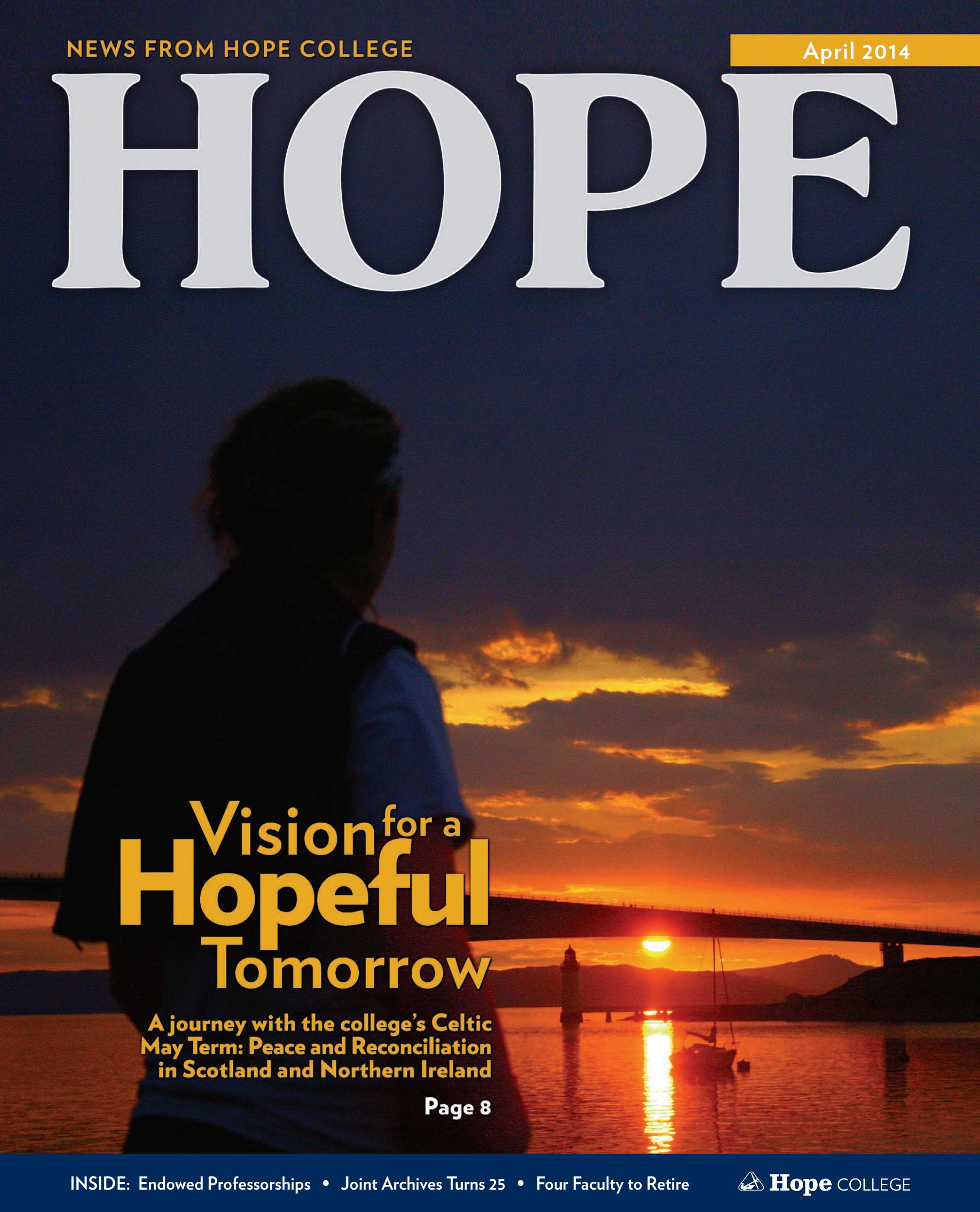


# HOPE



Vision for a  
**Hopeful**  
Tomorrow

A journey with the college's Celtic  
May Term: Peace and Reconciliation  
in Scotland and Northern Ireland

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## “Quote, unquote”

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



*The college's commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, spread across multiple days both before and after the national holiday, included a keynote address by Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, president-elect of Alabama State University. Her lecture, “The Heart of an Activist: Grow Local, Think Global,” presented on Tuesday, Jan. 21, in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, discussed key*

*issues regarding the use of scholar-activism in addressing major social and cultural issues. The excerpts which follow, drawn from her concluding remarks, exhort her audience to meet the future as agents of change dedicated to fulfilling Dr. King's dream.*

“So I encourage you tonight as we leave this celebration to take risks, start trouble, dream big, work together, encourage one another and trust God. And I want you to really dream big. Because Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who is the president of Liberia, puts it this way: ‘We have to dream big. And if your dreams don't scare you, they're not big enough.’

“So we leave tonight moving, climbing, pushing, knowing that God will take us to the next level if we're willing to go and trust Him. And yes, when you're climbing and moving to the next level people will criticize you, but don't mind the criticism. If it's untrue, disregard it. If it's unfair, don't let it steal your joy. If it's ignorant, just smile and walk away. And if it's justified, learn from it.

“Because you get in life what you have the courage to ask for, what you have the determination to fight for, what you have the willpower to work for and what you have the

persistence to wait for. Because they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

“So, tonight we leave armed and dangerous, ready to do our part in this world. We leave ready to participate in change. We leave with a renewed vision, renewed courage, renewed confidence in who we are and whose we are. A renewed quest to fight for freedom and justice, ready to answer the call to action, knowing that God wants us to succeed.

“And so I leave you with this poem (by an anonymous person, I don't know who wrote it but I love it). And it says you are on the road to success, but you need to know that the road to success is not straight. There is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, red lights called enemies, caution lights called family. You'll have flat tires called jobs. But if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith and a driver named Jesus, you'll make it to that place of success.

“Always keep the faith, know that God is on your side. He will take you to that next level. He's waiting for you to take your place because the world is waiting on you. The best orator has not yet spoken. The best doctor has not yet operated. The best lawyer has not yet litigated. The best singer has not yet sung a note. The best scientist has not yet entered the laboratory. The best politician has not yet run for office. The best actor has not yet picked up a script. The best musician has not yet picked up an instrument. Because God always has somebody waiting in the incubator of immortality to do His will in this bruised, fractured world that we live in.

“So know that you are great, you are called, you are chosen, you are champions. God is waiting for you to succeed. You are getting better in everything that you do every day. And the best is still yet to come. God bless you.”

### On the Cover

*The college's Celtic May Term: Peace and Reconciliation in Scotland and Northern Ireland” engages students with history and present alike in building understanding of both conflict and routes to peace. It also includes encounters with epic scenic vistas.*

*The cover image, photographed and graciously shared by Hope senior Austin Jipping of Holland, Mich. (who also took the photo in the lower-left corner of page eight) shows senior Olivia Keinath of Deerfield, Mich., on the Isle of Skye.*



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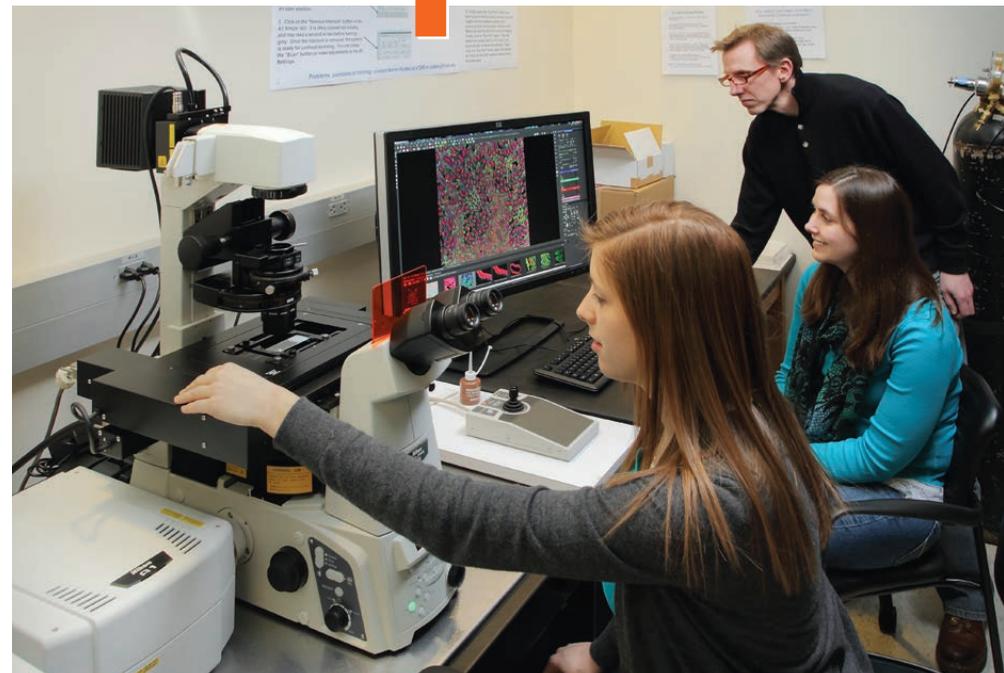
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## Distinctive Hope



Participation by students in collaborative research with faculty mentors has been a Hope hallmark for decades. As part of the experience, the college also provides students with the opportunity to work with state-of-the-art equipment typically only available to graduate- and doctoral-level scientists at major research universities. One example among many is the college's Nikon A1 laser scanning confocal microscope system, purchased this past fall through a \$427,450 grant from the National Science Foundation and used not only in research in three different departments but in classes as well. Located in the college's microscopy laboratory, the instrument permits viewing of thick samples and even living samples while also zeroing in on specific layers within the material being studied. Pictured (starting in the foreground) are senior Danielle Mila of Livonia, Mich.; junior Lisa McLellan of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Dr. Aaron Putzke, assistant professor of biology and Towsley Research Scholar at Hope.

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# Events



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Spring Semester

April 24, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.  
April 25, Friday—Spring Festival. Classes dismissed at 3 p.m.  
April 28-May 2, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations  
May 2, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.  
May 4, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement  
May 5, Monday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon

**May Term**—May 5-30

**June Term**—June 2-27

**July Term**—June 30-July 25

## 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.

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

## DANCE

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

## INSTANT INFORMATION

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

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## MUSIC

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

**Vocal Jazz Concert**—Tuesday, April 8: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Jazz Arts Collective and Jazz Combos Concert**—Thursday, April 10: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Orchestra Concert**—Friday, April 11: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Guest Artist**—Sunday, April 13: Chi-Chen Wu, piano, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m. Admission is free.

**Women's Chamber Choir, with Luminescence and 12th Street Harmony**—Monday, April 14: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 195 W. 13th St., at Maple Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Combined Choirs and Wind Ensemble Concert**—Tuesday, April 22: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

## THEATRE

**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.*

**HSRT**

HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

## HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

HSRT is planning an exciting 43rd season, opening in the DeWitt theatre in June. Information about the season's multiple mainstage productions and children's shows, including titles, descriptions and the performance schedule, as well as ticket prices, will be available online at [hope.edu/hsrt](http://hope.edu/hsrt).

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



## SUMMER CAMPS

Throughout the summer, Hope will offer multiple science camps for children; hands-on science academies for middle school students and high school students, and workshops for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) teachers; as well as sports camps in basketball, football, soccer, tennis and volleyball.

For complete information, please check [hope.edu/camps](http://hope.edu/camps).



## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Alumni Weekend**—Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26

Includes reunion activities for the classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979 and 1984; Fifty-Year Circle events; and the annual Alumni Banquet.

**Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing**—Monday, June 9

At the Ravines Golf Club in Saugatuck, Mich.

**Community Day**—Saturday, Sept. 13

Includes the sights of Windmill Island Gardens throughout the day; a picnic on the DeVos Fieldhouse lawn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; football action at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium at 1:30 p.m.; and a men's soccer game at Van Andel Soccer Stadium at 7 p.m.

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

## DE PREE GALLERY

**Graduating Senior Show**—Friday, April 4-Sunday, May 4

Opening reception at the gallery: Friday, April 4, 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.*

## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance**—Friday, April 11

DeVos Fieldhouse, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

**Honors Convocation**—Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

**Baccalaureate and**

**Commencement**—Sunday, May 4  
Dimnent Memorial Chapel

and Ray and Sue Smith Stadium (DeVos Fieldhouse if rain)



## SPORTS SCHEDULES

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

## JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

**Amy Bloom**, Thursday, April 17, novelist, Knickerbocker Theatre

*The readings will begin at 7 p.m. at a variety of locations as noted above. Admission is free.*

## 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 are open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.



Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown Rev. Dr. Gregg Mast

## GRADUATION:

The college's 149th Commencement, celebrating the graduating Class of 2014, will be held on Sunday, May 4, at 3 p.m. at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium.

Baccalaureate will be held earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

More than 700 graduating seniors will be participating.

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown, associate professor of psychology, who is featured in a faculty profile on page 10. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Gregg Mast '74, president of New Brunswick Theological seminary in New Jersey.

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

[hope.edu/commencement](http://hope.edu/commencement)

## WEATHER DELAY:

The harsh weather that relentlessly slammed much of the nation throughout the winter season prompted a rare cancellation of classes at Hope not only once but twice in January.

The brutal storm that raged across Saturday-Tuesday, Jan. 4-7, led Hope to cancel classes for the first time in nearly three years, earning extra distinction for even delaying the start of the spring semester. Mindful of the safety of students as they returned to campus, Hope postponed the start of classes from Tuesday, Jan. 7, until Thursday, Jan. 9.

Because of a major storm that inflicted whiteout conditions, on Friday, Jan. 24, the college canceled classes and all remaining campus activities beginning at noon. Hope also canceled most activities the next day, Saturday, Jan. 25, including the Winter Happening program, arts events and athletic contests.

Hope had last canceled classes on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011, following another major regional storm.

*News from Hope College* readers may well have had enough of winter, but those who enjoy the campus whatever the season may visit a gallery of storm-related photographs online.

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

## MARATHON

**EFFORT:** The annual Dance Marathon organized by students in support of Helen DeVos



Children's Hospital of Grand Rapids, Mich., continues to live up to its name on multiple levels.

The 24-hour event, held this year on Friday-Saturday, March 7-8, provides the most visible example, with hundreds of students spending the duration in the Dow Center "for the kids." No less significant, however, are the countless ways that student groups and individual students raise funds across the school year, from collecting returnable cans, to a benefit 5K run/walk, to bake sales to a silent auction.

To emphasize the children that the marathon exists to help, Dance Marathon's student organizers coordinate a variety of activities throughout the school year to connect with families and children served by the hospital, and each of the families is paired with one of the participating student groups.

This year's marathon raised \$165,057.08, the highest total since the event began in 2000, with a record-number 848 students participating. Dance Marathon's 15-year total is more than \$1.3 million.

A gallery of images from this year's event is available online.

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

## ACHIEVEMENT

**ACCLAIMED:** Vanessa Greene, director of multicultural education, received "Women of Achievement" recognition during the 37th annual YWCA TRIBUTE! Awards luncheon held in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich., at DeVos Place this past fall.



Featuring the theme "eliminating racism, empowering women," the event honored local women and female high school students for their personal accomplishments and commitments to the community. The program recognized 39 women who were nominated by sponsors of the YWCA, in addition to presenting individual awards in seven categories (advocacy; arts; business, management, industry and labor; community service; professions; sports, fitness and wellness; and student honoree).

Greene, who was honored with the recognition by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, has been director of multicultural education at Hope since 2003.

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## SERVICE CELEBRATED:

Dr. Debra Harvey '83 Swanson, professor of sociology, has been named the recipient of two awards that recognize her commitment to service to community: one for her own dedication as a volunteer, and another for her role in guiding students in learning how to make a difference.



In November, Dr. Swanson received the Premier Mentor Award presented each month to a mentor involved with programs partnered with the Ottawa County Mentoring Collective (OCMC) for her work as a volunteer with Total Trek Quest (TTQ), a running program for elementary-age boys. In February, she received a Michigan Campus Compact (MiCC) Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award for emphasizing service-learning in the classroom at Hope.

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## STADIUM-COURTS

**HONORED:** The college's VandePoel-Heeringa Stadium Courts have been chosen the Outdoor Tennis Court of the Year by the American Sports Builders Association (ASBA).



The 12-court, outdoor facility at the Etheridge Tennis Complex was selected out of 14 distinguished tennis facilities in the United States honored this summer by the ASBA's annual awards program, which helps promote the highest standards of construction by recognizing excellence in design, construction and renovation in the sports facility industry.

The VandePoel-Heeringa Stadium Courts, which opened in 2012, are designed for competition, instruction and casual play alike, and feature elevated seating for spectators.

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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 the Orchestra performing during this year's annual Musical Showcase, held at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Monday, March 3. The gallery features many more photos from the concert. As noted on page 14, the group's conductor, Richard Piippo of the music faculty, is retiring at the end of the school year.



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



# More Than a Name

Biologist Dr. Aaron Best was engaged in activity about as routine as it gets, unpacking equipment in the microbiology laboratory, when he received a couple of unexpected visitors.

