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Building Community

Neighbor-focused experience offers lasting lessons

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On the Cover

Phelps Scholar Colin Whitehead '17 and Hope Neighbors Community participant Clara Starr '15 help out at Nuestra Casa, the soon-to-be new community center for Holland's Westcore neighborhood. Reflections about Hope Neighbors Community by participant Katy Carlson '13, who took the cover photograph and numerous others as part of her chronicle, are on page eight.



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“Quote, unquote”

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



As the first speaker in the college's new Presidential Colloquium series, Dr. Richard Carwardine appropriately focused on a president himself, presenting "Abraham Lincoln and the Lessons of Leadership."

*Dr. Carwardine, who is president of Corpus Christi College of the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, is an internationally recognized authority on the 16th president. His analytical biography of Lincoln won the Lincoln Prize in 2004 and was subsequently published in the United States as **Lincoln: A Life of Purpose and Power**. In July 2009, as an adviser to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, he convened—with his Corpus colleague Dr. Jay Sexton—an international conference in Oxford to examine Abraham Lincoln's global legacy, the proceedings of which appeared as **The Global Lincoln**.*

While speaking at Hope on Wednesday, Sept. 25, he cautioned against too fully embracing Lincoln as a guide for the 21st century, noting that the president's times were an inextricable part of his experience and of the nation's experience of him. He noted that Lincoln nevertheless continues to be relevant, albeit not "for specific policy prescriptions but rather for personal qualities, ideals, principles, and political method." The following excerpts, drawn from the closing moments of his talk, offer thoughts on ways in which Lincoln's convictions, personality and approach to leadership provide lessons for today.

“First, Lincoln held firm to his faith in the Enlightenment ideas of natural law and natural rights as expressed in the egalitarian principles of the Declaration of Independence, and reiterated at Gettysburg. His democratic republican creed gave him a moral compass to guide him even when his political route was by force of circumstances roundabout and indirect. He never wavered in his belief that it was the United States' role to show the world how the weights should and could be lifted from the shoulders of struggling humankind.

“Second, bringing those ideals to fruition demanded both strategic vision and a steady determination to hold to policy positions, once adopted. Lincoln's determination, during the crisis winter of 1860-61, not to compromise over his party's stand on restricting slavery to its present limits, never wavered. He was immovable when pressed to consider an armistice with the South that would have reneged on the promises of the Emancipation Proclamation. At the same time he was fatalistic (though not passive) over the limits of his power as well as its opportunities.

“Third, Lincoln offers a model of how a leader can remain grounded in the people. As an elected politician in Illinois and then as president he did not closet himself away but kept his doors open, and continued to have faith in the capacity of ordinary citizens to respond to rational discussion, and a faith in 'the power of the right word' to educate the public through reasoned argument and appeals to conscience. He spoke eloquently but with great clarity, in language that — as Harriet Beecher Stowe put it — had 'the relish and smack of the soil'. It was not enough to follow public opinion: the people's understanding had to be shaped and fostered, not by abhorrent name-calling and rebarbative, divisive party chauvinism.

“Fourth, Lincoln's personal qualities equipped him for generous leadership: a lack of ego, an aversion to courses of political action driven by hate, a remarkable self-control and slowness to anger.

“Finally, and above all, Lincoln worked politically in the fundamental belief that there was a common good that had to be protected from the demands of special interests and from narrow partisanship — what Madison before him had called the 'strong passions of momentary interests'. For Madison — as his biographer, Ralph Ketcham, puts it — 'factious politics were always part of free, self-government, but it was necessary to rise above them to achieve a deliberative politics where "reason, justice, and truth can regain their authority over the public mind;" that is, be attentive to the public good.”

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From Our Family to Yours

As our family gathers to celebrate Christmas in the President's Home, we wish you a season overflowing with the joy and peace of Jesus Christ. Like so many families of Hope students, we will be reunited with three of our own children who are away at college — Tracy, Charlie and Mary. We'll also be joined by our daughter Amanda, her husband Brian and our new granddaughter Sophia.

Our family is grateful to the extended Hope College family for the warm welcome we have received during our first semester on campus. It is indeed a blessing to be part of such a special community.

We pray that you will experience God's grace anew as we give thanks that "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14, NIV).

Christmas blessings,

John and Kelly Knapp

John and Kelly Knapp with their family: daughter Amanda with granddaughter Sophia, son-in-law Brian, daughter Tracy, sons Charlie and Ronnie, and daughter Mary.



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Events

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Jan. 5, Sunday—Residence halls open, noon
Jan. 7, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.
Feb. 7-12, Friday, 6 p.m. to Wednesday, 8 a.m.—Winter Recess
March 14-24, Friday, 8 a.m. to Monday, 8 a.m.—Spring Recess
April 24, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.
May 4, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement

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 the spring semester are:

Mon., Jan. 20 Fri., Feb. 14
Fri., Jan. 24 Mon., Feb. 17
Fri., Jan. 31 Fri., Feb. 28

Junior Days: Spring-semester Visit Day programs designed especially for juniors: Fri., March 28; Fri., April 4; Fri., April 11

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; or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422-9000.

DANCE

Dance 40—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 28-March 1; Thursday-Saturday, March 6-8
Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.
Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.

Student Dance Showcase—Friday-Saturday, April 11-12, Dow Center dance studio, and Monday-Tuesday, April 14-15, Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m. Admission is free.



MUSIC

Guest Artist—Friday, Jan. 17: mezzo soprano Linn Maxwell in *Hildegard of Bingen and the Living Light*, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Orchestra Concerto/Aria Concert—Friday, Jan. 24: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Hope College Young Artists Piano Competition—Saturday, Jan. 25: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 1 p.m. Admission is free.
Guest Artist—Sunday, Jan. 26: Robert Satterlee, piano, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m. Admission is free.
Jazz Arts Collective and Jazz Combos Concert—Tuesday, Feb. 4: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Wind Ensemble Concert—Friday, Feb. 14: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Musical Showcase—Monday, March 3: DeVos Hall, Grand Rapids, 8 p.m. Tickets tba.

Please visit Hope online for the complete list.

THEATRE

Middletown—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 14-15; Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 19-22
By Will Eno
DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.
As You Like It—Friday-Saturday, April 11-12; Wednesday-Saturday, April 16-19
By William Shakespeare
DeWitt Center, main theatre, most performances at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 19, at 2 p.m.

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

INSTANT INFORMATION

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

 hope.edu/pr/nfhc

ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Rivalry Satellite Parties—Saturday, Jan. 11
Hope-Calvin men's basketball.
Find locations at hopecalvin.com.
Winter Happening—Saturday, Jan. 25
Featuring multiple seminars and home men's basketball.
Alumni Weekend—Friday-Saturday, April 25-26
Includes reunion activities for the classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979 and 1984 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.



GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

eighth blackbird—Friday, Jan. 21, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Aquila Theatre: Fahrenheit 451—Tuesday, Feb. 18, Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Aquila Theatre: Twelfth Night—Wednesday, Feb. 19, Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Cherish the Ladies—Thursday, March 27, Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 for regular admission, \$13 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children 18 and under.

JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Ismet Prcic, Benjamin Busch, novel and memoir respectively, Thursday, Jan. 30, Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall
Brenda Hillman, Rowan Ricardo Phillips, poetry, Thursday, March 6, Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall
Amy Bloom, Thursday, April 17, novel, Knickerbocker Theatre
The readings will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free.



SPORTS SCHEDULES

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

DE PREE GALLERY

Work by Sarah Lindley—Friday, Jan. 10-Friday, Feb. 7
Work by Steven Milanowski—Friday, Feb. 21-Friday, March 21
Opening reception: Friday, Feb. 21, 5-6 p.m.
Graduating Senior Show—Friday, April 11-Sunday, May 4
Opening reception: Friday, April 11, 5-6 p.m.

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

TICKET SALES

Advance tickets are available at the ticket offices in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse and the Events and Conferences Office in the Anderson-Werkman Financial Center downtown. Both offices are open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.



VESPERS ON THE AIR

This year's Christmas Vespers was recorded for PBS television and service will be carried by radio stations around the country. Please visit the college online for the list or call the Office of Public and Community Relations at (616) 395-7860 for more information.



GROUNDBREAKING EVENT: The debut of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts is more than a year and a half distant (fall 2015), but the site has already hosted its first indoor performance.

The groundbreaking for the center on Wednesday, Oct. 23, included a reception with music by a four-student combo. The event was held in a massive tent that was temporarily installed at the Columbia Avenue location between Ninth and 10th streets.

Hundreds of members of the Hope and Holland communities gathered for the celebration, reflecting the great extent to which the new building will be a meaningful addition not only to the college but to West Michigan as an educational resource and cultural centerpiece. The emphasis during the ceremony was on the lasting difference that the facility will make by providing performance, rehearsal and learning space equal to supporting both the high quality of the program of today and even greater excellence in the future.

“I think many of my peers who are here today would agree with me when I say that the community in this department is not something anyone can find at just any other college. Our outstanding faculty do their best to provide for us an environment that fosters learning, creates a community of respect, and sparks interest in creating, exploring and communicating the language of music that we all have a passion for sharing,” said sophomore Aaron Goodyke of Zeeland, Mich., who is majoring in vocal music education and offered student perspective as one of the ceremony’s scheduled speakers. “The opportunity that the Jack Miller Center provides for us is one that brings this community to a higher level of collaboration and professionalism which will enhance the quality of this program and strengthen the fine arts at this college we love.”

Pictured performing are senior Meghan Stagl of Deerfield, Ill., senior Michael Graverson of Hamilton, Mich., senior Jared DeMeester of Grand Rapids, Mich., and freshman Andrew Sicard of South Haven, Mich. A gallery of images from the ceremony is available online.

hope.edu/pr/gallery



NYKERK WIN: The freshman Class of 2017 has won the 2013 Nykerk Cup competition, held on Saturday, Nov. 2, at filled-to-capacity Holland Civic Center in conjunction with Family Weekend.

A gallery of images from this year’s competition is available online.

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HOLLAND ACCLAIMED:

The college’s hometown continues to win national recognition.

For the third consecutive year, Holland has received the top spot in the 30,001-50,000 population category in the national America in Bloom competition. Holland also won this year’s national Outstanding Achievement Award for Heritage Preservation. As a multiple award winner, Holland is one of only nine cities in the country to hold America in Bloom’s “Circle of Champions” designation.

Holland has also been recognized for its beauty by Forbes, which has included the city as just one of 15 communities on its list of “America’s Prettiest Towns,” which recognizes “towns seemingly custom-designed for soaking in the sights, with charming main streets, a variety of activities and beautiful vistas.” In addition to citing the annual May Tulip Festival and Windmill Island Gardens specifically, Forbes’s description of Holland notes that “Holland attracts visitors year-round with wide beaches, a lively arts scene, shops that celebrate Dutch culture, and even a sidewalk snowmelt system that keeps downtown’s streets dry during those cold, wet Lake Michigan winter days.”

In addition, the Holland-Grand Haven region is the most secure mid-sized “city” (150,000-500,000 population) in the United States according to a recent study by Farmers Insurance based on criteria including crime statistics, economic stability, employment rates, extreme weather and housing depreciation.



FULBRIGHT SOURCE:

Hope has been recognized as a “U.S. Student Top Producer,” and is first in Michigan among bachelor’s institutions, for the number of students to receive Fulbright awards for 2013-14.

The U.S. Department of State announced in October the complete list of colleges and universities that produced the most 2013-14 Fulbright U.S. Students. The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program. The success of the top-producing institutions was highlighted in the Monday, Oct. 28, edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

A total of four students from Hope won Fulbright awards for 2013-14. Hope’s success rate was also high, with four of six applicants receiving awards.

Several Hope students or recent graduates have received the awards through the years, including four each in 2008 and 2009, two each in 2010 and 2011, and three in 2012.

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A VIEW OF HOPE: Live-action experience with Hope is only a few mouse-clicks away via the college’s YouTube channel.

The channel features a variety of segments produced by the college and is continually updated. Recent highlights range from an overview of programs at Hope on which the *A Greater Hope* campaign has had an impact, such as the “Hope Comes to Watts” May Term; to highlights of intercollegiate sports contests and interviews with student athletes; to the inauguration of President John C. Knapp; to the Hope segments prepared for broadcast during the Hope-Calvin men’s basketball games.

youtube.com/hopecollege



DIVERSITY HONOR: The department of chemistry has been honored by the American Chemical Society (ACS) and its Committee on Minority Affairs for advancing diversity.

The Midwest Region of the ACS has presented the department with the 2013 Stanley C. Israel Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences. The department was recognized for involving underrepresented minorities, women and students from diverse educational backgrounds in its summer research and academic year programs.

Major initiatives at the college have included developing relationships with community colleges, with a particular emphasis on providing members of underrepresented groups with opportunities to participate in collaborative research and seek a four-year degree from Hope after completing their two-year community-college program. Resources for students from underrepresented groups in the sciences include the peer-mentoring FACES program, which pairs new students with upperclassmen who share the benefit of their experience with Hope and also offers seminars, career counseling and other activities. Activities specific to the department include supporting students to attend the national meeting of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers.

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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 “IMAGES: A Reflection of Cultures,” presented annually by students as a celebration of the variety of cultural traditions represented by the student body. The event, held this year on Saturday, Nov. 16, regularly plays to a capacity audience in the college’s Knickerbocker Theatre in downtown Holland.

hope.edu/pr/gallery





Visiting Scholars Enrich Learning



Nobel Laureate Dr. Thomas R. Cech speaks with students during an informal reception at the A. Paul Schaap Science Center while on campus in November through the college's new Dr. Harrison C. Visscher '51 and Dr. Robert D. Visscher '51

An appreciative Hope community engaged with visiting Nobel Laureate Dr. Thomas R. Cech across two days in mid-November, culminating in his keynote presentation through one of Hope's newest endowed lectureships.

Dr. Cech, who won the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1989, is director of the BioFrontiers Institute and a Distinguished Professor in the Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Department at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He was on campus through the sponsorship of two lecture series: the Gentile Interdisciplinary

Lecture Fund, which was created in 2005, and the new Dr. Harrison C. Visscher '51 and Dr. Robert D. Visscher '51 Lectureship in Genetics, established this year through the *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign.

The addresses he delivered through the two series—the first focused on interdisciplinary research and education, and the second centered on his research—were the most visible components of his time on campus, but the spaces in between embodied the deeper value of such visits and why the campaign is seeking to make more of them possible. Hope is intentional about providing myriad opportunities for interaction between visiting speakers and students and faculty, from informal meetings to gatherings at lunch and dinner, because experience has shown that those encounters often have significant impact.

"When we bring a world-renowned scholar to campus, we want to benefit fully from their presence, so we look for opportunities for students and faculty to connect, to engage with them in a more personal way," said President John C. Knapp. "Our students not only enrich their understanding of their academic fields but forge connections with the larger scholarly community."

The lectureships established through *A Greater Hope* join a diverse cohort that includes both long tradition and newer pedigree, from the James W. and Jeanette Neckers Lectureship in Chemistry (1984), to the A.J. Muste Memorial Peace Lectureship (1985), to the Distinguished Lecture Series in Sports Medicine (circa 1997), to the Presidential Colloquium (September).

In addition to Dr. Cech, nationally and internationally known speakers who visited campus this fall included Dr. Richard Carwardine, who is president of Corpus Christi College at the University of Oxford and an expert on Abraham Lincoln; Dr. Evelyn Lincoln, a member of the Brown University faculty who is a scholar on Italian Renaissance prints, printmaking and book illustrations; Dr. James B. Maas, a leading authority and consultant on sleep and performance; and Dr. Mark Noll, a historian at the University of Notre Dame who is widely published on the

Lectureship in Genetics. Providing students with opportunities to engage directly with thought leaders from across the U.S. and around the world is an important benefit of bringing guest lecturers to campus.

history and current state of Christianity in the United States.

Junior history major Claire Barrett of Ann Arbor, Mich., appreciated the opportunity to meet with Dr. Carwardine during a lunch with students that was part of his visit as the premiere speaker through the Presidential Colloquium, which also included informal talks on Corpus Christi's role in the development of the King James Bible and Lincoln's impact globally, as well as a formal lecture on Lincoln and leadership. "I liked having the one-on-one experience and the opportunity to hear his ideas more in-depth and ask questions about them," she said.

Senior Ben Foss of Northfield, Minn., an international studies and political science major, likewise valued the chance to participate in discussion that included not only Dr. Carwardine but also President Knapp and Dr. Fred Johnson of the Hope history faculty.

"I thought it was an excellent idea to put students in a room with such brilliant minds as Dr. Johnson, President Knapp and Dr. Carwardine," Foss said. "The benefit to the student goes beyond the academic facts because these men are great examples for us as emerging adults."

That sort of impact is central to planning for the World Christian Lecture Series, which like the Visscher lectureship was established through *A Greater Hope*. "We work hard to identify speakers whose faith is going to inspire our students to be more faithful as students, as Christians and as people in the world," said Dr. Trygve Johnson, who is the Hinga-Boersma

Dean of the Chapel and coordinates the series.

Meaningful engagement is also at the heart of the new Dr. and Mrs. Norman '53 and Marcia Veldman '56 Thompson Lecture Series, which emphasizes connecting students with researchers in the medical or health fields, first meeting at Hope and subsequently through a visit to the speaker's home institution, so that the students can gain a deeper understanding of the sorts of careers for which their Hope experiences are preparing them. The series debuted in October with the Thompsons' son, himself a Hope alumnus: Dr. Robert Thompson '79, an internationally known researcher who is director of the Washington University Center for Thoracic Outlet Syndrome and a professor of surgery at the Washington University Medical School.

