John Myaard '45** of Forest Grove, Mich., died on Friday, Aug 31, 2012. He was 87.

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

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Brian Myaard; great-grandson, Keaton Postma-Roelofs; and his sister, Pat DeYoung.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Iris VandeBunte '49 Myaard; children, Jack (Cheryl) Myaard, Chuck (Sharon) Myaard '78, Ed (Peg) Myaard and David (Birgit) Myaard '83; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert (Evie) Myaard and Jerald (Gloria) Myaard; and sisters-in-law, Ruth VandeBunte '47 Boss, Theresa VandeBunte and Kay Bolm.

**Helena Tinklenberg '54 Patlak** of Cooper City, Fla., died on Tuesday, Sept 18, 2012. She was 80.

She taught high school in the Bahamas.

Survivors include her husband, Erwin Patlak; sister, Kathryn Genandt; eight children, David (Maryanne Hale) Patlak, Rachel (Dirk) Happ, Joshua (Drusilla van Hengel) Patlak, Jonathan Patlak, Daniel Patlak, Susan Patlak, Rebekah (Sean) Kohles and Sarah Patlak; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**L. Roger Patterson '46** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Sunday, June 24, 2012. He was 87.

He was a teacher and a retiree of the Grand Rapids Public Libraries.

Survivors include his sister, Joan (Richard) Carroll.

**Chester Postma '40** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012. He was 93.

He served in several Reformed churches in Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin. After retirement he was the pastor of visitation at Beechwood Reformed Church for 19 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Ruth Postma.

Survivors include his children, Charles (Pat) Postma '67, Nelleatha (Paul) Triesenberg, Evelyn (Randall) DeGraaf and Linda (Jim) Allen; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

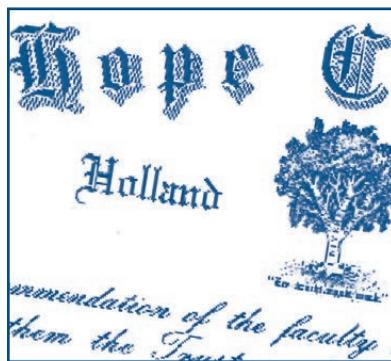
**Alma Kramer '45 Reed** of Tampa, Fla., died on Tuesday, July 17, 2012. She was 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Reed; and daughter, Mary Ann Reed '76 Dunham.

Survivors include her daughter, Jane Reed, two granddaughters; one great-grandson; and sisters-in-law, Georgia (Paul) Danahy, Rita Bennett and Coppi Reed.

**Wilson Duke "Tex" Richardson '77** of Las Vegas, Nev., died on Thursday, July 19, 2012. He was 59.

He was a conductor and writer, and toured with Lola Falona until she retired. He also toured with Robert Geon and Nancy Wilson. He composed and arranged several musical scores.



**A total of 19 seniors graduated with honors in July. Please visit the college's web site for the list.**

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He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his fiancée, Christina Collins; daughter, Avia Collins; and a sister.

**David Saxton '43** of La Plata, Md., died on Friday, March, 30, 2012. He was 90.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He retired as chief, basic weather branch, National Meteorological Center.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Saxton; seven children; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Justine Dakin '62 Schoeplein** of Urbana, Ill., died Monday, Sept. 3, 2012. She was 71.

She served as speechwriter and education policy adviser for the first U.S. Secretary of Education during the Carter administration. She was the election judge for many local campaigns.

Survivors include her daughter, Melissa Schoeplein; former husband, Bob Schoeplein; and brother, Robert (Mary) Dakin.

**Carl Schroeder '53** of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, Sept. 3, 2012. He was 80.

He served as minister of care and minister to seniors at Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marian Buteyn.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Van Heest '55 Schroeder; children, David (Margy Gudes) Schroeder '78, Cynthia Schroeder '81 (Rogelio) Rodriguez, and Cathy Schroeder '84 (Hank) Risley; six grandchildren; sister, Joan Schroeder '60 (Lee '60) Wenke; brother-in-law, Donald (Suzanne) Buteyn '48; and in-laws, Rhea Van Heest '52 Arnold, Gerard (Eloise Hinkamp '51) Van Heest '49, Jackie Van Heest '52 (Don '52) DeYoung, Neil (Mary Lou Richards '54) Van Heest '52, Harriet Van Heest '58 (Ted '57) Bechtel and Wilma Van Heest '62 (Lyn) Seaver.

**Richard Schulz '56** of Newberry Township, Pa., died on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012. He was 78.

He taught mathematics and physics at the College of Southern Maryland.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Schulz.

Survivors include his wife, Gail Schulz; son, Richard Carl (Shannon) Schulz; daughter, Sarah Ann; and brother, Carl (Judy) Schulz.