The moment gave him pause. “You’re seeing the president and the provost, and you’re thinking, ‘It’s either very good or very bad,’” said Dr. Best, a member of the faculty since 2004.

It turned out to be the former on that day early in 2012. Dr. Best was about to learn that he had been named the inaugural recipient of the Harrison C. and Mary L. Visscher Endowed Professorship in Genetics.



Endowed professorships include funding for research and other scholarly activity. Dr. Aaron Best, first recipient of the new Harrison C. and Mary L. Visscher Endowed Professorship in Genetics, has used the support to pilot a new study in his continuing investigation of the human parasite *giardia*, work he has been conducting with junior Andrew Valesano of Sherwood, Ore.

Endowed professorships make a difference in a variety of ways at any academic institution. Not least of all, they offer distinctive recognition for outstanding faculty. The very real financial impact includes not only salary compensation but additional funding in support of research and scholarly activity.

It’s important to understand why that matters at Hope. As anyone familiar with the college knows, Hope professors are driven by much more than acclaim or a paycheck. They are deeply committed to the college’s students and to helping provide a transformative education through their teaching and scholarship. Given such personal investment, it’s much more fulfilling to be at a place that provides the resources to do that work well. Being able to draw and retain talented faculty with that level of dedication helps make a greater Hope.

Contributing endowed professorships, as with other endowed funds, is an opportunity for those who value a Hope education to help in perpetuity. At the same time, although such endowments eventually benefit generations yet to come, Dr. Best appreciates that for him the connection was for a time even direct. He was able to talk periodically with Dr. Harrison Visscher ’51, who had planned the professorship with his first wife Mary Zweizig ’52 Visscher. It was a friendship cut short by Dr. Visscher’s death at age 84 in December (an obituary is on page 30, with a more extensive notice available online).

“To be able to get a sense for why he endowed the professorship in the first place was highly beneficial,” Dr. Best said. “You have a feeling of responsibility associated with the professorship. He gave the professorship for a reason. He was highly invested in Hope and believed in what Hope does for the students and community. It propels you to do better.”



Endowed professorships provide an additional way of recognizing the outstanding faculty whose dedication, talent and emphasis on providing the best for students help define the Hope experience. Pictured is Professor John Yelding, recipient of the college’s

Dr. Visscher was a retired physician, spending the last 15 years of his career as director of education for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Washington, D.C. He and Mary, who died in 2000, had met at the college, and all four of their children (and some of their grandchildren) also graduated from Hope. Dr. Visscher’s second wife, Bette, who survives him, is a member of the Class of 1955.

When the college announced the professorship, Dr. Visscher explained why he valued the opportunity to support Hope through an endowment for genetic education and research in particular.

“I have been interested in biological evolution ever since I took comparative anatomy as a Hope pre-med student from Prof. Oscar Thompson in 1948. And I believe the development of new knowledge in the

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newest endowed professorship, the Susan M. and Glenn G. Cherup Professorship in Education, meeting with freshman Barbara Bollhoffer of Wheaton, Ill., to discuss the “Hope Comes to Watts” May Term that Professor Yelding co-leads.

field of biological evolutionary genetics is one of the most exciting areas of current scientific research,” he said. “Recent genetic advances in the field of synthetic genomics present limitless applications that can revolutionize production of energy, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, and enable carbon sequestration and environmental remediation. I want Hope College to play a part in these exciting genomic advances.”

Dr. Visscher said that he further appreciated Hope’s proven success in applying both faith and science when seeking understanding, putting the two together “in order to promote a comprehensive healthy holistic worldview” at a time when many reject one voice or the other.

“The two truths are compatible and can and do exist in harmony,” he said. “I strongly identify with [the college’s] goal of providing students with a comprehensive liberal arts education in the context of the Christian faith.”

Hope has nearly 30 endowed positions, most for faculty but some for staff positions such as the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel and in the Academic Support Center. The college is hoping to create even more of them as *A Greater Hope* continues.

The newest to have been appointed is the Susan M. and Glenn G. Cherup Professorship in Education, to which Professor John Yelding was named last spring.

“Being appointed is very humbling,” said Professor Yelding, who has taught at Hope since 1994. “In this business, our job is to profess, if you will: to talk, to communicate. That is something that has always come naturally to me. But when the president and provost came to talk with me, it was probably one of the few times in my life I was speechless.”

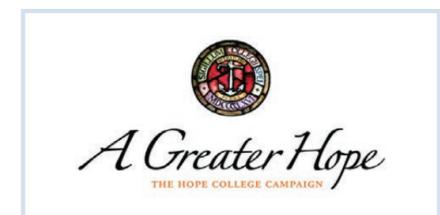
Providing the professorship was meaningful on multiple levels to the Cherups. Susan Mooi ’64 Cherup is not only a Hope alumna but also a long-time member of the education faculty, where she has taught since 1976, and herself holds an endowed professorship, the Arnold and Esther Sonneveldt Professorship.

“Hope has been such an important part of our lives,” Professor Cherup said. Because of her many years of service in the education program, it was a natural focus for the couple’s gift.

Glenn’s connection to Hope is through his wife. A graduate of Western Michigan University, he’s retired from the U.S. Merchant Marine with a First Class Pilot’s License. During his career he served as a deck officer aboard Great Lakes freighters. He also supports his own *alma mater*, but values his college-through-marriage as well.

“Over the years I’ve come to appreciate the Hope College community and have enjoyed friendships with faculty and staff—and have participated in activities from Vespers to athletic events, and through these have gotten to know the students as well,” he said.

Characteristically, of themselves and their colleagues, both Dr. Best and Professor Yelding are thinking about their students when describing the difference made by their professorships.



**The largest single fundraising effort in the college’s history, the \$175 million *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign is benefiting 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](http://campaign.hope.edu) or contact Mary Remenschneider, campaign director, at [remenschneider@hope.edu](mailto:remenschneider@hope.edu) or (616) 395-7775.**

Dr. Best, for example, has used the additional support to pilot a new study in his continuing investigation of the human parasite *giardia*. Hope faculty are national leaders in obtaining external grant support for their research, but as Dr. Best noted such agencies tend to want an indication of the work’s promise.

“It gives you a sense of freedom to be able to take a risk on a project that you might not have done before,” Dr. Best said. “That allows you to get preliminary data that in turn allows you to set up for other funding.”

He’s been working on the project with junior biology major Andrew Valesano of Sherwood, Ore. Valesano has had additional support through an award from the Beckman Foundation, and the research has led to a travel grant for Valesano from the American Society of Microbiology so that he can make a presentation about the work at the group’s national meeting in May. Not many undergraduates receive such awards from the ASM.

“One thing enables the other,” Dr. Best said. “The professorship is the most flexible source of funding to enable those synergistic things to happen.”

Professor Yelding likewise has a collaborative research project in mind, inspired by the department’s growing relationship with the Watts Learning Center, a charter school in Los Angeles, Calif., where Hope began offering a May Term last year.

“I have the outline of a project that I definitely intend to do there that would involve both our students and myself looking at their evaluation process for their teachers and trying to pilot what would be referred to in the literature as a value-added model of teacher evaluation,” he said. Ultimately, he hopes that the work will benefit others beyond Hope and the Watts Learning Center as well.

“Obviously it would be a great project for the students, and I think it would produce some very good research,” Professor Yelding said.

Serving others is at the heart of how Professor Yelding is applying the resources made available to him through his endowed professorship. It is, he feels, the best way to honor those who have supported the college and to live into the college’s mission himself.

“It’s a gift, it’s an investment, and I believe gifts are best utilized when they’re shared on behalf of others,” he said. “It’s important in life to do something bigger than what we can do for ourselves. That’s totally consistent with the message that I see coming out of Hope College and what it is to gain a Hope College education.”



# Peace and Reconciliation within a Global Context

By Chris Lewis '09

It all began with a casual lunch conversation. As an avid researcher of Celtic history and culture, Dr. Deirdre Johnston, professor of communication, met with two of her colleagues, Dr. Virginia Beard, associate professor of political science, and Dr. Roger Nemeth, professor of sociology, to discuss their shared interests in Scotland and Northern Ireland's traditions, relationships, and past sectarian conflicts.

Dr. Johnston had recently overseen her second Scotland May Term, which was devoted to communication and community, while Dr. Beard had just returned to Hope after visiting Northern Ireland's Corrymeela Center for

Peace and Reconciliation. As they shared their experiences with Dr. Nemeth, a co-organizer of the Edinburgh Conference of the International Society for the Study of Reformed Communities, they were intrigued by a unique prospect: to explore peace and reconciliation by integrating Celtic culture and history with contemporary organizations that currently incorporate faith with social justice work.

"Scotland and Northern Ireland share parallel histories in many ways, as they each struggled with political, sectarian, and social conflict during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries," Dr. Johnston said. "However, nowadays, the two nations offer unique contexts in which to better understand the complexities and challenges of peace and reconciliation since they have both diverged in their sectarian policies, socio-economic divisions, and political relationships with the United Kingdom."

The result was the "Celtic May Term: Peace and Reconciliation in Scotland and Northern Ireland," an interdisciplinary course developed to provide students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: to meet and interact with Scottish and Irish residents while living with host families, interviewing former paramilitaries, and visiting local churches, universities, and monasteries, all while exploring strategies for reconciliation and peace-building.

"Students' lives will be forever changed after the term, as they will become more empathic, understanding, and motivated to work for social justice," Dr. Johnston said. "By understanding communication, forgiveness, and the factors that contribute to violence, conflict, peace, and justice, students will be prepared for lives of leadership and service in local and global contexts."

Led by Drs. Johnston and Nemeth, the students begin their experience in Glasgow, Scotland, where they are hosted by members



The college's "Celtic May Term: Peace and Reconciliation in Scotland and Northern Ireland" examines conflict and how individuals and communities are working to move beyond strife, lessons for students to carry in the future wherever their post-Hope lives lead. The 2013 group is pictured near one of the "peace walls" dividing a city park between Republican and Unionist neighborhoods in Belfast. People in the neighborhood and others have worked together to open the wall, closed for decades, for some of each day.

of Glasgow's 130-year-old Wellington Church, allowing them to directly observe Celtic identity as they eat and socialize with local families. Students also explore one of the world's oldest universities, the University of Glasgow, and participate in a ceilidh, a Gaelic social gathering consisting of dancing and folk music.

After being introduced to Celtic social norms, students visit Edinburgh, the Isle of Skye, and the Scottish Highlands. While in Edinburgh, students learn about the origins of the centuries-old Protestant-Catholic sectarian conflict as they tour the Museum of Scotland, Parliament, and the Medieval Underground Vaults.

"To truly comprehend why Scotland, after being governed by Great Britain and the United Kingdom for centuries, is holding a referendum on secession this year, students should personally observe the geography, history, and culture of the Highlands," Dr. Nemeth said. "By visiting this area, students are educated on the nature of clan and kinship in Scotland from the 12th to the 18th centuries, and the role that the violence of these communities had in the spread of Protestantism."

The study of community as a foundation for peace and justice is formally introduced in Iona, Scotland, where students live in a former Benedictine monastery with the Iona Christian Community. For one week, the students abide by the monastery's schedule while participating in communal meals, attending educational workshops and worship services, and assisting fellow community members with chores.

After their stay in Iona concludes, students travel to Belfast, Northern Ireland to tour Queens University, meet with alums, faculty, and former Ulster Defense League paramilitaries, and learn about the nation's Protestant and Catholic segregations, as well as citizens' perceptions regarding justice.

To receive firsthand accounts of peace building, students also meet Tom Magill, co-founder and artistic director of Belfast's Educational Shakespeare Company (ESC), who specializes in theatre of the oppressed, as well as Shakespearean tragedies, using theatre methods for transformation in community and prison settings. In the past, Magill has worked with prisoners—men on both sides of the conflict in Northern Ireland—to create *Mickey B*, an adaptation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* which was shot in Northern Ireland's Maghaberry Prison. "We had the most extreme factions coming together and working

together on a cultural project," he said. "They learned that they were capable of producing something good—that they were proud of."

"We talked to people who fought for their beliefs and ended up in jail for decades," said Austin Jipping, a senior management major from Holland, Mich., who participated in the term last year. "To some, they appeared to be terrorists, yet, to others, they were heroes, which challenged me to not always accept information at face value. There are always two sides to a story and we have to learn to decide for ourselves what we think is right and wrong."

In addition to meeting with students during the May Term, Magill visited campus this past November and spoke during a screening of *Mickey B* at the college's Knickerbocker Theatre.

"I love sharing the work with Hope students because they're so enthusiastic and

committed to it," he said. "It really does me good to meet so many young people who are committed, caring, and open to these experiences. It gives me hope."

While visiting Northern Ireland, students also meet with peace practitioners from the Nationalist and Unionist communities at the Corrymeela Center, discussing the process of reconciliation and peace building that has occurred since the enactment of the Belfast Agreement in 1998.

Throughout their tours, travels, and interviews, students also study and engage in intergroup dialogue. Nicole Hames, a sophomore psychology and women's studies major from McKinney, Texas, who has already received eight hours of intergroup dialogue training at Hope, is looking forward to further honing her skills during this year's May Term.

"I believe this term will allow me to better utilize the skills I have acquired as a facilitator while interviewing various Europeans about their beliefs, thoughts, and lives," Hames said. "This will be a challenge for me to grow as a facilitator, communicator, and student."

The emphasis throughout the May Term is on helping the students process what they're experiencing, from their journey to Glasgow to their last meal together as a group, as the course concludes in Dublin, Ireland.

"Before we leave, our final dinner will actually explore a completed mosaic of themes that students learn during the term, including identity, community, politics, vengeance and forgiveness, conflict transformation, and reconciliation," Dr. Nemeth said.

Individually, each student creates a video essay or Senior Seminar Life View Video that includes a dozen video interviews with Scottish and Irish residents during the term as well as journal entries and additional information acquired during the four-week course.

"During my time in Northern Ireland, I realized that dialogue is key to finding peace and reconciliation – not debate, nor discussion, but dialogue," said Amy Banas, a senior social work major from Fort Wayne, Ind., and former participant in the May Term. "Dialogue allows people to enter into each other's stories, reminding them that we are all more similar than we think."

"This term has given me boldness and faith in the unknown," said Charles Gies, a senior social work major from Holland, Mich., who participated in the term last year. "It has helped me to learn how to sacrifice my own agenda in order to serve others, grow as a global citizen, and pursue social justice and dialogue for peace-building."

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– Dr. Deirdre Johnston, professor of communication



Senior Olivia Keinath of Deerfield, Mich., and junior Taylor Trapani of Midland, Mich., contemplate the island of Iona, where Saint Columba traveled in the sixth century as he brought Christianity to Scotland. Quiet moments, often opportunities to enjoy the epic beauty of the region, provide a chance to reflect on the lessons being learned, with participants processing their experience together across the duration of the course.

# Teaching and Learning: Concepts in Concert

By Christina VanEyl-Godin '82

Associate professor of psychology Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown has long understood the value of education.

“My grandparents instilled in my parents, and they instilled in me, the idea that education provides an opportunity to navigate change in American society,” Dr. Trent-Brown said. “They recognized education as a privilege and as something integral to life, but they also recognized that education enriches life—learning is fun!”

Although only one of her grandparents had the opportunity to complete high school, both of Dr. Trent-Brown’s parents earned graduate degrees. Dr. Trent-Brown observed her parents’ love for learning, and it transferred to her and her sisters. “We were the kids who didn’t like snow days, because we loved school,” she said with a laugh.

Her appetite for education led her to undergraduate study at Harvard, where Dr. Trent-Brown was drawn to psychology. “I was intrigued by the capacities of the human brain and wanted to know more about brain-behavior connections; what makes us tick, and why we do the things we do and say the things we say,” she said. Graduate work followed at the University of South Florida, where Dr. Trent-Brown earned an M.A. in experimental psychology and a Ph.D. in cognitive and neural sciences.

Dr. Trent-Brown has been teaching at Hope since 2005, drawn to the college’s commitment to providing the best for students—and by students who love to learn.

“Hope is dedicated to excellence in teaching,” Dr. Trent-Brown said. “I wanted to be at an institution that valued effective pedagogy as much as scholarship and service, and Hope maintains a rigorous curriculum that is delivered by a talented and engaged faculty.

“The best part about teaching at Hope is our students,” Dr. Trent-Brown said. “We are blessed to have students who are dedicated and excited about learning. They challenge us to bring our A-game every day. We learn from them as much as they learn from us.” The feeling is clearly mutual: the graduating class of 2012 honored Dr. Trent-Brown with the “Hope Outstanding Professor Educator” (H.O.P.E.) Award.

A part of Dr. Trent-Brown’s teaching talent is her dedication to student research. “Prior to coming to Hope, I discovered that I truly enjoy mentoring students in the research process,” Dr. Trent-Brown said. “One of Hope’s areas of distinction is the continued emphasis on providing meaningful undergraduate research experiences. For me, research mentoring represents the perfect intersection of research and teaching.”



Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown values the opportunity to work on research with students collaboratively, and makes a point of having the students help shape the projects. Here she meets with sophomores Alicia Curmi of Plymouth, Mich., and Roudeland Metellus of Grand Rapids, Mich., to plan the research on which they’ll be working this summer.

Students interested in research will initially meet with Dr. Trent-Brown to determine their interests and motivation, and to see if there is a “fit” with Dr. Trent-Brown’s research in perception and psychoacoustics. “Higher education has traditionally employed the ‘best and brightest’ model, selecting student research collaborators with the highest grades,” Dr. Trent-Brown said. “That approach has merit, but it also means that some students with enormous potential may not get the opportunity to have a research experience. Although they may initially need more time and encouragement, often these motivated students can produce remarkable outcomes. Many of them go on to grad school.”

Student researchers typically begin in groups of four or more. Dr. Trent-Brown believes research and education are fostered by community: the sharing of questions and information while learning about cooperation and accountability.

Students who enjoy working on Dr. Trent-Brown’s research will often propose research projects of their own, and Dr. Trent-Brown will assist and mentor them, helping them to submit and present their work to research symposia.

“The quality of the work, and the phenomenal caliber of the students in general, continue to impress me,” she said.

Mary Kelso ’14, from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., met Dr. Trent-Brown when she took Developmental Psychology, and for the past two years has been doing research with her on nature-related intervention and the effect it has

take advantage of every opportunity. I admire Dr. Trent-Brown not only for her extensive knowledge as a professor, but for her patience and understanding, for the way she follows Christ, for her enthusiasm for life, and for the way she values relationships with her students.”

In Hyuk Hwang ’15 has been conducting research with Dr. Trent-Brown on interactions

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on children’s development. “Dr. Trent-Brown has taught me that I have the power and ability to make my ideas and dreams a reality,” said Kelso. “When I say, ‘Wouldn’t it be cool if...,’ she says, ‘Okay, let’s get started,’ whether it is regarding our research, the Psychology Department, or my personal life, always encouraging me to

of perception, culture, emotion, and voice since last year, and they hope to work together on research for a Christian model of mental health care for adolescents in South Korea, Hwang’s home country. “I have learned from Dr. Trent-Brown what it means to define oneself not by what you do, but what

you believe in,” he said. “It is clear to me that what is important to her is caring for her family and friends, and that her faith in Christ guides her gentle, loving, and humble character. From Dr. Trent-Brown I have learned what it means to be an engaged, accomplished, and driven scholar, while primarily and simultaneously being a faithful parent, friend, and follower of Christ.”

In addition to conducting research, Dr. Trent-Brown loves teaching Developmental Psychology, a course whose highlights include scheduled visits by babies, pre-school children and senior citizens so that students can interact with people representing the life stages they’re studying.

“It’s such a gift working with little ones; they are just so honest and free. They revel and delight in exploration, and find joy in the tiniest things,” she said. “The [Developmental Psych] course takes a lifespan approach, so not only do we have the opportunity to have babies visit, but also members of the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals. For many of my students, this is their favorite day of the semester. It’s inspiring, and it gives the students perspective to see that aging isn’t so scary. It’s an encounter with people their grandparents’ age who are not their grandparents, and it opens them up to new conversations with their grandparents.”

The professor continues her own developmental journey as well. She was recently awarded a New Directions grant by the Great Lakes Colleges Association, and is beginning research in the area of different aspects of equity and inclusion in higher education. “Diversity lends flexibility and dimensionality to the educational experience that more homogeneous populations are less likely to experience in the same way,” Dr. Trent-Brown said. “Academia is learning how to harness best practices in this area, and I want to be a contributing part of that learning.”

Dr. Trent-Brown believes that Hope, with its emphasis on the whole person and preparing students for lives of leadership and service in a global society, can be at the forefront in providing more fully integrated experiences for students academically, socially, and spiritually. “We want them to live rich, full lives and to enrich the lives of others. How do we create an environment that sets the tone for a lasting climate of diversity? We need to look at the holistic picture and see how the intricacies can work in concert in a way that best serves the needs of our students.”

**Editor’s Note:** Dr. Trent-Brown will deliver the college’s Commencement address on Sunday, May 4.



Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown enjoys teaching at Hope, where she finds students dedicated and excited about learning. Her own enthusiasm for learning and her engaging approach as a teacher and mentor led the graduating Class of 2012 to present her with the “Hope Outstanding Educator” (H.O.P.E.) Award.



# History Alive



Across 25 years, the Joint Archives of Holland has not only enhanced the college's and other historical collections, a boon to researchers, but has also provided meaningful learning opportunities for students who are interested in related careers.

Junior Victoria Henry of LaSalle, Ill., for example, has valued working at the archives as she prepares for graduate school in library science. "It's a really great opportunity to be paid in a field where you're learning skills that help you," she said.

By Greg Chandler

When Michael Douma '04 was nearing the end of the fall semester of his freshman year at Hope, he saw a flyer posted on the door of Lubbers Hall, describing an opening for a student researcher at the Joint Archives of Holland.

For Douma, who had a passion for history, it was a dream opportunity.

"I saw this and I ran straight over to the (Gordon and Margaret Van Wylen) Library," Douma said. "I think my enthusiasm got me the job."

For the next three-and-a-half years, interrupted only by a year's study in The Netherlands his junior year, Douma worked through numerous collections at the Joint Archives. In his senior year, he launched a research project depicting the history of Veneklasen brick homes in Holland after noticing one of the area's few remaining homes of that style being torn down. That project led to a book, *Veneklasen Brick: a Family, a Company, and a Unique 19th Century Architectural Movement in Michigan*, which was published by the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Grand Rapids/Cambridge.

"He learned what it was like to be in an archives, how to interact with an archivist," said Geoffrey D. Reynolds, the director of the Joint Archives since 2001.

Douma, who is now an assistant professor of history at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., says his experience at the Joint Archives as a Hope student set the tone for his career.

"A lot of times, it's just people giving you the opportunity to prove yourself. Nothing was ever handed to me," Douma said. "Having them allow me to work on my own, to figure out projects and to have support, that's all you need if you're a self-starter."

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Joint Archives of Holland, which houses the historic collections of Hope College and Western Theological Seminary. Located in the Henri and Eleonore Theil Research Center, where it shares space with the A.C. Van Raalte Institute, the archives has played an invaluable role in sharing the history of Hope and the Holland community since 1988. At the same time, it has provided Hope students with research opportunities they may

never have experienced attending another institution.

"There's such a rich collection of resources and it's all literally down the street from the college, which is amazing," said Madalyn Muncy '13, who conducted research at the archives while participating in Hope's Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Scholars Program in the Arts and Humanities.

For one of her projects, Muncy researched the story of Ruth Keppel, who came from a prominent Holland family in the late 19th century. Along the way, Muncy discovered the off-campus house she lived in had been built by Keppel's grandfather.

"The stories would come alive as you read their letters and saw their pictures," said Muncy, who now works in marketing communications for an engineering company in the Detroit area. "I was enthralled by the city. I had never seen anything like it before. There's so much to discover."

Reynolds, who joined the Joint Archives in 1997 as a collection archivist, sees the role of the archives as being a conduit between researchers and historical information they're seeking.

"You become a link to the past for people," Reynolds said. "People need that deeper connection. The archivist gives them that."

for the Joint Archives, which was dedicated on Nov. 18, 1988. The Holland Historical Trust eventually relocated its collection to the nearby Holland Museum, but the Joint Archives continues to house the collections of the college and seminary as well as of other organizations.

The archives has not only preserved and enhanced access to the already-extant collections, but has made a difference by providing a visible, professional destination for newly discovered materials. In the first year, for example, a local bank contributed the only known copies of the minutes of the college's Board of Trustees from 1866 to 1929, which were stored in a vault.

Other collections of note in the archives include historical documents of Pillar Church, Holland's first congregation, which was founded by the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte in 1847, a history of S2 Yachts, a Holland-based boat manufacturer founded by Leon Slikkers in 1954, and letters from Willem Roon, a Civil War soldier from Zeeland, Mich., who died of disease in 1864. The letters have been translated from the original Dutch language.

In 2004, the archives moved into the Theil Research Center along with the Van Raalte Institute, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. The shared connection between the two organizations has resulted in numerous books and publications produced by the institute, based on materials from the Joint Archives, said Dr. Jacob Nyenhuis, the institute's director and provost emeritus and professor emeritus of classics at Hope.

"The synergy of this building is such, that the archives gather materials which we use in our publications. By doing that, we demonstrate the value of the archives and we increase the interest in the archives," Dr. Nyenhuis said. "We introduce people in the community to the archives, who then donate family records that further enhance the archives. We have a wonderful synergy."

Specializing in scholarly research and writing on immigration and the contributions of the Dutch and their descendants in the United States, the institute is also dedicated to the study of the history of all the people who have comprised the community of Holland throughout its history. Among the institute's most recent publications is a landmark, three-volume, 2,600-page history of Holland by Dr. Robert P. Swierenga, A.C. Van Raalte research professor at Hope, *Holland, Michigan: From Dutch Colony to Dynamic City*.

"Bob Swierenga's work would have been impossible without the access to the archives," Dr. Nyenhuis said.

While most of the documents at the Joint Archives are in the form of papers, the archives also has developed an impressive catalog of oral histories, with literally hundreds of personal stories of local residents now recorded in their own voices.

"You can read the transcripts and listen to the voices at the same time," Reynolds said.

As technology changes, the Joint Archives is facing new challenges. While nearly all of the materials in the archives now is in the form of hard copy, Reynolds predicts future collections will come electronically.

"We're always looking for the next box of stuff. This time, it might come on a CD or flash drive," he said. "That's the next big challenge—how do we gather the information in a different form (than what we've done in the past)?"

The goal, regardless of what form the content comes in, is giving people interested in learning more about local history a way to find it.

"The end game is always access. Otherwise, you're just storing stuff," Reynolds said.

**Editor's Note:** *News from Hope College* invited archivist Geoffrey Reynolds to identify the 10 collections within the archives that he finds most intriguing, a listing that is online. Additional information about the Joint Archives itself, including the online searchable collections guide, is available at [jointarchives.org](http://jointarchives.org).

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Archivist Geoffrey Reynolds and sophomore Mariana Buzo of Chicago, Ill., review materials in the student workroom at the Theil Center.

Dr. Ion Agheana



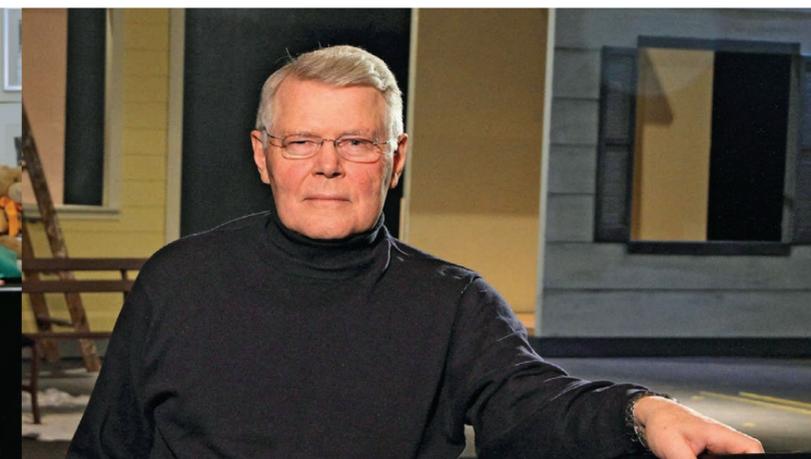
Dr. Donald Luidens '69



Richard Piippo



John Tammi



## Four Roads Converged

When a career concludes after four decades or more, its path can seem in retrospect clear, even inevitable.

Sometimes it works like that, but often the forks along the way are remarkably pivotal.

A total of four faculty retiring at the conclusion of the school year: **Dr. Ion Agheana**, professor of romance languages; **Dr. Donald Luidens '69**, professor of sociology; **Richard Piippo**, associate professor of music; and **John Tammi**, professor of theatre. They leave with a combined 133 years of dedicated service to Hope and having touched thousands of lives, some across generations. Even as they have helped students begin their journeys, they have, of course, been on journeys of their own...

### Ion Agheana (1979)

His friends no doubt simply thought they were treating him to American pop culture, but for Dr. Ion Agheana, a recent émigré from Romania in the 1960s, the Johnny Mathis concert was much more.

"The audience spontaneously applauded. That was so new to me, so extraordinarily new to me, that my first thought was—and you have my word of honor on this—that 'These people are free,'" he said. "That was a beautiful moment."

"It's funny how such minute things can lead to awakenings," Dr. Agheana said.

He had found in the U.S. an intellectual as well as literal home, a place where he could

engage in the life of the mind and connect with others interested in doing the same. He subsequently pursued graduate studies in Spanish at Harvard University, and taught at Dartmouth College for eight years before coming to Hope.

Dr. Agheana speaks a total of six languages: English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish. It's breadth that he values because he finds that understanding language itself, the way that ideas are expressed, offers insight into other cultures.

"I could approach the same issue from different points of view, not as a matter of intellectual curiosity but as a way of life," he said.

He has won international acclaim for his scholarship, particularly as an authority on both Argentine author Jorge Luis Borges and Romanian author Emil Cioran. He is no less revered at Hope, however, as a teacher. For example, the Class of 1983 presented him with the "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award, and the college's chapter of Mortar Board chose him to speak through its "Last Lecture Series" in 2009.

He appreciates that he has had an opportunity to help others with intellectual awakenings of their own.

"Opening a young mind to learning and life is such a privilege," Dr. Agheana said. "It is every day that you can make a difference, every class period that you can make a difference. You just have to be patient: do your best and be patient. Because you'll never know when the seed that you planted a long time ago will sprout."

### Donald Luidens '69 (1977)

It's perhaps not an ideal revelation to share in a college publication, but when Dr. Donald Luidens '69 took a sociology course at Hope, he didn't enjoy it.

For a history major going on to Princeton Theological Seminary intending to become a church historian, that wouldn't seem particularly noteworthy, but given his career choice, it's an irresistible irony.

His direction changed when a seminary mentor involved him in a study of why church membership was declining, work commissioned in response to a divisive issue in the Presbyterian Church. It gave him a new appreciation for what the discipline of sociology could be.

"Once I caught it, I really loved it," he said. "It was significant for me to realize you could use hard data to analyze some of these difficult-to-ponder things in society."

Dr. Luidens has studied the sociology of religion ever since, with a particular focus on the Reformed Church. The research focus was a natural fit when he returned to Hope in 1977, and is work for which he's received national recognition, including awards in 1994 and 1998 for publications he co-authored, the latter with Hope colleague Dr. Roger Nemeth.

He also brought with him a passion for sharing his discipline. Collaborating with Dr. Nemeth, he has consistently engaged students in research. He is respected for building enthusiasm for sociology in the classroom as well, receiving recognition including the 1987 "Outstanding College Sociology Teacher of the Year Award" from the Michigan Sociological Association, the 2003 H.O.P.E. Award, the college's 2014 "Janet L. Andersen Excellence in Teaching Award" and selection to speak through the "Last Lecture Series" in February.

Dr. Luidens was the third generation of his family to attend Hope; spouse Peggy (McNamara '69) is a classmate; and younger daughter Martha graduated in 2003. It is thus with deep ties that he has enjoyed seeing his department thrive, expanding in response to student interest to include not only sociology but social work.

"To see it grow, to see it have such vitality, to see students respond as well as they do, is just very, very gratifying," he said. "I feel like I'm leaving with a sense of excitement about how strong the two programs are."

### Richard Piippo (1999)

Take some time to ponder the concept of teen-aged truancy, and likely the image that results doesn't reflect how Professor Richard Piippo spent his unauthorized absences from school.

"I would run to the public library and listen to classical music," he said.

The 1.5-hour bus ride to school from the family dairy farm in northern Wisconsin transported him to a world that changed his life. At home there wasn't even running water, much less amenities like a record player.

His orchestra teacher was retired from the Chicago Symphony and guided him to the cello. An outstanding player (he ultimately won two national competitions), he earned scholarship assistance to attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, but to help finance his education he also taught privately. It was a fortuitous necessity, because he found that he treasured helping others discover music as much as he loved the discipline itself.

"That's how I began teaching when I was 17, and I've been teaching ever since and I love it," Professor Piippo said.

He came to Hope with nearly three decades of teaching experience and having performed across the country, including at Carnegie Hall, and around the world. Serving previously at Wayne State University, he was drawn to Michigan's picturesque west coast and the opportunity to teach at a smaller, liberal arts institution.

Professor Piippo has enjoyed connecting with his students, not only in private lessons but through ensembles like the Orchestra and Symphonette. Other highlights include having worked with students and faculty in the department of theatre to stage the opera *Street Scene* in the fall of 2010. And he is pleased to have seen many of his students make music a part of their lives after graduation.

"It's been a wonderful journey," he said. "I've met some wonderful people. I've developed some wonderful friendships, with both faculty and students."

