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## National. Champions

Volleyball makes history  
with team's first NCAA title

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## On the Cover

*The jubilant volleyball team celebrates after winning a five-set thriller for the national NCAA Division III championship on Monday, Nov. 24, in Newport News, Virginia. It was the team's first national title, and the third in Hope history: the college won in women's basketball in 1990 and 2006.*



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## “Quote, unquote”

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

TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF BEING HUMAN

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2014

HOPE COLLEGE CRITICAL ISSUES SYMPOSIUM

*Opening keynote speaker Douglas Rushkoff was limiting his speaking engagements this year, but when he learned that the college's 2014 Critical Issues Symposium was exploring the theme "Technology and the Future of Being Human," he added one.*

“Hope is the exception and not the rule,” said the author of *Present Shock: When Everything Happens Now* as well as a dozen other best-selling books on media, technology and culture, who has lectured around the world. “This is a special place. This is a mission-driven institution with people who are trying to rise to the occasion of being alive and a human being in the 21st century.”

The Critical Issues Symposium, first held in 1980, was established to stimulate serious thinking about current issues, and to provide a forum in which the Holland community, students and faculty may all engage in discussion with experts. Hope even cancels classes for a day for the event.

Held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 23 and 24, this year's symposium considered both the benefits and the limitations and costs of digital technology, and included two keynote addresses, a collection of meditations titled “digital short stories,” themed focus sessions and department-specific discussions. Featuring multiple perspectives, the event in sum emphasized the importance of an examined existence: of thinking deeply about one's values and day-to-day life, and whether technology was playing a supportive or detrimental role. No easy, dogmatic answers, then, but discussion approached holistically and geared toward providing tools for considered living for years to come.

Appropriately—or perhaps ironically—many attending took to the Internet to share moments and thoughts with those who couldn't be present. An assortment, spanning start to finish:

“First #HopeCIS event! Reading a book by Douglas Rushkoff in my FYS—looking forward to hearing him speak!” — @HopeErin18

“The economy of eyeball hours (amount of time on a site) is interesting! What will be the next economy to emerge?” — @JustAnNFLFan

“To be on team human does NOT mean to be regressive in terms of technology. — @rushkoff Absolutely!” — @AndrewPeecher

“#HopeCIS really put a lot of things into perspective for me tonight.” — @tylergulick1

“Great start to #HopeCIS. Are we using technology to replace what makes humans special or are we using it to enhance the human experience?” — @LizEnsink

“The Internet is in its infancy, and look at how profoundly it has affected our lives.’ Thank you Gloria Mark for an awesome speech!” — @NotfakeChad

“The sciences need the humanities more than ever.’ I love this.” — hopebrooke18

“FATHER ROY IS SINGING I REPEAT FATHER ROY IS SINGING #Hope CIS This is the best thing ever. I love this man.” — @BeccaNapoleoni

“Side note: Pretty cool on a beautiful Fall day there's standing room only at this panel conversation.” — @ZachFex

“Your future career might not even exist yet” ~ Allison Rockey — AKA the best thing an undecided college student could ever hear.” — Amberlee816

“Such a treat to speak at #HopeCIS today. Wonderful students with such insightful questions.” — @AllisonRocky

“Really cool to be at a student-led #HopeCIS session! So much great technology out there for students and teachers!” — @lindsdavidson

“Went to #HopeCIS this afternoon and saw a cool presentation on being unplugged as a college student! So interesting.” — @hopekathryn17

More about this year's symposium, including information about the program and speakers, a video recording of Rushkoff's talk and a gallery of images, is available online.

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## *Overjoyed at Christmas*

*“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.” (Matthew 2:10, NIV).*

*Our family has found that there is no better place to experience the weeks before Christmas than the campus of Hope College. The days fill with anticipation and joy as the snow falls, the decorations go up, and worship services at Dimnent Chapel celebrate the Advent season.*

*One new tradition at Hope College is the Christmas Tree Lighting at the President’s Home, which took place this year on a snowy Friday in late November. Braving the cold, students joined us for carols, hot chocolate and cookies around the tree. The clear night sky showcased the stars above, calling to mind the Star of Bethlehem that announced to the world the birth of Jesus.*

*Two millennia later, we still rejoice at Christ’s birth, humbly inspired by the humanity and divinity of God the Son. This is indeed a season of hope — a season that reminds us of the importance of preparing our students to live, love, lead and serve God’s creation.*

*We have much about which to be overjoyed this season. Our family has been blessed with another wonderful year with the Hope College community, and for that, we are deeply grateful. We wish you a Christmas that is filled with happiness and rejoicing, no matter where in the world you are celebrating!*

— John and Kelly Knapp



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# Events

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Jan. 4, Sunday—Residence halls open, noon  
Jan. 6, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.  
Feb. 6-11, Friday, 6 p.m. to Wednesday, 8 a.m.—Winter Recess  
March 13-23, Friday, 8 a.m. to Monday, 8 a.m.—Spring Recess  
April 3, Friday—Good Friday, classes not in session

## ADMISSIONS

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

**Visit Days:** Visit Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The days for 2014-15 are:

Mon., Jan. 19    Fri., Feb. 13  
Fri., Jan. 23    Mon., Feb. 16  
Fri., Jan. 30    Fri., Feb. 27

**Junior Days:** Spring-semester Visit Day programs designed especially for juniors: Fri., March 27; Fri., April 10; Fri., April 17

*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.*



## VESPERS ON THE AIR

This year's Christmas Vespers service will be carried by radio stations around the country. Please visit the college online for the list or call the Division of Public Affairs and Marketing at (616) 395-7860 for more information.



## MUSIC

**Student Concert Series**—Saturday, Jan. 10: Gungor, the Brilliance and the Hope College Chapel Band, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for Hope students; \$15 for Hope faculty, staff and alumni; and \$25 for the general public.

**Concerto and Aria Concert**—Friday, Jan. 30: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Brown Bag Concert Series**—Friday, Feb. 13: Holland Area Arts Council, 150 E. Eighth St., noon. Admission is free.

**Jazz Arts Collective and Combos Concert**—Thursday, Feb. 19: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Guest Artist**—Friday, Feb. 20: Andreas Kapsalis, guitarist, Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Wind Ensemble and Holland High School Band Concert**—Thursday, Feb. 26: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Faculty Recital**—Saturday, Feb. 28: Gabe Southard, flautist, Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Musical Showcase**—Monday, March 2: DeVos Performance Hall, 303 Monroe Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

## DANCE

**LehrerDance**—Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17  
Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.

**Dance 41**—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28; Thursday-Saturday, March 5-7

Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.

## DE PREE GALLERY

**“Hope Has Me: A Collective Exhibition Based on the Works and Words of Corita Kent”**—Tuesday, Jan. 6-Sunday, Feb. 1

There will be an opening reception on Friday, Jan. 9, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the gallery.

**“Eames Demetrius: Kcymaerxthaere”**—Friday, Feb. 27-Sunday, March 29

There will be an artist talk on Friday, Feb. 27, at 4 p.m. in Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall, followed by an opening reception from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the gallery.

**Graduating Senior Show**—Friday, April 10-Sunday, May 3  
There will be an opening reception on Friday, April 10, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the gallery.

*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.*

## THEATRE

**Project with The Hinterlands, title tba**—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21; Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 25-28

DeWitt Center, main theatre, 7:30 p.m.

**The Children's Hour**—Friday-Saturday, April 17-18; Wednesday-Saturday, April 22-25

DeWitt Center, main theatre, 7:30 p.m.

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



## GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

**Rastrelli Cello Quartet**—Friday, Jan. 23: Dimnent Memorial Chapel  
**Broadway's Next Hit Musical**—Thursday-Friday, Feb. 12-13: Knickerbocker Theatre

**The Bad Plus**—Wednesday, March 25: Knickerbocker Theatre  
*All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for regular admission, \$13 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children 18 and under.*



## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Rivalry Satellite Parties**—Saturday, Jan. 10

Hope-Calvin men's basketball, 3 p.m. (home game)

Locations will be available at [hopecalvin.com](http://hopecalvin.com) nearer the event.

**Winter Happening**—Saturday, Jan. 31

Featuring multiple seminars and home men's basketball.

**Alumni Weekend**—Friday-Saturday, April 24-25

Includes reunion activities for the classes of 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980 and 1985; Fifty-Year Circle events; and the annual Alumni Banquet.

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

## JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

**Orlando Menes**, poet—Thursday, Jan. 22

**E.J. Levy and Joe Wilkins**, writer and memoirist—Thursday, March 5  
**Marvin Bell**, poet—Thursday, April 16

*The readings will begin at 7 p.m., and each will take place in Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall. 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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## TICKET SALES

Advance tickets are available at the Events and Conferences Office in the Anderson-Werkman Financial Center in downtown Holland. The office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.



**NEW VICE PRESIDENT:** Hope has named Jeff Puckett as its new vice president for development and alumni engagement.

Puckett comes to Hope with strong experience in fundraising, having been a leader in higher education development for 21 years. He currently serves as the vice president of development and alumni relations at Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin.

“Jeff’s leadership style is an excellent fit with Hope College, and he brings a track record of innovative thinking and professional success,” said President Dr. John Knapp. “As we complete our 10-year strategic plan, he will be a critical partner in developing resources and more actively engaging our alumni.”

Puckett, who will begin his time at Hope in early January, will direct the efforts to increase philanthropic giving to, and alumni involvement with, the college. Overseeing Hope’s Division of Development and Alumni Engagement, he will help close out the college’s \$175 million *A Greater Hope* campaign, prioritize fundraising initiatives, develop new strategic initiatives, and work to strengthen alumni, parent, and community engagement.

“Hope College is a truly remarkable institution,” Puckett said. “I look forward to partnering with President Knapp and the entire Hope College community on the development and advancement of its strategic fundraising initiatives.”

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## HOMECOMING HONORS:

Homecoming’s halftime celebration during the football game on Saturday, Oct. 18, included the traditional announcement of the king and queen and recognition of two members of the faculty and staff who have had a particularly meaningful impact on students.

Seniors Nicole Sparbanic of Naperville, Illinois, and Joe Droppers of Kalamazoo, Michigan, were crowned Homecoming queen and king. The Student Activities Committee and student life office presented appreciation awards to Dr. Wayne Brouwer, associate professor of religion, and Wilma Hart, assistant to student life and coordinator of volunteer services.

A gallery of Homecoming images is available online.

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**HSRT HONORS:** Hope Summer Repertory Theatre received two awards and 12

nominations in the 2014 Wilde Awards presented by EncoreMichigan.com this fall.

HSRT’s 2013 production of *Romeo and Juliet* tied for “Best of the Bard,” while Darnell Benjamin won “Best Performance—the Bard” for his role as Mercutio. Other productions nominated included *All Shook Up* and *Hot Mikado* for Best Musical.

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## HOLLAND IN BLOOM:

The college’s hometown has again won multiple honors in the annual national America in Bloom competition, held this year on Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 2-4, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



For the fourth consecutive year, Holland received an overall five-bloom rating, the highest possible under the judges’ evaluation system; won its population category (communities of 24,000-50,000); and won the Outstanding Achievement Award for Floral Displays. Holland also won this year’s America in Bloom YouTube Video contest for a video demonstrating the benefits of participation in the program to the community.