Just as Hope seeks to have a lasting impact on students through engagement with visiting speakers, the lectureships at their best can also have a lasting impact on Hope. For example, the Darell and Mary Schregardus Diversity Lecture, established through the campaign as part of the Phelps Scholars Program, has led to an ongoing relationship that even includes one of the college's newest off-campus courses. The "Hope

Comes to Watts" education May Term in Los Angeles, Calif., which started this past spring, developed through conversations that began when Gene and Sandra Fisher, founders of the Watts Learning Center, spoke through the series in January 2012.

Such outcomes require that the guests have a good experience, but the Hope community makes that easy.

"I hear again and again from those we have brought as lecturers how blessed, encouraged and inspired they are by our students," Dr. Johnson said.

It is also crucial that the speakers wish to visit in the first place.

"That Hope College with regularity attracts world-class thinkers to the campus speaks well of Hope and its reputation as a place of serious scholarship," President Knapp said. "People of this caliber, people like Nobel Laureates or the president of one of the most prestigious colleges in the world at Oxford, are willing to share their knowledge with us because Hope College is known as a place where ideas are valued and where thought leaders can engage with faculty and students who are eager to learn from them and with them." ✍️



Brothers Dr. Harrison C. Visscher '51 and Dr. Robert D. Visscher '51, pictured with visiting speaker Dr. Thomas R. Cech (center), endowed a lectureship in genetics through the *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign not only so that the campus community can learn from visiting leading scientists but to provide an opportunity for such scientists to experience firsthand the outstanding quality of Hope.



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



Students, faculty and community members alike fill Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall in September for the keynote presentation "Abraham Lincoln and the Lessons of Leadership" by Dr. Richard Carwardine, who is president of Corpus Christi College of the University of Oxford and an internationally recognized expert on Lincoln. Dr. Carwardine, whose time on campus included additional events ranging from two additional informal talks to a luncheon with students, was the first scholar to visit Hope through the new Presidential Colloquium, a semi-annual lecture series that brings internationally known thinkers to the college to share their insights on the academy, leadership and global civic engagement.



Learning in Community

By Katy Carlson '13

Living on campus is an important experience.

So is living off campus.

Last week I wrote a paper in my Senior Seminar class in which I described some of my influential experiences at Hope. I wrote about how my experience at Hope would have been different if I had not lived on campus. The environment of Hope's campus allowed me to build relationships that have inspired me to take my education further than I ever anticipated. Being in such close proximity to other students

also encouraged me to take on roles of leadership and plan events about culture and community. What an important experience that was for me.

Just as quickly as college begins, soon it comes to an end and students must adapt to living in yet another environment. I have found Hope Neighbors Community to be the perfect transition for me into being a member of a community larger than Hope. If college is supposed to be a place of preparation for a life in a broader society then it only made sense to me that I receive some training in this area.



Fellowship among the student participants includes family-style dinners. From left to right are Jessica Ray, Corey Bilodeau, Conor Livingston, program mentor Chelsea Lampen and Sam Gindl.



Hope Neighbors Community provides off-campus experience and an emphasis on connecting with those living around them in the college's hometown of Holland, with students living in intentional Christian

community in two rented houses in the core city of Holland west of campus. Above, student Blake Daugherty (standing) spends time with neighbors Ashley, Janelle, Lorena and Miguel.

Hope Neighbors Community program intentionally engages Hope students with residents of central Holland, to give us a chance to meet some of the residents who live permanently in the city that we call home for four brief years. The students live together in houses on Washington Avenue, about a half mile west of campus.

Before I joined the Hope Neighbors Community I had only crossed into the neighborhood beyond River Avenue a handful of times. I was a leader of the social justice club Hope United for Justice and kept myself aware of the great diversity that Holland is blessed with. Still, I had never taken the time to build a relationship with a Holland individual outside of Hope. Now, I call this neighborhood my home and I regularly share meals and conversations with a diverse group of people.

Being a Hope Neighbor is not an enormous commitment, but it does require one to be conscious about where their time is spent. Once a week we meet together to prepare and share a meal. This year there are six women living in the women's house and three men in another house. We also have a live-in married couple as mentors. Although we see each other often during the week, it has been very beneficial for us to have this scheduled time of community. On a different night of the week we also have a Bible study where we have been reading through Nehemiah this year. Outside of these group meetings we commit to attending a church in the neighborhood and being involved in an organization working locally.

One memorable experience in particular began with a batch of cookies made from a mix. I got the idea that we could make cookies for some of our neighbors because that is a fairly normal and non-intimidating thing for neighbors to do. We bought a bag of chocolate chip cookie mix and delivered it with a note to three of the houses on our street. That plate of cookies opened a door for us to meet several of our neighbors. On Thursday, one of our neighbors came to us distressed because her mom was in the hospital in another town 45 minutes away. She didn't have a car and had no one that could take her there. That evening another student from our program and I were able to give her the ride that she needed. During our drive she told us how the house she lived in was part of a transitional living program and all that that meant. She told us what life was like growing up in her broken family and what led her to living in this home. She also described the difficulties of getting back on your feet once you've hit rock bottom. Having that real conversation in the car had more of an impact on me than any classroom experience. We are careful to say that the Hope Neighbors Community is not a "service house", but rather, an experience. My housemate and I both felt like we were served

At the beginning of the year I was anxious about meeting our neighbors. How would I meet them without coming off as nosy or over-excited? Slowly, friendships have begun to form and now I have many more stories than I could possibly share here.



Hope Neighbors Community's emphases include partnering with local service organizations to make a difference. Other students are sometimes a part of the experience as well. Above, Phelps Scholars Program participant Colin Whitehead and Hope Neighbors Community participant Clara Starr help out at Nuestra Casa, the soon-to-be new community center for the Westcore Neighbors.



Participants in Hope Neighbors Community, 2013-14. Pictured from left to right are, front row: Blake Daugherty, Amanda Ragains, Katy Carlson and Conor Livingston; back row: Jeff and Chelsea Lampen (program mentors) with baby daughter Lorelei, Johanna Van Liew, Clara Starr and Jessica Ray. Not pictured are Corey Bilodeau and Sam Gindl.

more by our neighbor during that car ride than we served her.

These are the people that fill our communities. They all have stories, and many of them are waiting for an invitation (even just in the form of a cookie) to share them. Without the support of the Hope Neighbors Community I am certain that I would have missed out on this fuller experience of Holland. Living in this neighborhood has been an experience of receiving knowledge, stories and experiences that can never be repaid by any amount of community service.

Editor's Note: Established in 2012, Hope Neighbors Community is a pilot initiative running through the end of the current school year. News from Hope College thought that the Hope family would enjoy learning about Hope Neighbors Community through the perspective of a student who has been living the experience. Graduating senior Katy Carlson not only wrote this first-person reflection but also took the accompanying photographs across the fall semester to help chronicle her experience. Additional photography by Katy can be seen at www.monocularspectacular.com.

Hope for Jenri



Connections that started through Hope football in the 1970s ultimately led to a cochlear implant for young Jenri Rivera of Guatemala, a procedure made possible by generosity that grew to include many others as well. Pictured at the Community Day game on Saturday, Sept. 14, are, from left to right: Dr. Michael J. Disher '81, Norm "Bunko" and Shirley Japinga, Julie Japinga '85 Van Oordt with Jenri, Kevin Van Oordt '84, Erin Van Oordt '10, Kara Van Oordt '13 Lepley and Kelly Lepley '13.

On Monday, Sept. 23, seven-year-old Jenri Rivera of Guatemala heard his parents' voices for the first time.

It was shortly after the activation of his new cochlear implant, following successful surgery donated a few weeks previously by neurotologist Dr. Michael J. Disher '81 of Indiana Ear in Fort Wayne, Ind. Still in the U.S. as part of his acclimation to the device, Jenri was connected with his parents back home via Skype.

The landmark event culminated a journey that on one level began some three years earlier, when Jenri met Erin Van Oordt '10 as she visited his village as a newly minted missionary nurse. In a larger sense, though, it started long before, with life-transforming experiences and bonds forged through Hope across decades, and even owes much to a high school football game in 1976.



Erin Van Oordt '10 examines Jenri while serving as a missionary nurse in Guatemala.

Erin herself has deep Hope roots. Her parents, Kevin Van Oordt '84 and Julie Japinga '85 Van Oordt of Jenison, Mich., met at the college, and her grandfather, Norm "Bunko" Japinga of Holland, Mich., was the equipment manager and drove the bus for Hope athletic teams for many years. Younger sister Kara and Kara's husband Kelly Lepley both graduated this past May.

Erin's interest in Guatemala originated in childhood. Julie began leading summer mission trips to the Central American nation in 2000 through Paradise Bound Ministries, based in Hamilton, Mich.

"I take a team every year in the summer," said Julie, who during the school year teaches a combined first-/second-grade classroom at Allendale Christian School, and along with Erin has been caring for Jenri during his time in the U.S. "When the teams go down, we build houses. We also do medical clinics, and at the clinics present the Gospel."

Erin paid her first visit to Guatemala in 2006, and it made her future path clear.

"I knew I wanted to go to college for nursing at that point," she said. "I could help people and also do what I want to do for a career."

She returned to Guatemala for summer internships as a Hope student in both 2008 and 2009, and began full-time service with the missionary program the summer after graduation.

Jenri's community was the first that she visited through her new assignment, and she was initially struck by the relationship that didn't form as the villagers began to open up to the missionary team.

"Bit by bit, all the kids had come out of their shell and we played with them," Erin said.

Jenri, however, seemed aloof. "I thought, 'Why isn't he responding to me? My Spanish isn't that bad,'" she said.

She learned that he had been deaf since birth. Further, in his remote village, where there are many needs, there were no resources to help him learn so that he could grow into independence, and there was no opportunity for him to connect with a community of other hearing-impaired persons.

"His village has been awesome to him, but they didn't know where to go for help," Erin said. "That's why in seven years he never had any."

She examined his ears and consulted with a variety of medical experts and his family, and along the way an idea was born: to bring Jenri to the United States for a cochlear implant.

The effort received a major boost when a mission team from Life Stream Church in Allendale visited Jenri's community and returned committed to the cause, and many individuals contributed funds as well. "Team Jenri" organized efforts including a 5K race, t-shirt sales and placing change jars at local stores, raising thousands of dollars, but the procedure was still out of reach.

In the meantime, Mike was paying Hope a visit in the winter of 2012 as the parent of a prospective student.

"My daughter Bethany was interested in Hope College, and we sort of intentionally arranged our visit for the day of the Hope-Calvin basketball game," he said. "I ended up sitting right behind Norm."

Mike had known both Bunko and Julie during his student days, when he was a starting linebacker on the football team. It was, in fact, Hope football that had first led Mike to the college from his hometown of Lakeview, Mich.

Hope coach Ray Smith had been watching film of a fall 1976 high school game, scouting prospects, and was impressed by Mike and one of his teammates. He contacted Lakeview's

coach and invited the two players to campus for a visit.

Mike hadn't even been considering Hope, but that changed immediately when he arrived.

"I was just amazed when I got there," he said. "I was very impressed by Coach Smith, the beauty of the grounds and facilities, the quality of the academics and the sense of community on campus, not to mention the football program."

He majored in biology, and after graduation earned his medical degree at the University of Michigan Medical School. He returned to the university for his residency in otolaryngology and subsequently landed a fellowship there in otology and neurotology to further his training. It was the summer of 1992, when he was looking forward to being mentored by a fellow Hope alumnus: Dr. John Kemink '71, who was a nationally known hearing specialist.

Dr. Kemink was murdered by a patient on June 25, a week before the fellowship was to start, and so Mike missed the opportunity to train with him beyond residency, but he has continued to be an inspiration.

"John Kemink had an outstanding career that was tragically cut short," Mike said. "I made it my goal to try to carry on his work in some way."

He subsequently cared for some of Dr. Kemink's patients, including Shirley, Bunko's

wife. Shirley and Julie were also at the Hope-Calvin game when Mike and Bethany visited, and the conversation naturally segued into Erin and Jenri.

"We just started taking, and all of a sudden my mom said, 'Erin works in Guatemala and knows a little boy who can't hear,'" Julie recalled.

Jenri's situation touched Mike, who offered to perform the surgery at no cost, in keeping with his own commitment to charitable service. Further, his practice administrator, Sarah Silva, and the Fort Wayne non-profit Ray of Hope Medical Missions took the lead role in making additional arrangements. Ultimately, manufacturer Advanced Bionics donated the implant and related equipment, and Lutheran Hospital and other specialists in Fort Wayne donated their space and services as well.

The months since the surgery and activation have focused on Jenri's long-term success. He has had a number of follow-up visits with a specialist in Fort Wayne as well as with a speech therapist in West Michigan. His team has also been arranging additional speech therapy and related care in Guatemala, which the donations collected on his behalf will support.

"It's one thing to surgically implant the device, but it's like a knee surgery or anything else: if you don't do the rehabilitation, it's not going to work," Mike said.

"He really impressed me in surgery with how well he handled it. He was very calm and collected and mature about it," he said. "My thought is whatever tools we can give him, he'll be able to use and make the most of them."

The goal is to have Jenri home by Christmas, especially to be reunited with his family but also so that he can begin hearing and learning his native Spanish full-time. Erin, who is now back in the U.S. and employed as a nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich., will make the trip with him.

The farewells will be difficult, but she also can't imagine a better Christmas present than seeing Jenri home with his family, ready to begin a new future thanks to fellow alum Dr. Mike Disher '81 and the many others who came together on Jenri's behalf.

"It leaves you really speechless," Erin said. "It was a whirlwind, but we're glad it happened. It's such a blessing to have been a small part of his life." 🙌

Editor's Note: A Fort Wayne television station featured a segment about Jenri's procedure and the activation of the implant. A link to the segment is available via Dr. Disher's practice, Indiana Ear, at indianaeare.com.

When seven-year-old Jenri Rivera heard his parents' voices for the first time in September, the experience owed much to life-transforming experiences and bonds forged through Hope across decades—and even to a high school football game in 1976.



Digital Scholarship

By Chris Lewis '09

To prepare students for the challenges of an ever-changing, digitally advanced world, Hope's latest interdisciplinary, honors program is blending the college's rich liberal arts traditions with the scholarly tools of the 21st century.

Engaging arts and humanities students in the development of research projects with faculty mentors, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Scholars Program emphasizes the usage of new and emerging digital technologies, as members pursue and share their work in areas of scholarly interest. Established through a multi-year, \$200,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in 2010, the program received another \$500,000 award from the foundation earlier this year to expand its opportunities for student learning even further.

"Hope has a long history as a nationally recognized leader for involving students in collaborative faculty-student research," said the program's founding director, Dr. William Pannapacker, a professor of English. "While the Mellon Scholars Program is grounded in the traditional methods of the liberal arts—reading, writing, thinking, speaking—one of its most distinctive features is building on that foundation with social networking, collaboration, interactive scholarly interfaces, and new media technologies that are often described, collectively, as the 'digital humanities.'"

"I saw the Mellon Scholars Program as an opportunity to express my passion for art history, French, studio art, and design all at once, something I had not been able to do in my regular classes. It has given me confidence to apply to programs I would have never dreamed of approaching in the past, including my current master's program [at the Sorbonne in Paris]."

— Athina Isabelle Alvarez '13

In doing so, the Mellon Scholars Program achieves one principal goal—to prepare all participating students for successful careers after graduation, whether they choose to attend graduate school, pursue employment, or serve others as volunteers.

"Digital scholarship has become more important in virtually every field, so this is a chance for students to get in on the leading edge of something that is going to be expected of all scholars in the coming years," said Dr. Julia Randel, associate professor of music and associate director of the Mellon Scholars Program. "Students also think about their research in different ways: how to present it to different kinds of audiences and in different forms to become part of ongoing scholarly conversations."

The six-course, 24-credit program is renowned for its mentoring opportunities, as faculty members from all arts and humanities departments are invited to serve as advisors, working with students individually as they learn how to use state-of-the-art digital technologies to conduct research and share it publicly. Students apply for the highly competitive, three-year program as freshmen or sophomores, with roughly 20 accepted annually.

The program includes specialized coursework, as well as involvement in multiple



Original research, the traditional methods of the liberal arts and the new scholarly tools of the 21st century combine in the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Scholars Program in the Arts and Humanities at Hope, which is designed to provide students with skills that

will help them succeed no matter what career path they pursue. Senior Madalyn Northuis's research, which took her to Boston, Mass., has included developing a multimedia, online presentation about groundbreaking 19th century chemist Ellen H. Richards.

research experiences, leading to a capstone senior project. Students have full creative control over which projects they pursue throughout their years as participants, helping them recognize their passions and, ultimately, choose their vocations.

"Students are also encouraged to participate in off-campus studies or experiential education programs as juniors or seniors, including The Philadelphia Center and Chicago's Newberry Library Program, where they can gain considerable experience developing projects relevant to the workplace and graduate school," Dr. Pannapacker said.

Whichever focus students choose for their final projects, they must use some form of digital technology to develop, disseminate, and preserve their work, which can then be presented at nationwide public forums and research conferences, including the annual Posters on the Hill, a highly selective event in Washington, D.C., at which students present their research to members of Congress (Mellon Scholars participated during each of the past two years).

Since becoming a Mellon Scholar during her sophomore year, senior Madalyn Northuis of Holland, Mich., has pursued research projects ranging from intercultural relationships between Native Americans, African Americans, and European settlers

positions that will allow me to use my knowledge of American culture, as well as my passion for baseball."