"And the same spirit I had as a kid—the intensity—has not changed at all," Professor Piippo said. "That to me is a blessing."

### John Tammi (1968)

As a young child in Finland, John Tammi had already experienced one extraordinary journey. When the Soviets invaded during World War II, he and his siblings, like some 70,000 other Finnish children, were sent out of harm's way to Sweden.

"My parents just put us on a train. They didn't know where we'd end up," he said.

Reunited after the war, the family immigrated to the U.S. in 1949. They settled in Minnesota, where Professor Tammi enrolled at Gustavus Adolphus College, which like Hope is a church-affiliated liberal arts school. Although he had many interests, he found himself most drawn to theatre.

"It was not just participating in the productions that I enjoyed but the intellectual explorations and discussions that took place among the people involved," he said.

His undergraduate experience was so richly satisfying that he decided he would one day like to teach at a similar institution and happily accepted the invitation to join the faculty at Hope which, as it happened, was not only establishing a new department of theatre but building the DeWitt Center with its 500-seat main theatre. It was a heady time.

"We had a chance to create the future, or at least the first manifestation, of a new theatre program," Professor Tammi said. "We were given the opportunity to reflect on what would be important to include and how we were going to implement aspects of the program. It was both informative and satisfying."

The faculty's efforts produced not only the college's nationally acclaimed academic department, but the popular and long-running Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, of which Professor Tammi was founding artistic director. "It was Don Finn who first voiced this idea, but we all embraced it immediately," he said.

In addition to featuring theatre professionals, HSRT engages students from Hope and elsewhere both on-stage and behind the scenes. It's a vital connection for Professor Tammi, for whom providing the same opportunities that first inspired him has remained the priority.

"Encompassing, underlying, permeating all of this, really the heart of it, has been the work with the students," he said. "That's where I've been most happy, and where the most significant part of the experience has taken place." 🎭

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

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# A Winter to Remember

By Alan Babbitt

The fifth sweep of conference basketball championships in school history, a first in women's diving and a national runner-up effort in ice hockey highlighted the 2013-14 winter sports season at Hope College.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams captured regular-season Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) titles and competed in NCAA Division III Tournament play.

Sophomore diver Sarah Sheridan of Richmond, Ind. (Richmond HS), became the first in school history to earn All-America honors on the three-meter board and the first to claim All-America on the one- and three-meter boards in the same season.

The Hope ice hockey team finished national runner-up in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division 3 tournament for the fourth time in the club sport's history and third time since 2010.

## Women's Basketball

Coach Brian Morehouse's Flying Dutch recorded a 28-1 overall record that included the 14th MIAA championship and the third undefeated regular-season in the team's history. It was Hope's 11th outright MIAA title.

Hope beat Calvin College for the third time this season to win the MIAA Tournament and earn the league's automatic berth to the Division III Tournament.



Hope women's basketball players hoist the MIAA regular-season championship trophy.

The Flying Dutch advanced to the second round of NCAA Tournament play, defeating Wisconsin Lutheran 60-54 in the first round before losing to host Carthage (Wis.) 72-67 in the second round.

Sophomore forward Maura McAfee of Midland, Mich. (Midland HS), gave Hope its eighth MIAA MVP in voting by the league's coaches. McAfee headlined the All-MIAA First Team. She also earned Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-America Honorable Mention honors and Fourth Team All-America recognition from d3hoops.com.

Senior guard Megan Kelley of Rockford, Mich. (Rockford HS), was selected MIAA Defensive Player of the Year and First Team All-MIAA. Senior guard Brittany Berry of Grand Rapids, Mich. (Catholic Central HS), was on the All-MIAA Second Team.

## Men's Basketball

Coach Matt Neil's Flying Dutchmen posted a 20-8 overall record against one of the nation's toughest schedules. Hope played six ranked teams in a season that featured two regular-season

victories against Calvin in "The Rivalry," the 37th MIAA championship overall and 31st outright.

Hope received an at-large berth to the NCAA Division III Tournament after losing in the MIAA Tournament championship game. The Flying Dutchmen fell to Penn State-Behrend 70-66 in overtime in the first round.

Senior center Nate VanArendonk of Grand Haven, Mich. (Grand Haven HS), picked up All-Region Second Team honors from the National Association of Basketball Coaches and d3hoops.com.

VanArendonk also made the All-MIAA First Team along with sophomore guard Alex Eidson of Grand Haven (Grand Haven HS). Sophomore guard Ben Gardner of Carmel, Ind. (Carmel HS), was on the All-MIAA Second Team.

## Women's Swimming and Diving

Hope finished 26th at the NCAA Division III Championships in Indianapolis, Ind.

Sarah Sheridan finished seventh in one- and three-meter diving. She set a school record for three-meter diving during preliminaries with a score of 490.70 points that topped the field. She scored

466.45 points during the three-meter finals and 416.90 points during the one-meter finals to join Kari Jackson, who was an All-American in 2000 and 1999.

Freshman swimmer Molly Meyer of South Bend, Ind. (John Adams), broke a 20-year-old school record in the 200-yard backstroke when she clocked a preliminary time of two minutes, 3.38 seconds and placed 19th. She passed Susan Looman, who went 2:04.46 in March of 1994.

Meyer also competed in preliminaries for the 200 and 400 freestyle relays and 200 and 400 medley relays along with sophomore Klare Northuis of Holland, Mich. (Holland HS); sophomore Michelle Hance of Noblesville, Ind. (Noblesville HS); and freshman Mikayla Freyling of Alto, Mich. (Grand Rapids South Christian HS). The Flying Dutch totaled 24 points.

Four Hope women's swimmers earned All-MIAA recognition for the second time in their swimming careers: senior Maria Kieft of Spring Lake, Mich. (Spring Lake HS), Northuis, sophomore Jorgie Watson of Grand Rapids (Catholic Central HS) and Lindsay Wiederhold of Plainwell, Mich. (Plainwell HS).

One women's diver became a two-time, All-MIAA honoree: Sheridan. She was named MIAA Diver of the Year.

First-time honorees from the Flying Dutch were: Hance, Meyer and junior diver Erica Dunham of Rockford (Rockford HS).

## Men's Swimming and Diving

The Flying Dutchmen finished second at the MIAA Championships. They also put three swimmers and one diver on the 2013-14 All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Men's Swimming & Diving Team.

Senior Jake Hunt of Muskegon, Mich. (Mona Shores HS), claimed All-MIAA honors for the second time in his career.

Sophomore Jeff Zita of Holland (Holland Christian HS) and freshman Zach Diener of Lake Orion, Mich. (Lake Orion HS), were All-MIAA First Team honorees as swimmers for the first time.

Freshman diver Jean-Luc Miralda of Tegucigalpa, Honduras (The American School), also represented Hope on the All-MIAA team.

## Ice Hockey

In ice hockey, Hope lost the ACHA national title game on a 1-0 heartbreaker after Adrian College's Gold team scored late in the third period. The two teams are Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference (MCHC) rivals.

Coach Chris Van Timmeren's Flying Dutchmen won four games to reach the national title game, including a 2-0 semifinal victory over MCHC foe Davenport. Hope punched its ticket to the national tournament for an ACHA-best 13th consecutive time.

The Flying Dutchmen finished with a 28-6-2-1 overall record.

Visit the athletics website for an in-depth review of the winter sports season.

[hope.edu/athletics](http://hope.edu/athletics)



Cross country runner Sheri McCormack and football player Michael Atwell give Hope College 19 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners

# Scholars and Servant-Leaders

Four Hope senior student-athletes have been recognized nationally for their achievements outside of athletic competition.

Michael Atwell of Geneseo, Ill. (Geneseo HS), and Sheri McCormack of Holland, Mich. (West Ottawa HS), both were awarded NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships.

Megan Kelley of Rockford, Mich. (Rockford HS), was chosen a Capital One NCAA Division III Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Grant Neil of Holland, Mich. (West Ottawa HS), was selected for the 2014 Allstate National Association of Basketball Coaches Good Works Team.

Atwell, a football player, and McCormack, a cross country runner, gave Hope 19 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners since 1974.

They were two of the 58 fall athletes nationally across three NCAA divisions to receive the one-time, non-renewable \$7,500 grants.

McCormack, the 2013 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association MVP in cross country, plans to use the grant to support her studies at dental school. She will graduate this spring with majors in chemistry and Spanish.

Atwell, who ranks third all-time in quarterback passing yards at Hope, will use his grant to support his studies at medical school. He completed his majors in biology and chemistry in December.

This year is the second time in Hope's history that two student-athletes have received NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships in the same school year. In 1999, current Hope volleyball coach Becky Schmidt was given one in volleyball, while Rebecca Timmer was awarded one in track and field.

Kelley, a basketball player, made the CoSIDA Academic All-American Second Team. She was one of 15 Division III players recognized by the program.

She was the third Hope women's basketball player to be chosen an Academic All-American



Megan Kelley

Grant Neil

by CoSIDA. Others were Jamie Crooks in 1993 and Kari Nysse in 1996.

Kelley also followed a family tradition. Her mother, Amy (Welch) Kelley, a CoSIDA Third Team Academic All-American in 1987 at Central Michigan University.

Kelley is majoring in mathematics and minoring in health education. She helped the Flying Dutch win a MIAA championship this winter and post the third undefeated regular season in school history.

Neil, a basketball player, is the second consecutive member of the Flying Dutchmen to be named to the Allstate NABC Good Works Team. He followed former teammate Colton Overway, who was recognized in 2013.

The program, in its second year, recognizes men's and women's basketball players who have made a commitment to improving their communities and the lives of others.

Neil, a business management major, has volunteered his team to work with area youth at churches and schools. Every summer, he also works at Camp Sunshine, which serves people ages 12 to 50 who have developmental disabilities.

Neil helped the Flying Dutchmen win an outright MIAA championship this winter and receive an at-large berth to the Division III Tournament.



The Hope women's swimming and diving team qualified five for nationals, from left, Mikayla Freyling, Molly Meyer, Klare Northuis, Michelle Hance and Sarah Sheridan.



Nate VanArendonk



From left, hockey players Jared Lehman and Elliott Digison





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

**E**ducating students for lives of leadership and service in a global society is in Hope's mission. Building relationships across national, cultural and societal boundaries is in our DNA.

As a visual reminder of this important part of our story, in 2013 Hope commissioned and dedicated portraits of our first international alumni. Today's students can study on the second floor of the Martha Miller Center rotunda in the presence of Motoichiro Oghimi and Kumaji Kimura of Japan. Both of these gentlemen were groundbreaking members of the Class of 1879.

Fast-forward 135 years after their graduation and our world has become increasingly connected. Enter Katy Carlson. Katy is a 2013 Hope graduate and as a liberal arts student, she studied science and art, loves to travel, is passionate about social justice and is a great photographer (her work was featured in the December issue of *News from Hope College*). She also happens to be spending her year after graduation on an RTW trip. If, like me, you have to Google RTW to know that it stands for Round the World, you aren't alone.

When one of Katy's professors let us know about her idea for this Round the World trip, we decided to see how the Alumni Association could partner with her. As Katy travels, explores, shares, and serves, we will be connecting her with some of Hope's 32,000 alumni living in all 50 states and more than 80 countries. Her adventure will put her in touch with fellow Hope alumni and students in Argentina, South Africa, Botswana, Rwanda, Israel, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and potentially Australia and New Zealand.

Connecting in a way that would leave Motoichiro and Kumaji in awe, Katy is sharing her progress on Hope's blog network at [blogs.hope.edu](http://blogs.hope.edu). You are invited to share in the stories, photos and tweets from Katy's trip. If you are reading this and think your paths could cross, please email me at [travis@hope.edu](mailto:travis@hope.edu). We will work together to explore the possibility of having her connect with you.

We are excited to support Katy in this adventure and look forward to having you follow along as she connects with Hope students and alumni around the world. Learn more at [blogs.hope.edu/roundtheworld](http://blogs.hope.edu/roundtheworld).

# Window to Hope's History



Students emerge from VanderWerf Hall during a mild spring morning (note the northwesterly direction of the shadows) in 1973. This particular photograph has captured a moment that is distinctive not for its uniqueness but its timelessness. The hairstyles and fashions have changed, as has even the façade of the building itself, but the experience, the increased bustle of the campus as a block of courses ends and the next round of commitments beckons, remains a constant: a continuity of Hope, one generation to the next. This image, as is nearly always true of those featured in "Window to Hope's History," has been gleaned from the collections of the Joint Archives of Holland, which as noted on pages 12-13 is celebrating its 25th year as a resource not only for the campus but for researchers from around the world.

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## Making a Good Thing Even Better

We know that many alumni enjoy the classnotes so much that they even begin their time with *News from Hope College* in this part of the publication. Starting with this issue, we've restructured the popular section a little to make it even more enjoyable. We've eliminated the separate categories for new arrivals, marriages and advanced degrees, and are instead including that news in the class-year listings.

While there has been some utility in clustering news by category ("Let's see who's had a baby..."), the separate sections have required a certain amount of leap-frogging for those hoping to be comprehensive in catching

up with their friends—and have sometimes dispersed news that was submitted as a narrative whole. Through the years we've tried to help sometimes by adding "please see..." to class-year entries when there was additional news later, but it seems better simply to have all the information in the same continuity.

That said, the obituaries, as longer commemorations of those who have passed away, will remain in a separate section, but they, too, have been reorganized slightly. From now on, also to make searching by era easier, the alumni obituaries, too, will be ordered by class year.

News and information for class notes, marriages, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for *News from Hope College* by Julie Rawlings '83 Huisingsh. In addition to featuring information provided directly by alumni, this section includes news compiled from a variety of public sources and shared here to enhance its service as a way of keeping the members of the Hope family up to date about each other.

News should be mailed to: Alumni News; Hope College Public Relations; 141 E. 12th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422-9000. Internet users may send to [alumni@hope.edu](mailto:alumni@hope.edu) or submit information at [hope.edu/alumni/update](http://hope.edu/alumni/update).

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

### 40s

**Myra Kleis '45 Berry** of Holland, Mich., participated with others from The Warm Friend during the annual Live Mannequin Night on Friday, Sept. 20, in downtown Holland, where they won first prize. They created a window display, "Mother Goose Remembers" as part of the theme "children's books."

**Robert Laman '49** and Sara Laman celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in June. Bob has retired

from Wesley Senior Services, where he served for many years, and is a stained glass hobbyist, teaching five classes weekly. They have four children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### 50s

**Gordon Beld '50** of Holland, Mich., has had a third book published by History Press of Charleston, S.C. A joint effort with Alma area historian David McMacken and titled *A History of Alma College: Where Plaid and Pride Prevail*, the book was released in January. He was director of news services and publications at Alma for 24 years. His other History Press volumes, published in 2012, concerned the history of Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Mary Bell '51 Essebagger Murphy** of Lacey, Wash., cut the ceremonial ribbon on Monday, Nov. 11, to the new interactive display about Holland's four Medal of Honor recipients at the Holland Museum. She is the widow of the Medal of Honor recipient Corporal John Essebagger.

**Lavina Hoogeveen '52** celebrated her 83rd birthday in October with her ninth annual birthday hymn sing. The offering went to Potter's House School in Wyoming, Mich., for the second year. The offerings have bought Bibles and hymn books for Kebwe, Zambia; mission work along the Amazon in Brazil; a copier for the Amazon Valley School in Balem, Brazil; work in Trinidad; and Wozanibone School in South Africa. She spent three (Michigan

winter) months in each of the overseas places to get warm.

**Norma Hoffman '52 Richardson** was featured in *CMLife*, a Central Michigan University student newspaper on Monday, Nov. 25. She is CMU's longest serving professor, 46 years.

### 60s

**Frederick Heusel '62**, alias: Rick "the Heart-Rock Guy," has created heart-rock garden displays in Las Cruces and Silver City, N.M., with the latest in the San Diego Library's Mission Valley branch garden in California. Following a Holland tradition, he has adapted the tulip lanes idea to heart-rock trail both walking and biking. The projects reflect his life-long pursuit of Heaven's genius encrypted in natural rock symbolism and its abstract art, and follow his discovery of the Epiphany, Eye of Hope, Heart-rock in Las Cruces (The crosses), N.M., in 2012 on a heart-shaped stone with crosses newly displayed among small boulders surrounding that city's library.

**Edward Small '62** of Lawrence, Kan., had a second edition of the book *Direct Theory / Experimental Motion Pictures as Major Genre* published and released on Wednesday, July 31. He co-wrote the book with Timothy Johnson. Digital material has been added to this updated edition.

**Dave Bolhuis '63** and Joyce Bolhuis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Dave has published his second book, *The History of Hudsonville Schools: The Great Revolution*.

**Milton Nieuwsma '63** and Marilee Nieuwsma of Holland, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February.

**Shirley DeRidder '64 Bos** of Orlando, Fla., reports that she has no retirement plans, that she and her husband, **John Bos '61**, love what they do and try to get in two cruises annually plus participating in some of John's world-wide travels. They also visit family in Holland twice a year. Shirley is a director of adult development with First Baptist Church and John is the executive director for Christ for the World Inc.