America in Bloom is an independent, non-profit organization that envisions communities across the country as welcoming and vibrant places to live, work and play, benefiting from colorful plants and trees; enjoying clean environments; celebrating heritage; and planting pride through volunteerism.

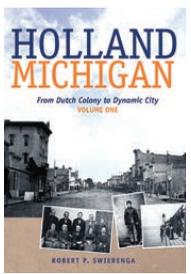
**DIGITAL DISTINCTION:** Senior Allyson Hoffman of Marshall, Michigan, and junior Erika Schlenker of Troy, Michigan, won the Student Poster Competition held in conjunction with the Network Detroit Digital Humanities Conference, which took place on Friday, Sept. 26.

They were honored for their presentation on the online “Digital Holland” initiative launched at Hope this summer that features articles, photographs, interactive maps, audio files and even video highlighting multiple dimensions of the history of the Holland area. It is an on-going project designed to grow indefinitely.

The students both played a leadership role in developing the website and are members of the student-run editorial board that coordinates the project through the college’s Andrew W. Mellon Scholars Program in the Arts and Humanities.

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**BOOK ACCLAIMED:** The three-volume history *Holland, Michigan: From Dutch Colony to Dynamic City* by Dr. Robert P. Swierenga of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute has received a State History Award, the highest recognition presented by the Historical Society of Michigan.

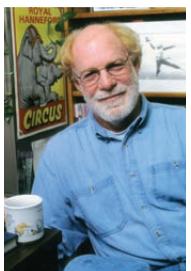


The society presents the awards every year to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the appreciation, collection, preservation and/or promotion of state and local history. They were announced during the group’s annual State History Conference, held on Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28.

*Holland, Michigan: From Dutch Colony to Dynamic City* was one of five books recognized in the category of University and Commercial Press. The three-volume set was published by the Van Raalte Press at Hope and the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Grand Rapids/Cambridge as part of the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America.

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**LITERACY AWARD:** Jack Ridl, professor emeritus of English, received a Community Literacy Award in the area of Talent from the Community Literacy Initiative during a summit held on Monday, Sept. 29.



The award is given to an individual living in West Michigan who has made outstanding contributions in increasing literacy levels and has demonstrated exceptional and sustained depth and breadth in his/her commitment to the advancement of literacy.

Professor Ridl taught at Hope from 1971 until retiring in 2006. Throughout his time at the college and in the years since he has been devoted to the literacy of poetry and how such literacy can make a difference to those who discover what poetry really is.

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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 this year’s student-organized Relay for Life, a 12-hour overnight event held on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15, to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. More than 500 students in 34 teams participated this year, raising more than \$61,000. In 12 years, the students have raised more than \$515,000.

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# Jazz Residencies Are “A Game-Changer”

An innovative jazz residency that began this year provides an example of great things to come thanks to a new endowment that will start supporting similar appointments next fall.

Internationally acclaimed jazz organist Tony Monaco is coming to Hope four times during the 2014-15 school year to perform in concerts, participate in clinics and other activities in the Department of Music, and, uniquely, to teach students during individual lessons in person and online. The residency's structure makes it possible for him to be a part of the campus community and program even as he maintains an active touring schedule around the country and abroad.

Monaco's appointment, funded through the department, is ongoing, allowing the college to establish a new major in jazz organ, making Hope one of only a few institutions (and maybe the only institution) to offer one. The general approach, however—bringing in the world's jazz greats to engage with students and the campus in-depth—will happen with more musicians in the future through the new Jerry and Jacquie Hurtgen Endowed Residency in Jazz established through the *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign.

“What Tony is doing is exactly what we're going to be having other people doing through the Hurtgen residency,” said Dr. Brian Coyle, professor of music and director of jazz studies. “It's a game-changer for us, and because the Hurtgen residency is an endowment it's going to change the program in perpetuity.”

“We've always brought in a lot of guest artists,” he said. “Now our students will have a richer experience with these people who are working in this field who are the greatest players in this music or the greatest scholars in this music, and experiencing them not just for a concert or a clinic, but for extended periods.”

The endowment will support four weeks' worth of residencies each year, configured as will best fit at the time. One possibility, for example, would be to have two different artists—say, a jazz trombonist and then later a historian steeped in the music of the 1920s and 1930s—engaged for two-week residencies in October and March.

“In the jazz world, we like to think about the ‘hanging out’ factor,” Dr. Coyle said. “It's always so important to take a lesson with somebody, and it's super-important to hear them play and to study with them. But equally as important, and in some ways more important, is that our students will get a chance to hang out with these people—to walk across campus, or have a sandwich in the Kletz or dining hall, whatever



Acclaimed jazz organist Tony Monaco works with junior Colin Rensch of Kalamazoo, Michigan, in October through a unique residency that brings him to campus for extended visits four times per year with additional teaching through an innovative method that

he has developed for working with students online. The new Jerry and Jacquie Hurtgen Endowed Residency in Jazz that will begin next year will provide additional opportunities to engage renowned jazz musicians with students during extended stays at Hope.

it happens to be. It's in those moments that you can pick their brains, and learn more about the world of music beyond campus and the professionals who are a part of it.”

“And that's kind of the ethos of Hope College,” he said. “When students talk about the factors that make Hope so special, they consistently mention the fact that they can hang out with faculty and staff. And to do that with

the world's greatest musicians or music scholars? Oh, man, it just doesn't get any better than that, and it will happen because of the incredible gift from Jerry and Jacquie Hurtgen.”

The Hurtgens came to know Hope after moving to Holland in the mid-1950s, when Jerry had a position at the new General Electric plant that was opening. Jerry was initially impressed as a scientist attending American Chemical

Society meetings on campus, which exposed him to Hope's outstanding program in chemistry, but he and Jacquie quickly started to enjoy the rich arts program at the college. They left the community in 1985, when Jerry took a new position with GE in Fort Wayne, Indiana, but didn't hesitate to return when he retired in 1990, drawn back to Holland in no small part because of the cultural environment that Hope helps provide.

Their gift, they note, is a way of expressing their appreciation.

“Hope brings a great deal to living here in Holland,” Jerry said.

“The music aspect has especially meant a lot to us,” he said. “We know that you can't buy some of those musical moments, but we thought that it was time for us to give back.”

Even as the residencies add a new dimension to the jazz program, the guest-artist visits need to be given their due, since they, too, can make a lasting difference. One such engagement is how Monaco's relationship with the college began.

“We brought him to campus this past April as a guest artist, and his visit was such a fantastic experience that we were eager to bring him into our program on a regular basis,” said Dr. Robert Hodson '89, professor of music.

The feeling was mutual.

“When I came to Hope College last spring, there was something about the energy between Brian and Rob and the students, and all of the other faculty and musicians,” Monaco said.

To support the new emphasis in jazz organ, Hope recently acquired a vintage Hammond A100 organ. Monaco and his students work with the instrument when he's at Hope, but that's only one dimension of the experience. During the weeks in between, they have lessons via the Internet, using a system through which he has been teaching private lessons to students around the world—and which allows him to teach from anywhere as well. Monaco and his students work together, able to talk as well, at scheduled times via keyboards that are connected online. The system displays a digital keyboard on the computer, allowing the notes played by both Monaco and the student to show on screen in addition to being heard. When the lesson is done, Monaco provides the student with an audio file of the session for review as well as another file that even allows the performances to be transcribed.

“What Tony has done with technology is incredible,” Dr. Hodson said. “That's how we can have someone who's touring all the time and based in Columbus, Ohio, still be on the faculty here.”

Colin Rensch, a junior history and music dual major from Kalamazoo, Michigan, is one of four students taking private lessons with Monaco this year, and has been enjoying not only learning to play jazz organ but getting to know Monaco in particular.

“I had met Tony when he came here at the end of last year, when he played with the jazz program and the Gospel Choir,” he said. “I play with the Gospel Choir sometimes and I was interested in that aspect of it, too, and also the jazz side of things.”

“The lessons are great. He just loves the organ, and that makes it fun,” Rensch said. “He's a very nice guy, too. He's amazing at organ, he's very humble and he loves to teach.”

Monaco, in turn, has been enjoying working with the students, who he appreciates take their education seriously.

“I've seen college students all over the place,” he said. “The four students that I have at Hope all seem very interested in learning. They all come back the next week prepared. I'm in the right place: the people at Hope are for real.”

Dr. Coyle noted that Hope already shines for its music program and jazz emphasis, which includes faculty instruction in every instrument. The new residencies, and the first-rate home the department will gain when the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts opens next fall, make the future even brighter.

“There are no other schools in the country like Hope, private, undergraduate liberal arts colleges with a historical Christian focus, that are doing what we're doing jazz-wise,” he said. “If you go online and look up ‘Christian colleges’ and ‘jazz,’ what's going on here stands out. And it's getting even better.”



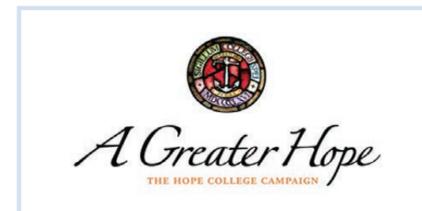
Jerry and Jacquie Hurtgen established the college's new endowed residency in jazz as a way of expressing their appreciation for the way that Hope's arts programs, especially music, have enriched their experience as residents of Holland.



Tony Monaco performs downtown at Our Brewing Company in September after being part of a screening of the documentary film *Killer B3* about the Hammond Organ, in which he is among the musicians featured, at the college's Knickerbocker Theatre earlier in the evening. Involving the acclaimed musicians in campus life and with the community is a priority of the residency programs.

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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.

# “Just the Best”

By Alan Babbitt

When the final point slammed to the court, the Hope College volleyball team set off a celebration 42 years in the making.

The Flying Dutch are NCAA Division III national champions for the first time in team history after winning the 2014 title at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia.

Hope, which held its first volleyball season in 1972, defeated Emory (Georgia) in a five-set final. Coach Becky Schmidt's Flying Dutch went the distance to claim a 21-25, 25-21, 25-22, 24-26, 15-8 victory on November 24.

It was a satisfying achievement for Schmidt, Hope's first All-American in volleyball (1998) and the team's head coach for 11 seasons.

“It is impossible to describe the amount of pride I have in these women,” Schmidt said. “They laid it on the line, and I am proud of the poise they played with — and the will they found on the court.”

The volleyball team joined the 2006 and 1990 women's basketball teams as team NCAA national champions at Hope.

The Flying Dutch also matched the 2009 record for wins during a single-season with a 34-2 record.

Against Emory, senior outside hitter Jenna Grasmeyer of Jenison, Michigan, led Hope with a match-high 22 kills. She was named the championship's Most Outstanding Player.

Grasmeyer, Hope's all-time kills leader, was joined on the all-tournament team by senior outside hitter Amy VanderStoep of Holland, Michigan, and junior setter Lauren Hazekamp of Fruitport, Michigan.

“I've dreamed about this my whole career,” Grasmeyer said. “To have it finish like this, with the people I've been with the past four years, people that I love so dearly, and to share that on the court today, it's incredible.”