The program's first five alumni, who graduated this past May, have all successfully followed a diverse range of paths themselves. Athina Isabelle Alvarez '13, an art history, studio art, and French triple major, is pursuing an art history master's degree at France's L'Universite Sorbonne Paris IV, while Tessa Angell '13, an international studies composite and Spanish double major, earned a prestigious Fulbright Award to serve as a teaching assistant at a secondary school in Spain's Cantabria region.

Meanwhile, Katie Callam '13, a classical studies major, is pursuing a musicology graduate degree at Harvard University, while Madalyn Muncy '13, an English major, is working at The Philadelphia Center as a digital liberal arts program fellow. And Daniel Owens '13, a history major, is an administrative director for Nibakure Children's Village, an orphanage in Rwanda that he first visited during a Mellon-sponsored research project.

"I saw the Mellon Scholars Program as an opportunity to express my passion for art history, French, studio art, and design all at once, something I had not been able to do in my regular classes," Alvarez said. "It has given me confidence to apply to programs I would have never dreamed of approaching in the past, including my current master's program."

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's most recent grant offering is helping the program build upon the successes of the past three years in a variety of ways, particularly through partnerships with other institutions. For example, the program is currently developing a partnership with Matrix: The Center for Digital Humanities and Social Sciences at Michigan State University, and Dr. Pannapacker, who was recently named faculty director of the Digital Liberal Arts Initiative of the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) in addition to his role at Hope, also anticipates connecting with the 12 other colleges that are members of the GLCA. As one possibility, he envisions the exploration of local history, which is an ongoing focus of student research at Hope, becoming replicated at other institutions and made available collectively through a larger network.

"It could begin to add up to a national project on local and regional history that hasn't been attempted since the state-by-state American Guide Series produced by the Works Progress Administration Federal Writers Project in the 1930s," he said.

In addition, Mellon Scholars will be able to conduct more complex research, travel to more research conferences, participate in specially designed off-campus study programs, and extend their engagement with digital technology, so that their interests and experiences are broadly-based as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

"Students must adapt their talents to the world's needs and assume they will have many careers," Dr. Pannapacker said. "The program prepares them to become functioning professionals—with a portfolio of real accomplishments—before they graduate."

He added, "A liberal arts education, enhanced by technology and collaborative research, is the best preparation, by far, for the global competition that every graduate must face." 📖

Editor's Note: Further information regarding the Mellon Scholars Program, as well as the multiple research projects prepared by students, is available online.

hope.edu/academic/mellon



Bill Getschman's research experience in the Mellon Scholars Program served him well as he competed with 650 other applicants for a coveted internship at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

With Hope at Heart

By Greg Chandler

As a senior at Hope more than two decades ago, Tom Kyros '89 wrote a speech in which he spoke of two hopes – one with a lower-case “h,” the virtue, and one with a capital “H,” the college that shaped him into



Hope helped Alumni Association President Tom Kyros '89 achieve his dream of a career in law. From Hope he went on to earn his Juris Doctor degree at Northwestern University. He practices today as a managing partner with Varnum in Grand Rapids, Mich.

the person he is today. It was presented to the Board of Trustees and guests at a dinner in a filled Phelps Hall.

He readily acknowledges that it wasn't his finest delivery. “I was nervous and stammered and moved around and said ‘um’ a hundred times,” he said.

Now a prominent attorney with the Grand Rapids, Mich. firm of Varnum LLP and the new president of the board of directors for Hope's Alumni Association, Kyros was able to revive a portion of that speech—with improved presentation—during the October inauguration of Dr. John C. Knapp as the college's 12th president. Quoting General Douglas MacArthur who is credited with saying, “loss of hope will age the soul,” Kyros' 1989 speech warned the audience that loss of Hope will similarly age the soul.

“To lose sight of all that I have done and seen and learned at Hope will age me, for Hope has made me what I am today,” Kyros said. “To leave here and to live without ‘capital-H’ Hope in my heart would be like leaving home and forgetting my mother and father.”

In his role as president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Kyros represents more than 31,000 living Hope alumni, who reside in all 50 states and in more than 75 countries around the world. It's service that engages him with helping others keep “capital-H” Hope in their hearts as well, not least of all for the sake of new generations of students. One of his primary goals, for example, is to see the association play a more active role in the lives of new Hope graduates.

“We all know organizations, whether colleges, fraternities and sororities, or other groups, which do a great job of looking out for their fellow members,” Kyros said. “Hope alumni hold important roles all over the world.



When he offered greetings on behalf of the Alumni Association during President John C. Knapp's inauguration in October, Tom Kyros '89 used the occasion to re-deliver portions of an address he'd given as a Hope senior, lightheartedly lamenting his lack of polish 24 years earlier and joking that the event provided a second chance. His serious message, still true nearly a quarter of a century later: appreciation for the enduring role that Hope played in his life.

If we can harness those relationships in order to help new graduates make connections, open doors, and start their journey well, I believe that process would feed on itself.”

“Those new graduates would pay that assistance forward to future graduates, and the influence of Hope's alumni would continue to grow,” Kyros added.

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The Alumni Association is governed by a 22-member board of directors, who represent a broad cross-section of the college's alumni. All Hope graduates and those who completed at least 45 credit hours are members of the association. The association oversees a number of events tied to the college, including class reunions and Homecoming activities.

Scott Travis '06, Hope's director of alumni and parent relations, appreciates Kyros' focus on the future and his inquisitive spirit.

“He's engaged in the present, but also focused on how the Alumni Association can be improved,” Travis said. “He's always asking about what's next.”

Kyros arrived at Hope in the mid-80s after graduating from high school in his native Hinsdale, Ill., with a goal of getting admitted to a top law school. He admittedly didn't have the best study habits. He credits a roommate from his freshman year at Kollen Hall, Steve Cox, with inspiring him to be more diligent in his studies.

“He basically helped me realize it was cool to study hard and earn good grades,” Kyros said. “He had a big effect on my educational work ethic and future success.”

Kyros also cited Dr. Boyd Wilson, professor of religion, as a major influence in his Hope

experience. He took two world religion classes with Dr. Wilson, but he says it wasn't so much the subject matter but the personal interest Dr. Wilson showed in him that was the difference.

“Early on, I had a writing assignment for him, and rather than a traditional answer, I wrote a short story. Dr. Wilson loved it, and encouraged me to take more chances in my writing and thinking,” Kyros said.

“It was a huge confidence builder. Much of my written work for him and other professors was fairly non-traditional after that.”

Kyros became heavily involved in the college's Student Congress beginning with his sophomore year, serving as president as a senior. His activities as a student also included the Pi Sigma Alpha political science honorary

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society, contributing to the Inklings editorial journal and participating in the London May Term.

After graduating with an economics major, he went on to law school at Northwestern University, married his wife, Sally Conway '89 Kyros, and began his career and family. He was not actively involved in the life of the college for many years after graduation. Several years ago, however, he began attending the monthly Executive Luncheons in Grand Rapids, which typically have a Hope professor speaking on a timely subject.

“They reignited all my good feelings about Hope and I looked for ways to become more involved,” Kyros said.

Already actively involved in a number of community organizations and projects, Kyros began to get involved with the Alumni Association. He became an association board member in 2010 and was elected president of the board earlier this year.

“He models leadership. Not only is he great to have leading during our meetings, but he's engaged in the life of the college between meetings as well,” Travis said. “He represents Hope in his community and at events and is open to connecting with students.”

Kyros serves with fellow Hope alumnus Scott Huizenga ('85) as co-managing partners of Varnum LLP, which has over 140 lawyers in offices throughout Michigan. Kyros works primarily with family business owners, assisting them with estate planning, business succession issues, and general business advice. He also works with several non-profit organizations as a trustee and advisor, including the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Foundation in Grand Rapids, the Grand Rapids Community Foundation and East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation.

As president of the Alumni Association board, Kyros is excited about Hope's future with Dr. Knapp as its new president, making the inauguration an especially appropriate time for him to revisit his student-days speech about the college he treasures still.

“President Knapp understands we're facing an incredibly competitive time in higher education, but that Hope is on strong footing,” Kyros said. “We have a clear mission, amazing facilities, and we provide a world-class education at a very competitive price relative to schools like Hope. He has clear ideas of where he wants to go, and we're already starting to hear some of those themes come across in publications from Hope.”

“I feel we are in very capable hands, and I'm excited for Hope's future,” Kyros said. 🐦

An Autumn to Remember

By Alan Babbitt

It was a fall full of feats for Hope athletics. Across the season, the achievements just kept coming: 23 All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association First-Team Honorees, four NCAA Division III All-Americans, two NCAA Elite 89 Award winners, two league championships, two MIAA MVPs.

CROSS COUNTRY

The women's cross country team matched its second-best performance at the NCAA Division III Championships and recorded its seventh individual All-America performance this season.

Senior Sheri McCormack of Holland, Mich., led the Flying Dutch to a ninth-place finish during the national meet in Hanover, Ind.

McCormack posted a time of 21 minutes, 47.1 seconds for 17th place and the MIAA's top performance. It was Hope's third-highest

finish at nationals for the Flying Dutch, trailing only fourth-place efforts by Alicia Mendenhall '94 Elmore in 1993 and Marcia Vandersall '93 Bannink in 1992.

The Flying Dutch claimed their second consecutive top-10 finish while equaling the second-best mark in school history from 1987. The 1993 team came in fourth.

McCormack was Hope's first All-American since 1999 and first MIAA Most Valuable Runner since 2004.

Senior Camille Borst of Allendale, Mich., and sophomore Casey Campbell of Swartz Creek, Mich., joined McCormack on the All-MIAA First Team.

Sophomore Michelle Kerr of Dearborn, Mich., received the NCAA Elite 89 Award by carrying the highest GPA among NCAA Championship competitors in her sport.



NCAA Division III All-American Sheri McCormack, far left, and the Hope women's cross

The men's cross country team took second in the MIAA standings. Senior Sam Pederson of Mount Prospect, Ill., and junior Ben Zank of Midland, Mich., both earned All-MIAA First-Team honors.

VOLLEYBALL

Hope College outside hitter Jenna Grasmeyer topped a group of four Flying Dutch to receive All-America recognition from the

country team posted the team's second-best finish at nationals.

American Volleyball Coaches Association. The junior from Jenison, Mich., was selected a First-Team All-American for the second season in a row and second time in her career. She also made the All-MIAA First Team.

Teammates Courtney Earles, a senior from Kentwood, Mich., and Lauren Hazekamp, a sophomore from Fruitport, Mich., were chosen Second-Team All-Americans and First-Team All-MIAA, while junior Amy VanderStoep of Holland, Mich., received All-American Honorable Mention.

The Flying Dutch finished with a 32-3 record, including handing NCAA Division III national champion Calvin its lone loss of the season. Hope shared the regular-season MIAA title with Calvin and reached the national quarterfinals for the second time in team history, playing at DeVos Fieldhouse.

Sophomore Jayne Kessel of Byron Center, Mich., claimed the NCAA Elite 89 Award for carrying the highest GPA among fellow competitors at her NCAA Championship event.

FOOTBALL

Running back Shawn Jackson made it the 25th time a member of the Flying Dutchmen received MVP honors in football. Jackson, a senior from Comstock Park, Mich., co-headlines an All-MIAA team that includes Hope 12 honorees in all.

Jackson is one of two first-team running backs. He rushed for 710 yards in league play

and topped the MIAA in scoring with nine touchdowns and 58 points.

Other first-team selections from Hope included senior Vincent Boddy of West Bloomfield, Mich., at wide receiver; senior Connor Parcell of Cadillac, Mich., at tight end; and junior Joe Droppers of Kalamazoo, Mich., at offensive line.

Boddy also received All-MIAA honors as a return specialist.

On defense, three Hope players made the first team: senior Greg Bird of Byron Center, Mich., at defensive line; junior Cody Lindemulder of Lake Odessa, Mich., at linebacker; and senior Santino DiCesare of Dorr, Mich., at defensive back.

On special teams, sophomore Dean DeVries of Grand Rapids, Mich., repeated as a first-team punter.

GOLF

A noteworthy fall for the Flying Dutchmen included the 17th MIAA championship in team history and freshman Winton Munch of Traverse City, Mich., headlining the All-MIAA Men's Golf Team.



Hope men's golfer and MIAA Most Valuable Player Winton Munch

Munch was the MIAA Medalist this season. He averaged 74.1 across seven tournaments, a half-stroke better than the nearest competitor.

This year marked the 16th time a Hope golfer claimed league MVP honors and 13th time in 16 seasons. The last Hope freshman to accomplish the feat was

Tommy Yamaoka '08 in 2004. Munch overcame not playing in the first league jamboree after being beat out in a team challenge that decided the lineup for the event.

In women's golf, junior Montana Leep of Hastings, Mich., led the Flying Dutch by earning Second-Team All-MIAA plaudits. Hope took fifth in the overall league standings.

SOCCER

The men's soccer team reached the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament before bowing out in overtime 2-1 at Wartburg (Iowa). The Flying Dutchmen, under coach Steven Smith's guidance, matched the school record for single-season wins with a 17-5-2 mark. It was the second 17-win season in three years for Hope. Seniors Jason Muller of Petoskey, Mich.,



Running back Shawn Jackson is Hope's 25th MIAA MVP in football.

and Grant Neil of Holland, Mich., and juniors Logan Sikkenga of Hudsonville, Mich., and Tarwo Konbloa of Kentwood, Mich., all were named first-team selections by MIAA coaches.

The women's soccer team matched the school record for wins in a single season, going 16-4-1 under the direction of coach Leigh Sears. The Flying Dutch reached the championship match of the MIAA Tournament before losing to regular-season champion Calvin. Forwards Erin Jipping, a junior from Holland, Mich., and Raisa Yewah, a senior from East Lansing, Mich., both claimed All-MIAA First-Team honors.

Visit the athletics website for additional information about the fall sports season.

athletics.hope.edu



Jayne Kessel and Michelle Kerr were recipients of NCAA Elite 89 Awards in women's cross country and women's soccer respectively.



The Hope volleyball team advanced to the NCAA Division III Elite Eight for the second time in school history.



The Hope men's soccer team advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament this fall.

Labor of Love

By Eva Dean '83 Folkert

For 47 years, his two thick index fingers have pecked and scurried across a typewriter and computer keyboard to tap out Hope College news with the quickness and accuracy that would impress any courtroom stenographer.

For 47 years, his strong, long legs have covered Hope's campus with a Paul Bunyan-esque stride.

For 47 years, his knowing eyes have seen and captured stunning and poignant images of Hope students, athletes, faculty, presidents, and events through a wide-angle and close-up Nikon lens, a Hope baseball cap often reversed atop his head.

For 47 years, his heart has felt and his mind has known the pulse of Hope.

For 47 years, with his entire being, Tom Renner '67, associate vice president of public and community relations, has told the Hope story



Across his 47 years at Hope, Tom Renner '67 has shared the Hope story not only in words but in photographs, shooting more than 500,000 images featuring the people, places and events of Hope.

with love and loyalty. It's been an association and affection that has been as deep as it has been long. To know the Hope story is to know the Tom Renner story for he has been the author of both.

For 47 years.

With his retirement this month from the college, Renner — who has been the chief purveyor of all things newsworthy about Hope — completes a career in the news and public relations industries that has spanned the news print to Internet eras, typewriter to laptop, Kodachrome to digital. He was hired in March, 1967 — away from his job as the managing editor of the South Haven, Mich., daily newspaper — by President Calvin VanderWerf '37 to be the first director of the college news bureau when the concept of reporting, publishing, and promoting college happenings for broader audiences was just emerging. He departs under President John Knapp, the college's first president to "tweet" on Twitter, when the reality of the college's presence in everything from national publications to social networks is a foregone conclusion.

To say that Renner has seen it all at Hope is both a truism and an understatement.

"What has distinguished Tom in his work at Hope is his omnipresence," say David Vanderwel '67, a longtime colleague as a former associate dean of students and the current vice president for college advancement. "I dare say he is the most recognizable and best known of anyone at Hope, even our presidents, because of all that he has been involved with. No one will ever have the depth of commitment or the personal investment in the college again. He truly is one of a kind."

"Hope College has been my passion, my calling," Renner confides. "Every day has been a fond memory. I have had great fun and great satisfaction during my time here working and watching Hope emerge from a single-focus,



Hired in 1967 to be the first director of the college's newly established news bureau, Tom Renner '67, associate vice president of public and community relations, retires this month having dedicated nearly five decades to the college as a labor of love. One of Hope's longest-serving staff members, he has worked with five presidents. He is shown in

church-affiliated, regional school to an institution with a high academic reputation on a national level. It has just been an unbelievable journey."

It would be easy and natural to recount Renner's Hope experience strictly in numerical measures. Having been the college's first sports information director (SID) for 46 years and the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) league publicist for 40 years, the statistical junkie and Chicago Cubs baseball fan in him appreciates what numbers can reveal about a story and even a person.

So, for this person's story, the numbers tell that Renner has worked under five Hope presidents over one third of the college's history; managed the publication of 219 issues of this magazine, *News from Hope College*; watched over 1,001 Hope-Calvin games in all 20 of Hope's sports; witnessed the graduation of 24,862 Hope alumni; snapped the shutter on over 500,000 Hope images, and driven over 2,000,000 miles to and from campus on his daily commute from his hometown of South Haven and on behalf of Hope.