**Russell Sybesma '59** of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012. He was 83.

He worked for International Aid and was a calling pastor at Ottawa Reformed Church after his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Laurine Brueker; and a brother-in-law, Don Brueker.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Elaine Sybesma; children, Larry (Jodi) Sybesma, James (Angie) Sybesma, Nancy (Don) Frank and Sharon (Robert) Taylor; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Simon (Gertrude) Sybesma; sister, Adeline Sybesma '46; and in-laws, Lil (Gerben) Voetberg, Gloria (Ken) Haverdink and Dale (Dee) Veldeer.

**Velma Korf '64 Turner** of Charlotte, N.C., died on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012. She was 69.

She retired from a career with the Orange County School System as director in several divisions including labor relations.

Survivors include her husband, Carl Turner; step-daughter, Lora Turner; step granddaughter, Shelby Walker; brother, Harold (Ida) Korf; and brother-in-law, Jim (Patti) Turner.

**Margaret Alber '54 Van Dahm** of Muskegon, Mich., died on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012. She was 80.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jon Van Dahm.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Van Dahm '52; son, Gregory (Sara) Van Dahm; and two grandchildren, including Melissa Van Dahm '09.

**Harold Vande Bunte '47** of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012. He was 86.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during World War II, where he earned a Purple Heart.

He owned Bunte's Pharmacy in Holland and Zeeland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Kreun '52 Vande Bunte.

Survivors include his children, Michael (Karen) Vande Bunte, John (Heide) Vande Bunte, Gail (Allen) de Somer and Jean (Fred) Nelis; 11 granddaughters; brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; nieces; nephews and cousins.

**Dale VanLente '46** of Redwood Valley, Calif., died on Tuesday, July 17, 2012. He was 88.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps officer during World War II and the Korean War.

He taught insurance curriculum at Hope College from 1962 to 1979.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Van Lente; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Eileen VanLente '43 (Bill) LaBarge and Phyllis Van Lente '47 (Benjamin '47) Bowmaster.

Survivors include his daughters, Gretel Van Lente Miller and Katrina Van Lente Frey; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Peter van Lierop '46** of Bensenville, Ill., died on Saturday, July 28, 2012. He was 94.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He served as a missionary for 30 years in the Republic of Korea, where he founded Kyong An High School and worked as a professor with Yonsei University.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Eleanor van Lierop; children, Peter (Cheryl) van Lierop '65, Bernard (Christine) van Lierop '70, Eleanor van Lierop '73 (James '74) Warrington, Martha (Michael) Valasek and Andrea (John) Paik-Tesch; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

**June Cook '38 Westveer** of Fort Myers, Fla., died on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012. She was 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband Willard Westveer '36.

Survivors include her children, Betty Voit, Barb Schiffner and Doug Westveer '71.

**Robert Winter '37** of Bremen, Maine, died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2012. He was 97.

He was originally from Holland, Mich., where his father, Henry Winter, served as treasurer of the college, secretary and treasurer of the college's Board of Trustees, and vice president of People's State Bank (now Fifth Third) on Eighth Street in the 1940s.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving on a PT boat in the South Pacific.

He was a chemist and produced photographic papers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olive Wishmeier '36 Winter; and his eldest daughter, M. Jean Tarte.

Survivors include his two daughters, Mary Winter and Susan Winter.

**Stephen Weiden '68** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012. He was 66.

He served in the U.S. Army for six years, including a deployment to Korea.

He worked as a social worker for 42 years in Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Weiden.

Survivors include his mother, Laura Weiden; his brothers, Roger (Carol) Weiden '69, Kendall (Jan) Weiden, Jeffrey (Peg) Weiden and Michael (M.K.) Weiden; and eight nieces and nephews, including Stacy Weiden '95 (Bryan) Paper.

## Sympathy to

The family of **John Watson** of Fort Myers, Fla., who died on Tuesday, July 31, 2012. He was 77.

He taught computer science at Hope College from 1976 to 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Watson; son, Douglas (Terri) Watson; daughter, Janet (Martin) Schappell; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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## *En Plein Air*

The sun smiled on Hope across Orientation Weekend in August, an auspicious beginning for the newly arrived Class of 2016 and to the college's 151st academic year. On campus as his youngest child, John, began his Hope journey, freshman parent Steve Puttrich of Arlington Heights, Ill., enjoyed a quiet moment among Hope landmarks, and an opportunity to record the visit in a unique and personal way. "Both my wife and I are artists. Wherever we go, we bring our painting gear with us," said Steve, whose daughter Emilie graduated from the college in 2009. "I'm always fascinated by the light that is at and surrounding the Hope campus," he said. "What caught my eye was the sunlight coming through those two buildings. It was actually shining on some of the foliage," he noted. "That playing of the light was really intriguing to me."

# The Arts at Hope College

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Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series

Ben Rector, Visiting Artist

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Student Dance Concerts

Hope College Alumni Art Show