Grasmeyer and her teammates completed a journey that started one year earlier when the Flying Dutch lost in the national quarterfinals at DeVos Fieldhouse to Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Senior Elyse Maley of Milton, Indiana, said the end of the 2013 season motivated her and her teammates.

“We knew after last year that this was a possibility,” Maley said. “Our motto has been ‘living in the precious present.’ To end at the national championship is just the best.”

The senior class of Grasmeyer, Maley, VanderStoep, Anna Lynch of Lake Odessa,



The members of the 2014 national champion Hope volleyball team pose together after winning the NCAA Division III championship at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia.

Michigan, and Jillian Sommerville of Plymouth, Michigan, posted a career record of 120-17.

The final six wins all came during Hope's 12th NCAA Tournament appearance overall and seventh in a row.

The Flying Dutch reached the title match by sweeping fellow Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association co-champion Calvin 28-26, 25-18, 25-14 in the national semifinals.

It was the first time the two rivals had met head-to-head that far into NCAA Tournament play.

In the national quarterfinals, Hope swept No. 15 Clarkson (New York), 25-16, 25-21, 25-20. It was Schmidt's 300th win as Hope's head coach.

The Flying Dutch earned a trip to Virginia by winning their Springfield, Ohio, regional in dramatic fashion. The Flying Dutch rallied to take the final three sets after losing the first two sets against both regional host and No. 4-ranked Wittenberg during the finals and No. 10-ranked Juniata (Pennsylvania) during the semifinals.

The regional championship, which started with a three-set sweep of Franklin & Marshall (Pennsylvania), is the third in team history.

Hope also earned numerous accolades during the season.

Grasmeyer became an American Volleyball Coaches Association First-Team All-American for a school-record third time during her career. No one else has done it more than once.

Hazekamp was selected an AVCA Second Team All-American for the second consecutive time, while VanderStoep was honorable mention for the second year in a row.

Grasmeyer, Hazekamp and VanderStoep all made the All-MIAA First Team. Grasmeyer followed Holly Vandenberg (1986-89) and

Heather Velting (1996-99) as four-time All-MIAA players from Hope.

Junior Jayne Kessel of Byron Center, Michigan, claimed the NCAA Elite 89 award for the second consecutive time after carrying the top GPA at the volleyball championship.

Hazekamp received AVCA Division III National Player of the Week honors on October 7.

The Flying Dutch repeated as MIAA champions and hosted the MIAA Tournament after posting a 15-1 league record. The MIAA title is their 13th overall and second in a row.

This season was one to remember and appreciate, Hope players said.

“Hope has always been a special place for me and my family,” said VanderStoep, whose parents Jill and Scott are 1987 Hope graduates and members of the faculty. “This is a moment I have been working for since I was young.”

Added Grasmeyer, “It is a memory that you absolutely will never forget and really can't capture in words. But, to have been through this with these teammates for four years, yeah, I can't wait to tell my kids and nieces and nephews someday about this journey.”



Head coach Becky Schmidt '99 guides the team during the championship game against Emory (Georgia) on Monday, Nov. 24. Earlier in the tournament run she achieved an additional milestone with her 300th coaching win with the Flying Dutch.



Hope volleyball fans who supported the team on campus filled Knickerbocker Theatre to watch the

championship game and signed a banner to present the team upon its return.



Senior Jenna Grasmeyer was named the 2014 NCAA Division III Volleyball Championship's Most Outstanding Player.

# A Bountiful Season

By Alan Babbitt

Volleyball was not the only sport to make the 2014 fall season bountiful for Hope College Athletics.

Hope claimed the early lead in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Commissioner's Cup all-sports standings by winning league championships in men's and women's golf, women's soccer and volleyball. The four MIAA titles are the most in a fall season since 2005.

The men's and women's golf teams swept MIAA titles for the second time in school history and the third in MIAA history.

Women's golf earned its seventh MIAA title all-time with an 82-stroke win across the season's six 18-hole jamborees. Coach Greg Stafford's Flying Dutch had three All-MIAA First Team golfers: freshman Megan Klintworth of Jackson, Michigan, who was also named the league's Most Valuable Player; junior Morgan Leep of Hastings, Michigan; and sophomore Britni Gielow of Norton Shores, Michigan.

Men's golf captured back-to-back MIAA titles and its 18th title overall with a five-stroke victory over runner-up Trine after eight 18-hole jamborees. Coach Bob Ebels' Flying Dutchmen put three on the All-MIAA First Team: repeat MVP and sophomore Winton Munch of Traverse City, Michigan; senior Collin Breit of Muskegon, Michigan; and Ben Lanting of Littleton, Colorado.

Both golf teams will host the final two rounds of the MIAA's 54-hole NCAA Division III Championships qualifiers this spring.

The Hope women's soccer team made a memorable run to the second round of the NCAA Division III Championships to finish with a 17-4-2 record, the second-most wins in a Hope single season.

Coach Leigh Sears' Flying Dutch upset No. 4 Wheaton (Illinois) on its turf in the first round 1-0 in double overtime on a goal from freshman Allie Wittenbach of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Hope was edged 2-1 by Illinois Wesleyan in the second round.

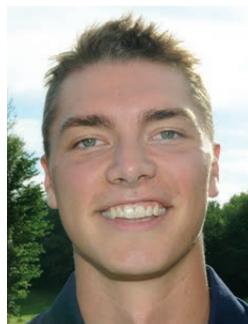
Hope won its fourth MIAA regular-season title all-time with a 14-1-1 league record that was four games ahead of runner-up Kalamazoo. The



The women's soccer team had much to celebrate this fall: MIAA regular season and tournament titles, and an upset of fourth-ranked Wheaton (Illinois) in the NCAA Tournament.



MIAA Most Valuable Women's Golfer Megan Klintworth



MIAA Most Valuable Men's Golfer Winton Munch



Hope's qualifiers for the 2014 NCAA Division III cross country championships. From left, front: Katie Afton, Katherine Hauge, Ben Zank, Emily Wrozek, Lindsay Timmerman; back: Jessica Gaines, Julia Stock, Rachael Webb, Erin Herrmann, Emily Joesse, and Michelle Kerr.

Flying Dutch beat Kalamazoo to win the MIAA Tournament and earn a NCAA Tournament berth.

Two women's soccer forwards were selected All-MIAA First Team: senior Nora Kirk of Maumee, Ohio, and sophomore Elizabeth Perkins of Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

The Hope women's cross country team qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships for the fifth consecutive time and 12th overall. Coach Mark Northuis and the Flying Dutch finished 23rd at nationals. Juniors Michelle Kerr of Dearborn, Michigan, and Julie Stock of Spring Lake, Michigan, made All-MIAA First Team.

In Hope men's cross country, senior Ben

Zank of Midland, Michigan, qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships, finishing 120th. He and junior Joseph Beemer of St. Joseph, Michigan, were chosen All-MIAA First Team.

The Hope football team saw senior defensive back Kirby Crook named a CoSIDA Academic All-American and six players selected All-MIAA First team: Crook, senior receiver Taylor Brynaert of Washington, Michigan; senior offensive tackle Joe Droppers of Kalamazoo, Michigan; senior defensive end Stephen Gerger of Laingsburg, Michigan; junior punter Dean DeVries of Grandville, Michigan; and senior return specialist Brandon Zervas of Spring Lake, Michigan. 🏈

# There's No Place Like Home



The long-running freshman-sophomore Nykerk Cup competition was back on campus this year, the first time the event took place at Hope itself since 1939.

The contest, the 80th, was held at the DeVos Fieldhouse, a change from the Civic Center venue that had hosted Nykerk every year but one since 1956. The freshman Class of 2018 earned the inaugural victory in the new locale, held on Saturday, Nov. 1, in conjunction with Family Weekend.

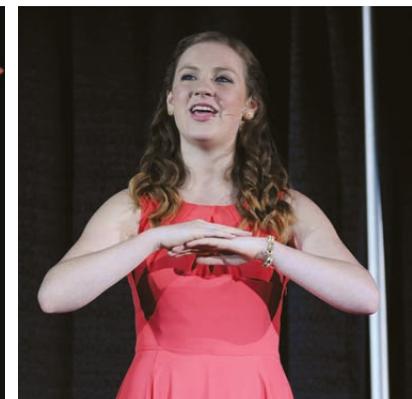
Audience demand prompted the transition. In recent years, the Civic Center had been packed well past capacity, with some who wanted to attend unable to do so. The fieldhouse seats about 800 more. The Civic Center may also not much longer be an option, since city discussions regarding the future of the

aging structure include the possibility of demolishing it.

It happens that Nykerk's previous campus run was also in a multi-purpose college athletic facility. The first five Nykerks took place in the former Carnegie Gymnasium that once stood near the central campus. The event subsequently relocated to the Woman's Literary Club from 1940 through 1944 and to Holland High School from 1945 to 1955 before moving to the Civic Center.

Creativity is a Nykerk hallmark, and the quality found extra application with the location change, from addressing how to work with a curtainless stage, to the opportunity for the song sections to perform visible to all instead of facing sideways as in years past.

Nykerk's trademark blend of fun, heart and friendship? That was the same. 🐲



**Top photo:** Even-Year celebrates the freshman Class of 2018's victory during the 80th Nykerk Cup competition on Saturday, Nov. 1. **Middle photo:** sophomore song lines up for its medley "80's for the 80th." **Bottom row:** At left is the freshman play, a Hope-centric interpretation of *The Wizard of Oz*; at center is sophomore orator

Madeline Chapman of Caledonia, Michigan; at right is freshman orator Cassidy Bernhardt of Crown Point, Indiana. A gallery of images from this year's Nykerk is available online.

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# “Big Read” Links Hope and Holland in Learning

By Greg Chandler

Hope College senior Laura Van Oss remembers being introduced to characters like Atticus Finch, his daughter Scout and Boo Radley when she read Harper Lee’s 1960 novel *To Kill A Mockingbird* as a high school freshman in her hometown of Wheaton, Illinois.

When she heard that Hope was working on a community reading project based on the book, she went back to her home and found her copy, which had been marked up and underlined with notes she had taken from her earlier reading.

Van Oss, a Spanish education major at Hope, led two discussion groups on *To Kill A Mockingbird* as part of “The Big Read,” a three-week long project the college undertook with the greater Holland community in November. One group consisted primarily of Spanish speakers, while another group consisted of seniors living at the Freedom Village retirement complex just a few blocks north of the Hope campus. She says it was fascinating to discuss a book of this type

with different groups of readers, to hear their perspectives on themes that resonated with them.

“I think it’s a cool concept to think about how we can take one piece of literature and approach it from so many different venues and so many different perspectives,” Van Oss said. “It’s just a cool way to approach reading, to do it together is a big deal ... The idea of reading being a communal effort is really powerful and unique.”

The “Big Read” was made possible by a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) that was awarded to the college last summer. The program is managed by Arts Midwest, an organization designed to expose people to great works of literature and to encourage them to read for pleasure. Hope was one of two organizations in the state of Michigan and one of 77 nationally to receive a grant to host a project between September of this year and next June. Herrick District Library was the primary area partner with Hope, with others including the Holland Museum, and several area schools, churches, businesses and other community organizations.