Yet, while objective measures can be telling, it is subjective narratives that further expose the true essence of a person's life story. For Renner — a man who prefers to push others into the limelight rather than receive attention, a man who squirms a bit when a reporter asks him to talk about himself to unveil the wizard behind the curtain — disclosing personal accolades and accounts is a bit unsettling to him. But with a life rich in content and character, the Renner saga is

the media section, named for him and his wife, Carole, of the DeVos Fieldhouse while at work as sports information director, one of several roles (including photographer, writer, editor, college spokesperson and league publicist for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association) that have been part of his tenure.

one for permanent binding. Here then are just a few highlights of his legend of dedication:

- The son of a newspaper publisher and volunteer firefighter, Renner followed his father into both businesses, and his 25 years as a volunteer firefighter for South Haven came in handy when Van Vleck Hall caught fire in 1980. With the flames spewing from the building's top floor, Renner hustled to the roof to help Holland firefighters contain the blaze. "I ruined my suit" is as much personal description as he'll divulge about his efforts that day.
- In 1990, when the Hope women's basketball team won the national championship in nerve-wrecking dramatic fashion, a teary-eyed Renner broke down with joy in the back corridor of the Civic Center before conducting the final press conference. "I've been waiting 23 years for this," was all he said at the time.
- His numerous honors and awards are both local and national in nature. He's been honored multiple times by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) as well as by the MIAA with the naming of the Renner Sports Information Associate Award in 2008, given to honor the conference's best student in sports information

annually. At Hope, he's received the Alumni Association's Meritorious Service Award in 2012, and in 2013, the college's Vanderbush-Weller Award was given to him for his strong, positive impact on students. "All just signs I've been around a long time," he humbly concedes.

And others have stuck around a long time with him too. The infectious nature of his dedication to Hope has rubbed off on his current staff of five as well. With 75 years of combined service between them, they more than most know the full force of Renner's hard work and staying power.

"Everything that Tom does, he does because he believes it is best for the college or the people involved," says Lynne Powe '86, associate director of public and community relations, a 21-year colleague with Renner. "He works harder and puts in more hours than anyone I know. His enthusiasm for Hope and his dedication are contagious."

"Each day, each season, each year has been new and special," Renner says. "It comes down to people of faith having good faith in each other. I have been surrounded by wonderful people — presidents, student interns, my current staff who have hung in there with me for a long time — and they all love Hope as much as I do. And, this job has allowed me to involve my family, all of my family, in my work. That's not just possible in most places."

Renner's wife, Carole DeYoung '67, has been a support and stay at many Hope events with her husband for all of those 47 years too. All four Renner children — Deb, Susie, Daniel, and ReBecca — attended Hope and worked on his student staff in public relations. But then again, if you were a Renner, you were working for your dad as soon as you could say "shooting percentage."



With his retirement this month from the college, Tom Renner '67—who has been the chief purveyor of all things newsworthy about Hope—completes a career in the news and public relations industries that has spanned the news print to Internet eras, typewriter to laptop, Kodachrome to digital.

"No Renner kid was allowed to pick up the phone at home in the early days without knowing how to take down stats if a coach called in," Carole laughs. "If they could talk and write, then they could answer and help!"

Now after 47 years, Renner will hang up his official Hope duties but not his official Hope allegiance. Though he'll begin to write the third installment of Hope's athletic history and secure photo digital assets for the Hope archives, he knows he'll be out of rhythm without the daily commute, without the 24/7 responsibilities.

After 47 years, he'll travel more, read more non-fiction books, and surf the multitude of news apps on his iPad more.

After 47 years, he'll spend more time with his entire close-knit family, including his nine grandchildren.

After 47 years, the Hope family may be without a Renner but the Renner family could never be without Hope. The two may let go but they'll never separate.

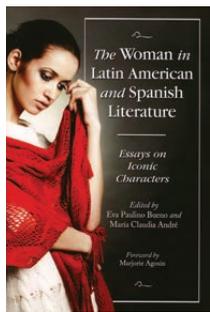
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Two memorable—and very different—campus moments during the 47-year tenure of Tom Renner '67. At left, a trained firefighter, he helps battle the April 1980 Van Vleck Hall fire. At right is his photograph of the women's basketball team after winning the national championship at the Holland Civic Center in March 1990.

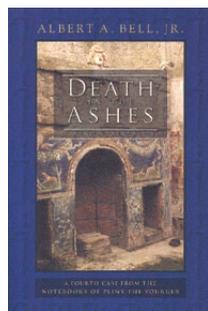
Faculty Kudos

Recent publications in a mix of media reflect the range of creative and scholarly interests represented among the faculty of Hope.

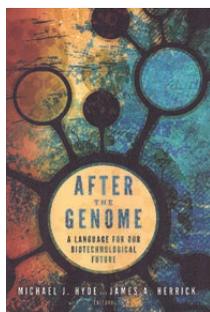


Dr. Maria Claudia André, professor of Spanish and chairperson of the department of modern and classical languages, co-edited *The Woman in Latin American and Spanish Literature* with Eva Paulino Bueno of St. Mary's University of San Antonio, Texas. The book features essays by noted scholars of Latin American and Spanish literature exploring the literary history of Latin America through the representation of iconic female characters.

Dr. Albert Bell, professor of history, is author of *Death in the Ashes: A Fourth Case from the Notebooks of Pliny the Younger*. Set near Mount Vesuvius five years after the famous eruption, the mystery novel follows the efforts of the titular protagonist—a real-life figure—as he seeks to clear a family friend of murder.

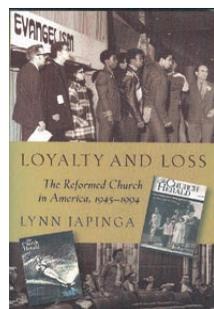


Dr. James Herrick, the Guy Vander Jagt Professor of Communication, co-edited *After the Genome: A Language for Our Biotechnological Future*, which in November was named the Edited Book of the Year by the Communication Ethics Division of the National Communication Association. The book emphasizes the role of language in discussing



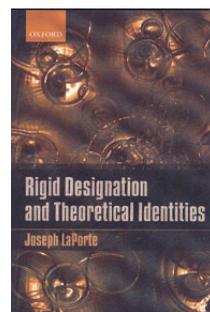
biotechnological advances and how terminology itself shapes how such developments are perceived. It was released in conjunction with a national conference on the same theme that was co-chaired by Dr. Herrick and his co-editor, Dr. Michael Hyde of Wake Forest University, and held at Wake Forest in April.

Dr. Lynn Winkels '81 Japinga, professor of religion, is author of *Loyalty and Loss: The Reformed Church in America, 1945-1994*. The book describes and analyzes the major events, issues and conflicts that occurred in the RCA between 1945 and 1994. It considers the church's struggle in the last half of the 20th century to reconcile a variety of perspectives, all often existing within the denomination simultaneously.

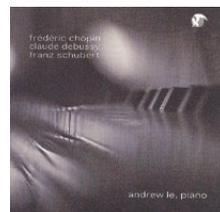


Dr. Brent Krueger, associate professor of chemistry, is among faculty members at five institutions to have received National Science Foundation support for developing materials for *ChemWiki*, high-quality, online post-secondary chemistry textbooks that are being made available at no cost to educators around the world through an initiative led by Dr. Delmar S. Larsen of the University of California, Davis. Dr. Krueger has been involved with the project since the fall of 2009, and has used portions of *ChemWiki* in his own classes in addition to coordinating additions developed by Hope chemistry students.

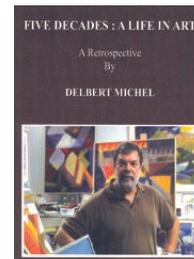
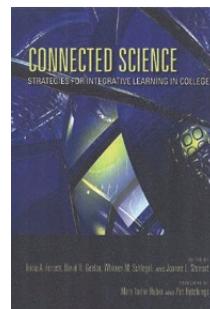
Dr. Joseph LaPorte, professor of philosophy, is the author of *Rigid Designation and Theoretical Identities*, which considers how the words used for concepts or objects relate to those concepts or objects. His primary research areas are in the philosophy of language, metaphysics, the philosophy of biology and the philosophy of science.



Dr. Andrew Le, associate professor of music and head of keyboard studies, has released his first compact disc. The recording features his three “all-time-favorite” works, opening with the “Polonaise-Fantasy, Op. 61,” by Chopin; continues with “Images, Book 2,” by Debussy; and concludes with the “Sonata in B-flat Major, D. 960,” by Schubert. The release is one of two major highlights in recent months for Dr. Le, who has also been selected as a Steinway Artist, recognition accorded only 1,600 pianists worldwide.

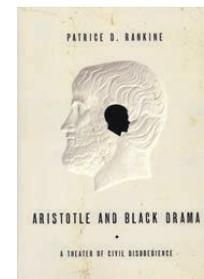


Dr. Joanne Stewart, professor of chemistry, is co-editor of *Connected Science*, which focuses on making college science education more effective and engaging. The book calls for an interdisciplinary approach that stresses integrative learning and engaging students through open-ended inquiry, compelling real-world questions and data-rich experiences.



Del Michel, professor emeritus of art, has published *Five Decades: A Life in Art*. The retrospective volume features numerous examples of his work and reflections on its development from the 1960s into the 21st century.

Dr. Patrice Rankine, dean for the arts and humanities and professor of Classics, is author of *Aristotle and Black Drama: A Theater of Civil Disobedience*. The volume considers black theater in the 20th century as a form of civil disobedience, with productions written and staged to challenge the status quo by featuring black characters, much as the Civil Rights Movement fostered change with blacks visibly and non-violently confronting segregation by placing themselves in opposition to its unjust laws. The book takes an interdisciplinary approach, blending Dr. Rankine's training in Classics with consideration of contemporary theatre. He conducts his analysis through the dramatic form outlined in Aristotle's "Poetics" in the fourth century B.C., which divided tragedy into six parts: character, story, thought, sight, music and diction.



Multiple members of the Hope community have work included in *Poetry in Michigan/Michigan in Poetry*, an anthology co-edited by **Jack Ridl**, professor emeritus of English, with award-winning poet Dr. William Olsen of the Western Michigan University faculty that features work by 90 Michigan poets and 48 works of art by Michigan artists. Current members of the faculty with poetry in the book are David R. James '76, adjunct associate professor of English; Dr. Rhoda Janzen Burton, associate professor of English; Susanna Childress, visiting assistant professor of English; Greg Rappleye, part-time lecturer in English; and Dr. Heather Sellers, professor of English. The book also includes poetry by Jackie Bartley, who retired from the English faculty last year, and by Professor Ridl. In addition to James, alumni with poetry in the anthology include Tom Andrews '84 (posthumously), Chris Dombrowski '98, Kathleen McGookey '89 and Julie Moulds '85 Rybicki (posthumously). The artists with work in the book include Michelle VanderVelde '90 Calkins.



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Scott Travis '06
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Preceding the alumni class notes section of each *News from Hope College* issue, the content of this column regularly includes topics relevant to Hope's 31,000 alumni. However, I also have the opportunity to work with the parents and guardians of 3,300 current Hope students. For a variety of reasons, the families of today's students are involved in the life of the college in ways unprecedented in previous generations.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the creation of the parent relations program at Hope. Stephanie Haag '95 Greenwood launched the program in 2003 as Hope's first director of parent relations. She established the program during a time when parent programming was an emerging trend in higher education. In 2006, leadership of parent relations switched to Mary Boelkins '96 Remenschneider, who served as director until 2009. Today, I have the privilege of serving in this capacity alongside assistant director Beth Timmer '00 Szczerowski.

Thanks to the work of these talented alumnae, some great partnerships on campus, and the involvement of many families in the life of the college, I often receive calls from other colleges and universities looking to create a similar program at their institutions.

When they call, I share with them the highlights of the parent program, including Summer Send Off Picnics, Orientation, Family Weekend, the Parent E-News, Visit Day volunteers, regional events, Parent Access Chats, Spotlight Newsletters, and the Hope College Parents' Council.

Hope's 22-member Parents' Council works to promote dialogue among families and the college. With the requirement that they cannot be Hope alumni, they also serve as ambassadors for the college with a truly unique parent perspective.

Balanced with a primary focus on our students, this parent perspective is extremely valuable in the life of the college. Family members of Hope students volunteer at the college in the hundreds, share career expertise, provide valuable feedback, support the college financially (with over \$4.6 million in gifts last year), and visit campus regularly.

It continues to amaze me how parents who often hail from another *alma mater* so quickly and passionately become some of Hope's biggest fans and greatest supporters. Thank you!

Window to Hope's History



The Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts is eagerly awaited for the transformative impact it will have on Hope, and across the forthcoming 1.5 years the transformation at Columbia Avenue and Ninth/10th streets will be literal. Once, of course, the building that the new center will succeed, Nykerk Hall of Music, was itself a work-in-progress, as made evident in this view looking east in about 1955 that also reflects how much the campus has changed in the past 58 years. Carnegie-Schouten Gymnasium, the building at left, was razed in July 1982 after being succeeded by the Dow Center. The houses across distant Columbia Avenue are no more. The DeWitt Center, which opened in 1971, is as-yet an empty field. Even Kollen Hall, which partially opened in 1956 at the right of still-extant 11th Street, is still to be. The scene will soon change even more. The Kruienza Art Museum is being built across Columbia, and after the new music center is completed the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center will be constructed where Nykerk now stands.

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Class Notes

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, Oct. 29, 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, Feb. 25.

30s

Myron Kollen '36 of Kalamazoo, Mich., turned 100 years old on Friday, Aug. 23, with a celebration held in his honor on Sunday, Aug. 25. He has chronicled the events of his life (as well as the story of the Kollen family's emigration from Overisel in the Netherlands to Overisel, Mich., where he was born) in the monograph *It's hard to grow old with a dimple in your chin: A letter to my family*.

Gratitude for Selfless Service

Retirement takes all sorts of forms. For Dave Vanderwel '67, it involved two-and-a-half years of full-time service to his *alma mater*.

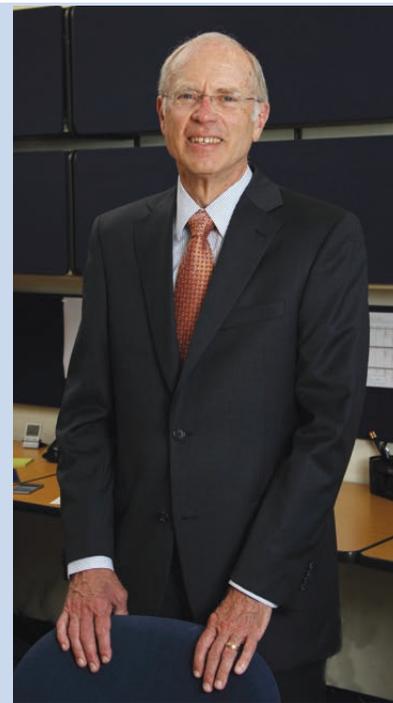
Just two weeks after retiring as executive director at Geneva Camp and Retreat Center at the end of April 2011, he was back at work, serving at Hope on an interim basis as vice president for college advancement.

His tenure was only interim technically, with Vanderwel graciously staying at Hope for the next 30 months, concluding his service later this month. Along the way, he provided crucial and effective leadership during an active period that included the launch and pursuit of the *A Greater*

Hope comprehensive campaign, development of the college's branding and integrated marketing initiative, and reorganizations to make the most of the staff. And he did it with heart.

Vanderwel's time in the role followed a long history of service to Hope. He was assistant director of admissions from 1971 to 1973 and director of campus life and associate dean of students from 1973 to 1984. He was also resident director (head resident) in Kollen Hall while pursuing his Master of Divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary.

He subsequently served as managing editor of CRC publications for a decade before joining Geneva in 1994.



Dave Vanderwel '67

40s

Ken Weller '48 made presentations to the staff of the NCAA and small-college presidents in August at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., as they celebrated the 40th anniversary of the establishment of NCAA Division III. President emeritus of Central College in Pella, Iowa, he was a key person in the early years of the organization and is frequently referred to as a "founding father."

Marv Kragt '49 of Grandview, Wash., along with 94 veterans of World War II, recently toured the war monuments in Washington, D.C., through the Inland Northwest Honor Flight Network of Spokane, Wash.

50s

James Bennett '50 of Sheldon, Wash., and **Louise VanBronkhorst '52** celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in September. **Gordon De Pree '52** of Jefferson, N.C.,

is portrayed along with his wife and their physical and spiritual journey in China and Saudi Arabia in the book *47 Houses On The Long Journey Home*, which his wife wrote.

L. James Harvey '52 of Caledonia, Mich., has been elected to the Coaches Hall of Fame at Valley Christian High School in Cerritos, Calif. He coached from 1953 to 1957 and in that time his football teams (six-man) won three championships.

Douglas van Gessel '52 of Artesia, Calif., has been appointed by the Reformed Church in America to be the chaplain to the retired pastors and their



Nancy and Dan Clifford

Reputation and Trust Key in Alum's Gift Intentions

Hope's strong reputation is one of the reasons Dan Clifford '68 chose Hope for his undergraduate experience in 1964. That sentiment hasn't changed. Today, Dan and his wife, Nancy, want to help maintain and enhance Hope's reputation as well as support its mission by including the college in their estate plan.

Dan and Nancy also trust that Hope will find an appropriate use for their funds. "The college and the Board have done a good job in the past with its resources, and we'll trust that to continue in the future," says Dan.

Hope is grateful to all of the 700-plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting the students and faculty of the college. Throughout the college's history, planned gifts from friends like Dan and Nancy have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community.



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widows in Southern California. He assists with insurance, pensions, and visits when various needs arrive. He and his wife serve as chaplains at Artesia Christian Home for the Aged, which includes independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing and an Alzheimer's Unit.