**Thom Coney '64** of Holland, Mich., is a retired NASA physicist.

**David DeVisser '64** of Zeeland, Mich., sits on the board of trustees for Resthaven Care Community.

**James De Vries '64** of Monroe, Mich., was elected as a trustee for Monroe County Community College, where he was a history professor from 1970 until his retirement in 2010.

**William DeYoung '64** of Holland,

Mich., enjoys summers in the Grand Teton National Park and winters in Mexico.

**Ginger Huizenga '64 Jurries** of Holland, Mich., published a book, *Reclaiming Christmas: How to Creatively Celebrate the Season That Has Become Excessmas*.

**Mary Klein '64 Kansfield** of East Stroudsburg, Pa., served for seven years (2004-11) as a member of the Reformed Church in America Commission on History. She currently serves as historian and archivist for Room for All, the LGBTQ advocacy agency, and was honored by having a professorship at New Brunswick Theological Seminary endowed and named the Rev. Dr. Norman and Mary Kansfield Chair in Old Testament Studies.

**Daniel Ogden '64** of Lansdale, Pa., has been a pilgrim and exile in ministry since 1967. He has served churches in the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ, and is now serving, in his retirement since 2009, the Episcopal Church.

**Thomas Peddie '64** of Grandville, Mich., retired from teaching at Grandville Public Schools after 37-and-a-half-years.

**Diane Samec '64** of Crystal Lake, Ill., has been listed in "Who's Who in America" since 2004.

**David Stegink '64** of Muskegon, Mich., winters in Tucson, Ariz., where he teaches literature courses.

**Donald Thompson '64** and **Carol Roberts '66 Thompson** have written a book, *Egmont Key, A History*. They are making a PowerPoint presentation on the history that will be used to promote the book. They are also organizing a dedication of a roadside marker in front of the James Hope House that was built in 1851.

**Carolyn Church '64 Turkstra** of East Sandwich, Mass., retired in 2005 after a career at a weekly New Jersey newspaper and moved to Cape Cod, a location of family vacations when growing up. She reports that she remains active in church activities including organizing a vocal group, "The Troubadours," whose purpose is to visit shut-ins to sing familiar hymns and share friendship. She also sings with the Cape Cod Chorale.

**Carla Reidsma '65 Masselink** of Holland, Mich., was invited to attend Barron's Winners Circle Top Women Advisors Summit held in Palm Beach, Fla., on Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 4-6. She is the senior vice president of investments with Raymond James and Associates.

**Barbara Kouw '66 Forman** of Holland, Mich., retired in March 2013 after working as an attorney since 1986. Most recently, she served for several

years in quasi-judicial positions as an attorney-referee with the family division of the Ottawa County (Mich.) Circuit Court, and before that as a magistrate with the Ottawa County District Court. She reports that she is looking forward to participating during June in the Hope College Alumni Association's European seminar tour, a 10-day river boat excursion through the Danube River Valley. She has taken part in several of Hope's alumni seminar tours in past years, and notes that they are always excellent, and wants to thank the Hope's Vienna Summer School (1964) for whetting her appetite for travel and learning.

**Tina Velthuizen '66** is retiring after serving the Church of the Holy Trinity for 22-and-a-half-years.

**Judith Workman '69 Estell** of Zeeland, Mich., retired in October after 42 years serving as a missionary teacher in Taiwan, three with the Far East Gospel Crusade (now Send International) and 39 years with Global Mission of the Reformed Church in America. She thanks God for His goodness and faithfulness.

**Bob Flier '69** of Wheat Ridge, Colo., has retired from the United Methodist ministry.

**Candace Marr '69 Gabriel** of Chicago, Ill., has been retired for 11 years and is concentrating her volunteer efforts on the Chicago CAPS, alternate policing strategy court advocate program. She attends court cases involving arrests in the neighborhood, advocating for and often accompanying crime victims. They are the voice of the community in the legal process.

**Patricia Nevenhoven '69**

**Tom Renner '67** of South Haven, Mich., who retired at the end of December as associate vice president for public and community relations at Hope, received the "Hope for Humanity Award" from the college's alumni H-Club during halftime of the home women's basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 15. The award recognizes Hope athletic alumni and honorary letter winners for consistent service to others and demonstrating the values of Christian commitment and service. A member of the Hope staff for 47 years, Tom developed and directed the college's overall program in public and community relations, which includes Hope's news, sports information and media relations programs; community programming such



as Community Day and Winter Happening; college home web pages; and multiple publications. In celebration of his family's active support of his work, he was joined on court for the presentation by his wife, Carole DeYoung '67 Renner; their children, Deb, Susie,

Daniel and ReBecca, all of whom attended Hope, and their spouses; and grandchildren. Pictured with the Renner family are Hope co-athletic directors Eva Dean Folkert '83 and Tim Schoonveld '96, who presented the award.

[hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://hope.edu/pr/nfhc)

**Kirkpatrick** and her husband moved from Virginia Beach, Va., to Acworth, Ga., in 2010 after retiring from a 37-year teaching career.

**Dirk Mol '69** is speaking at a national conference on ritual abuse in May. He is also writing a memoir: *Return to Innocence*.

**Jane Breckenridge '69 Ritzema** of Elk Grove, Calif., reports that she continues to love life, including grand kids, travel, the gym and work.

**Rohn Ritzema '69** of Elk Grove, Calif., is the director for the Association of Christian Schools International for all of California and Hawaii, serving 530

Christian schools.

**Thomas Roberts '69** of Cutler, Ind., is the director of Therapy Dogs International in Lafayette, Ind.

**Sue Tell '69** graduated from Hope trained to teach elementary school, which she did for three years full time and several more subbing or teacher aiding. She still loves teaching but has discovered that she prefers teaching adults, through the Sabbath-Living retreats she facilitates. Each has a unique focus, but all swirl around listening to God. She also has a weekly devotional blog, "Echoes of Grace."

**Diana Williams '69 Weiss** of New

Hope, Pa., had her poetry chapbook, *What Counts*, published by Finishing Line Press in 2008.

**Thomas Working '69** of Zeeland, Mich., is the director of the Holland American Legion Band and will be going to Normandy with the band in June for the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

## 70s

**Andrew Mulder '70** of Holland, Mich., sits on the board of trustees for Resthaven Care Community.



*Kathy and Don Nadler*

## Longtime Loyalty

Don Nadler '73 first danced with Kathy at a fraternity rush party. Months later, and one minute before curfew, he proposed to her on the steps of Durfee Hall. Kathy didn't have time to respond. After Chapel the next morning, Don got his answer! They were married while Don was still a student.

Giving back to Hope has been a longtime habit for the Nadlers. They began early, and their support has been strong and consistent. In addition to their annual support of the Hope Fund, Don and Kathy have been intentional in their gift planning. Their long-term giving strategy includes bequest provisions. "Considering an estate gift to Hope was only natural," Don says.

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

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## Two to Receive Distinguished Alumni Awards

The Hope College Alumni Association will honor **J.C. Huizenga '73** of Grand Rapids, Mich., and the Honorable **Annette Kingsland Ziegler '86** with Distinguished Alumni Awards during the annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, April 26, at the Haworth Inn and Conference Center.

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

Huizenga is an entrepreneur, education reformer and business leader. He is the chairman of and founder of Huizenga Group ([www.huizengagroup.com](http://www.huizengagroup.com)), which operates seven diverse manufacturing companies, a commercial contracting firm, and a consumer



J.C. Huizenga '73

products packaging company. In 1995, he began (and presently chairs) National Heritage Academies, now serving over 51,000 students in 76 schools across nine states.

Ziegler was elected to the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 2007, and her current term continues through July 31, 2017. Before joining the Supreme Court, she served as a Washington County Circuit Court judge. She was appointed to the bench in 1997, elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2004. She was the first female jurist in Washington County.



Annette Kingsland Ziegler '86

The Alumni Banquet is scheduled in conjunction with Alumni Weekend, which will also include reunion activities for the Classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979 and 1984 as well as a variety of other events. Additional information about the weekend is available online or by calling the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (616) 395-7250.

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

[hope.edu/alumniweekend](http://hope.edu/alumniweekend)

**Robert Warner '70** of Kalamazoo, Mich., will be holding a reunion concert with former Hope musician Jan "Fingers" Christensen, along with other local musicians, at Foundry Hall in South Haven, Mich., on Friday, April 18. Jan was a local fixture in the folk scene around campus from 1966 to 1968, especially in the Knick house. Robert is a singer/songwriter who records and plays under the name "The dutchmy" and has three CD albums to his credit.

**Janet Bumford '71 Flier** of Wheat Ridge, Colo., has taken early retirement from being an LPN.

**Michael Stampfler '72** of Portage, Mich., was selected as the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Associated Zone 5 Coach of the Year.

**Carolyn Ann Borgert '74** of Villa Hills, Ky., was granted the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) dressage level one steward title. She hopes to obtain her FEI steward title in eventing and vaulting this year.

**Chadwick Busk '74** of Rockford, Mich., plans to retire in June from the Meijer legal department after 34 years. He then plans to launch his virtual "micro" law firm, BUSKLAU, specializing in information technology and other commercial transactions, and

writing contracts in "Plain English."

**Kristi Knowles '74 Karis** of Muskegon, Mich., reports that she is continuing to enjoy her rewired life, working part time in the Department of Education at Hope, which allows her more opportunities to travel to Laughlin, Nev.; Denver, Colo.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Central Europe.

**Marianna Maver '74** of Holland, Mich., is contracted with Allegan County Community Mental Health to teach therapeutic yoga classes to chronically mentally ill clients and survivors of trauma as part of an alternative wellness initiative that may be the first of its kind in a public mental health setting in Michigan. She has had a massage therapy practice in Holland, Saugatuck and South Haven, Mich., for 19 years and has taught yoga for 12 years.

**Linda Peterson '74 Rice** of Grand Rapids, Mich., recently retired after 36 years of teaching elementary music at Wayland Union Schools. She reports that she has more time to enjoy her five grandchildren and singing in the church choir.

**Don Troast '74** recently reported to Naples, Italy as force chaplain for Commander U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Commander U.S. Naval Forces Africa

and fleet chaplain for Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet. He provides strategic level theater religious leader engagement advisement to the commander, operational level supervision of religious ministry provision and facilitation to all naval assets in the theater, as well as direct tactical level care and support to the 450 military and civilian members on the staffs. The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa (NAVEUR-NAVAF) area of responsibility (AOR) covers approximately half of the Atlantic Ocean, from the North Pole to Antarctica; as well as the Adriatic, Baltic, Barents, Black, Caspian, Mediterranean and North Seas. It also covers all of Russia, Europe and nearly the entire continent of Africa. It encompasses 105 countries with a combined population of more than one billion people and includes a landmass extending more than 14 million square miles.

**Steven Vander Broek '74** of Holland, Mich., has retired from teaching and is working part-time as a bus driver for impaired adults at Pioneer Resources in Ottawa County.

**Alfred Fedak '75** of Albany, N.Y., was the featured performer at the First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor,

Mich., on Friday, Oct. 11.

**Pete Hoekstra '75** is the Shillman Senior Fellow on The Investigative Project on Terrorism. He is specializing in national security, international relations, global terrorism and cyber security.

**Judy Westenbroek '75 Lacks** is a principal at [originalartgallery.llc](http://originalartgallery.llc) online digital portraiture.

**Pamela Gates '75 Zinn** celebrated five years as a master's degree clinical nutritionist and owner of the Holistic Nutrition Center in Holland, Mich., in September.

**Ilene Crysler '76 Bosscher** of Louisville, Ky., is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a licensed professional clinical counselor. She specializes in couples counseling and play therapy with children. This year, she held the position of president of the Greater Louisville Medical Society Alliance and treasurer of the Kentucky Association for Play Therapy. She and her husband, **Jim Bosscher '74**, celebrated 35 years of marriage on Monday, Sept. 9. She reports that all five of their children are adults and leading productive lives, and that they recently celebrated the birth of their fifth grandchild.

**John Brown '76** of East Lansing, Mich., was reappointed to the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, also known as the Children's Trust Fund. He is the vice president of government relations for Jackson National Life Insurance company.

**Julius Byrd '79** received a designation as a certified polysomnographer (RPSGT). He performs sleep studies and setting people up with CPAP and BiPAP equipment.

**Debra Bruininks '79 Davidson** works as a school psychologist with the U.S. Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Bavaria, Germany, where she enjoys traveling extensively with family and friends.

**Deborah VanHoeven '79 Droppers** owns The Event Company which coordinates 62 annual events, including five major festivals, two parades and 39 one-day events in Kalamazoo, among them Downtown Kalamazoo Inc., Community Advocates for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and New Year's Fest of Kalamazoo Inc. She also works for local governments and nonprofits providing assistance in fund development, grantsmanship, and public relations. In addition, she is also an instructor at Western Michigan University and manages the event management minor program in the college of education. She has been an instructor since 2000 and places an emphasis on nonprofit marketing and event management, including strategic planning, community feasibility analysis, event marketing, and logistical contracts and services.

**Isaac J Myers II '79** has been appointed president of Baptist Health Medical Group of Physicians, a group of more than 900 physicians practicing in Kentucky.

**Sandra Kelley '79 Wcislo** of Hickory Hills, Ill., will retire in June from Orland School District 135, after 35 years as a teacher and reading specialist.

## 80s

**Suzanne Galer '81** and Brian Wert were married on July 29, 2012. She is an associate professor of voice at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Fla. She is also currently president-elect of the Intercoastal National Association of Teachers of Singing, and will become presidency official on June 1. Her other recent professional activities have included directing the university's Faculty Chamber Music Series last fall; performing as a professional soloist with the Royal Ponciana Chapel in Palm Beach during 2013-14; performing as a soloist on the university's Distinguished Artist Series, at Bethesda by the Sea Chapel and with the Indian River Orchestra at Palm Beach Gardens; and presenting a faculty recital at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in the summer of 2013. In addition, she was the Rinker Foundation Grant Winner to the National Association of Teachers of Singing National Conference, held in

New York City in January.

**Van Rathbun '81** is the pastor of the Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. He wrote the fall electives series for the Sunday School Guide on Congregational Transformation and Renewal and is a member of the board of trustees of Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and Bethany Christian Services of the Heartland. As a USA swimming official he volunteered at the Olympic swimming trials in Omaha, Neb.

**Annie Brown '83** is running for state representative for Michigan's 66th House District. She is a South Haven school board member and has three teenagers.

**Jill Dame '83 Wilson** has been named the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principal's Association Elementary Principal of the Year for Region 12. She is the principal of Allendale Elementary School.

**Bob Pranga II '84** of West Hollywood, Calif., has just signed a deal with the Electos Group (*Fashion Star* and *Smarter than a 5th Grader*) to star in his own television show this fall. He owns and operates Dr. Christmas, a holiday decorating company.

**Michael Spitters '84** reports that he is excited to realize a lifelong dream of starting a church essentially from the ground up in Frisco, Texas, one of the fastest growing mid-size cities in America. He notes that it's an honor to lead an expedition church with a committed core team and with help and

inspiration from God to touch people's lives, restore broken relationships, deepen people's faith and reach out to a hurting world.

**Anthony Turner '84** of West Bend, Ind., has been an alderman for the city of West Bend since 2008.

**Stephen Underwood '84** is the media and public relations director for the National Scholastic Athletics Foundation, a North Carolina-based organization whose mission is to "inspire youth to live healthy and active lifestyles, and to prepare them for success." They host national track and field competitions and clinics for top high school athletes, and support youth and junior athletes competing internationally. He is enjoying extensive travel, as well as working from home in Lansing, Mich., with his fiancée Salmly, her children, and their six cats.

**Jon Van Ark '84** and his wife **Gwen Griffin '05 Van Ark** are working to improve the possibilities of work for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Current stats show that 90 percent of adults with ASD are unemployed or underemployed.

**Dan Mack '85** has published a book, *Dark Horse*, a non-fiction work aimed to help small business achieve success.

**David (D.J.) Covell '86** after 24 years of service has retired from the Vermont State Police. He spent the majority of his career as a detective and was promoted through the ranks to captain. He spent the last four years of his career as the chief criminal investigator for

**Jeffrey Brown '97 and Courtney Welton '97 VanLonkhuyzen** were recently named to the *Crain's Chicago Business* magazine's annual 40 under 40 list. This group has included Rahm Emanuel, Oprah Winfrey and President Obama, to name a few. Courtney is a corporate attorney for Motorola and leads the Motorola Mobility Foundation, the company's charitable giving arm. Jeffrey is a cartoonist and his latest publications include *Vader's Little Princess* and a new series for tweens, *Jedi Academy*. He has had his work translated into Japanese and there are ads for the books on the subway there.

the state police's bureau of criminal investigations.

**Matthew Honkanen '86** is moving back to Holland, Mich., after being away for 28 years.

**Karen Hulst '86 Kempker** of Holland, Mich., is the owner of Evolve Organizing Solutions, a professional organizing service for home and office.