“It’s an English education professor’s dream come true — to see a community come together and have conversations over one book,” said Dr. Deborah Van Duinen, assistant professor of education at Hope, who led the project and wrote the NEA grant application. “That’s the power of great literature.”

Dr. Van Duinen had previously taught the book when she was an English teacher at Holland Christian High School in Holland, Michigan, before she finished her doctorate and joined the Hope faculty. But when she heard about “The Big Read,” she saw an opportunity for the campus to engage with the Holland community in a way that perhaps had never been done before.

“We could very much have done a Big Read



Hope provided an opportunity for community-wide engagement with the classic novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* and the topics it addresses by coordinating “The Big Read Holland Area,” which was held throughout November and supported by a grant to the college through the Big Read initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. Multiple area high schools integrated the text into their curriculum, and organizations across Holland established reading groups. Students in Hope College TRIO Upward Bound guided by Kaitlin Colburn '14 read the book and developed their own theatrical interpretation.

on campus, but what excites me are these inter-generational conversations about one book. For example, getting Hope Academy of Senior Professionals members to talk with middle and high school students who are reading it for the first time is really exciting,” Dr. Van Duinen said.

The \$16,000 grant, among other things, helped provide free copies of the book to students and community members who wanted one. About 800 copies were made available, including 100 in Spanish, through the college as well as Herrick District Library, Dr. Van Duinen said.

For the project, Dr. Van Duinen brought together educators from area school districts to share ideas on how to teach the book to their students. Nicole Yelding '03 Sinclair, who teaches English at Black River Public School in Holland, has taught the book to her students for several years, including showing the Academy Award-winning movie adaptation of the book that starred Gregory Peck. Sinclair thought *To Kill A Mockingbird* was a perfect book for the project.

“You have themes of justice, righteousness, coming of age, racism of course, socioeconomic differences and barriers, and the struggles that

people face when they acknowledge difference as a defining principle, or if they don’t acknowledge it at all,” Sinclair said. “It’s a difficult concept for anyone to really grasp, and in this book, Harper Lee does it brilliantly.”

Karen Schuen '04 Rowe, who chairs the English department at Black River, said the opportunity to connect with teachers from other schools gave them an opportunity to get ideas they might not otherwise receive.

“So often, it is easy to exist as an island within your own high school or middle school environment,” Rowe said. “(Dr. Van Duinen) has really brought us together and allowed us to share ideas, assessments, lessons and concepts. I think this helps us all be better teachers.”

In addition to reading *To Kill A Mockingbird*, students from six area schools collaborated on an art project with local artist Joel Schoon-Tanis '89, through which they were asked to focus on

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**– Dr. Deborah Van Duinen, assistant professor of education and Towsley Research Scholar, regarding Hope’s role in organizing the community-wide “Big Read” exploration of *To Kill a Mockingbird***

a theme from the book and how it relates to similar situations in Holland today. The panels were brought together for a closing event at Holland Museum on November 21. In addition, students used mockingbird templates and created illustrations of the mockingbird depicting those they thought were marginalized in today’s society, Dr. Van Duinen said.

The program also offered the entire community a variety of opportunities to engage with the text and its themes beyond reading and participating in the 15 book discussion groups who were involved with “The Big Read.” Among other activities, the project included an opening lecture by Hope history professor Dr. Fred Johnson that provided historical context, a performance of “Mockingbird Music” at Third Reformed Church that featured members of Hope’s department of music, a keynote address by Dr. Wayne Flynt on the enduring message of *To Kill A Mockingbird*, and an address by Mary Marshall Tucker, a friend of Harper Lee’s and graduate of the Southern Normal School, an educational institution supported by the Reformed Church in America.

Tucker, who lives in Monroeville, Alabama, Lee’s hometown and the town on which Lee’s fictional small town of Maycomb for the book was based, said her friend has never sought notoriety from the success of the book, which is Lee’s only published book to date.

“She’s quiet, reserved and very private. She believes in justice and fights for it in her own way. Her philanthropy is never publicized,” said Tucker, who earned a bachelor’s degree from Central College in Pella, Iowa, Hope’s sister college in the RCA.

Buoyed by the success of “The Big Read,” Dr. Van Duinen is seeking another NEA grant that she hopes will result in another similar event next year, although no decision on a book has been made. She says an event such as this is perfect for a liberal arts school such as Hope to undertake.

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“What we’re doing with “The Big Read” is what I try to do as an educator with my students, getting people to reflect on the brokenness in our world and on how we can work towards shalom. I think *To Kill A Mockingbird* does a great job of that. It doesn’t celebrate brokenness, it doesn’t shy away from it, it laments it and it gives us a vision for what could and should be.”



Artist Joel Schoon-Tanis '89 developed a mockingbird template and then created samples to help inspire area high school students to develop their own visual work in response to the book as they reflected on mockingbirds in the present and in their lives.



# Developing Future Geological Leaders from Holland to Halland

By Chris Lewis '09

Within the fields of geology and environmental science, the opportunity to conduct research with professional geologists, let alone to do so in a foreign country, is typically quite rare for undergraduate students.

But not at Hope. This year, four senior geology majors — Audrey LaRoche of Hudsonville, Michigan, Ryan Vander Meulen of Spring Lake, Michigan, Randy Wade of Royal Oak, Michigan, and Stephanie Vincent of Northbrook, Illinois — experienced the opportunity of a lifetime.

In early May, the students traveled to Sweden's Halland Province to geologically map

metamorphic rocks, focusing specifically on fracture zones that contained a mineral known as epidote. For three weeks, they worked alongside Dr. Edward Hansen, professor of geology and environmental science, and Leif Johansson, professor of geology at Sweden's Lund University.

Although none of the four students had ever visited Sweden before, Dr. Hansen has frequented the area on and off the last few years since he first met Professor Johansson in 2006. At the time, Dr. Hansen was conducting a geology project in Potsdam, Germany when he was invited to attend a four-day field trip in Halland Province. The two immediately connected, discussing options for future undergraduate faculty-student research collaborations.

Less than two years later, Dr. Hansen brought three Hope students to map metamorphic rocks and structures in a nature preserve along the southwestern coast of Halland Province. Within the next two years, he brought two more groups of Hope students to travel to the province with him so they could acquire extensive geological research experience overseas while working as interns for the Geological Survey of Sweden.

"Science is an endeavor that is progressively becoming more international all the time," Dr. Hansen said. "Thus, it is important for our students to gain experience while collaborating with scientists outside the United States."

To help students better collaborate with one another, as well as with himself and Professor Johansson, and to ensure both research projects were completed efficiently, Dr. Hansen formed two teams of student researchers. Working in pairs, the students surveyed forests, found exposed rocks, noted their locality with GPS technology and used Brunton pocket surveying compasses to measure the orientations of structures found within the rocks, prior to plotting all data on maps in the evening. At



Dr. Edward Hansen, professor of geology and environmental science, has led multiple groups to Halland Province in Sweden to conduct work with the Geological Survey of Sweden, a unique opportunity for students to gain research experience abroad. Pictured from left to right at work this past May are Dr. Edward Hansen and seniors Stephanie Vincent, Ryan Vander Meulen and Audrey La Roche (missing, because he was taking the photograph instead of in it, is senior Randy Wade, who also provided the image at lower right).

other times, the students surveyed quarries to again measure orientations of structures, while also describing any minerals they found. Towards the conclusion of the research projects, the team collected samples of whichever rocks and quarries they believed were the most conducive to further studies in the United States.

The experience has positively influenced the students in a variety of ways — beyond what they learned about Sweden's metamorphic rocks and structures.

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"The collaborative faculty-student research we conducted with Dr. Hansen and Professor Johansson has impacted me in a positive way, allowing me to be more open to others' ideas, learn from team members and discover which research skills I had to offer to my team," LaRoche said.

"I am much more attentive to my academic life now, as I am more organized and have better time management skills this semester than I ever did before," she added. "In the future, I hope to work for an oil company and assist with mapping areas of interest for the organization. Due to my research in Sweden, I will have a great start as I work to fulfill these goals."

"The collaborative research offered me a model for what teamwork and cooperation can achieve and how camaraderie can increase productivity," Vander Meulen said. "With the valuable experience I gained while working as a team member, I will be better equipped to also be a team leader once I graduate and enter a geological profession."

Even though several months have passed since they documented their findings, the students have maintained their involvement with both research projects. In October, LaRoche and Vincent presented the findings of their respective research studies, "Hydrothermal formation of epidote in felsic compositions: examples from Sweden and Northern Michigan" and

"The formation of megacrysts in migmatitic amphibolites from Halland Province, Southwest Sweden," at the renowned annual Geological Society of America conference held in Vancouver, British Columbia. Both projects had garnered recognition before they even began, receiving highly competitive grants from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium (MSGC) last spring.

To continue to discuss their findings with other geologists, concerning their research in Sweden, as well as their plans for future research projects, all four students have also sustained their lines of communication with Professor Johansson, some of his faculty members, and Lund University students they met during their time in Sweden, using email and social media outlets to remain in touch.

"The students have interacted very well with the researchers overseas. The fact that my colleagues in Sweden are more than happy to continue their work with Hope students shows they were impressed with each student they met," Dr. Hansen said. "As a result, I hope to be able to bring two more groups of four students to Sweden over the next four years."

While Dr. Hansen prepares for his next two collaborative faculty-student research projects in Halland Province, all four of his most recent research participants are looking forward to the next chapters of their lives in the meantime, as

they intend to graduate from Hope next May. After acquiring considerable international research experience at such early stages in their professional lives, especially when compared to the majority of other geologists and environmental scientists entering the workforce next year, they feel confident about their futures within the field.

"My experiences in Sweden have taught me so much, as I learned more about structural geology than I had ever known before," LaRoche said. "With my newfound interest in structural geology, I am hoping to take a field course next summer and also intern for an oil company. If I end up working for an oil company, I will definitely put the knowledge I obtained about structural geology to good use."

"I am very proud of what we did in Sweden. My experiences there have had quite an impact on my future plans, as I am now considering a career in the oil exploration or environmental consulting fields once I graduate," Vander Meulen said. "I certainly think my experiences in Sweden will help me as I search for jobs, since I am now a more experienced geologist equipped with the tools that are necessary to work as a productive team member." 🚀



Members of the team hike to their next research site. While the work helps Sweden and the experience benefits the students as developing professionals, there's also something to be said for the opportunity to spend time in a stunning natural setting...



From left to right are the members of the research team that visited the nation this past May: Front Row, Audrey LaRoche, Ryan Vander Meulen and Stephanie Vincent; Back Row, Dr. Edward Hansen and Randy Wade.

# Global Family



The Hope community celebrates international community each fall through "Images: A Reflection of Cultures," student-created and -performed mix of skits, dance, songs and fashion displays highlighting traditions from the multiple foreign nations

students call home. During this year's event on Saturday, Nov. 15, students who presented traditional and modern-style Japanese dance capped their performance, which was the evening's finale, with a bit of Hope pride.