Walter De Vries '54 of Wilmington, N.C., is an active political campaign consultant and university professor. He reports that he has led a fulfilling career as a professor, training more than 700 IOPL Fellows with most now serving in elective and appointive positions. He is also president of De Vries & Associates, Inc., a campaign consulting firm working in 35 states and four foreign countries. He is also a member and co-founder of the American Association of Political Consultants, a member of the International Association of Political Consultants and a member of the Wrightsville Beach Planning Board.

Lee Nattress '54 of Angelus Oaks, Calif., was recognized at the 22nd annual Access Awards Luncheon on Monday, Oct. 21, for his efforts "promoting equality and accessibility for people with disabilities" by the Los Angeles County board of supervisors and the Los Angeles County commission on disabilities.

Chris Denny '56 Connaire of Cambridge, Mass., is a coordinator of the Sunday school at a Quaker meeting in Cambridge, Mass. As a volunteer she visits a woman in prison and serves on a committee in her meeting. She was honored as the founding chair of the Board of award-winning Cambridge Community Television on its 25th anniversary.

Peter Durkee '57 of Olmstedville, N.Y., and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He is a retired Presbyterian minister and they live in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State.

Jack Walchenbach '57 of Lake Stevens, Wash., and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August, hosting a one-week family reunion at Lake Entiat in Washington state.

Robert Yin '57 of La Jolla, Calif., pursues his interests in underwater photography and singles tennis.

Vivian Anderson '59 Churness of San Pedro, Calif., has published the true story of the abduction of her son at age three, her struggle to find him, and the faith that sustained her through many agonizing years. Titled *Missing*, it tells of a mother's grief turned into productive living and the ultimate grace of forgiveness.

John Meyer '59 of Laceyville, Pa., has published a book on the Twelve Disciples, women disciples, and major figures in early Christianity, titled *The Shepherd's Staff*. He reports that he is happily living in the log home he built in 1989 and is enjoying many hobbies.

60s

John (Greg) Bryson '60 of Spring Lake, Mich., served as director of music and fine arts/organist/choirmaster at

Christ Community Church in Spring Lake for 30 years. Since retirement he has held interim positions, including as interim organist/choirmaster at Samuel Lutheran Church and First Congregational Church, both in Muskegon; and as interim director of music, organist/choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven, where he has served for almost three years. His wife, **Claire Trembath '62 Bryson** sings in the St. Cecilia Choir.

Jan Leestma '60 of Chicago, Ill., has written a manuscript for the third edition of *Forensic Neuropathology* that should be published by June of 2014. He reports that his family, which includes four grandchildren (ages three-18), all enjoyed several weeks on the beach at Macatawa.

William Vanderbilt '61 of Holland, Mich., was one of the winners in Resthaven Care Community's Seven over Seventy honors. The award recognizes those over 70 years of age who have contributed to their community or nation through career or volunteer efforts.

Carl Vermeulen '61 of Williamsburg, Va., remarks that since his retirement from teaching biology at the College of William and Mary, "Dr. V" and his students at Paul D. Camp Community College in Virginia have discovered some breakthroughs and are well on the way towards stabilizing vaccines so that refrigeration is no longer needed. This should make them applicable to nearly one billion people and their livestock worldwide. The idea was originally a collaboration in 1987 between himself and the late Dr. **Richard Brown '59**, who was then a medical missionary to Zaire.

Betty Whitaker '62 Jackson of Palm Bay, Fla., has published two books and will soon be releasing a third. The first book, *It's a God Thing!*, is an evangelical novel, including a very-much-like-Hope-experience. The second, *Job Loss: What's Next?*, is a step-by-step action plan. The third book is *Bless You Bouquets: A Memoir*, featuring the metaphor of people and garden imagery. She retired after a 40-year career teaching language arts in New York, New Jersey, Iowa and Florida. She is now focused on her writing, church activities and her children and grandchildren. She and her husband will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary. She is also a former member of the college's Alumni Board.

Chuck Becher '63 of Woodlawn, Tenn., and **Peg Wasserman '63 Becher** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. Their children and grandchildren held an open house for them in the fellowship hall of their church.

Dave Bolhuis '63 of Hudson, Mich., has published his second book on the history of Hudsonville schools. His first book covered the history from 1855 to 1955 and this second one is from 1955 to 2013.

Jean Paduch '63 Peelen of Holmes Beach, Fla., reports that since 2011 she has been a commissioner in her city, which has been a great new experience in public service. She has also been very active at the county level in making the

Lawrence Bone '69 is currently deployed to Afghanistan in the in the Army Reserve Medical Corps. He is the commander of the first FST (forward surgical team) and orthopedic surgeon on the unit. This is his second deployment in the past year. He enlisted two years ago and is serving on an age waiver because of the critical shortage of surgeons in the Army. He is a professor and former chairman of the department of orthopedic surgery at the State University of New York School of Medicine. He stepped down from the chair after 12 years to go to Afghanistan for nine months. He followed his son, Christian, into the Army (Christian



was later injured when his vehicle struck an IED. He has recovered and has become a registered nurse working at a VA hospital in N.Y.). He looks forward to retirement after his deployment and spending long overdue time with his wife, **Paula Frissel '70 Bone**, as well as his son and two daughters.

local animal control agency a no-kill shelter. She has also been modeling a skin care line on The Home Shopping Network.

Joni Van der Veen '64 of Fountain, Ariz., reports that she appreciates the joy of still being able to walk out the door every morning and run six miles as the sun rises over the mountains.

Jon Norton '65 of Emerson, N.J., retired in June as the synod minister of the Regional Synod of New York, Reformed Church In America. He held the position for 19 years.

David Grissen '66 of Bend, Ore., is leading a non-profit, international organization, Life Impact, that provides care services for Christian workers through hosted care centers called "Oases." He reports that he and his wife **Sharon Rigerink '67 Grissen** are enjoying this season of life with their five married children and 15 grandchildren.

Thelma (Tommye) Leenhouts '66 and Joe MacDoniels, former professor and chair of the department of communication at Hope College (1972-2001), were married on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Third Reformed Church in Holland, Mich. They plan to spend most of the year in Washington, D.C., and summers in Holland. Tommye, who retired from the U.S. Department of Education in 2011, is a licensed D.C. tour guide and member of the City Choir of Washington. Joe is an adjunct professor in the department of communication and organizational behavior at George Washington University. They are planning a six-week trip in March and April to Australia, in where Joe and his late wife, Rosie, and family lived for two years when Joe taught there.

Mel Andringa '67 of Cedar Falls, Iowa, celebrated his 70th birthday in August with an artist's party, a picnic and a performance by the Kinsey Sicks put on by the Legion Arts. He was also the subject of a front-page article in the *Des Moines Register*.

Jeff Powell '67 of Seal Beach, Calif., is serving as interim senior pastor of the International Protestant Church of Zurich, Switzerland. He and his wife

are enjoying semi-retirement by serving international congregations overseas for part of the year and visiting with family at their apartment in Seal Beach, Calif., for the remainder of the year. They plan to return to the American Church in Paris at the end of 2014.

Peter Schaible '68 is retired from marketing and journalism and is at home on Cape Cod, where he has lived for the past 13 years. He published *The secret weapon of a master direct response online copywriter: How to position your brand for success, based on the research of Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung*, in 2012.

Hudson Soo '68 went on a cruise from Shanghai to Osaka last April and met up with **George Lee '72** after some 40 years of separation.

Bob Terwilliger '68 retired in September after serving for the last 15 years as the senior pastor at Bethany Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Mich. He previously served RCA congregations in Harvey, Ill., and Kalamazoo, and was part of the Mission Services unit on the denominational staff from 1993 to 1998. He also worked for CRC Publications of the Christian Reformed Church. While working for Mission Services he was the supervisor for Native American ministries, served on the board of Southern Normal School in Brewton, Ala., was the overseer of RCA mission work in Eastern Europe and Russia, and also was the coordinator for mission stewardship in the Synod of Mid-America. He and his wife will remain in Kalamazoo, and will spend time visiting their children and six grandchildren.

70s

Norma Jean Foster '70 Clark just bought a condo in Middletown, Mich., and moved from her home of 39 years in upstate N.Y., to be closer to her daughter and six (soon to be seven) grandchildren, who live 15 minutes down the road in Hastings, Mich. She reports that it's a big step "out of the boat," but she is looking at it as an adventure in this next "phase"

Ralph Bohrer '83 Named to Alumni Board

Ralph Bohrer '83 of Scottsdale, Ariz., has been named to the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

He was appointed to the board during the group's October meeting, held in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend at Hope.

Bohrer is executive director of sales with Taro Pharmaceuticals. He has worked in sales management and consulting services in the pharmaceutical industry throughout his career, with his recent experiences including serving principal of Ridgeback Associates and a

partner with The Theraplex Company.

He graduated from Hope with a major in business administration. While at Hope, he earned a varsity letter in golf and was a member of the Arcadian fraternity.

Bohrer and his wife, Christine, have been active in supporting Hope, including through the Hope Fund and the DeVos Fieldhouse, and are members of the college's Anchor Club and Dimnent Heritage Society.

He and Christine have a grown daughter, Brittanie, and two dogs, Jack and Harley.

of life.

Mary "Micki" Luckey '70 of Oakland, Calif., is author of the book *Membrane Structural Biology*, the second edition of which will be published by Cambridge University Press in January. The first edition has been used in classes and laboratories around the world.

Mary Nezneek '70 of Washington, D.C., works with special needs children, many of whose lives have been impacted by domestic forms of trauma, poverty and mental illness. For the past 15 years she has been a special education teacher and was awarded the highest honor the District of Columbia offers teachers at ceremonies at the Kennedy Center in 2013. For the past 40 years, she has been working with non-governmental organizations and peace groups seeking to reach a just peace to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Her work has included editing three major academic area studies books about domestic Middle East and U.S. policy. She has also worked on a grant to study influence of the Israeli lobby in the U.S. faith community as well as on U.S. college campuses.

D. Ann Etzel '70 Prins reports that since she retired she has been going places and doing things that she never had time for when she was working. She is taking a Plein Aire painting class and recently attended her 50th high school reunion in Clovis, N.M.

Arlene Den Haan '70 Spalt of North Haledon, N.J., has retired from teaching after 30 years. She and her husband are the grandparents of two girls, enjoying their activities and taking short vacation trips whenever possible.

Daniel Keefe '71 of Palmetto, Fla., retired after 37 years of working for U.S. Customs/Customs & Border Protection.

Betsy Noice '71 Martin retired two years ago from a 31-year elementary teaching career. She now enjoys substitute teaching, hiking, and traveling.

Kathryn Page '72 Camp of Munster, Ind., has written the book *Writers in Wonderland: Keeping Your Words Legal*. A primer with a Lewis Carroll twist, *Writers in Wonderland* uses everyday language and shares cases with interesting facts to explain the basic legal principles of

interest to writers.

Nancy Johnson '72 Cooper of Clifton, N.J., has served as the vice-president of the Classis of Passaic Valley of the Reformed Church of America. Next year she will serve as president of the Classis. She keeps very busy with church activities (music, elder, treasurer, teaching adult Sunday school class, women's ministries, etc.) and also serves on several classis committees. She still loves to read and cross-stitch and is officially "retired" from teaching, which has enabled her to do all the above-noted volunteer work.

James Fortney '72 of Zeeland, Mich., has spent the last 10-plus years working at Community Reformed Church in Zeeland, Mich., as the business administrator. He previously worked for 30 years in information technology, the last 20 of those years at Prince/Johnson Controls.

Richard Van Doren '72 of Bloomington, Ind., has four eBooks available through Smashwords and most other eBook distributors, three suspense thrillers and a collection of short stories with an emphasis on the fantastic.

Marvin Younger '72 of Holland, Mich., is a new member of International Rotary and president of the Alliance for Cultural & Ethnic Harmony.

Jennifer Gould '73 of Byron Center, Mich., exhibits her textile figures at YT Galleria in Grand Rapids East Hills. She also has her work in the Ludington Area Council for the Arts Fiber Invitational, East Lansing's Grove Gallery, the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center's 10th Anniversary Exhibit, and the Holland Area Arts Council's Oddbodies exhibit. She has become the membership chair for the Michigan League of Handweavers and continues as the vice president of programs for the Lakeshore Fiber Arts Guild.

Susan Haney '73 of Albany, N.Y., retired from Albany Medical Center as a registered health information administrator.

Barbara Smalling '73 Lawton of Holland, Mich., retired at the end of last school year after 26 years in public education, with the last five at East School in Holland. She is working part time at

The Commons of Evergreen in Holland. **David Leestma '73** and **Cathy Schaub '73 Leestma** celebrated David's 40 years of music ministry last September. David accepted a full-time position at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., after graduating from Hope, and has served churches in southern and northern California, North Carolina, and is currently serving at Grace Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Chuck Brooks '74 is with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security with the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., working with the U.S. domestic protection program and daily operations. His responsibilities include executive protection for all U.S. VIP government officials, foreign presidents, prime ministers, ambassadors and heads of state; serving as a liaison with USSS, other USG, metropolitan police department and visiting foreign dignitary protection details; and all non- and classified conferences/meetings, domestic and international, to include the president and vice president.

Dan Dykstra '74 has been living at the same address since 1998, since retiring from active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Robert Fretz '74 celebrated in September the 35th anniversary of his ordination as a Reformed Church in America minister and the 13th anniversary of his installation as minister of the Saddle River Reformed Church, Upper Saddle, N.J.

Deborah Koning '74 Kiekover of Holland, Mich., was inducted into the West Ottawa Athletic Hall of Fame on

Wednesday, Sept. 25. The induction was made for more than 25 years of service as a certified athletic trainer. She still works part time for the athletic department at the school.

Nick Lam '74 of Portage, Mich., retired in April after working 25 years for the City of Kalamazoo as purchasing director and serving 39 years in local governments including Allegan County and City of Portage.

Vicki Wiegerink '74 Rumpsa of Holland, Mich., spent the last year planning Ottawa County's first "Off Leash Dog Beach" park on Lake Michigan and just finished supervising the dog beach for its opening summer. The park is located at the southern portion of Kirk Beach in Ottawa County.

Kathy Jo Blaske '75 is serving as president of The Classis of Greater Palisades of the Reformed Church in America. She is also a member of the RCA's nominations commission and is in her fifth year as a long-term care chaplain at the Christian Health Care Center in Wyckoff, N.J.

Joan Donaldson '75 of Fennville, Mich., will have a portion of an essay that first appeared in *The Christian Science Monitor* published in the fourth edition of the textbook *The Writer's World: Paragraphs and Essays*.

Cindy McOwen '75 Poole of Littleton, Colo., is owner and operator of PowertaskOne LLC, a writing, editing and proofreading business. She focuses primarily on web site content, newsletter content, articles and marketing pieces.

Julie Marcellus '75 Van Oostenburg is enjoying her third year of retirement after a 34-year teaching career at the lower elementary level for Zeeland Public

Lynn Bufe '82 Veldman of Baltimore, Md., received a Paul Harris Fellowship Award from her Rotary Club in Simsbury, Conn. She was presented the honor for her work with the poor and homeless in Hartford, Conn., and abroad in Miraj, India. The award is one of the highest honors in Rotary. For several years, Lynn has worked with a group of Karin refugees from Myanmar who had fled the genocide of their tribe to live in a refugee camp in Thailand. Later they were relocated to Hartford and Lynn has been home-schooling them in ESL and life skills along with registering more than 50 of their children in preschool. She also works at Foodshare, a service that provides free food to the needy in Hartford. Lynn and her husband, **Jon Veldman '82**, and their daughters started the charity ICAN (Indian Children's Angel Network), which helps to fund an orphanage in southern India. The Home of Hope is a Christian orphanage



which provides a safe haven for children to escape the cycle of prostitution and receive treatment of AIDS, vaccinations, proper nutrition, a clean place to live and the opportunity for an education. She and her daughters travel to India annually to teach English, science, health and life-skills at the orphanage along with raising funds for projects. The most noted projects include a well and clean water filter, solar power, a chicken coop, toilet facilities, a library and a vegetable garden, several of which aim toward helping the orphanage become self-sustaining.

Schools. She reports that her days are well-filled with reading, friends, some subbing and lots of tea.

Margo Merchant '75 Wright has begun her third year as principal of Saint Robert Catholic School in San Bruno, Calif.

Dirk Bloemendaal '76 just crossed the 30-year threshold as managing counsel in Amway's Government Affairs Department, where he spends time working with state legislators, local public officials and regulators. While some of these individuals are more interesting and compelling than others, he still enjoys the work.

June Johansen '76 of Grand Rapids, Mich., retired in 2010 from TriCounty Schools after 34 years of teaching at Sand Lake Elementary.

Mary Pifer-Sobers '76 of Rutherford, N.J., became a licensed practical nurse in 2010 and has been finally using her psychology BA at the largest psychiatric hospital in New Jersey as a medication nurse.

James Stegenga '76 of Sacramento, Calif., works for the West Region of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

Blythe Denham '77 Kieffer is the new pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Ill.

Vicki Hedlund '77 Reeves of New Port Richey, Fla., is a general magistrate for the 13th Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, Fla., and is currently assigned to the probate, guardianship, trust and mental health division. She is a joint master of the South Creek Foxhounds and enjoys riding and foxhunting in her spare time.

Lynn Thomas '77 of Bristol, Ind., is in the midst of her 35th year of teaching high school English for the Middlebury Community Schools. She earned her M.S.E. in 1985. She also shows her shelties in AKC obedience competition.