**Diane Bakeman '86 Parrett** of Norton Shores, Mich., was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. She is a physician with Kinney and Parrett, part of Mercy Health Saint Mary's.

**Connie Kramer '86 Sattler** received a Master of Science degree from Cornerstone University in 2013.

**Meg Miller '86 Willit** of Grandville, Mich., received "Women of Achievement" recognition during the 37th annual YWCA TRIBUTE! Awards luncheon held in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich., at DeVos Place on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Featuring the theme "eliminating racism, empowering women," the event honored local women and female high school students for their personal accomplishments and commitments to the community. She was recognized for her long-time involvement as a volunteer in the West Michigan community, with emphasis on children, the arts and education.

**Cathy Teter '86 Zapata** and Mike Zapata, recently moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she continues to enjoy her business as a director with The Pampered Chef.

**Phil Tanis '87** became executive secretary of communications for the World Communion of Reformed Churches, based in Hannover, Germany, in February. He is currently commuting and telecommuting from Holland, Mich., but will be moving to Hannover in July with wife **Gretchen**

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**Josiah Dykstra '02** received the U.S. Department of Defense David O. Cooke Excellence in Public Administration award on Monday, Nov. 18, at the Pentagon. As the technical lead for NSA's Computer Network Operations Advanced Research Team, he identifies important research problems and sets the research agenda for the team. This involves evaluating new technologies, prototyping specialized solutions, and guiding focused efforts against high-priority difficult problems to enable competitive advantage for the U.S. Government. He recently started a one-year assignment with U.S. Cyber Command, the military organization that



conducts cyberspace operations. His role there is to help define a science and technology research strategy for the Command.

**Schoon Tanis '99** and the couple's two children. For nearly 16 years, Phil held a variety of positions within the communications and operations areas of the Reformed Church in America.

**David Kuiper '88** of Zeeland, Mich., has joined Northpointe Bank as vice president and loan officer in the mortgage lending divisions.

**Karen Betten '89** moved back to Kalamazoo, Mich., and earlier this year opened a direct primary care practice in Portage, Mich. She is board certified in both family medicine, and integrative holistic medicine, and has also completed additional training in medical acupuncture.

## 90s

**Brian Klaus '90** of Saugatuck, Mich., is the new owner of Crust 54 in downtown Holland. He and his wife will get the pizzeria up and running and then will turn it over to their children, Matt '10, Amanda Klaus '11 Poe, Tim '14, Jessica (a junior at Hope), and 13-year-old Kyle.

**David Stempfily '90** and Saly Stempfily announce the birth of Isabelle Jacqueline on Dec. 6, 2013.

**Rajeon Wuerfel '90 Wolters** of Zeeland, Mich., received the Hope College Provost's Award for Service to the Academic Program on Friday, Jan. 17. She is in her ninth year as the administrative assistant to the dean of the arts and humanities division.

**Todd Adams '91** was promoted to full professor at Florida State University. In addition to teaching physics courses, he performs research at CERN, the European particle physics laboratory.

**Bob Anderle '91** and Jacqueline Anderle announce the birth of Braden Dean on Sept. 21, 2012.

**Mark Sharp '91** had a solo exhibition at Gallery 363 in Memphis, Tenn., on Friday, Jan 31.

**William Charles Crowley '92** returned to Hope College in March to participate in the Dance 40 reunion celebration, and also taught Graham Technique master classes at Spotlight Dance Academy in Grand Haven, Mich., and Dance in the Annex in Grand Rapids, Mich. Later that month, he taught a Graham Technique master class at Culture Shock Dance Studio in San Diego, Calif. In May, he will teach at the Taos Academy of Dance Arts in Taos, N.M., and the New Mexico School for the Arts in Santa Fe, N.M. This summer, he will travel to Europe to teach Graham Technique Intensives at Le Centre des Arts Vivants in Paris, France; FEDES (Federatie Dans en Sport) in Brugge, Belgium; and the Centre de Danse du Marais in Paris, France.

**Aric Dershem '92** received an executive Master of Business Administration degree from Rochester Institute of Technology. He has also been named vice president of administration for National Heritage Academies in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Jason Elmore '93** of Cadillac, Mich., who is serving with the U.S. Army JAG Corps in Kuwait for a year, was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Back at home are his wife, **Dr. Alicia Elmore '94**, and their three children.

**Cody Inglis '93** is the assistant director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

**John Stack III '93** and **Katherine Rabe '02 Stack** announce the birth of Margaret Cecelia on Jan. 27, 2014.

**Lisa Meengs '95 Joldersma** is the vice president, public programs at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. She oversees legislative and regulatory

policy development and research to advance patient and biopharmaceutical industry interests within Medicare, Medicaid, and the new health insurance exchanges. She and her husband, **Dirk Joldersma '95** and their four future Dutchmen, Garrett (11), Anneka (nine), Celia (five) and Natalie (four), reside in Washington, D.C.

**Jason Kooyer '95** and Joy Kooyer announce the birth of Jameson Lee on Nov. 19, 2013.

**Sara Van Putten '96 De Mann** of Byron Center, Mich., received "Women of Achievement" recognition during the 37th annual YWCA TRIBUTE! Awards luncheon held in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich., at DeVos Place on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Featuring the theme "eliminating racism, empowering women," the event honored local women and female high school students for their personal accomplishments and commitments to the community. Sara is the vice president of development and marketing for the YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids.

**Kelli DeHaan '96 Jonas** and Dave Jonas announce the birth of Marek David on Aug. 3, 2013.

**Russell Lundberg '96** received a Ph.D. in policy analysis from Pardee RAND Graduate School. His research was on homeland security and drug-related crime, and his dissertation was titled "Comparing Homeland Security Risks Using a Deliberative Risk Ranking Methodology."

**Lisa Bos '97** of Washington, D.C., has been promoted to senior policy advisor with World Vision U.S. She oversees an international policy portfolio that includes child and maternal health, education, water/sanitation/hygiene and appropriations.

**Jodi McFarland '97 Friedman** has been promoted to editor of *The Saginaw News*.

**Beth Darr '97 Keserauskis** of Belleville, Ill., is an AVP and chief marketing officer at St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

**Tracey Rynsbarger '98 Crane** and Rob Crane announce the birth of Griffin Cole on Aug. 25, 2008, and Addilyn Sue Elizabeth on Oct. 3, 2012.

**Brian Dykstra '98** has joined Oxford Financial Group, Ltd as managing director in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Miriam Garcellano '98** and Perry Lloyd announce the birth of Samantha Elise on Oct. 16, 2013.

**Amy E. Hall '98** of Franklin, Tenn., released her new poetry chapbook, *Bathroom Poems*, on Saturday, Dec. 14. Nashville bookstore East Side Story hosted the release party and performance.

**Nicholas Holtvluwer '98** of Holland, Mich., is the principal at Woodside Elementary in the West Ottawa School District.

**Mark LaChonce '98** received a

Master of Arts in intercultural studies and TESOL from Wheaton Graduate School in August 2013.

**Kara McGillicuddy '98** is the owner and operator of a Biggby Coffee franchise in Redford, Mich., which opened in November.

**Kuria VanWieren '98** graduated with an R.N. degree from Montana State University, Billings, Mont., in May 2011, *cum laude* and is currently working as a travel medical, surgical, telemetry registered nurse around the U.S. When she is not working as a travel nurse, she calls Bozeman, Mont., home.

**Jannah Thompson '99 Harmon** and Rob Harmon announce the birth of Avery James on April 3, 2009, and Penelope Aletheia on Feb. 17, 2011.

**Christina Malkowski '99 Streeter** is the coordinator of print and mail services at Hope College.

**Mandy Pryor '99 Vidor** and Andrew Vidor announce the birth of Reid Robert on Nov. 20, 2013.

## 00s

**Becky Renner '00 Anderson** of Grand Rapids, Mich., was invited to attend Barron's Winners Circle Top Women Advisors Summit held in Palm Beach, Fla., on Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 4-6. She is a financial advisor with Edward Jones.

**Rachel Lamb '00 Cambray** and Adam Cambray announce the birth of Ronan McGregor on Jan. 7, 2013.



**Sarah Sanderson '03 Doyle** was a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant at a university in Ilhéus, Bahia, Brazil last year. This year she was asked to stay on as Amazon regional coordinator and teaching mentor of new ETAs in the north. The focus is on helping local students in the sciences pass the TOEFL English exam so they can participate in the new Brazilian initiative and grant program "Science Without Borders," which funds study and research abroad.

**Sara Coke '00** has enrolled in a doctoral acute care nurse practitioner program at Rush University in Chicago, Ill. She also works at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in the surgical trauma ICU.

**David Fleming '00** and **Betsy Getman '04 Fleming** announce the birth of Ellie Marie on Nov. 21, 2013. David has been promoted to director of marketing and design for Code Blue Corporation, the industry leading manufacturer of emergency communication solutions found at Hope College and campuses around the world. In addition to continuing his work overseeing the marketing department, he also will be taking a lead role in the creation and design of new products.

**Phillip Haan '00** and **Elizabeth Jetter '04 Haan** announce the birth of Walter Russell on July 10, 2013.

**Libby Folkert '00 McKinley** and Matthew McKinley announce the birth of Claire Elizabeth on Dec. 16, 2013.

**Laura Parsons '00** and Daniel Yanez were married on Sept. 7, 2013, in Dallas, Texas.

**Laura Splinter '01 Akers** and Timothy Akers announce the birth of twins: son, Tucker Lee, and daughter, Brady Campbell, born on Oct. 22, 2013.

**Heidi Hickman '01 Henson** and Nathaniel Henson announce the birth of Maxton Lee, Aug. 29, 2013.

**Jessica Hungerford '01 Moilanen** and Todd Moilanen announce the birth of Abigail Lynn on Nov. 15, 2013.

**Kate VerHeulen '01 Thornton** and Andy Thornton announce the birth of Micah James on May 6, 2013.

**Miriam Takish '02 Dery** and Charlie Dery announce the birth of Oliver Joseph on May 21, 2013.

**Blair Johnson '02** has been hired as associate attorney at the Peter J.

Johnson Law Office, PLLC in St. Joseph, Mich.

**Katherine Bode '02 Lang** was the winner of the 2014 APR/Honickman First Book Prize given by the editors of The American Poetry Review and The Honickman Foundation.

**Anna Wagnild '02 Long** received a Master of Business Communication degree from the University of St. Thomas Opus School of Business in May 2013.

**Chris Meyer '02** of Holland, Mich., is the director of the West Ottawa High School Chamber Orchestra, which was selected as one of three orchestras in the state of Michigan to perform at the 2014 Michigan Music Conference. They performed on Friday, Jan. 17, at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Nick Reister '02** is a trusts and estates attorney with Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge's Grand Rapids office. Nick was recently appointed chair of the firm's 25-attorney multidisciplinary agriculture and agribusiness industry team, which strives to provide the specialized legal services needed by families, farms and businesses in this vitally important industry.

**Lauren Seymour '02** and Adolfo Escobar were married on Sept. 28, 2013, in Holland, Mich.

**Christopher Sizemore '02** and **Beth Winne '03 Sizemore** have moved to the Denver Colo., area, Beth's hometown with their two-and-a-half-year old, Liam. Beth is a senior medical education manager for Stryker CCMF and Chris is continuing his work in the nonprofit sector as special projects director, Denver Metro Volunteers.

**Chris Winkler '02** will become vice president for advancement with Wycliffe Bible Translators, based at Wycliffe's U.S. headquarters in Orlando, Fla., in July. He and his family have most recently been serving with Wycliffe in

Nigeria. He and his wife, Christie also announce the birth of Josiah Benjamin on Feb. 4, 2014.

**Jessica Zimelman '02** spoke at Hope College on Thursday, Nov. 21, with the Pre-Law Society. She is an associate staff attorney with the state appellate defender office, and was part of a case that went before the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Emily Ward '03 Anderson** and Nicholas Anderson announce the birth of Cassidy Olivia in March of 2013. Cassidy joins big brother, Gus. They reside in Saint Louis Park, Minn.

**Elisabeth Sawchuk '03 Avery** and **Joe Avery '03** announce the birth of Isabelle Elise on Sept. 28, 2013. They note that her big sister, Amelia Grace (age three-and-a-half) was very excited to welcome her home.

**Karen Clark '03 Bovid** and Christopher Bovid announce the birth of Michael Christopher on May 4, 2013. Karen has also completed her fellowship in pediatric orthopedic surgery at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite in July 2013 and is now an assistant professor in the department of orthopedic surgery at the Western Michigan University School of Medicine.

**Jessica Dore '03 Fitzgerald** and Howard Fitzgerald announce the birth of Elizabeth Grace on Jan. 7, 2014.

**Andrew Mullenix '03** and **Chandra Leben '03 Mullenix** finalized the adoption of Candice "Candy" Sue Elizebeth and Patricia "Patty" Ann Louise on Nov. 22, 2013, National Adoption Day. Candy and Patty, born Oct. 2, 2009, had moved into Andrew and Chandra's foster home Aug. 22, 2011.

**Eduardo Perez '03** and **Rosa Morales '03 Perez** announce the birth of Natalia Grace on Oct. 10, 2013. They note that Alessandro, who was born July 1, 2011, is happy to be a big brother.

**James Plasman '03** is the deputy director of the economic sector in the American Consulate of the U.S. State Department in Lagos, Nigeria. He and his wife, Seana Shanks Plasman, announce the birth of twins, Caroline and Emily, born on Dec. 28, 2013. Their son, Benjamin, was born Feb. 28, 2012.

**Elisabeth Van Houwelingen '03 Von Eitzen** became a partner with Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. She is a litigator focusing on creditor's rights and was also named a Rising Star by Michigan Super Lawyers in 2013.

**Anna '04 Bogus** and David Bogus, announce the birth of Lydia Noelle on July 20, 2013.

**Bryan Depotty '04** and **Amy Lubbers '05 Depotty** announce the birth of Owen Elijah on Dec. 11, 2013. Bryan received a Master of Education degree from Colorado State University



**Chris Tidmarsh '10** of South Bend, Ind., is the co-founder of Green Bridge Growers, a prototype aquaponic greenhouse. Together with his mother they pursue their mission to provide employment for underserved young adults on the autism spectrum. One of their newest projects is in downtown South Bend. They will transform the Century Center Skywalk into a true green bridge: an herb mini-farm. Each greenhouse can produce 45,000 pounds of vegetables every year and employ five young adults. More information is available online at <http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/green-bridge-growers-an-urban-farm-with-a-difference>.

in May 2013.

**Amandi Dykstra '04** and Greg Esposito were married on Aug. 3, 2013 in Boston, Mass.

**Katherine Hall '04** received a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) in economics and business management from University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy in May 2013. She is now working for a national policy and economic development organization headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich., as a policy associate in research and development.

**Matthew Koster '04** and **Allison McCabe '05 Koster** announce the birth of Nathan Kingsley on Dec. 5, 2013.

**Daniel Morrison '04** spoke at Hope College on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, during the computer science colloquium. He is the founder of Collective Idea, a Holland web application and software and development firm.

**Brad Norden '04** and **Heather Tobert '06 Norden** announce the birth of Adalie Robin on Nov. 19, 2013.

**Richard Ray '04** and Lindsey Ray announce the birth of Greta Lynn on Dec. 20, 2013.

**Amy Vanderhyde '04 Worrel** and **Brian Worrel '04** announce the birth of Emily Lou on Jan. 20, 2014.

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**Kallie Walker '10 Spidahl** cycled from Germany to Thailand with her husband, Andrew Spidahl, and four friends (including **Victoria Williams '12**). They called themselves “Fueled By Rice” and biked for peace, simplicity, and the environment. They carried all

of their gear and camped along the way, keeping their budget to under \$10/day. They also pulled a trailer of instruments, using music as a way to connect with other people and cultures. More about their experience is available online at [fueledbyrice.org/home](http://fueledbyrice.org/home).

**Carrie Reif '05 Bode** and **Robert Bode '05** announce the birth of Zachariah Robert on Jan. 7, 2014. **Mitch Cumings '05** is the new athletic director for Berrien Springs. **Kristine Umlauf '05 Gough** of Brooklyn, Mich., received the honor of being selected to the 2013 Class of “30 and Under” through *Jackson Magazine* of Jackson, Mich. The honor goes to those individuals that are “shining examples of the future - or, maybe more accurately, the start of the present - in Jackson leadership.” She is a purchasing/supply chain manager for Full Spectrum Solutions. **Kelli Hoogerhyde '05** and Matthew Burdick were married on Sept. 7, 2013, in Grand Rapids, Mich. **Kari Chase '05 Law** and Joshua Law announce the birth of Jack Christian on July 10, 2013. **Kathryn Hoenecke '05 LeClair** and Christopher LeClair announce the birth of Asa Edwin on Feb. 11, 2014. **Michelle Knapman '05 Quigley** and Nathaniel Quigley announce the birth of Kai Alexander on July 2, 2013. **Amy Back '06** and her sister recently co-founded a 501(c)(3) organization called Grain of Rice Project (GORP). GORP seeks to empower people living in Kenya with education and employment opportunities. **Sarah McDonald '06 Gebben** and David Gebben announce the birth of Shiloh Maryellen on Oct. 30, 2013. **Brandon Hazen '06** and **Kellyn Rumpsa '06 Hazen** announce the birth of Calla Riley on Dec. 21, 2013. **Jaime Sabol '06 Huff** and Derrick Huff announce the birth of Naomi Jo on Sept. 19, 2013. **Lisa Bailey '06 Huyser** and Matthew Huyser announce the birth of Cooper Bailey on Feb. 16, 2014. **Chip Kleinheksel '06** and **Elizabeth Gibson '06 Kleinheksel** announce the birth of Edward Ryan.