Each fall, some five dozen students from several countries stage "IMAGES: A Reflection of Cultures," a variety program sponsored by the college's Office of International Education that provides a sampling of cultural heritage from around the world. The presentations—an array of skits, dance, songs and fashion displays—feature students sharing their homeland traditions, but the mix is often broader, with friends from elsewhere frequently joining in. The collegiality and enthusiasm extend to the audience as well: the event always packs the 500-seat Knickerbocker Theatre with classmates, faculty and staff, parents and grandparents, and residents from Holland and beyond, individuals gathered in community, learning and celebrating together.



Silvia Sevilla Aguilera of Madrid, Spain, performs an alegrías-style flamenco dance.



Lakna Jayasinghe of Colombo, Sri Lanka, performs a Sri Lankan dance form known as Randyan dance.



Israel Hipólito of Los Angeles, California, and Jean Luc Miralda of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, served as emcees, entertaining the audience with light banter between performances as set-up took place backstage.



"Ballet Folklórico of Hope College" presents "La Iguala," a fandango work from Mexico.



Students perform "Festival Gongs and Drums," a piece popular in Anhui Province in east China.



Students share highlights of Africa with a "visiting student" from the United States in a skit. From left to right are Nathaniel Nelson of Los Angeles, California; Catherine Namwezi of Kampala, Uganda; Udemezue Nwike of Nigeria; Maria Gowon of Abuja, Nigeria; Kevin Rukundo of Kigali, Rwanda; and Esther O'Connor of Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.



Anna Goodling of Washington, Vermont, Federica Guccini of Gottingen, Germany, Megan Powell of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Robert Brennan of St. Augustine, Florida, performed "Die Gedanken sind frei," a song about freedom of thought that was important to the anti-Nazi movement in Germany.

A gallery of photographs from this year's event, held on Saturday, Nov. 15, is available online.

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# From Hanoi to Hope with Love

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

This past September, when Anh Trinh, a Hope freshman from Hanoi, Vietnam, surprisingly saw her parents' feature photo pop up on the extremely popular Facebook page, Humans of New York (HONY), she had no way of knowing her own photo and story would follow two hours later.



Anh's parents, Tuan A Trinh and Hang D Thuy, were highlighted on Humans of New York just two hours before Anh. She even saw and commented on the Facebook post, not knowing that she would soon be appearing as well.

And she also had no way of knowing that the Hope College, West Michigan, U.S., and international communities would rally around her, offering a worldly embrace of support, encouragement, and ultimately empowerment for a young woman far from home.

Brandon Stanton — the founder, photographer and storyteller of HONY — had taken his photo census of strangers in one U.S. city to 10 countries, such as Iran, Israel, India, and of course, Vietnam, on a 50-day tour sponsored by the United Nations to bring awareness to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals. HONY chronicles the gamut of human experience, giving voice and portrait to random people who share their stories on often poignant, sometimes relatable, occasionally humorous, but always personal levels. "The point of the (world tour) trip," Stanton said via his HONY blog, "is not to 'say' anything about the world (as a whole). But rather to visit some faraway places, and listen to as many people as possible."

And so it was, a little over a month into his mission to inspire a global perspective onto HONY, that Stanton captured a story and photo of a Vietnamese husband and wife while on a street in Hanoi.

*HUMANS OF NEW YORK* September 22 · 12:27 pm  
 "Our daughter was five months old when I got a scholarship to Johns Hopkins. My wife came with me to Baltimore so that our family could stay together. I will always be thankful for that sacrifice, because I know it was the toughest three years of her life. She didn't speak a word of English. We lived



Freshman Anh Trinh of Hanoi, Vietnam, was, to say the least, surprised when she found herself pictured in Humans of New York on Facebook on Monday, Sept. 22 — and touched by the outpouring of support from those who were themselves moved by the accompanying text's heartfelt account of the sorrow of farewell as

*in a tiny studio—so tiny that many times I did my studying in the bathroom. In Vietnam, she had a job where she was getting phone calls all day long. But in America, the phone never rang. She wasn't allowed to work because of visa requirements. Vietnamese holidays were regular days in America, so I'd be in class during New Year and we could never be together. Sometimes when I'd come home from school during wintertime, she'd look at me with tears in her eyes and say: 'Tuan, I want to go home.' But she still stayed with me. When I finally got my degree, many of my friends asked if I'd look for a job in the US. But I wouldn't do that to her. She had done enough for me. So I said: 'We are going home immediately.' And as soon as we got back to Vietnam, she was like a fish back in the pond."*

Back in Michigan, 11 time zones behind Hanoi, Anh Trinh happened upon the Facebook post as a "friend" of HONY. She recognized her parents immediately and was astonished. Commenting with an understandable, "Wandering around Facebook and then I saw this. I miss you a lot Mom and Dad," Trinh drank in the touching picture of her parents and words from her dad. She then went back to her studying as people from around the globe praised her parents' devotion and lesson. Two hours later, Stanton was back at the Trinh story, this time with Anh at the heart of the photo-narrative. Her Facebook newsfeed was about to blow up.

she began her studies away from home and the family's continued adjustment. Although she wasn't identified, friends and family of course recognized her — and many others identified her new alma mater based on the word "HOPE" on her clothing. (Image above and at lower left courtesy of Humans of New York)

*HUMANS OF NEW YORK* September 22 · 2:35 pm  
 "She's our only child. She started college in Michigan this year. I took this photo on the day that I dropped her off at school. The morning I left, I walked into her dorm room, and saw a bundle under the covers. I said: 'Sweetie, do you want to say bye to your dad?' Then I saw that the bundle was shaking. I pulled back the covers, and her eyes were filled with tears. My heart was melting when I left. These days I stay at the office as long as possible, because my wife works late, and I don't want to be at home with no one there."

No college was specifically named but in the photo, Anh's wistful smile and the orange HOPE letters on her plaid pajama pants were enough for other HONY friends on campus and around the world to recognize a new Internet celebrity was in their midst. As with her parents' post, the comments started flooding in.

September 22 · 2:35 pm  
 No way, she lives in my dorm!

September 22 · 2:36 pm  
 Saying goodbye on my first day of college was so hard and I just moved to the other side of the same country. Mad props to this very brave young woman.

September 22 · 2:39 pm  
 I GO TO SCHOOL AT HOPE!!!! Let's be friends.

September 22 · 2:49 pm  
 HONY has managed to show people how everyone on this planet share similar emotions in spite of the cultural diversity!

September 22 · 3:18 pm  
 I went to Hope and I stayed in the International dorm. She is in good hands! The community there is amazing!

September 22 · 4:26 pm  
 I live very near your daughter's college. Please let me know if she needs a family to contact her.

September 22 · 4:34 pm  
 I'm a mom in Holland, Michigan. We have two daughters. One is a senior at Hope College and one is a freshman at NYU Shanghai. I'm compassionate toward this post on so many levels! Please message me if I can do anything for you or your daughter. I'd be delighted!

Anh was not only about to receive her 15 minutes of fame but an additional 50 days of it as well. More than 3,000 comments, more than a quarter million likes and 4,000-plus shares eventually peppered her HONY post, most within the first three days. She received at least 1,000 friend requests as a result. Strangers from around the world offered hugs and cookies, pep talks and perspective. Overwhelmed by so much attention and even more kindness, she was initially reticent to acknowledge the post. The sorrow of separation from her parents was tough enough; unsolicited attention was unsettling. Eventually though, with some time to process the event, her courageousness and a strong sense of appreciation carried the day.

"I never imagined that one day I'd get this much attention and I never knew there were so many good people in the world, so many good people around Hope and the world who care," she says. "I'm more comfortable with it now."

Her parents — Tuan A Trinh, a communication specialist for the UN, and Hang

D Thuy, a highly sought-after midwife for a hospital in Hanoi—are, too. They are happy Anh is at a place like Hope where community doesn't just happen but is built. They learned about the college when admissions representative Gary Camp '78 was making a recruiting trip to Vietnam the year before and liked what they heard. Always knowing she wanted to return to America for the first time since infancy to go to college, Anh, with her parents' blessing, bravely decided on Hope without the benefit of a physical campus visit. (They relied on Camp and the Internet to make their final decision.) She's now a member of the Phelps Scholars Program that emphasizes cross-cultural education and understanding. "Everyone in Phelps Scholars is so open and accepting," says Anh, a future communication and international studies double major, who has so far taken in Latin music in Grand Rapids and shopped in Chicago as part of the program. "It is really good for me."

Though she "skypes" with her parents every weekend and texts them almost daily, Anh won't travel back home until next summer. But the outpouring of support from her host family and her Hope family, as well as a connection with the small Vietnamese community in Holland, has helped her to feel at home even though she's been told Michigan winters are rough. "I've never seen snow," she says. "I'm looking forward to it."

Thanks to HONY and Hope, the power of social media done well and right has deeply affected the Trinh family. Showing up on a Facebook page with 10 million followers can be disconcerting for anyone, let alone an 18-year-old international student half a world from home. But the adventurous Anh has handled it well.

"If my dad had Brandon take another photo, people would have never known I was at Hope," she says.

Now that they do, the world is here for you. 🌎

**"I never imagined that one day I'd get this much attention and I never knew there were so many good people in the world, so many good people around Hope and the world who care."**

**– Anh Trinh '18 of Hanoi, Vietnam, reflecting on the response to her appearance on Humans of New York**



# Memories of Perfection

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

If it is remotely true what the sports pundits say, if the athletic mavens even have an ounce of their honesty right when they proclaim that sports don't only build character, they reveal it, then the experts have surely looked to the 1984 Hope College football team as a prime example to make their point.

And they have a solid case too. That '84 team and its 102 members and six-man coaching staff accomplished, through maximal gridiron

talent and chemic team camaraderie, what no Hope football team had done before or has done since—they went undefeated with an immaculate 9-0 record, achieving perfection the only way a team can in the realm of sport. Nowhere is the number zero looked upon more favorably than in a loss column.

Now, after 30 years at this fall's Homecoming, more than 30 former players and coaches—today's major players in industry, education, and social organizations—gathered to commemorate that zero, that marker of nothing, by celebrating many somethings: records, friendships, careers, sons, daughters, their *alma mater*. In the Martha Miller Center rotunda, baritone laughter lifted the room while man-hugs aplenty were given, the kind that start with a handshake, followed with a solid, quick, right-sided embrace, and culminate with a hearty, full, left-sided slap on the back. The '84 players were a team once again.

"Hey look, here comes (Brian) Oosterhouse in his jersey," observed Thurland Cole '85, Hope's big, strong, defensive tackle, as his old teammate walked through the door still able to sport his blue uniform numbered 29. "How does that work for him? Mine shrunk!" And they baritone laughed and man-hugged again.

"When I look back on that season, it always brings a smile to my face," said Ray Smith, the head coach that year and for 25 years at Hope from 1970 to 1994 as well as the men's athletic director until his retirement in 2009. "And not just because we won a lot. We just had a fun time together. We enjoyed each other's company. We respected each other. And we had two things



The Homecoming Weekend reunion of the 1984 football team and coaching staff was occasioned by one distinction, but actually celebrated another. The team earned a record that still stands, completing the only undefeated season in the sport's history at the college. Talk to those who lived the experience, though, and it's clear that the fellowship and friendships are what really mattered—and continue to matter 30 years later. Pictured conferring during that memorable autumn three decades ago are head coach Ray Smith, who remains the winningest head football coach in MIAA history, and quarterback Greg Heeres '85, who led the nation in passing that year.

that every coach hopes for on a team: great talent and great chemistry."