Brian Stauffer '78 of Holland, Mich., is the new executive director of Love Inc. of Northwest Allegan County. The mission of Love In the Name of Christ (INC) is to mobilize churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

Carl Daudt '79 of Upland, Ind., is beginning his 14th year with Taylor University. He worked 13 years managing a departmental network of servers and workstations for the computer science and engineering, and physics and engineering departments, and then transitioned to the information technology (services) department of Taylor. He and his wife continue to be involved with Mu Kappa at Taylor, a student organization for missionary students and other third-culture kids.

80s

Sheryl Busman '80 VanderWagen was recently re-elected to a third term as president of the Midwest Antiochian Women, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest, Antiochian Christian Archdiocese.

Steven Visscher '80 of Bronxville, N.Y., recently won his second Primetime Emmy for sound editing for the HBO series *Boardwalk Empire*.

Barbara Tacoma '81 DePree of Douglas, Mich., was named one of the top 10 social healthmakers for menopause by Sharecare in September.

Suzanne Galer-Wert '81 is an associate professor of voice at Palm Beach Atlantic University, a West Palm Beach soprano soloist for Royal Ponciana Chapel, and the Palm Beach president elect of National Association of Teachers of Singing, Intercoastal Chapter.

Tracy Larsen '81 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the office managing partner at the Michigan office and co-chair of the firmwide Corporate Department of the Barnes & Thornburg law firm. On Thursday, Oct. 3, he received the Dealmaker of the Year: Adviser Award from *MiBiz* during the inaugural *MiBiz* and Association for Corporate Growth (Mergers and Acquisitions) Deals & Dealmakers Awards in Grand Rapids.

He was honored for his leadership of the advisory team that assisted Michigan-based Wolverine World Wide Inc. in its \$1.24 billion acquisition of a portion of Collective Brand Inc. The Wolverine work was one of 35 transactional advisory teams he has led over the last year, with total transactions eclipsing \$5 billion. Over his career, he has led hundreds of merger and acquisition transactions, nationally and abroad, involving tens of billions in trade value. In addition to his M&A work, he represents clients in joint ventures, corporate finance transactions and restructurings, takeover defense, corporate governance, and federal securities law matters.

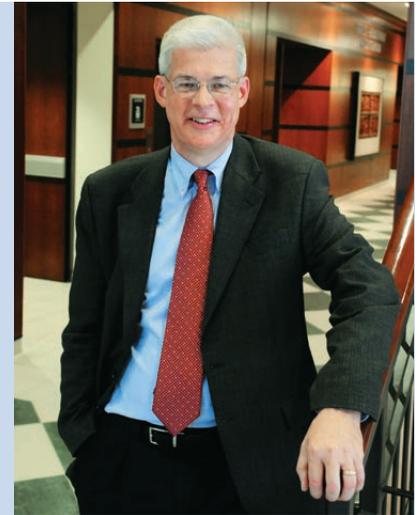
Stephanie Klahr '82 Flinker of Leeds, Mass., recently completed her certification for special education, moderate disabilities PK – 8, and accepted a new position as the lead resource room teacher serving kindergarten, the Alternative Learning Program (for children with challenging behaviors) and the autism spectrum disorder program at her school.

Jeff Krehbiel '82 is a pastor with Church of the Pilgrims, a Presbyterian Church in the Dupont Circle neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

Bryan Lindquist '82 of Ramsey, Minn., has after 30 years in sales and marketing joined the Lean Six Sigma Black Belt team within PolyOne Corporation, a \$5 billion international plastics company. He had been working for Spartech Plastics for the past three years and in March PolyOne acquired Spartech Plastics. With his new role within PolyOne, his focus is on Lean Six Sigma projects for the next 24 months. After the 24 months he will be re-deployed back within the commercial group at PolyOne.

Matt Neil '82 of Holland, Mich., is entering the fourth year as the men's basketball coach at Hope. Two of his four children are Hope alums, with a third to occur this spring and the last in 2017. He reports that he and his wife embrace their position and are humbled to serve a great place.

Brian Gibbs '84 presented "Learning – and Loving – a Language for Life" on Monday, Sept. 30, at Hope College, sponsored by the Department of Modern and Classical languages and the French Cultural Studies Colloquium. He majored in German and has spent all but three years living in Germany. He worked for 20 years in operations management consulting and has traveled to 50 countries. He is currently teaching and conducting research at Regensburg University in Regensburg, Germany and is the associate dean at the European Business School in Wiesbaden, Germany. He also serves as the



international representative on the college's Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Rick Reece '82 of Vientiane, Laos, is the founder and executive director of Village Focus International, an organization working in Laos and Cambodia dedicated to fighting against human trafficking and for land and natural resource rights. Among other things, VFI organizes the Angkor Wat Bike4Kids! event in Angkor Wat each year, raising funds for survivors of sex trafficking and those vulnerable to exploitation.

Nancy MacArthur '82 Smith of Clifton, Va., teaches voice lessons from her home in northern Virginia. She also directs community theater musicals and performs in various early music ensembles. She is married with two children and almost an empty nester.

Sue Williams '82 of Brooklyn, Wis., has been named acting assistant chief of police for Madison, Wis. This is the first time a woman has held that title in the department's history.

Dave Mackenzie '83 of Nunica, Mich., was a participant in ArtPrize 2013. He submitted "Back to Eden", a multidimensional visual expression of horticulture. It was a living abstract painting, using plants as the paint, and the Living Wall growing system as the canvas. It measured 11 feet tall by 130 feet long and was comprised of 2,500 plants. He is the president of LiveWall.

Tina de Jong '84 Hoy of Midland, Mich., celebrated five years cancer free, 20 years of marriage and her husband's retirement with a Baltic cruise in August.

Joel Redeker '84 recently joined Bank of Holland and Bank of Northern Michigan as senior vice president of equipment finance.

Duane VandenBrink '84 was promoted to senior analytical scientist at Gentex Corporation located in Zeeland Mich. In his new role he continues to provide analytical support to Gentex's chemistry research program. Duane's work has helped Gentex's research program show success in such commercial products, as the new electrochromic windows (auto-darkening) found in all Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft. He continues to teach a chemistry class in the evenings at Grand Rapids Community

College as an adjunct professor. He reports that he and his wife Ginger Hawkins '84 VandenBrink are thoroughly enjoying their empty nest.

Mark Rebhan '85 has been named group director, solutions planning at Lowe Campbell-Ewald, a full-service marketing and advertising agency in Detroit, Mich. Solutions Planning is a strategic discipline focused on developing consumer insight.

David Hartt '87 of Williamsburg, Va., has joined the George Washington University faculty as an assistant professor in human and organizational learning (HOL) and the director of HOL graduate programs for the Hampton Roads Center. He holds an Ed.D. in organizational leadership from Nova Southeastern University and an M.Ed. in performance technology from San Diego State University. In addition, he is a certified performance technologist (CPT) and a certified project management professional (PMP). Prior to joining the GW faculty, he worked as an executive in the aerospace and defense industry and served 23 years as a Coast Guard officer. His academic interests revolve around the role of organizational vision, mission and values (VMV) as a catalyst for strategic engagement at the societal, organizational and individual levels.

Kirk Hendershott-Kraetzer '87 has been presented the 2013 Riethmiller Awards for Excellence in Scholarship and Teaching at Olivet College.

Martha VanderKolk '87 of Ann Arbor, Mich., celebrated her five-year anniversary as a bone marrow transplant survivor. In 2008, she received a transplant from a matched unrelated donor to treat her therapy-related acute myeloid leukemia. She reports that she is doing very well, and all her doctors are very pleased with her progress and current health status, "I'm beyond thrilled with the success of the transplant, and am looking forward to many more years hanging with my cats and dancing and calling contra dances."

Sandy Schweitzer '88 Power of Springfield, Mich., was the recipient of "Director's Coin" from Defense Logistics Information Center for the savings

she incurred for the Defense Logistics Agency.

Tammy Swain-Simmons '88 of Mount Clemens, Mich., reports that life is good and it's difficult to believe 25 years have passed since graduation. She has been married to her best friend for 23 years, and reports that they are raising three amazing, talented, wonderful children. Their oldest, Emily, is a freshman at Hope and sons Eric and Tommy are 15 and 13 years old. She works as an infusion nurse for Beaumont.

Robin Kasten '88 Wilson of East Berlin, Pa., will finish home schooling this year, graduating her youngest this June. She has been running a small marina at her residence since 2006, Lake Meade Marina Services LLC, with her family and plans to sell after this boating season to focus on starting Trail Life USA troops. She and her husband will be area representatives for this new boys' adventure organization. She is also heavily involved in local and state politics. She had the opportunity to ride with her husband and others with the two million bikers to Washington, D.C., on 9/11.

Christine Prince '89 Baker is a managing director leading the Manhattan office of Meyers, Harrison & Pia, LLC, a boutique high-net-worth matrimonial consulting firm.

Leni Weisl '89 Ellwein of Upper Marlboro, Md., continues to work as a psychotherapist in private practice.

Kristin Kuhn '89 of Jupiter, Fla., moved to Florida in August 2010, and has been working toward her goal of becoming a district administrator. In August, she became the assistant principal in the Palm Beach County School District (11th largest K-12 district in U.S.).

Anne Wheatley '89 Parker of Ann Arbor, Mich., is owner of Wahoo Composites LLC., and is applying for recognition for her firm as a 90-percent woman-owned business. The designation will be an asset to future carbon fiber automotive contracts as well as any government contracts on the horizon. She reports that Wahoo Walls is also in the arduous process of ICC Testing (International Construction Code testing), which will open more doors in the construction industry and for exporting world wide.

Shelly Russell-Schafer '89 currently is a neonatal nurse practitioner at the University of Michigan, Mott's Children Hospital.

Jim Schuman '89 reports that what he and his wife thought would be a two-to-three-year stint in Australia has become seven years. He notes that it has been a great experience and they continue to enjoy their time here and exploring what the country has to offer.

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Thomas TerMaat '90 was selected by his peers to be included in the 2013 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of insurance law.

Jen Baker '91 of Sheffield, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom, recently published a 12-week devotional book

for busy women, called *Untangled*. She is also the anti-trafficking director for City Hearts, and is part of the leadership team at Hope City Church.

Rachel Reenstra '91 is the host of *Wildlife Docs*, a new ABC show featuring the inside work of zoological professionals including veterinarians, technicians and trainers.

Wade Gugino '92 of Holland, Mich., was a participant in ArtPrize 2013. He submitted "GooTopia" a 10-foot by six-foot cartoon mural, with 26 smaller prints below it.

David MacIntyre '92 of Waukesha, Wis., was promoted to clinical associate professor of exercise science at Carroll University. He now coordinates the exercise science program, which with more than 500 majors is the largest at Carroll. He is still teaching kinesiology and has been at Carroll 18 years.

Jim Lutzweiler '93 is the vice president at AARP Foundation in the hunger impact area. He was recently the vice president of strategic development for Joint Aid Management International.

Craig Maloney '93 still works with computers.

Doug Mesecar '93 of Aldie, Va., was appointed to the opportunity education institution board by Governor Bob McDonnell.

Doug Bazuin '93 Schiazza of Adams, Mass., celebrated seven years of marriage and 10 years as director of student life at Williams College in August.

Trent Wakenight '93 is a strategic communication and strategic planning specialist supporting Federal government agencies in Washington, D.C. He has also spent the last year honing his skills in graphic facilitation and visual meetings.

Russ Johnson '94 of Holland, Mich., has spent parts of the last two years preparing for and helping to organize Sea to Sea 2013. This cross continent bicycle tour left Los Angeles on June 24 and arrived in Staten Island on August 24. With more than 87 riders going coast to coast and almost 200 additional riders and volunteers riding portions of the distance, it was one of the largest cross continent charity bike rides.

Matt Thompson '94 serves as pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bismarck, N.D.

Pam Gunther '94 Thompson serves at the director of development for the Cystic Fibrosis Association of North Dakota in Bismarck, N.D.

Carrie Borchers '95 participated in a Department of Psychology alumni panel co-sponsored by Career Services and the department of psychology at Hope. The goal of the event was to demonstrate through Q & A to current students the variety and depths of careers a psychology degree from Hope can facilitate. She reports that it was great to be back on campus in the "new" science center -- far more sophisticated than the Peale Science Center of her tenure. She especially enjoyed seeing her undergrad advisor and mentor, Dr. Shaughnessy, and catching up with Dr. Roehling.

Corie Britton '95 Visscher of Holland, Mich., has been working at Camp Geneva as a special programs registrar for the past nine years. She reports that it's awesome to be working in a place that has had such an impact on her life. She and her husband moved from Zeeland to Holland a year ago and enjoy hearing Lake Michigan from their home.

Dirk DeWitt '96 of Charleston, S.C.,

has sold his business, Velocity Sports Performance, in Mount Pleasant, S.C. He ran a sub-three-hour marathon at the Myrtle Beach Marathon.

Andrew Giddy-Van Pernis '96 is celebrating four years as a software engineer at Dreamworks Animation. Upcoming film projects include *How to Train Your Dragon 2*. He lives outside Los Angeles, Calif.

Mary Boelkins '96 Rememschneider of Holland, Mich., is the new director of strategic initiatives at Hope. She most recently was the executive director for major gifts and the director of the *A Greater Hope* campaign.

Justin Crawford '97 of Portage, Mich., has joined Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as a partner in the law firm's corporate department.

Julie Hoving '98 Bewley of Downers Grove, Ill., was recently promoted to vice president, human resources with Jones Lang LaSalle in Chicago, Ill.

John Donnelly '98 is currently starting his 15th year of work at Black River Public School in Holland Mich. He spent his first 10 years teaching Spanish and is now in his fifth year as dean of students. After turning 32, he set the goal of completing 1,000 running (or multi-sport events) by the time he turns 53. He recently passed event #350 at the Ludington Triathlon, where he saw **Brian Diaz '98**. From a 200-meter wooden shoe race with 15 people (yes it was official, he won second) to ultra marathons where he is happy to finish closer to last place, it has been a lot of fun. He is also the director of his school's 5k event.

Corey Everts '98 was named general counsel at Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc.



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Heidi Giddy-Van Pernis '98 is completing her second master's program at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks. She will graduate with a Master of Science in guidance and counseling with a college student personnel credential. She is currently doing an internship at a community college in Los Angeles and is a home tutor. She lives outside of Los Angeles, Calif.

Katy Waara '98 Simons is teaching first grade with Traverse City Area Public Schools and has relocated to Traverse City from Greensboro, N.C.

Lori Guse '99 Day is a maternal fetal medicine physician at the University of Michigan Hospital.

E. Andrew Gookin '99 is the pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Lapeer, Mich. He has just celebrated his eighth year of ordination.

Jeff Kemner '99 runs a small sales agency in Grand Rapids, Mich., called Sigma Sales Associates. The company celebrated its 12-year anniversary in February.

William Kim '99 of Holt, Mich., was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in November of 2012 and is currently an assistant city attorney for the City of Lansing and legal advisor to the Lansing police department.

Melissa Ooms '99 is currently living in Hua Hin, Thailand, teaching the National Curriculum of England to four and five year olds at an international school. A recent motorbike accident, leaving her in hospital for two a half weeks, has reminded her that the love of the Alpha Gamma Phi sorority sisters lasts for a lifetime and across oceans. She says, "This love and friendship would not be possible without the support from Hope College. I am blessed and overwhelmed with joy for God's blessings to me through my sorority and the college. Thank you!"

Matt Simons '99 is teaching a fourth/fifth combination class with Traverse City Area Public Schools and has relocated to Traverse City from Greensboro, N.C.

Jennifer Aslanian '99 Wezeman of Holland, Mich., has taught all levels of Spanish, from kindergarten to college, over the past 13 years and is currently enjoying her seventh year of teaching at Black River Public School in Holland, Mich. She and her husband have two children, Kai (five) and Kate (two).

Tawny Brinson '00 Brooks of Milwaukee, Wis., opened her own law practice, Brooks Law LLC in September.

Joanne Randinitis '00 of Salt Lake City, Utah is the primary keeper of bears at Utah's Hogle Zoo. She also works with pinnipeds, otters, eagles and fish in the Rocky Shores Exhibit.

Kristyn Sundstedt '01 Bochniak of Ithaca, N.Y., is the senior director of residence education and housing at St. Norbert College.

Tim Cupery '01 defended his dissertation in sociology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in August. The research was cross-national analysis of government policies toward religion.

Angela Lee '01 Leete of Traverse City, Mich., is a primary medical social worker at the Munson Dialysis Clinic.

John McDonald '01 of Milwaukee, Wis., is the 2013 recipient of the *Wisconsin Law Journal's* Up and Coming Lawyer award. He is a member of Godfrey & Kayhn Corporate Practice Group.

Benjamin Tennant '01 lives in Holland and works with three other Hope graduates in downtown Holland for NetRivet, Inc. He is also the worship pastor for Without Walls Vineyard Church.

Chris Vande Bunte '01 is the lead pastor of the First Reformed Church of Hawthorne, Hawthorne, N.J.

Jennifer Gerig '02 Buikema is now working at Glen Oaks Community College as director for a federal grant-funded program called TRiO Student Support Services. She mentors and advises low-income, first-generation and disabled college students.

Annie Wagnild '02 Long of Minnetonka, Minn., works in the corporate marketing department of U.S. Bank as a project manager for retail markets including Chicago, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Kansas.

Jessica Zimbelman '02 is an attorney at the state appellate defender office in Lansing, Mich., and second-chaired a case in the United States Supreme Court. On Tuesday, Oct. 8, oral arguments in *Burt v. Titlow* were held in Washington, D.C.