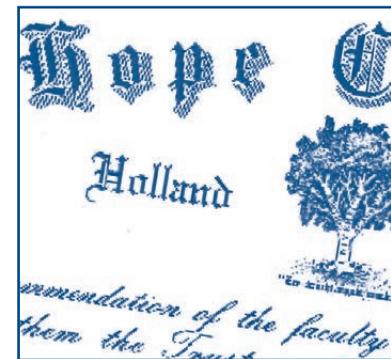
**Stephanie Koenke '06 Kostosuca** and Rusty Kostosuca announce the birth of Alyssa Renee on Sept. 29, 2013. **Christopher Meeusen '06** and Laura Meeusen announce the birth of Gabriel Matthew on Feb. 8, 2014. **Katie Stacy '06 VandeBunte** received a Master of Science in nursing as a family nurse practitioner from George Washington University in August 2013 and joined the CVS MinuteClinic family as a FNP in the District of Columbia in January. **Jeff Weber '06** received a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree at Des Moines University in 2013. **Jill Bramos '06 Wolf** and Nathan Wolf announce the birth of Kate Elizabeth on Jan. 8, 2014. **Taryn Drost '06 Yager** and Mark Yager announce the birth of Skylar Mac on May 14, 2013. **Yadira Martinez '07 Bautista** and Jesse Bautista announce the birth of Janisa Marianellie on Jan. 14, 2014. **Tyler Boonstra '07** received his master’s degree in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy. He has not yet finished the Ph.D program, but says earning a master’s feels great. He’s continuing on working towards a Ph.D. **Elizabeth Brichacek '07 DeYoung** and **Nathaniel DeYoung '07** announce the birth of Evelyn Julianne on Feb. 3, 2014. **Ashley Bainbridge '07 Foster** lives in Portage, Mich., with her husband and their dog, Scout. She is a family nurse practitioner, working at Bronson Family Medicine Downtown in Kalamazoo, Mich. She also serves on the council board of Girls on the Run of Greater Kalamazoo, and is the chair of the Girls on the Run of Greater Kalamazoo 5k. **Briana Galbreath '07** moved to Washington State to take a position as a youth development specialist for Planned Parenthood of the Great

Northwest. She is also completing a Ph.D. in human sexuality education. **Anna Wadsworth '07 Matarese** and Jeff Matarese announce the birth of Lily Margaret on Oct. 10, 2013. **Allison Schneider '07 Nelson** and **Timothy Nelson '08** announce the birth of Hadley Jaye on Jan. 29, 2014. **Emily Walsh '07 Schreiner** and Chris Schreiner announce the birth of Elise Maureen on Nov. 12, 2013. **Laura Solle '07 Shaw** and Bryan Shaw announce the birth of Marleigh Jean on July 12, 2013. **Kathleen Burkhardt '08** received a Master of Science in strategic communication from the University of Denver in 2013 and is working as the public relations and social media manager for Barnhart Communications. She is also an adjunct faculty for the University of Denver teaching strategic communication courses. **Andrew Denniger '08** and **Patricia Cross '08** were married on Dec. 28, 2013, in Geneva, Ill. **Mark Fellwock '08** of Holland, Mich., is the co-founder of Coppercraft Distillery in Holland, Mich. The distillery opened a spirits sampling and serving room on Monday, Nov. 4. **Kayla Katterheinrich '08** **Germann** and Philip Germann announce the birth of Marshall Heinrich on Nov. 22, 2013. **Alexa Jansma '08** and Adam Powers were married on Jan. 11, 2014. **Brittany Berry '08 Kukulski** and Kevin Kukulski announce the birth of Brooklyn Grace on Oct. 20, 2013. **Charlotte Meeker '08** and Brandon Dornbusch were married on July 27, 2013, in Leland, Mich. **Nicole Brummel '08 Mosterd** and David Mosterd announce the birth of Abbott Lee on Nov. 4, 2013. **Shayna Drost '08 Partridge** and **Tim Partridge '08** announce the birth of Jack Christopher and Sofie Lyn. **Tyler Racey '08** is a geographic information systems (GIS) specialist in the Ludington, Mich., office of Western Land Services. **Matthew Schmidt '08** is the new associate pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs in Western Springs, Ill. **Heidi Weir '08** received her associate’s degree in graphic design and is currently working as a graphic designer at DG Technologies. **Heidi Snyder '08 Wolfe** and Brian Wolfe announce the birth of Elias on Aug. 8, 2013. **Joel Evenhouse '08** and **Gretchen Davis '09** were married on July 6, 2013. **Daniel Guy '09** is the new owner of Espresso Bay coffee shop in downtown Traverse City, Mich. **Benjamin Herrman '09** of Holland, Mich., was selected as the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coach’s Associated Zone 5 Coach of the Year.

**Stephanie Machiela '09** of Lansing, Mich., has transitioned from bedside nursing and recently accepted a position with Gift of Life - Michigan as an organ donation coordinator. **Emily VanderMeer '09** and Andrew Phillips were married on Jan. 4, 2014. **Emilie Puttrich '09** celebrated her first year working as a collections care assistant at the Harvard Art Museums in Cambridge, Mass. **Tara Wheeler '09 Salas** and Jason Salas announce the birth of Finneas Manford on Nov. 5, 2013. **Alexander Stack '09** graduated with a Master of Divinity from Denver Seminary in May 2013. **Allison Hawkins '09 VanDenend** and **Andreas VanDenend '10** moved to Gainesville, Fla., in the fall of 2013. Allison is working as annual giving coordinator at the Harn Museum of Art, the University of Florida’s art museum. Andreas is pursuing an MBA at the University of Florida with a focus in marketing. They report that they both love Gainesville and enjoy taking their new puppy, Izzy, for walks around town.

## 10s

**Leah Ennis '10** received a degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in May 2013 and was ordained to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, Nov. 2, and is now the associate pastor of discipleship and mission at North and Southampton Reformed Church in Churchville, Pa. **Dave Sherry '10** has been hired at WSOC, the ABC affiliate in Charlotte, N.C. WSOC is the news leader in Market 25, serving 1.2 million viewers. He is working as a photographer for the news department. It is his third job in the news industry. **Kristen Mulder '10** and **Conrad Tobert '10** were married in October 2013.



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**Andrew Haggerty '12** represented Hope College at the inauguration of Jere Morehead as the 22nd president of the University of Georgia on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Andrew lives in Athens, Ga., and is studying student affairs at the university.

**Blair Williams '10** and Aya Inamori were married on June 8, 2013.

**Peter Zessin '10** and Kayla Vloedman were married on Sept. 7, 2013, in Holland, Mich.

**Farah Ahmad '11** graduated from the Disney College Program in January 2013. She returned home to Illinois, where she attended a couple of digital art classes at Oakton Community College, and is now enrolled in the Arrowsmith Program at North Michigan Christian School in McBain, Mich.

**Stephen Burgett '11** and **Krista Pajor '11** were married on June 8, 2013.

**James Colten '11** of Wheaton, Ill., is an administrative assistant at Management Leadership for Tomorrow. He is also looking for a plot to garden in Washington, D.C.

**Kristin Stefan '11 Compagner** and Ryan Compagner announce the birth of Avery Grace on Nov. 18, 2013.

**Lorie DeGraaf '11** and Philip Miller were married on Sept. 21, 2013.

**Brad Machiela '11** is employed by the Dodge City Police Department in

Dodge City, Kan., as a patrol officer. He recently graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center with the top Firearms Marksmanship Award. Brad is in the probationary period with the special operations response team (S.O.R.T.).

**Danelle Koetje '11 Veltema** and Robert Veltema announce the birth of Lincoln David on Jan. 17, 2014.

**Alyssa Boss '12** has joined the registrar's office at Hope College.

**Erin Carmody '12** of Norton Shores, Mich., is teaching fifth-and sixth-grade health and seventh-grade advanced physical education at Spring Lake Public Schools.

**Kara Dornbusch '12** is a registered nurse at Munson Hospital in Traverse City, Mich.

**Christopher Mattson '12** will be attending Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine beginning in June.

**Kalli Shades '12** will attend Central Michigan University's physician assistant program beginning in May.

**David Winters '12** of Chicago, Ill., is an accountant with Chicago Office Technology Group.

**Elizabeth Badovinac '13** joined the *Big Rapids Pioneer* as the education reporter.

**Tara Buhl '13** and Neil Daniel were married on June 8, 2013, in Holland, Mich.

**Kayla Howard '13** will be attending Central Michigan's physician assistant program beginning in May.

**Jennifer Kragt '13** is a preschool teacher at CDS Lakeshore Head Start in Holland, Mich.

**Madalyn Muncy '13** is currently working as a marketing and communications specialist for Rapid Global Business Solutions, Inc. in Madison Heights, Mich.

**Katelyn VerHage '13** and Jason Nyhof were married on July 19, 2013.

**Taylor Whitefield '13** is the program manager for the Cook Library Scholars Program, which is part of Grandville Avenue Arts & Humanities in Grand Rapids, Mich.

## 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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**Marie Folkert (Prep 1935) Grit** died on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013. She was 96.

She taught in Zeeland Public Schools for 27 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Grit; and her son, John.

Survivors include her daughter, Alma (Paul) Summers; two grandchildren; three great grandchildren; sister, Agnes Darbee; and sister-in-law, Nellie Ter Haar.

**Jean Rottschaefer '36 VanderVelde-Upjohn** died on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013. She was 98.

She taught Latin in Trenton, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Kenneth VanderVelde, and her second husband, E. Gifford Upjohn; her sisters, Margaret Rottschaefer '35 Norton and Helen Fleming; and two brothers, Bernard Rottschaefer '34 and Robert Rottschaefer.

Survivors include her children, Mary Bardeen, Kenneth (Maggie) VanderVelde, Jr., Connie VanderVelde '70 and Joan VanderVelde '73 (Robert '68) Kullgren; and 13 grandchildren, including Jessica Thomas '99 Novak.

**Robert Bruggink '38** of Hazel Crest, Ill., died on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013. He was 96.

He retired in 1982 from Clark Oil & Refining Company.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Ruth Bruggink; and brothers, Miles and Allen Bruggink.

Survivors include his children, Paul Bruggink '64, Marijane Johnson and Thomas Bruggink '69; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Robert Curtis '41** of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014. He was 94.

He worked for a company in Wyoming, Mich., that made gas tanks for trucks. During his retirement years, he was a seasonal employee for Eldean Shipyards in Holland, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley (Lena) Tiesinga; sister, Caryl Curtis '52 Van Houten; brothers-in-law, Harold Dykema, Jack Ewart, Art Van Houten; and friend, Betty Cook.

Survivors include a sister, Dorothy Curtis '42 Dykema; and several nieces and nephews.

**Walter Macak '41** of Union, N.J., died on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014. He was 94.

He served in World War II in Washington, D.C., and retired from the U.S. Army after 24 years of active service and the Army Reserves.

He was employed by the New Jersey State Department of Education as vocational facilities planner and then as federal property coordinator for the public schools, colleges, civil defense activities and hospitals.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Carolyn Fisher Macak.

Survivors include his daughter, Barbara Macak; and brother, Rudy Macak.

**Charles Landon '43** of Ludington, Mich., died on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013. He was 92.

He served during World War II and was honorably discharged.

He was a dentist in Scottville for more than 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Landon; and three sisters-in-law, Marian Alborell, Mildred Greene and Barbara Pugsley.

Survivors include his two daughters, Alice (Alan) Ringquist and Jane (David) Gimbutis; five grandchildren; two great-grandsons; brother-in-law, Milton Pugsley; and six nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **Marie Steketee '45 Bostick** of Holland, Mich., who died on Friday, Oct. 11, 2013. She was 90.

**H. James Wierenga '47** of Grand Haven, Mich., died on Thursday, May 23, 2013. He was 91.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II from 1942 to 1945.

He owned The Appliance Center in downtown Grand Haven for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Jorgensen '49 Wierenga.

Survivors include his four sons, Kenneth (Sharon) Wierenga, Dirk (Anne) Wierenga, Mark (Jan) Wierenga and Jeff (Cyndy) Wierenga; six grandchildren, including Jay Wierenga '04; and sister, Claire Wierenga '49 Monsma.

**Gwendolyn Lemmen '48 Kraay**, of Shell Point Village, Fort Myers, Fla., died on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014. She was 87.

She was a member of the Village Church and was active in the Stamp Ministry.

Survivors include her husband, Russell Kraay '49; daughter, Marta

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## Association Honors Young Alumni

Even as they were on campus to receive recognition for their achievements, **Maxine Gray '04** of Seattle, Wash., and **Matthew Scogin '02** of New York City took time to help the next generation of alumni in preparing to achieve their own dreams.

Gray and Scogin each received Young Alumni Awards from the college's Alumni Association during a dinner on Thursday, March 27, at the Haworth Inn and Conference Center. Each also led a workshop hosted by the Alumni Association and the college Career Development Center and designed with a career/life focus for current students.

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



Maxine Gray '04

global community or the college; and demonstrating significant initiative by starting innovative service projects, research, businesses or other original enterprises.

Gray is the project manager within the global employer brand & channels team at Starbucks Coffee Company in Seattle. She manages the global employer brand campaign, and social recruitment strategies and channels which position Starbucks as an employer of choice around the world.

Scogin is the senior vice president and chief of staff at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).



Matthew Scogin '02

He acts as a key strategist and principal advisor to the CEO, and is also a key member of the senior executive team and has played a leading role in the overall strategic direction of the company.

The day before the award event, Gray presented the workshop "Developing Your Personal Brand." Earlier in the day on Thursday, March 27, Scogin presented "Leadership Development."

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

[hope.edu/youngalumni](http://hope.edu/youngalumni)

A. Kraay '75 (Mark) Highsmith; son, David R. (Donna) Kraay '85; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert M. Lemmen and Charles J. (Barbara) Lemmen '60; sisters-in-law, Jewel Kraay and Marjorie Kraay; and brother-in-law, Louis (Ruth) Kraay '50.

**Walter Boerman '49** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013. He was 85.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Boelkins '49 Boerman; and a son, James Boerman.

Survivors include his children, Barbara Boerman '77 (Kurt '74) Avery, Richard (Michelle) Boerman; his daughter-in-law, Lisa Boerman; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother and sisters, Gerald (Joyce) Boerman '50, Emily Jacqueline Boerman '49 Stark, and Gerita Boerman '55 (Ted) Haensel; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

**Charles J. Zoet '49** of Huntsville, Ala., died on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014. He was 92.

He volunteered for flight training shortly after Pearl Harbor, and began

pilot's training in 1942. He served overseas as an Army Air Corps pilot, flying rescue missions out of Tunisia. After the war, he joined the Air Force Reserve and was active during the Korean War. He attained the rank of lieutenant colonel before retiring from the military in 1981.

He was a mathematics coordinator for Livonia Public Schools.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Virginia Ewing '44 Zoet; and sister, Beatrice.

Survivors include his three daughters, Anna Lotero, Kay Fiala and Frances Stine; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his brothers, Jerry and Howard; and a sister, Thelma.

Word has been received of the death of **Jean Rivenburgh '50 Cook** of Holland, Mich., who died on Monday, March 17, 2014. More information will appear in the next issue.

**Paul Muyskens '50** of Orange City, Iowa, died on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014. He was 87.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Philippines and Korea from 1944 to 1946.

He worked for 29 years at Northwestern College, serving in many different capacities.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters and their husbands, Harriet Muyskens '47 (John) Maassen and Lois Muyskens '49 (Robert) Hector; a brother-in-law, George Oelrich; and a sister-in-law, Lorraine Oelrich.

Survivors include his wife of more than 63 years, Pat Muyskens; two daughters, Paula Gagne and Debra (Bob) Adams; five granddaughters; two great-granddaughters; a brother, Joe (Jean Harmelink '53) Muyskens '53; sister-in-law, Linda Oelrich; and many nephews and nieces.