The great talent was evidenced by the fact that the Flying Dutchmen led the nation in 1984 in scoring (at 40.3 points per game) and were ranked sixth nationally in rushing defensive (allowing only 67 yards per game), a potent combination of offensive and defensive domination as nearly three quarters of the starters received all-MIAA recognition. The team also set 30 records at the conference and

school levels in their nine games, four of which still stand today while the others have been broken by future teams who had 10 games on their schedules. Ten of those 30 records were established by one player, Greg Heeres '85, the team's stellar quarterback who was unanimously named league MVP and also attracted attention from NFL scouts with an eventual tryout with the Atlanta Falcons.

"The fun part about 1984 was that we did not necessarily set out to be 9-0," said Heeres, who is a partner in a Grand Rapids, Michigan-based insurance company. "We set out to be excellent and ended up perfect. Now I know no one is perfect really, but everyone can try to be excellent. That's what that season taught me, taught us."

As for the team's great chemistry, to a man, the moments that get remembered best are the jovial locker room conversations, tired walks back from practice, the long bus rides. The plays and the games seem to blend—even the tough ones against Wabash and Adrian—but the relationships between players and coaches stand out first in their memory banks.

"The thing I remember most about that team was the special bond we had," recalled Dave Morren '85, a guard/linebacker and team captain then and the owner of Insignia Homes in Grand Rapids now. "It was spectacular. Sure, we had great athleticism and an outstanding coaching staff but if not for a group of guys

who really genuinely liked each other, I'm not sure we could have achieved what we achieved. We laughed with each other, we poked good, never hurtful fun at each other. We were unselfish and cared for each other. We were just a special collective group, a true team."

"The memories that mean the most to me boil down to our long walks over to the fields (from the Dow Center) before practice, giving each other a hard time on the way, the dirt and the sweat, the long film sessions and the hurt too," said Jim Behrenwald '85, also a team captain and guard like Morren then who today is the president of a construction equipment company in Clarksville, Michigan. "Sometimes we'd wonder, is this worth it?" And then he answers his own question, "Of course it was."

The worth of that undefeated season was questioned again, though, when the team failed to qualify for the 1984 NCAA Division III playoffs. At that time, the NCAA championship bracket was comprised of eight teams only (today it is a 32-team playoff) and bids were extended to just two teams from each of the NCAA's four regions (today there are eight). Hope resided in the strong North region along with three other undefeated teams and the defending national champion, Augustana. In the end, the NCAA chose two other undefeated teams from the North to continue to play.

"Our season ended with big disappointment," confessed former guard Paul VanderStarre '85, a

physical therapist assistant in Zeeland, Michigan. "We really thought we could run the table (in the playoffs). But we learned that no matter what in life, you give anything your all, you give the best you can and if it doesn't go your way or if your dreams don't come true, you still turn around and give it your all and your best the next day, and the next, in all of life."

Character built and revealed. That's what sport does. Actually, that's what coaches do. Smith brought his team together at the conclusion of their season, after the paradoxical heartbreak of its perfect end, and reminded his squad that despite not being selected to vie for a national championship, this team and these players could say they were the only Hope football team to go undefeated.

"Little did I know I'd still be saying that 30 years later," he said. "And we've had very talented teams since then, too. But you know, it's hard. It's hard to go undefeated. It can come down to the bounce of the ball, the direction of the wind, the call of a penalty. It takes a little luck, too."

The rarity of their feat is something every '84 player wishes for any future Hope team, though. They always have. They're not like the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins team actively rooting for a loss by any NFL team that gets close to tying its lone, loss-less record. The 84-ers know that another undefeated Hope team would be terrific and special for the school and the football program.

Plus, they know that records may fall or be tied, but no one can ever erase the first Hope football team to win them all. 🏈



Randy Smith '85, Brian Oosterhouse '85 and Scott Jecmen '85 sport their jerseys during the 1984 team's reunion celebration at the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication on Saturday, Oct. 18. The 2014 team capped the day with an exciting 42-35 win against Olivet College in just the ninth overtime game in Hope football history.



Emeritus kinesiology professor Dr. George Kraft, a longtime member of the coaching staff, leads the reunion in singing the college's fight song. The words were written by Ray Smith, probably the only coach in NCAA football history to author a pep song.

# Memory Embodied

The work of internationally acclaimed designer Charles Eames, the Phelps dining hall chairs familiar to generations of students are considered American classics.

But, as the reflections on these pages show, that's not why, replaced during the dining hall's recent renovation, 338 of them found homes with alumni.

"The response when the college made the chairs available to alumni of the college was amazing," said Scott Travis '06, director of

alumni and parent relations. "The chairs are iconic because of Herman Miller and being a popular design

outside of Hope, but they're also iconic within our community because of the Hope experience. That's why we felt that it was important to get them into the homes of alumni for whom they'll continue to be meaningful."

The DSS (Dining, Sideshell, Stacking) chairs debuted in the Herman Miller catalog in 1955. They had served at the college since they were acquired in the 1960s.

Not certain what sort of response to expect, the Alumni Office announced via the Alumni Association's Facebook page in late August that Hope would sell the chairs for \$35 or \$70 each depending on condition, with the proviso that purchasers pick them up in person (or through a friend) by Homecoming. "Within 24 hours, that had 300 likes and 18,000 views, and people were sharing it with each other," Travis said. "By the end of September, all the chairs were gone."

It didn't even matter—of course it didn't matter—that some of the chairs were more-than-gently used. Fifty years of helping make memories will do that.

"We told them, 'They're in the condition you left them in,'" Travis said. "They're definitely used, but that's part of the story, too."

The chairs went to a total of 120 households in 14 states, with the class years of alumni (or future alumni) purchasers ranging from 1965 to 2018.

The proceeds, some \$15,300, are supporting the renovation completed this summer, helping to provide the same meaningful experience of dining in community—albeit with different chairs—for new generations of students. 🐦



Phelps dining hall in 1980. The renovation of the space earlier this year provided a unique opportunity to bring home a piece of Hope: the Herman Miller-made chairs that were a part of students' experience at the college for 50 years. Although the chairs are of course functional—and considered classics of American design—they found their way into 120 households in 14 states because of the memories they helped make.

**"We are parents of a new freshman student, and felt 'Out with the past (chairs) and in with the new (our son)'. This allows Trevor to have a piece of the rich history at Hope College as he starts his own history. Aside from that... I am an antique nut who likes old things with a provenance associated with it. These two chairs will provide that. Also, wanted two chairs that are the Hope College colors, blue and orange."**

– Brian Boehm of Kenosha, Wisconsin

**"I purchased a Phelps chair almost as soon as I heard that they were for sale! Dining in Phelps was always great fun—meeting new people, and touching base with friends and classmates on a regular basis. Rather than making a traditional donation to the college, I now have a piece of Hope College history in my one-room apartment! I am excited that I will always be able to take a bit of Hope with me, wherever I move on to in the future!"**

– Dean Hazle '12 of Kalamazoo, Michigan

**"We chose to purchase a Phelps chair because it was in Phelps cafeteria where I first spotted my husband to be! I can still visualize clearly where he was sitting (at the 'football table') and where we first made eye contact there. Without this community area to gather and eat with friends, my life would not be the same. Having a Phelps chair in our home will be a daily reminder of our first connection, which has ended up in 12 years of marriage and three children!"**

– Kelly Klein '00 Putnam of Grand Rapids, Michigan

**"I spent hundreds of hours in Phelps talking over 'Rodeo Wraps' and chocolate milk with some of my (still) closest friends. I remember specifically sitting across from my friend Elizabeth and watching her eat chickpeas on her salad and contemplating how interesting a person she was. Elizabeth and I will get married next May and plan to use our dining room (now complete with four Phelps chairs) to cultivate community like we once experienced at Hope."**

– Jack Droppers '12 of Muskegon, Michigan

**"We were having an impromptu 'summer reunion' lunch in Holland when Gail Parker '70 Westerhof brought the Phelps chair sale to our attention. I think we all had spent at least one semester in Phelps, and everyone immediately pulled up the sale information on hope.edu. What a great idea, and great memories of the then 'new dorm.' And now we could be part of the renovation. I was only in town for the day and called the Development Office: how could I buy some chairs AND make arrangements to ship them back to Los Angeles in one afternoon? 'Come on over,' they said, and we did: Mary Piers '68 George, Mary Schakel '69 and I. We moved fast, hence the blurry picture, but by the end of the day eight chairs were on their way to the West Coast. Thanks to all, and Go Hope!"**

– Barbara Timmer '69 of Beverly Hills, California



# Special Paint

**Editor's Note:** *Alumni News submissions take many forms, both as provided and as reported. Most often, as regular readers of this section well know, they become classnotes, written or re-written in the publication's familiar third-person voice, with a few expanded and illustrated with a photo or two. Sometimes there's a bit more to share. News from Hope College is grateful to have the chance to feature this account from Paul Boddy '74.*

By Paul Boddy '74

In June, six Hope College Flying Dutchmen transformed themselves into house-painting Dutch Masters. The liberal artists, all Cosmopolitans, helped my struggling family by converting the degraded exterior of our house in Waldwick, New Jersey, into a museum-quality installation.

Three retired executives, Sel Harlow '74, Ken Lodden '72, Marty Stark '74; a Marine colonel, Rick Hine '72; a physical therapist, Gary Crandall '74; and a diplomat, Paul Heusinkveld '72, volunteered to put pigment on our 1,700-square-foot canvas. Current Hope student Karl Heusinkveld '17 added youthful vision. The painters travelled from Schenectady, Michigan, Massachusetts, San Diego, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.



The painting completed, the team also worked on the yard. Pictured from left to right are Gary Crandall '74, sophomore Karl Heusinkveld and Selwyn Harlow '74.



A team of alumni and a current student came together this summer to help a Hope friend in need, painting the Waldwick, New Jersey, home of Paul Boddy '74. Shown at work in this "before" photo are Selwyn Harlow '74; Paul, a local friend of Boddy's; Joel Slager '72; Gary Crandall '74; and Martin Stark '74. The others from Hope who were part of the volunteer effort were Ken Lodden '74; Rick Hine '72; Paul Heusinkveld '72; and current student Karl Heusinkveld '17.

The painters were recruited, inspired, and guided by Joel Slager '72, an accomplished contractor. Slager's skillful renovation of a store in Maine once spurred Ralph Lauren Polo to pony up a contract to renovate all their stores in the eastern US.

The split level house, last painted in 1991, routinely shed enough paint strips after a storm to evoke a ticker tape parade. Cedar shingles were missing, a window frame had rotted, and the gutters were discolored and clogged with saplings.

I had fallen behind in maintaining the house from 2003, when my wife Sharon, at 44, developed fronto-temporal dementia--a disease similar to Alzheimer's. In the two years before, we had adopted three children from Ukraine. Sharon, who can no longer speak, Alek, now 13, Anna, 15, and Angela, 18, received good care; but the house did not.