Laura Nichols '03 Howe of Ann

Arbor, Mich., completed her fellowship training in allergy and immunology at the University of Michigan in August, and is now a faculty member at the University of Michigan.

Noel Snyder '03 of Alma, Mich., is the director of spiritual life and college chaplain for Alma College.

Matthew Zwier '03 received his Ph.D. in physical chemistry in August and is an assistant professor of chemistry at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. In addition, he and his wife welcomed twin boys to their family in March.

Dan Bovee '04 of Wheaton, Ill., is a division director in the finance division of Advanced Resources.

Kathleen Davenport '04 of West Palm Beach, Fla., has graduated from her sports medicine fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery and has started working with Preferred Orthopedics of the Palm Beaches in Boynton Beach, Fla. Through that practice, she is working with Miami City Ballet and other local dancers and athletes.

Ethan Everts '04 of Key West, Fla., is an active-duty Navy chaplain.

Kenita Harris '04 is the new pastor of leadership development and spiritual formation at Christ Memorial Church.

Jeffrey Seymour '04 has received the 2012-13 David L. Dodge Teaching Award, given by the department of sociology at the University of Notre Dame to the graduate student who has most distinguished himself or herself in the teaching of undergraduates.

Tyler Thompson '04 of Reed City, Mich., began serving as Osceola County, Mich., prosecuting attorney in January. He was elected to the position in the November 2012 general election.

Jaelyn Timmer '04 was promoted to director of college counseling at PrepNet Schools in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Steve Van Beek '04 has joined Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC in Royal Oak, Mich. His practice concentrates on the financial laws and regulations impacting community banks and credit unions. He is a frequent speaker at national and regional industry events, delivering information on best practices financial institutions can follow to reduce compliance, strategic and reputation risks.

Andrew Volk '04 of Chicago, Ill., is celebrating his fifth year of self-employment after creating a variety of eCommerce stores. The stores include Superfan Suits, a full-body costume shop for sports fanatics, and The Ugly Christmas, a shop offering the highly demanded "ugly sweaters" over the holidays.

Tessa Beukema '05 is a licensed professional counselor in Chicago, Ill., where she recently joined a group private practice. Her additional work as a youth instructor in the digital learning arena has allowed for a wonderful blend of interests developed at Hope and her graduate studies. (Please see "Advanced Degrees.")

T.J. Carr '05 of Bettendorf, Iowa, has accepted a position as a chiropractic physician with Tri-Med Health and Wellness Center, and has traveled with Dr. Mitch Mally assisting in extremity



William Charles Crowley '92, artistic director of Next Step Dance in Miami, Fla., taught Graham Technique master classes at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., and Dance in the Annex in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was also the Guest Artist in Residence for the Department of Dance at Hope, where he presented the lecture "Beyond the Labyrinth: The Dance Legacy of Martha Graham," held an audition and adjudicated student-choreographed dance works.

seminars all over the U.S.

Maegan Hatfield-Eldred '05 is a neuropsychologist at Spectrum Health Medical Group.

Anthony Taylor '05 is an investment associate with Tri-Star Trust Bank.

Joseph Turbessi '05, a pianist, performed with The Michigan Recital Project, on Thursday, Oct. 10, in Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music on Hope's campus.

Emily Ellis-Liang '06 has developed and created an educational nonprofit dance company called rePUBLIC of daNce set to open June 2014 in Greensboro, N.C.

Sarah McDonald '06 Gebben of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and her husband and were filmed for the HGTV reality show, *House Hunters International* this past spring. Their episode, "Belfast & Furious," aired on HGTV on Friday, Oct. 25.

Karter Klingenberg '06 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is principal transportation specialist for TruNorth Insurance Financial Strategies.

Jessica Schmidt '06 is an engineering technical writer at Egemin Automation in Holland, Mich.

Johanna Swanson '06 is pursuing a master's in higher education, student affairs at Eastern Michigan University. She also has a graduate assistantship with the GEAR UP program at EMU.

Stephanie Van Stee '06 of St. Louis, Mo., is an assistant professor in the department of communication at University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Eric Bourassa '07 of Fort Worth, Texas runs a private music studio. He and his wife serve in the music and

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William Bowser '11 was selected out of a thousand candidates to play in the Nike-sponsored All-Star Game called "Summer is Serious" on Wednesday, Aug. 21. His team was coached by James Harden of the Houston Rockets. He has played professional basketball in Romania and has signed a one-year contract to play for the Halifax Rainmen in the Canadian National Basketball League.

children's ministry at the City on a Hill Church.

Jennifer Hansen Gard '07 graduated from the University of Florida with a masters in art education in 2012 and is currently in her second year of study as a candidate for her MFA in ceramics at Ohio State University.

Beth Leahy '07 Hacker is an accredited financial counselor working on Minot Air Force Base, N.D., as a career transition trainer. She works for Inverness Technologies, a contractor for the Department of Labor.

William Ponkowski '07 of Plymouth, Mich., has started the MBA program at University of Michigan Stephen Ross School of Business.

Meghan Wind '07 of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a clinical social worker in the adult neuro intensive care unit at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mike DeVries '08 is a mortgage loan originator for Lake Michigan Credit Union.

Andrew Hickok '08 of Denver, Colo., graduated with a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan in 2011, and was the project director for a two-year research grant examining structural and policy factors impacting young men's risk for HIV infection in Detroit. Following the end of that grant, he moved on to become the prevention services manager at Denver Colorado AIDS Project.

Laura Scherer '08 Jepkema of Niles, Mich., is the director of adult day services at the Cass County Council on Aging.

Clinton Jepkema '08 of Niles, Mich., is teaching mathematics and physics at Niles High School.

Kate Ester '08 Johnston is the new pastor of Westlake Presbyterian Church in Battle Creek, Mich.

Meredith Praamsma '08 of Albany, N.Y., will be moving to Mongolia in 2014 to establish a public health research laboratory.

Allison Walter '08 of Howell, N.J., works at Kleinfeld Bridal in Manhattan as a bridal sales consultant. She is also a regular cast member on the TLC reality television show *Say Yes to the Dress*, which is filmed at Kleinfelds. She has been on the past two seasons and is currently filming for season 11.

Morgan Wilson '08 of Frederick, Md., completed her Ph.D. at the University of Illinois at Chicago and is now an assistant professor of Management at Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland.

Ashley Barbieri '09 of Denver, Colo., is teaching special education, kindergarten-fifth autism and moderate needs, in Colorado.

Rachel Driscoll '09 of Mount Pleasant, Mich., served as an adjunct professor at Grand Valley State University for two years, and has begun an MS program in chemistry, with a research emphasis in chemistry education, with Dr. Janice Tomasiak at Central Michigan University.

Ashley Hilbrand '09 of Grant, Mich., has started her clinicals on the campus of MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland.

Andrew Mead '09 and **Jana Johnson '10 Mead** are currently serving as RCA volunteers in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Jana is serving as a hospice nurse, while Andrew is teaching theology at Mekane Yesus Seminary for the current academic year.

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Justine Vlietstra '10 Backhaus of Waukesha, Wis., is the business operations manager at Rocketship Southside Community Prep, the first expansion school for the national charter school network.

Brennigan Gilson '10 Burnett was married in August 2011 and has been using her business and English degree. She began her own photography business, photography studios, which has had success within a three-hour radius of Holland, Mich.

Matt Clark '10 is the executive director for Promise for Haiti in Nashville, Tenn., a global community development organization working in Pignon, Haiti, providing healthcare, education, and clean water.

Alison Garza '10 has begun a master's program at Fuller Theological Seminary in intercultural studies with an emphasis in international development.

Haleigh Gokey '10 Leslie is employed with Yamhill County Health and Human Services as a management analyst - health educator.

Elizabeth Olson '10 accepted a position in McAlester, Okla., as a pediatric and family medicine physician assistant. (Please see "Advanced Degrees.")

Sarah Costener '10 Reu of Chicago, Ill., is starting a masters in teaching program through the Urban Teachers Education Program at University of Chicago.

Teresa Borst '10 VanDerSchaaf of Wyoming, Mich., is working at Stone Plastics Manufacturing as the human

resources manager and coaching varsity volleyball at Hudsonville High School.

Trevor Coeling '11 of Ann Arbor, Mich., is in his second year at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

Carrie Cushman '11 of Liverpool, United Kingdom, is finishing her Master of Science degree in international events management at the University of Salford in Manchester.

Jeanine DeJong '11 reports that this fall marks the beginning of her third year as guidance counselor at Hillcrest School in Nigeria. She notes that it has been both an immense joy and an immense challenge working at the Christian, American-curriculum school, with more than 17 different nationalities represented in the student body. Leaving Hope with her bachelor's in psychology, she found herself thrown into the position of trauma and grief counselor at Hillcrest, located in a part of central Nigeria that has, at times, erupted into violence. In the midst of the chaos, however, she found solace in teaching two classes in the high school as well, one of which is an AP Psychology class using the very textbook written by Dr. David Myers. She says "What a privilege to teach from the very book that started me on the path to psychology, from the very professor I was able to study under in college."

Amanda Goodyke '11 has begun working as a registered nurse in the pediatric ICU at the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital. She is also pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing: pediatric nurse practitioner at U of M.

Katharine Matejka '11 Kroondyk of Cadillac, Mich., started teaching at Manton High School last year and started her Master of Education at Ferris State University.

Daniel Mehari '11 graduated with the 125th class of the Michigan State Trooper training program in October. The event was attended by Dr. James Herrick, the Guy Vander Jagt Professor of Communications at Hope College.

Amanda Schab '11 of Ann Arbor, Mich., is working at the University of Michigan Hospital as an acute leukemia/telemetry registered nurse and attending the university to pursue a master's degree in the primary care pediatric nurse practitioner program.

Arye Shannon-Carmichael '11 of Holland, Mich., is a dance teacher at Grand Rapids Ellington Academy of Arts and Technology in Grand Rapids, Mich., and is a dance teacher at Belle Etoile Studio of Dance in Zeeland, Mich.

Marissa Lintemuth '11 Stauffer is a kindergarten teacher at The Vail Child Development Center in Avon, Colo.

Charlie Walter '11 is finishing a farm apprenticeship in Virginia and will be on the look out for land to begin farming.

Brian Wiese '11 of Greenville, N.C., recently graduated with master's degree from the University of Kentucky and accepted a position as assistant athletic trainer with football at East Carolina University.

Chad Buchholz '12 of Grandville, Mich., graduated from Grand Valley

State Police Academy in August and now works for the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department.

Peter Fischer '12 is applying for the naval medical school scholarship. He looks forward to serving his country.

Katie Garrett '12 began an internship at Horn Creek Camp and Conference Grounds in Westcliffe, Colo.

Taylor Groth '12 is attending graduate school at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, pursuing a Master of Arts in international security. He is also participating in a semester in Washington, D.C., for the fall, working at the U.S. Department of State in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Office of Policy and Regional Affairs.

Emily Kirschbaum '12 of Chicago, Ill., graduated from her Master of Social Work advanced standing program in May and started a full-time position at Cabrini Green Legal Aid as a social worker immediately after graduation. She had been interning there as a part of her MSW program through the year, and they hired her on as full-time staff. She does case management for clients from all legal services departments - housing law, family law, criminal defense, and criminal records. The office is the only agency in the city of Chicago that provides criminal defense services outside of the public defender's office.

Caitlin Klask '12 of Pinckney, Mich., is working in media (Please see "Advanced Degrees").

Jon Ponte '12 of Novi, Mich., is working for the city of Northville as a fire rescue and EMS responder.

Amber Rogers '12 has begun her second year as a Fulbright Scholar in Madrid, Spain. This year, she will serve as a mentor for all of the first-year Fulbright English teaching assistants.

Amberlyn Scheeringa '12 of Schererville, Ind., is a kindergarten teacher at John Wood Elementary in Merrillville, Ind.

Felicia Strong '12 of Ann Arbor, Mich., took a year off from school to work and travel, and has decided to return to school to complete her master's in nursing at the University of Michigan to become an acute care pediatric nurse practitioner.

Spencer Vanderheide '12 is touring the Midwest with his band.

Angelo Alago '13 of New Brunswick, N.J., is in the clinical psychology doctoral program at Rutgers University.

Stephanie Browne '13 is a content manager and client support employee at Murdoch Marketing, an ad agency in Holland, Mich.

Erik Durham '13 is the high school worship intern at FairHaven Ministries in Hudsonville, Mich., as well as assistant-directing theatre at West Ottawa High School in Holland, Mich.

Bethanie Gallagher '13 is a human resource representative at Byrne Electrical Specialists in Rockford, Mich.

Caroline Haley '13 is the manager of client relations for Milldam Public Relations, a full-service public relations firm serving data centers, facilities, telecom and green-technology companies.

Justin Makowski '13 is the director

of worship and connections at Munster Church in Munster, Ind.

Kyle Mireles '13 is a social studies teacher at Mona Shores Middle School.

Madalyn Muncy '13 of Warren, Mich., is currently working at The Philadelphia Center in Philadelphia, Pa., as a digital liberal arts fellow. She is helping to build the new digital liberal arts in the workplace internship program in partnership with the Mellon Scholars Program at Hope.

William Payne '13 of Ada, Mich., opened Style53, a high-end men's apparel and accessories store, during ArtPrize 2013 in Grand Rapids, Mich. He gave 53 percent of the proceeds to one of five partner charities.

Jessica Redding '13 of Clinton Township, Mich., began work as a registered nurse at St. John Providence Health System in September.

Claire Roembach-Clark '13 has been working at Seattle Children's Hospital on the inpatient psychiatric unit as a pediatric mental health specialist for six months.

Jonathan Snavelly '13 was recognized for his work as an intern in the U.S Congress and with the Michigan Department of the Attorney General, receiving the Frank M. Fitzgerald Public Service Award. He has joined the staff of Representative Joseph Haveman.

Marriages

Mary Ellen Pifer '76 and Clifford Sobers, April 13, 2013, Rutherford, N.J.

Leanne Kooiman '93 and Gary Wendt, June 16, 2013, Juneau, Alaska.

Carrie Borchers '95 and Dan Wilder, Sept. 7, 2013, Ada, Mich.

Sara Hoolsema '99 and Zach Throckmorton, Oct., 26, 2013, Madison, Wis.

Rachel Throop '01 and Sam Toma, Sept. 14, 2013.

Jason Mellema '02 and Molly Hays, Aug. 9, 2013, Missoula, Mont.

Michelle Schoob '02 and Jehue Williams Jr., May 25, 2013.

Cynthia Blaszk '05 and Michael Kaan, Oct. 5, 2013, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Katie Corstange '05 and James Rice, July 20, 2013.

Carol Guess '05 and Neil Aaronson, July 6, 2013.

Angela Haberlein '05 and Aaron Wilson '07, Sept. 21, 2013, Traverse City, Mich.

Karter Klingenberg '06 and Allison Farran, Sept. 8, 2012, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kurt Pyle '06 and Emily McConnelly '09, June 1, 2013, Okemos, Mich.

Stephanie Van Stee '06 and Stuart M. Hamilton, May 25, 2013.

Alicia Hofelich '07 and Matthew Mohr, June 29, 2013.

Shauna Markby '09 and Zachary Behling, Sept. 14, 2013.

Sarah Costenero '10 and Kyle Reu, June 15, 2013.

Haleigh Gokey '10 and Jeremiah Leslie, Sept. 7, 2013.

Audrey Griffith '11 and Gregory Snoor, Oct. 5, 2013, St. Charles Ill.

Michelle Marra '11 and Ryan Letherby, July 6, 2013.

Charlie Walter '11 and Katie Yocham, Oct. 19, 2013.

Colin Zoellner '11 and Claire Bailey '12, Sept. 7, 2013, New Providence, N.J.

Ashley Burns '12 and Chris O'Brien '12, Aug. 17, 2013.

New Arrivals

Bryan Whitmore '90 and Heather VanLangevelde '94 Whitmore, Anne Heather, Sept. 30, 2013.

Allyson Redeker '94 and Kirk Rys, Henry Thomas, July 3, 2013.

Amy Schutter '96 Lunn and Robert Lunn '96, Grace Elizabeth, April 7, 2013.

Patrick Marino '96 and Stephanie Bruursema '00 Marino, Charlotte Jodi and Eleanor Sandra, Sept. 29, 2013.

Matthew Lappenga '97 and Debra Lappenga, Hope Juliet, Sept. 16, 2013.

Jonathan Bosman '98 and Amy Mullen Bosman, Eleanor Noel, April 21, 2013.

Jeff Kemner '99 and Michelle Kemner, Ellery Claire, April 28, 2011, and Miles Jeffery, July 22, 2013.

Anthony Petkus '99 and Emily Broekhuis '04 Petkus, Weston Anthony, Oct. 4, 2013.

Angella Huddleston '00 Foster and Benjamin Foster, Adelina Collette, Aug. 1, 2013.

Heather Hofman '00 Gordillo and Mike Gordillo, Jace Daniel, Aug. 1, 2013. Beverly Katt-Haycraft '00 and Shannon Haycraft, Lucas John, Sept. 7, 2013.

Philip Leete '00 and Angela Lee '01 Leete, Landon Samuel, Aug. 27, 2013.

Melissa Feenstra '00 Michmerhuizen and Jesse Michmerhuizen, McKenna Joy, Oct. 14, 2013.

Lisa Hoekstra '00 Schaub and Jeff Schaub, Rowan Foster, Sept. 29, 2013.

Todd Tulgestke '00 and Katrina Gier '01 Tulgestke, Fischer Todd, Oct. 8, 2013.