**Norman Piersma '50** died on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014. He was 86.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He and his wife started new Evangelical churches in Colombia, South America, for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Donald (Zeke) Piersma '53.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Mae Piersma; three daughters, Alicia Evans, Anne (Dennis) Benedict, and Patricia (Norm) Spafard; six grand-

children; siblings, Joyce Johnson, Bob (Melba) Piersma, Sandra Piersma '63 (Floyd) Jousma, and Craig (Mary) Piersma; his aunt, Elsie Piersma '43 Weeber of Holland; sisters-in-law, Ruthann (Virgil) Grover, Karen (Bruce) Bell, Marla, Mary and Sally Naber; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

**Beatrice Folkert '50 Vander Ploeg** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014. She was 85.

She was employed by the Holland Township Treasurer's office for several years, and then drove a bus for the Ottawa Area Center for many years.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Alvin Vander Ploeg; four children, Chuck (Sue) Freriks, Doug (Betsy) Vander Ploeg, Kelly (Christi) Vander Ploeg, and Randy (Connie) Vander Ploeg; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Vern (Rosie) Vander Ploeg and Mike (Carrie) Vander Ploeg; and several nieces and nephews.

**Lloyd Van Raalte '50** of Newaygo, Mich., died on Friday, Jan 17, 2014. He was 89.

He was West Ottawa's first superintendent from 1958 to 1975. He then worked for the Michigan Department of Education until his retirement in 1980.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Van Raalte; and daughters, Laurel and Joanne.

**Roy Walchenbach '50** of Pittsfield, Mass., died on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013. He was 87.

He served in the Korean War as a ship's surgeon in the Mediterranean Sea aboard the *USS Randolph*.

He was a surgeon in Berkshire County for 36 years and served as both the chief of surgery and chief of staff at Hillcrest Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald Walchenbach '49.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Dorothy "Dot" Milne '50 Walchenbach; four children, Paul (Trisha) Walchenbach '81, Peter (Melinda) Walchenbach, Tod Walchenbach and Amy Ann Walchenbach (Rob) Emery; nine grandchildren; brother, Jack (Patricia) Walchenbach '57; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Kenneth Johnson '51** of Mahomet, Ill., died on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014. He was 87.

He served on the *USS Potter* with the U.S. Navy.

He retired from Western Electric in 1982 as a senior manager, and in 1985 became the director of procurement evaluation for the Department of Contract Services for the City of New York.

Survivors include his children, Mark (Christine) Johnson, Clifford (Kelli) Johnson, Dorothy (Steve) Pomykala, Karin Stiegler and Jeffrey (Elizabeth) Johnson; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and ex-wife, Elna Dotson.

**David Muyskens '51** of Sparta, N.J., died on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013. He was 83.

He served for 40 years of ministry in Presbyterian churches in South Amboy, Hightstown, and Shrewsbury, N.J.; and United Church in Fayetteville, N.Y.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Muyskens; children, Noel (Amanda) Muyskens, Kirsten (Bill) Schanck, Kevin (Cynthia) Muyskens; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his sister, Bernice (Patrick) Lettenmaier.

**William Van't Hof '51** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Monday, Jan. 13, 2014. He was 83.

He had been a pilot with the U.S. Navy stationed in the Caribbean.

He practiced law with Schmidt, Howlett, Van't Hof for more than 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Rogers Van't Hof; his parents, William (Nell de Valois) Van't Hof; and his brother-in-law, Mike Rogers.

Survivors include his children, Sarah Dodgson and David (Susan Mabry) Van't Hof; five grandchildren;

sister, Lynn Van't Hof '58 (Thad) Rutter; sister-in-law, Beth Rogers; foster daughter, Cathy (Stan) Lee-Elwartowski and her family; and many nieces and nephews.

**Harrison Visscher '51** of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013. He was 84.

He had been an officer in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Germany.

He founded Grand Valley Gynecologist at Blodgett Hospital and practiced for 29 years. He then served as the director of education of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist in Washington, D.C., until his retirement.

He and his first wife, Mary Zweig '52 Visscher, who preceded him in death, funded the Harrison C. and Mary L. Visscher Endowed Professorship in Genetics, and he and his brother established the Dr. Harrison C. Visscher and Dr. Robert D. Visscher Lectureship in Genetics. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Bette Brewer '51 Visscher; brother, Robert (Marjorie Dykema '53) Visscher '51; brother-in-law, Clifford LaBelle; children, Sherry Visscher '78 (William) Reus, Ronald (Caroline) Visscher '82, Lori Visscher '83 (Karl '82) Droppers, and Karen Visscher '87; 10 grandchildren, including Neil Droppers '10, Jack Droppers '12,

Lauren Reus '09, Nina Droppers '14 and Mara Droppers '17; and six step-grandchildren.

**Glenn A. Blocker '52** died on Monday, March 3, 2014. He was 85.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Ethel Blocker; and many cousins and friends.

**Louise Loula '52 Ondra** of Palmyra, N.Y., died on Friday, June 7, 2013. She was 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Ondra '53; and son, James Ondra.

Survivors include her children, Thomas (Nancy) Ondra, Emily (Patrick) Claudio, Carol (Michael) Barros, Donna Ondra-Hares, David Ondra, and Lisa (Petr) Premyslovsky; daughter-in-law, Donna Lati; 20 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Barbara J. Moessner '53** of Muskegon, Mich., died on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. She was 82.

She was a teacher at Marquette School for 39 years until retiring in 1993.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law, Owen Koeppel '49.

Survivors include her sisters, JoAnn Moessner '49 Koeppel and Karthryn Moessner; nieces and nephews, John (Mary Kolean '77) Koeppel '75, Robert (Karen) Koeppel, and Barbara Koeppel '80 (James) Higdon; and great-nieces and -nephews.

**Norman Menning '54** of Rock Valley, Iowa, died on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014. He was 87.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, two years as an MP in Japan and the Philippines.

He served a multiple-congregation parish of First Reformed Church in Doon, Iowa, and Bethel Reformed Church in Lester, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harold and Virgil Menning; three sisters, Esther (Ed) Boone, Evelyn (Sam) Brink and Sylvia Hornsby; sister-in-law, Hermina (Max) McGinnis; brothers-in-law, Dennis Raak, William (Lucille) Lammers, and Gerrit Lammers; and grandson, Aric Kooiker.

Survivors include his wife, Fannie Menning; daughter, Debbie (Vincent) Kooiker; sons, Colin (Jean) Menning and Linn (Rhonda) Menning; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Eunice (Ed) Scholten and Arlene (Carroll) Brown; brother, Marion (Marge) Menning; and sisters-in-law, Christine Menning, Viola Menning, Elizabeth (Jim) Dykstra and Karen Lammers.

**Bruce van Voorst '54** of Arlington, Va., died on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013. He was 81.

He had a 35-year journalism career as a senior correspondent for *Newsweek* and *Time* magazine. He also served three years with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and seven with the Central Intelligence Agency. He received the New York Publisher's National Award in 1983 and was a nominee for the Pulitzer Prize in 1987.

He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1970. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters by Hope in 1991 and delivered the college's Commencement address the same year.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Barbara van Voorst; son, Mark (Cindy) van Voorst '75; and daughters, Carol van Voorst '73, Kathryn Marchmont-Robinson, and Susan Prins; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister, Mary Bloemers.

**John Billett '56** of Livingston, Texas, died on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013. He was 79.

He was employed at Hamilton Farm Bureau for 35 years.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Sandra Tien '58 Billett; children, Warren (Mary) Billett, Andrea Lueer, and Gregory Billett; six grandchildren; and brothers, Robert (Judy) Billett and John (Yvonne DeLoof '52) Tien '52.

**Dwight Cooper '57** of Kentwood, Mich., died on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013. He was 82.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He played the organ for Alaska Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Frances Cook.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Barbara Cooper; children, Michael (Evelyn) Malcomson, David Malcomson, James (Dawn) Malcomson, Patricia (John) Reece, Barbara (Russell) Chilson, William (Sandra) Cooper, Paul (Shelly) Cooper, and Mark (Kim) Cooper; 19 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; sisters, Lois (Steven) Gerakinis, Marge (Mick) Gondick, and Helen (Wayne) Squires; and several nieces and nephews.

**Andrew Behrmann '58** of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013. He was 79.

He worked at Lear Siegler as a purchasing agent for 22 years and retired from Herman Miller in 2000.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Audrey Behrmann; children, Scott (Debra) Behrmann and Daniel (Teresa) Behrmann; four grandchildren; brother, Kenneth (Bonnie) Behrmann; brother in law, Curtis (Debra) Newhouse; and cousins, niece and nephews.

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**Garrett Edward "Ed" De Jong '58** of Tucson, Ariz., died on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013. He was 78.

He taught mathematics for many years at Belleville High School in Michigan.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Mary De Jong; three daughters, Marjorie (Mark) DeBoer, Kimberly (Martin) Zapata and Rebecca (Jeffrey) Wilkinson; six grandchildren; his brother, David (Dorothea Essebaggers '55) De Jong '55; brothers-in-law, George (Mary) Lindquist and David (Sharon) Lindquist; and many nieces and nephews.

**Russ Yonkers '59** of Indianapolis, Ind., died on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013. He was 76.

He worked for Deere and Company for more than 20 years. After retirement he was a lay pastor for the Presbyterian Church in Evansville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Inez Yonkers.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Brandt '59 Yonkers; children, Russell (Karen Dunsmore '83) Yonkers Jr. and Lynn Yonkers '85 (John) Boyer; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Carol Yonkers '61 Johnson; two nephews and one niece.

**Mary Ann Cumerford '60 Van't Hof** of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013. She was 75.

She retired from Ottawa Saving Bank after 20 years.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Donald Van't Hof '60; children, Kathy (Bill) Bush and Vic (Laurie) Van't Hof; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Karen (Arch) Bassett; sister-in-law, Pat (Gary) Koetsier; and many nieces and nephews.

**Allen Buurma '61** of Flemington, N.J., died on Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. He was 74.

He was ordained in the ministry in the Reformed Church of America. He served in Williamson, N.Y., Staten Island, N.Y., and Millstone, N.J.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret (Nyboer), and father, Carl Buurma; and brother, Clarence Buurma '65.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Buurma; sons, Nathan (Peggy) Buurma '85, and Brian Buurma '94; daughter, Elizabeth Buurma '87 (Brian '84) Berkey; and six grandchildren.

**Alice Stoel '64 Kragt** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013. She was 87.

She was a teacher at West Ottawa Public Schools for more than 20 years.

**Arlene Deitz '65 Clark** of Essex Junction, Vt., died on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014. She was 71.

She was the children's librarian at Brownell Library.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Franklin (Gertrude) Deitz '34; and brother, Allan Deitz '62.

Survivors include her husband, James Clark; son, David (Holly) Clark; brother, Jerry (Janice) Deitz; and sister-in-law, Betty Hesselink '64 Dietz.

**John Fisher, Jr. '65** of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013. He was 72.

He was a letter carrier for the Holland Post Office for more than 20 years.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Marti Fisher; children, Steve (Nichole) Fisher, Ryan (Tracey) Fisher, John (Ginger) Fisher and Josh (Sarah) Fisher; 11 grandchildren; mother-in-law, Irene VanZanten; stepmother, Francis Fisher; sister, Judy (Dave) Tanis; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Mark (Sue) VanZanten, and Mary (George) Brander.

**Charles Marschke '66** of Naples, Fla., died on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013. He was 74.

He served in the U.S. Army as an X-ray technician.

He taught at the University of Vermont from 1974 to 1997. He also owned his own Taekwondo school after attaining the level of fifth degree Dan.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Fisher '66 Marschke; his two children, Laura Marschke (Frederick) Bashara and Timothy (Cheryl Potter) Marschke; and three grandchildren.

**Ernest Willcocks II '68** of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Sunday, June 2, 2013. He was 67.

He was a teacher in North Royalton and a real estate agent.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Jo Girton '69 Willcocks.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann Willcocks; daughter, Michelle (Adam) Freeman; son, Mark (Hilary) Willcocks; stepsons, Chris (Juli) Westgate and Nick (Marc) Westgate; four granddaughters; two step-granddaughters; one step-grandson; one step-great-grandson; sister, Lorraine Stranca; brother-in-law, Dave (Janice) Girton; sisters-in-laws, Midge (Jim) Hostetler and Lori (Curt) Meeck; uncle, Hank (Carol) Depner; and many nieces nephews and cousins.

**Russell R. Bonnema '69** died on Sunday, May 27, 2013. He was 67.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Dennis Barker; and sister-in-law, Corinne (Ray) Iwema.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Linda Bonnema; children, Brian (Alicia), Jeffrey (Lisa) and Alexis; eight grandchildren; parents, Robert (Marion) Bonnema; sister, Kathi Barker; in-laws, Robert (Marge) VanderWagen and Janet (Butch) Greendyke; and many nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **James Robertson Jr. '69** of Trinidad, Colo., who died on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013. He was 66.

**Mark Roberts '72** of Allendale, Mich., died on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014. He was 63.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles (Edna) Roberts '39.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Mary Roberts; three children, Alexia (Richard) Sather, Morgan (Erica) Roberts and Jennifer (Jim) Wehler; two grandchildren; sister, Cheryl Roberts '68 (Jerry '66) Saggars; mother-in-law, Jeanne Sypniewski; in-laws, Jim (Sue) Sypniewski, Tom (Char) Sypniewski, Joe (Karen) Sypniewski, Karen (Randy) Blattner, Janet (Steve) Klap; and many nieces and nephews.

**Mary Fenton '75** of Paw Paw, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014. She was 62.

She worked at the Paw Paw Shopping Center for 27 years.

Survivors include a sister, Ann Fenton; a brother, Loyal (Cecilia Rankin) Fenton; aunt, Sylvia Sherrod; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Sympathy to

The family of **Vladimir Arandjelovic** of Glendale, Ariz., who died on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013. He was 75.

He taught French and Russian at Hope from 1972 to 1974. He subsequently went on to a career as a sign and billboard painter in Michigan and then in Phoenix, Ariz.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Arandjelovic; daughter, Marian (Tom) Kreger; one grandson; brother, Zoran (Gotza) Arandjelovic; and many nieces and nephews.

The family of **Neal Berghoef** of Holland, Mich., who died on Tuesday, Jan 21, 2014. He was 91.

He was mayor of Holland from 1989 to 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Berghoef; children, Jack (Nancy) Berghoef, Henry (Leslie) Berghoef,

Hilda (Tim) Quist, Ena (Jerry) Gunnink and Joy (Anthony) Paige; 15 grandchildren, including Julie Gunnink '99 Louwerse and Jonathon Gunnink '05; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family of **Judy Brake** of Holland, Mich., who died on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014. She was 78.

She worked in the word-processing center and as an administrative assistant at Hope College.

Survivors include her children, Connie (Dan) Rusiecki, Don Brake, and Karen Brake '91 (Blake '92) Wolfis; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother and sister, Doug Webb and Linda Uleber; brother-in-law, Tom Windeklecht; and many nieces and nephews.

The family of **Arvella Schuller** of Orange, Calif., who died on Tuesday, Feb 11, 2014. She was 84.

She served on the Hope College Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1992. She received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Hope College during Commencement in 1992, the same year that her husband, The Rev. Robert Schuller '47, who survives her, delivered the Commencement address.

She helped her husband found the Crystal Cathedral and the "Hour of Power" televangelism program.

In addition to her husband, survivors include their children, Sheila Schuller '73 (James) Coleman, Robert (Donna) Schuller '76, Jeanne Dunn, Carol Milner and Gretchen Penner; 19 grandchildren, including Ethan Milner '11; two sisters; and one brother.

The family of **Antonia Searles**, who died on Sunday, Jan 5, 2014.

She was an associate professor of Spanish at Hope from 1970 to 1990.

Survivors include her son, Paul Searles '91.

The family of **Allen Verhey**, who died on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014. He was 68.

He was the Robert Earl Cushman Professor of Christian Theology at Duke Divinity School, where he had taught since 2004. He was previously the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professor of Religion at Hope, where he continued to hold an adjunct appointment in religion. He taught at Hope from 1975 to 1992 and from 1994 to 2004. In 2009, he returned to Hope to deliver the annual Danforth Lecture.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Phyllis (DeKruyter) Verhey; their three children, Dr. Timothy Beach-Verhey '90, Elisabeth "Betsy" Verhey '92, and Kathryn (Craig) Davis '96; five grandchildren, Ryan, Caroline and Janie Beach-Verhey, and Jack and Meghan Davis; and his brothers, Ron Verhey and Roger Verhey.



# Built to Last



The Van Wylen Library features many inviting spots for study, from individual carrels, to padded chairs, to rooms for small groups, to the stately wooden table pictured above, which on this particular afternoon is hosting junior Matt Harder of Holland, Mich. Located near the lobby, it plays its role on campus with quiet anonymity that belies its rich history as one of the college's most venerable workhorses. A visit to the Joint Archives of Holland, for example, turns up the inset photo, which shows a gathering of the faculty in the mid-to-late 1890s. It's a distinguished assembly that includes President Gerrit Kollen (at far right), Christina Van Raalte Gilmore (at center in front of the fireplace) and, surrounded by all, a sturdy traveler of and through Hope that looks just a bit familiar...



# ALUMNI WEEKEND

Thursday, April 24 –  
Saturday, April 26, 2014

*Featuring reunions for the classes  
of '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, and the  
Fifty Year Circle.*



Reunions and Alumni Awards



“Behind the Scenes” Tours



Jazz Organ Artist Tony Monaco