With just three days (June 9-11) to repair, scrape, prime, and paint the house, Slager organized effectively and instructed clearly. No one ever had to wait for a ladder, steel brush, roller, drop cloth, or even a radio tuned to classic rock. Everyone reached his painting potential.

Lunches were garnished with stories of Hope College: Professor D. Ivan Dykstra's greeting Ken Lodden by name three years after Ken had filled space behind a hundred other students in Philosophy 101; Rick Hine's

finding his bed reassembled in the fountain at Centennial Park; and Paul Heusinkveld's enduring nine date rejections before reaching a freshman who claimed she had to tidy her closet.

On the final work day, the painters replaced overgrowth with landscaping—creating a suitable frame for the masterpiece of gleaming white with Mozart Blue trim. A neighbor who had complained that our house was depressing local property values joked that now he could not afford living in such an upscale area.

I had once considered painting the house orange with blue trim to recognize Hope's role in the improvement. I rejected the color scheme; however, for fear it might someday impact the house's resale value, particularly if Calvin graduates were to be among the bidders.

Still, Hope had instilled a Christian ethic of helping those in need that motivated the project. Hope had taught methodical thinking that advanced the project. And Hope had fostered lifelong friendships that made the project a joyous event.

After the painters had left, Alek, our sixth-grader, asked me, "Did you pay them?"

"No," I said,

"Then, why did they do all that work?"

"They did it because we needed help," I explained, "and because they are good friends."

"That's not right," Alek said, "You ought to pay them at least \$5 each." 🙌



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

**A** great way to become irrelevant is to fail to change. Scott Aughenbaugh, a fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in our nation's capital, shared these words with a packed Knickerbocker Theatre during the Presidential Colloquium on Monday, Nov. 10. During his presentation to students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members, he outlined Seven Revolutions that will shape our world out to the year 2035.

Covering ground ranging from geopolitics to science and technology, he challenged the audience to think about answers to questions like "What effects will population growth, aging, migration and urbanization have on our future world?" and "How does the vast amount of data in our lives change how we learn and govern in the future?"

The timing of his visit to campus was intentional. In October, Hope adopted six aspirational goals for a ten-year strategic plan that will enable the college to fulfill its mission, guide its priorities and decision-making, and gain in national and international stature as both a premier liberal arts college and a leader in Christ-centered higher education. The process has actively engaged approximately 130 faculty, staff, students, trustees, alumni and parents with questions like "What do we want Hope College to look like in 2025?" and "How do we best prepare today's students to effectively lead in the world of 2035?"

We are also thinking ahead when it comes to engaging Hope alumni in the life of the college. Just as the Seven Revolutions shared at the colloquium promise to make the world of 2035 a very different place, revolutions in the last 20 years have drastically reshaped the relationship between alumnus and *alma mater*.

A recent article in CASE CURRENTS, a higher-education industry publication, explains how the disintermediation that has impacted travel agents, video rental stores, and independent bookstores has also disrupted alumni associations around the world. With alumni empowered by Facebook and LinkedIn over the past seven years, they no longer need their college's or university's help to connect with each other.

Responding to this challenge, we at Hope are continually seeking to add value to alumni lives through a relevant connection with the college. We are constantly making strategic shifts from class-based to affinity events, from staff-led programs to empowered volunteers, and from purely social connections to cultivating career and personal networks alike.

While the trends that will shape our world create a daunting global future, we are reminded that the world needs Hope College students now more than ever. That's 3,400 very good reasons to keep alumni relevantly connected to this place we call Hope.

Learn more about the strategic plan goals at [hope.edu/president](http://hope.edu/president), follow comments made at the recent colloquium by searching the twitter hashtag #My2035, and read about the Seven Revolutions at [7revs.org](http://7revs.org)

# Window to Hope's History



Readers may see themselves figuratively in this image, and for some the experience may be literal. As noted in the story on pages 22-23, the iconic chairs replaced during the renovation of Phelps dining hall earlier this year found appreciative homes with members of the Hope family, especially alumni for whom they were regular companions during times of fellowship with friends. The photo above is another, like the featured image in the preceding spread, taken to highlight the renovation completed for the start of the spring 1980 semester. It was previously published in the February 1980 issue of *News from Hope College* in a story about the project.

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# Class Notes

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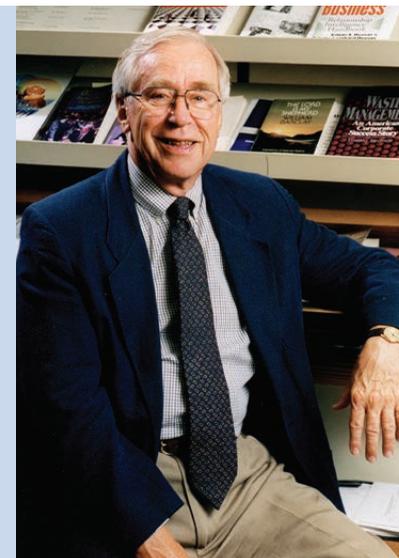
All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, Nov. 4, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, Feb. 24.

**Bob DeYoung '56** of Zeeland, Michigan, was honored for his decades of service to Hope during an appropriate occasion: the Homecoming Weekend 180th anniversary celebration for the fraternity that he had joined as a student. DeYoung, who had served in a variety of capacities on the Hope staff from 1965 until retiring as vice president for college advancement in 2000, was presented the college's Meritorious Service Award on Saturday, Oct. 18, during a banquet marking the 180th anniversary of the Fraternal Society.

Presented by the Hope College Alumni Association, the award recognizes a person's contributions to Hope through

notable service and long-time involvement with the college. The citation for the award noted, "Bob has often been defined as 'Mr. Hope College,' which is a perfect description. His personal service to Hope has been developing life-long relationships with students, alumni and friends of the college. Professionally his Hope College journey has allowed him to serve the college in admissions, student affairs and college advancement all with conspicuous success."

DeYoung joined the Hope staff as an associate director of admissions in 1965. He became dean of men in 1966, was appointed dean of students in 1968 and was promoted to vice president for student affairs in 1972. He became involved with fundraising



at the college in 1974, when he was appointed vice president for development and college relations.

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## 40s

**Arthur (Bud) '48 Van Eck** and **Beatrice Van Heest '53 Van Eck** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 24 with their four children and spouses on Mackinac Island. Bud recently completed a term as president of the Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce and then was elected to the board of the Friends of the Fife Lake Public Library.

**Mary "Muncie" VandeWege '49 Boeve** and **Ted Boeve '49** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in August.

## 60s

**Ken Zuithoff '67** had a specific goal after retiring from a 34-year pastorate at Bethel Reformed Church in Sterling, Illinois: to build a cedar strip canoe. After more than 200 hours, he launched his canoe at the state park on Sunday, July 20. He continues to volunteer as a chaplain with the local hospital, the Sterling Police Department and the Illinois State Police.

## 70s

**Mary Luckey '70** of Oakland, California, had the second edition of her book, *Membrane Structural Biology* published in 2014. It is used in courses and in research labs around the world. She reports that she enjoys spending time with her two grandsons, playing her flute and learning Portuguese to converse with her sons-in-law in Brazil.

**Pete Struck '70** has been inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

He coached for 33 years at Rich East High School in Park Forest, Illinois, and Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park, Illinois. Since his retirement from teaching mathematics in 2003, Peter has served as an official at track and cross country meets. He was recognized as the honorary meet referee at the 2013 Illinois State cross country meet.

**Philip Beckman '71** of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is in his 10th year of retirement from a career with the FedEx Corporation and works part-time in special education for the Academy School District in Colorado Springs. He reports



*Dorothy Sherburne*

## *One Semester Leads to Decades of Service and Support*

Dorothy Sherburne has many fond memories of Hope dating all the way back to 1959. That's when her late husband, Frank, was offered a one-semester teaching assignment in the department of mathematics. That one-semester assignment turned into 35½ years as a professor of mathematics at Hope for Frank. It also began a longstanding dedication to the college.

The Sherburnes started their giving by supporting the annual fund. As the years passed, their affection for and support of the college only grew. "We felt a sense of appreciation for everything that Hope gave us, and we wanted to help and to give back," Dorothy says.

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

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that he enjoys hiking in the mountains, archery, writing and wrestling with his eight grandkids.

**Jerry Keizer '72** has retired as president of Grant Rental and Sales.

**Deb Nitsch '78 Sherer** of Belgrade, Montana, has started renting out two rooms through Airbnb and reports that she has had a very full summer meeting tremendous people from all over the world.

**Isaac Myers II '79** of Louisville, Kentucky, has been named the chief health integration officer with Baptist Health. He joined Baptist Health in February as president of the new Baptist Health Medical Group (BHM), a position he will continue to hold even as he takes on the CHIO role. He previously served as president of Saint Francis Medical Group (Central Indiana Region) with Franciscan Saint Francis Health in Indianapolis.

## 80s

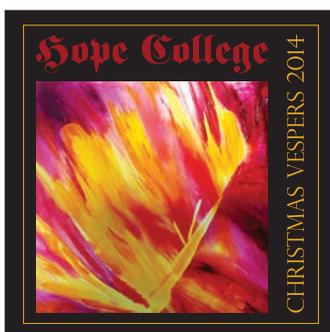
**John Moolenaar '83** of Midland, Michigan, won election as the Republican candidate to Michigan's 4th congressional district on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

**Gregg Sturuss '83** is serving as interim dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at Youngstown State University.

**Katie Andree '85 Blue** of Fennville, Michigan, teaches aerobic hula hooping at Saugatuck Snap Fitness. She also owns an event company called Soiree Creative Workshops.

**Richard S. DenUyl Jr. '85** is the new senior pastor at First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

**Melissa Goyette '85 Strait** of Cummings, Georgia, has been promoted to chief people officer of Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. She has been with Arby's since 1984.



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A friendly competition for a good cause led to a 50-year commitment that **Ric Smies '66** of Homewood, Illinois, celebrated by returning to the place where it all began.

Smies first gave blood as a Hope junior during a drive held on campus in November 1964. His participation was well chronicled by a photo on the front page of *The Holland Evening Sentinel* on Nov. 17, 1964, that shows him giving.

As the story accompanying the photo explains, that long-ago drive set the students and faculty into teams for which victory rested in percentage participation. The students lost, 14.3 percent to the faculty's 16.3, but many, many others have won thanks to that moment half a decade ago. Smies, who went on to a career as a research chemist and in industrial chemical sales, has remained a faithful donor ever since.



As he closed in on 50 years, Smies thought to commemorate the occasion by participating once again on campus. While Hope hosts about four drives per year, with hundreds participating, the drive nearest to his anniversary date was at neighboring Western Theological Seminary's Semelink Hall--not Hope itself, but family, and appropriately offering an inspiring view of Van Raalte Commons and the Pine Grove.

"I've been thinking about this for quite awhile, and I can't quite believe I'm actually here," he said

during the drive on Monday, Oct. 27.

"I've just felt blessed that I've been healthy enough to give through the years and have wanted to share what I have with the people who need it," Smies said. "Someday I might be in that position, and somebody might do it for me."