Dana Iler '01 Clausen and Ashley Clausen, Bennett Dean, March 1, 2013.

Emi Teshima '01 Irish and Evan Irish '01, Jared Charley, Oct. 4, 2013.

Chris Vande Bunte '01 and Ellen Vande Bunte, Luke Ryan, May 29, 2013.

Micke Dykman '02 Blackwell and Cory Blackwell, Isaac Cory, May 23, 2013.

Jennifer Gerig '02 Buikema and Jaime Buikema '03, Kaelyn Elaine, Sept. 6, 2013.

Aaron DeVos '02 and Afton DeVos, Colton David, Aug. 31, 2013.

Amy Brower '02 Glupker and Kurtis Glupker '02, Gabrielle Faith, Sept. 20, 2013.

Matthew Nehs '02 and Christa Van Dort '02, Hailey Katherine, March 26, 2013.

Seth Palmer '02 and Kami King '03 Palmer, Brecken Joshua, born June 22, 2013, and adopted July 17, 2013.

David DeYoung '03 and Jennifer Nyenhuis '03 DeYoung, Whitney Marie, Sept. 24, 2013.

Shawn Gerbers '03 and Ashley O'Shaughnessey '07 Gerbers, Junius Michael, May 23, 2013.

Terah Moraitis '03 Hagy and Jesse Hagy, Jude August, Sept. 12, 2013.

Lynette Wehmer '03 Heinz and Torey Heinz, Silas John Richard, Oct. 14, 2013.

Laura Nichols '03 Howe and Michael Howe, Jackson Lucas, Sept. 14, 2012.

Krista McDonald '03 Katalenich and Scott Katalenich, Claire Elizabeth, Oct. 3, 2011, and Paul Graham, July 11, 2013.

Jody Murray '03 Peters and Brett Peters, Evelyn Valine, April 8, 2013.

Ellie Gray '03 Tucker and Nicholas Tucker, Joel Gi-tae, Oct. 22, 2009, and Zachary Woohyung, Aug. 29, 2011.

Ronald Wilcox '03 III and Kacie Wilcox, Rhowny Jean, Sept. 20, 2013.

Kristin Sheehan '03 Wren and Richard Wren, Caellan Thomas, Sept. 4, 2013.

Miranda Rooy '04 and Danielle Dedloff, Sawyer, Elliott, and Miles Dedloff-Rooy, March 24, 2013.

Richard Van Voorst '04 and Bonnie Van Voorst, Camille Genevieve, Sept. 26, 2013.

Bethany Martynowicz-Pollard '05 and Tim Pollard, Zachary Andrew, March 2, 2013.

Ashley Williams '05 Potts and Matthew Potts, Tanner John, Oct. 4, 2013.

Matthew Zuska '05 and Lindsay David '05 Zuska, Andrew David, June 6, 2013.

Laura DeHaan '06 Alexander and Chris Alexander, Jonathan Michael, Sept. 11, 2013.

Karter Klingenberg '06 and Allison Klingenberg, Quinn Leslie, Feb. 22, 2013.

Katrin Sweers '06 Wright and Peter Wright '06, Oliver Thomas, Aug. 8, 2013.

Jenelle Mittelstaedt '07 Ponkowski and William Ponkowski '07, Gabriella Elizabeth, July 20, 2013.

Erica Howell '09 Maseko and Wandile Maseko, Anaya, Aug. 23, 2012.

Sarah Wander '10 Neihengen and Patrick Niehengen, Liam Christian, Aug. 8, 2013.

Advanced Degrees

David James '76, Master of Fine Arts in poetry, Pacific University, June 30, 2013.

Lou Hoekstra '78, associate's degree in illustration, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, August 2013.

Shelly Russell-Schafer '89, master's in nursing, Wayne State University, summer, 2011.

Jeff Kemner '99, Master of Business Administration, Cornerstone University-PGS Program.

Greg Piccolo '01 M.Ed. in counseling and career development, Colorado State University, May 2013.

Annie Wagnild '02 Long, master's in business communications, The University of St. Thomas, May 2012.

Gracie George '03 Weiss, master's in elementary education, University of Central Florida, May 2013.

Susana Rodriguez-Snyder '04, Master of Education in instructional technology, Jones International University, April 2013.

Jaclyn Timmer '04, master's degree in school counseling, Grand Valley State University, June 2013.

Rachel Burton '04 VanderZwaag, master's degree in early childhood, Grand Valley State University, September 2013.

Tessa Beukema '05, Master of Arts in clinical psychology, counseling specialization, Chicago School of Professional Psychology, 2012.

T.J. Carr '05, Doctorate of Chiropractic, Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, Oct. 18, 2013.

Tiffany Labon '05, Ph.D. in higher education administration, University of Southern Mississippi, May 2013.

Emily Ellis-Liang '06, post-baccalaureate certificate in nonprofit management, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, December 2013.

Elizabeth Cohen '07 Jacobs, J.D., George Mason University School of Law, December 2013.

Rocio Ibarra-Sanchez '10, Master of Science in criminal justice administration, Ferris State University, August 2013.

Nathan Klay '10, graduate certificate in psychiatric rehabilitation, Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Dec. 11, 2012.

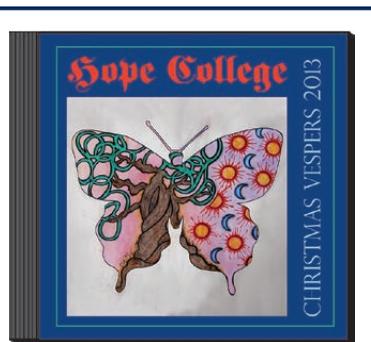
Elizabeth Olson '10, Master of Science in physician assistant studies, Des Moines University, June 2013.

Aaron Treiber '10, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Central Michigan University, May 2013.

Christina Tassoni '10 Van Til, Master of Arts in ministry leadership, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary.

Alyssa Boss '12, Master of Social Work, University of Michigan School of Social Work.

Caitlin Klask '12, Master of Science in journalism, Northwestern University.



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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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Maxine VanZylen '44 Battjes of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013. She was 91.

She was an active supporter of many charitable organizations.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Battjes Sr. '46; and her brother, Charles VanZylen '47.

Survivors include her sons, Donald Battjes, Jr. '67, Douglas (Marina) Battjes, and David (Margaret) Battjes; two granddaughters; one sister, Connie VanZylen '53 Ryskamp Schipper; brother-in-law, Clyde Battjes; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donna Zeerip '63 Cook of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013. She was 72.

She volunteered playing the piano at Freedom Village.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Cook '62.

Survivors include her children, Melodie Cook '89 Hoffman, Sharon (Brian) Cook-Bahr, Steve Cook, and Robin (Ken) Aalderink; six grandchildren; sister, Eleanor VanDyke; and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Carol (Jay) VanderVliet, Ron (Marge) Cook, Jim Cook and Janice (Bob) George.

Barbara VanVolkenburgh '43 Darnell of Akron, Ohio, died on Monday, Sept. 30, 2013. She was 92.

She taught English in Traverse City and Lansing, Mich., Indianapolis, Ind., and Mount Prospect, Ill.

Survivors include her husband, Forrest Darnell; two sons, James Darnell and Douglas Darnell; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert Essink '69 of Virginia Beach, Va., died on Friday, Oct. 25, 2013. He was 66.

He was in the U.S. Marine Corps for more than 30 years.

He was employed by TRW and Northrup Grumman at the U.S. Joint Forces Command J9 and Joint Training and Simulation Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Milton (Hazel Anne) Essink; and a brother, Allen Essink.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Essink; son, Matthew Essink; daughter, Celeste; sister, Ruth (Dale) Alderink; brothers, Floyd (Sheila) Essink '72, Herchel (Elsa) Essink, Wayne Essink, Ron (Kim) Essink; and many aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

Howard Harrington '57 of Redwood City, Calif., died on Friday,

Oct. 11, 2013. He was 78.

He was a retired scientist and marketing specialist at Hewlett-Packard Corporation.

Survivors include his son, Jim (Rachel) Harrington; daughter, Elizabeth Harrington (Andrew) Colehower; three grandchildren; former wife, Ellen Harrington; niece, Anne Harrington '89 Hughes; and first wife, Carroll Harrington.

Constance Boersma '53 Hinga of Pella, Iowa, died on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013. She was 82.

She was a kindergarten teacher.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Wendell Boersma '48.

Survivors include her husband, William Hinga '51; daughters, Cathy (Bruce) Hinga Haustein, Lynn (Nick) Hinga Branderhorst, and Ann (Perry) Hinga Klein; son, Tom (Melissa) Hinga; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Vernon (Lois Hinkamp '44) Boersma and Phillip (Julie) Boersma; and sisters-in-law, Elaine Mensinger '46 Boersma and Constance Hinga '49 Boersma.

Janet Huizenga '46 of Morrison, Ill., died on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013. She was 93.

She worked for the Ramsey County Human Services Department in St. Paul, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles (Allie) Huizenga.

She is survived by many cousins.

Robert Marshall '60 of Pittsford, N.Y., died on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013. He was 79.

He was president of Daemen College in Amherst, N.Y., from 1974 to 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Marshall; daughter, Christine (James) Eichelberger; son, Eric (Mary) Marshall; sister, Rita (Angelo) Russo; three step-daughters, Monica (Leo Vogt) Friesner, Melinda (Gerry) Ward and Meredith (Scott) Gregory; five grandchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

Kenneth McConnell '51 of McMillan, Mich., died on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013. He was 84.

He was in the U.S. Army and received a Victory Medal and honorable discharge in 1947.

He was a practicing attorney in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce (Edna) McConnell and older brother, Jack (Ann) McConnell.

Survivors include his four children, Kendra (Barry) Hurd, Joany McConnell '91 (Mark) Bond, Mark (Stacey) McConnell '88 and Mary (David) Bows; their mother, Nancy Crawford McConnell; four grandchildren; companion, Colleen Hubbard; and siblings, Shirley McConnell, William (Joy) McConnell, Andrew (Marlene) McConnell and Terry (Susan) Fitzgerald.

Herbert Ritsema '50 of Orange City, Iowa, died on Monday, Oct. 14, 2013. He was 83.

Emerita Professor Gisela Strand Dies

Dr. Gisela Strand of Holland, Mich., who retired from the Hope German faculty in 2001 after teaching at the college for 32 years, died on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013. She was 74.

She was born in Hannover, Germany, on April 26, 1939. She did her undergraduate work in English and history at the University of Freiburg and the University of Vienna; completed a master's degree in social studies at the University of Chicago; and completed her doctorate in German at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Strand joined the Hope faculty as an instructor in 1969. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1973, associate professor in 1980 and professor in 1989.

In a profile published in the college's 1981-82 *Catalog*, she said, "The thing I most like about teaching is that it's learning. A teacher, like a student, is always coming in contact with new materials."

She continued, "I also like teaching because it is a profession with instant rewards. You can tell in a glance if you have been successful in presenting something to your students."

Dr. Strand taught courses not only on the German language, but on German culture and literature. Her involvement in the life of the college also included coordinating the department's "language houses" for students sharing an interest in the same language, and advising the



Dr. Gisela Strand

German Club and the Delta Phi Alpha German honorary society.

She had received several external grants during her time at Hope, and was the author of several published papers, and had made numerous presentations at professional conferences and workshops. Her professional activities had also included serving as a consultant and panelist for NEH summer seminars.

Her activities in the community included training as a Stephen's Minister to accompany members of her parish through difficult periods of their lives; serving as a counselor at the Center for Women in Transition; and volunteering at the local soup kitchen.

Survivors include her soul mate, Jochen Haase; children, Mimi and Alexi; and three grandchildren, Sonia, Rye and Gabriel.

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He served in the U.S. Army in Germany as a special agent in the counter intelligence corps.

He was a music professor at Northwestern College and the minister of music at First Reformed Church for 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jeanne Ver Beek '51 Ritsema; and brother, Harold Ritsema '57.

Survivors include his sons, Douglas (Karen) Ritsema, David (Linda) Ritsema and Randall (Shelly) Ritsema; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Dan (Evonne Taylor '66) Ritsema '61; sister-in-law, Anna Geitner '58 Ritsema; and foster sons, Dale Walbran and Randy Colstrud.

Elizabeth Schlegel '75 Robyn of Ephrata, Pa., died on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013. She was 60.

She taught kindergarten at Lititz Christian School.

Survivors include her husband of 35 years, Robert Robyn; two sons, Mark Robyn and Matthew Robyn; a daughter, Bethany (Stephen) Kline; two granddaughters; and a sister, Barb Schlegel.

Evelyn Van Dam '50 Smallegan of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013. She was 84.

She was awarded the Hope College Distinguished Alumni Award in May 1982.

She taught at Zeeland High School for more than 30 years teaching English and Alternative Education, a program she

started. She was the executive director with the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals from 1991 to 1996.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Smallegan '51; and son, Daniel Smallegan.

Survivors include her children, Barbara Smallegan '69 (fiancé, Bill Kerchhaine) Huizenga, Edward (Cheryl) Smallegan, Jack (Lisa) Smallegan, Donald (Dolores) Smallegan, and Elizabeth Smallegan '85 (Jeff) Ebihara; 11 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Paul Van Wyk '60 of Champaign, Ill., died on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013. He was 74.

He was one of the first sex therapists and sex educators certified by the American Association of Certified Sex Educators in 1979. He started working in prisons and continued private practice, where he helped people resolve trauma and PTSD.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Julie Walvoord '34 Van Wyk; first wife, Betty Vicha '61 VanWyk; and brother, Bruce Van Wyk.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Pamela Collins Van Wyk; children Mark (Linda) Van Wyk, and Laura (Bob Wzykoski) Van Wyk; stepchildren, Kathryn (Jim Spangler) Wilford, and Matt (fiancé, Monchie Blanco) Jager; brother, Carl (Carol VanMiddlesworth '67) Van Wyk '67; sister-in-law, Mikki Van Wyk; uncle, Raymond (Lorraine) Walvoord; and three grandchildren.



Images of Hope

In the era of the daguerreotype and the collodion process, photography was an *event*, and there are few images depicting the college's earliest years. The photograph above, part of the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland, is the oldest known of the campus. Dated 1862, it shows the students who, at the behest of founding president Rev. Philip Phelps, themselves built a combination gymnasium/chapel/general-assembly hall east of Van Vleck Hall—a significant expansion of the physical plant. Thanks to innovations across the 150 years since, from the Kodak Brownie to 35mm film to today's digital technology, the visual record has become much more robust. The college's collection now contains hundreds of thousands of images, with thousands more added annually, chronicling activity ranging from the preparations for the arrival of the newest incoming class to the graduation of the newest departing one, captured moments preserved for all time, a gift to both present and future.



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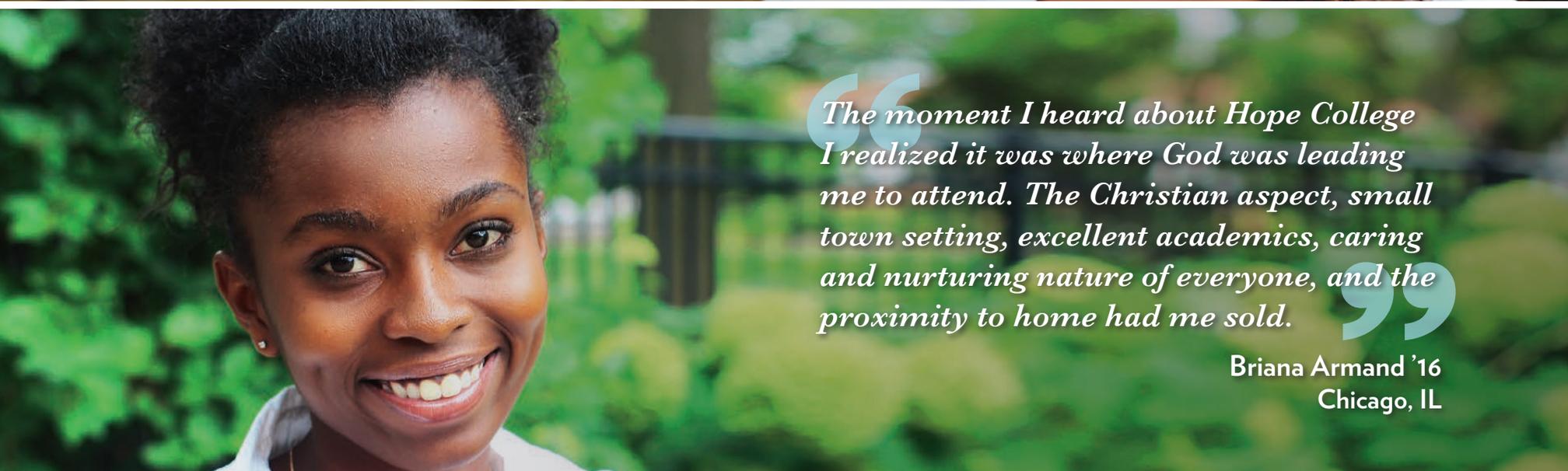
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Tyler Osantowski '17
Romeo, MI



“I plan on becoming a chemistry teacher, and I knew I wanted the best education possible. While visiting Hope, everywhere I went there were smiling faces. Hope is unique because it combines quality education with a strong, supportive community.”

Laura Persenaire '16
Silver Lake, MI



“The moment I heard about Hope College I realized it was where God was leading me to attend. The Christian aspect, small town setting, excellent academics, caring and nurturing nature of everyone, and the proximity to home had me sold.”

Briana Armand '16
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