*(The photo at top left shows Ric Smies '66 with the newspaper chronicling his first blood donation as a Hope student 50 years ago. At top right, registered nurse Kelly White talks with Smies at the October drive.)*

**Clark Verhulst '85** of Grandville, Michigan, has been named "Teacher of the Year" by the American Legion. This award was given to only five recipients in the State of Michigan.

**Dave Brat '86** of Glen Allen, Virginia, won the election as the Republican candidate to Virginia's 7th congressional district on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

**Bruce Dorr '86** recently became board sub-specialized in female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery. He is the director of robotics and pelvic floor disorders at Centura Littleton Hospital in Littleton, Colorado.

**Sara Wiper '89 Sharp** of Granville, Ohio, is the theatre arts director at Granville High School. She teaches theatre and directs three main stage shows a year. This fall she was awarded the Jody VanTine Outstanding Educator Award, established to recognize distinguished and innovative educational contributions made by

educators. She has three children, Madeline, 17; Will, 15; and Scotty, 13.

## 90s

**Jennifer Skurnowicz '90 Heard** has owned a professional organizing and coaching firm called Clean Sweep Consulting in Birmingham, Michigan, since 2006. She mentors busy people, young and old, who need to have more time, less stress, and better management of their personal items and technology. She reports that she is also busy raising her 15-year-old daughter, Cori, who is a sophomore in high school.

**Laura Magan '90 Vander Molen** of Ada, Michigan, received a Tribute Award from the YWCA in Grand Rapids, honored in the category of Sports, Fitness and Wellness during a luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

For the past 13 years, she has been medical director at Health Intervention Services, a faith-based nonprofit health clinic for those who do not have access to medical care, providing care and oversight of the treatment of nearly 2,000 patients each year. The YWCA posted an interview with Laura at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWmFmbHUscM&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWmFmbHUscM&feature=youtu.be)

**Rhonda Mullins '91 Brewer** of Montague, Michigan, owns Shore House Property Services, serving vacation home owners in Montague, Michigan area. She is the first level-V Rodan & Fields consultant in West Michigan and recently returned from her first convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Laura Jackson '93 Sample** was promoted to director of organizational development and training for the Centers of Transfusion and Transplant Medicine. She works out of the Michigan Blood affiliate in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but oversees training and leadership development for employees across three states.

**Christin VanWyk '95 Greiman** of Midland, Michigan, received the Samuel R. Marotta Faculty Ethics Award from Northwood University, where she is an assistant professor of management. The award is given to faculty members who best model the ethical standards embodied in the school's philosophy and mission.

**Jeremy Monty '96** and **Sara Meengs '98 Monty** announce the birth of Elsa Rennee on Jan. 18, 2014.

**Amy Moeckel '96 Peterson** of St. Joseph, Michigan, has been working as a group fitness instructor and AFAA certified personal trainer at Maddog 5/1 Revolutionary Fitness for the past several years.

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Five psychology alumni participated in the panel “Careers in Psychology: Find Your Calling and Make Your Mark on the World,” presented on Friday, Oct. 17, as part of the department’s 80th-anniversary celebration during Homecoming Weekend. Pictured from left to right are **Dr. Todd Helmus ’93** of Washington, D.C., a senior behavioral scientist at RAND who specializes in special operations, terrorism/insurgency and security cooperation; **Jaime Van Heest ’10 Blom** of Holland, Michigan, founder and program director of Wetfeet ACTS (Arts, Community, Teaching, Serving), a relational ministry for at-risk adolescents; **Dr. Louis Nykamp**



**’95** of Holland, a specialist in geriatric psychiatry who is medical director for outpatient services with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services; **Rhys VanDemark ’89** of Middleville, Michigan, a child life specialist with Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital; and **Carrie Cochran ’02 Dattels** of Zeeland, Michigan, a rehabilitation counselor with Michigan Rehabilitation Services.

**Sarah Bylsma ’98 Greene** and Ted Greene announce the birth of Emily Rachel on May 8, 2014. **Amy-Lynn Halverson ’98** of Holland, Michigan, is the reading teacher at Godwin Heights High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan. **Natasha Norris ’98 Kopas** and **Craig Kopas ’99** announce the birth of Chehon August on Sept. 9, 2014. **Amanda Matthews ’99** **Oppenhuizen** and Jim Oppenhuizen announce the birth of Graeme Matthew on Aug. 18, 2013. **David Theune ’99** of Spring Lake, Michigan, has published *Elevate Empathy: the Power of Kindness* with the help of 18 other contributors.

Coming Lawyers.” He is a shareholder of Rhoades McKee PC, a full-service law firm in Grand Rapids, and specializes in business-related litigation. **Meredith TerHaar ’03** is returning to WZZM 13 as the new weekend morning news anchor and multimedia journalist. **Joshua Vork ’03** is the Zeeland Chix girls track and field coach for Zeeland East High School. **Nakisha Zwyghuizen ’04 DeJong** and Eric DeJong announce the birth of Lainey Joy on Sept. 24, 2014. Nakisha is a team leader with Tastefully Simple. **Michael Douma ’04** of Winston

Salem, North Carolina, spoke during the history colloquium at Hope College on “Abraham Lincoln and the Negotiations to Colonize African Americans in Dutch Surinam” on Monday, Oct. 13. He is an assistant professor of history at James Madison University.

**Jason Mejeur ’04** and Jacqueline Mejeur announce the birth of Jacob John on Sept. 30, 2014.

**Ross VandeWege ’04** and **Michelle Walker ’05 VandeWege** announce the birth of Clara Jean on Sept. 25, 2014.

**Andrew Hoort ’05** of Royal Oak, Michigan, left active duty service in the U.S. Army to accept a position at Trinity Home Health Services as a process improvement specialist. He is also a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves/Medical Corps.

**Heather Spykerman ’05 Kropscott** and David Kropscott announce the birth of Brysen Riley on Sept. 10, 2014.

**Eric Post ’05** of Holland, Michigan, has joined Varnum LLP, a full-service Michigan law firm with offices across the state. Eric is based at the firm’s Grand Rapids office, where his practice is concentrated on business and corporate law and real estate matters.

**Lindsay David ’05 Zuska** and **Matthew Zuska ’05** announce the birth of Madelyn Marie on Sept. 7, 2014.

**Kristen Anderson ’06** of Mishawaka, Indiana, became an assistant consultant at the Behavior Analysis Center for Autism in June. She is also pursuing a master’s at Ball State in applied behavior analysis and certification to be a board-certified behavior analyst.

**Neal Karsten ’06** and **Sara Jongekryg ’06 Karsten** announce the

birth of Abigail Faith on Oct. 2, 2014.

**Rachel Achtemeir ’06 Rhodes** and Matt Rhodes announce the birth of Madeline Jane Chamblee on Aug. 2, 2014.

**Abigail Rockwood ’06** joined the Genesee Symphony Orchestra for its season-opening concert on Sunday, Oct. 19, at St. James Episcopal Church in Batavia, Michigan.

**Mark Dykema ’07** of Wyoming, Michigan, has opened a second Biggby Coffee outlet in Holland Township.

**Rachel Keech ’07 Formsma** and **Kevin Formsma ’08** announce the birth of Micah Scott on Oct. 14, 2014.

**Stefanie Greybar ’07** of Saint Joseph, Michigan, was recently promoted to patient care manager of orthopedics and neurology at Lakeland Health Care.

**Kyle Howard ’07** and **Rebecca Zwar ’08 Howard** announce the birth of Lydia Kathryn on Oct. 7, 2014.

**Haleigh Heneveld ’08** married Chris Hieftje on Aug. 9, 2014. She also reports that they had a special guest at the wedding: Dutch.

**David Lee ’08** of Holland, Michigan, recently completed his graduate studies at Northern Illinois University with a Master of Music degree in viola performance. He moved back to Holland to be the music director and conductor of the Holland Area Junior Strings and is working for Community Action House as a resource assistant.

**Kristen Hutchin ’08 Mostrom** reports that Hope was the best four years of her life. The friendships and experiences that were made were among the best she has ever experienced. Holland, Michigan will always hold a special place in her heart.

## 00s

**Doug Richter ’00** and April Richter announce the birth of Ian William on June 21, 2014.

**Heidi Huebner ’00 Wheeler** and Josh Wheeler announce the birth of Hudson Samuel on Oct. 1, 2014.

**Katherine Kober ’01** and Kate Cunningham announce the birth, Zachary Dale Kober-Cunningham, born on Sept. 10, 2014.

**Michelle McDougal ’01 Yurk** and **Brian Yurk ’03** announce the birth of Henry Robert on Oct. 20, 2014.

**Treasure Givan ’02 Samuel** and Andrew Samuel announce the birth of Eleanor Jo Samuel (called Norah) born on Oct. 3, 2014. She joins big sister Kelly Sue (two). Eleanor’s middle name is in honor of **Mieke Jo Dykman ’02 Blackwell**, who introduced Treasure and Andy to each other.

**Heidi Osmundson ’02 Weller** and Andrew Weller announce the birth of Toben Joseph on Sept. 22, 2014.

**Jennifer Coleman ’03 Hendricks** and Brian Hendricks announce the birth of Nolan Ross on Oct. 25, 2014.

**Stephen Hulst ’03** was named one of the *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* 2014 “Up and

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On Sunday, Oct. 12, former Hope College tennis teammates reunited to run the Bank of America Chicago marathon. Pictured from left to right are Kevin Gingras '01, Josh Honholt '02, Paul Lillie '00 and Raj Malviya '02. It was the first marathon for Kevin, Paul and Raj, and the third marathon for Josh.

**Anne Schmidt '09 Chanski** and Austin Chanski announce the birth of Andrew Michael on Sept. 23, 2014.

**Matthew Ellison '09** has joined the dental team at Karen Barwick and Associates in Graham, North Carolina.

**Brian Guerriero '09** received a Master of Arts degree in mental health counseling and a Master of Education degree in kinesiology with a specialty in applied sport psychology from Bowling Green State University.

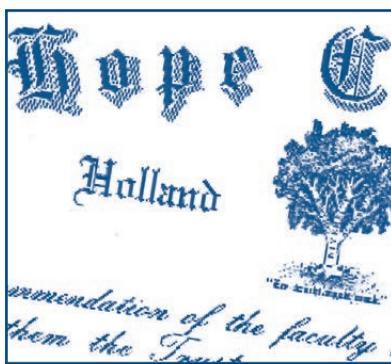
**Dan Guy '09** and Kara Dornbusch were married on June 7, 2014, in the Traverse City, Michigan, area. Dan and Kara are the new owners of Espresso Bay coffee shop in downtown Traverse City.

**Christopher Hall '09** and **Mandy McNeil '09** were married on Aug. 2, 2014.

**Andrew Lee '09** and Amanda Brookover were married on Sept. 13, 2014, in Manhattan, Kansas. Andrew is an English teacher at Manhattan High School.

**Kaitlin Anderson '09 Park** is a first-year pediatric resident physician at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan.

**Garrett Russ '09** and **Tiffany Day**



A total of 23 seniors graduated with honors in July. Please visit the college's website for the list.

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**'09 Russ** announce the birth of Gabriel Randy on April 1, 2014.

## 10s

**Katie Schmid '10** and Paul Sabbatini were married on Oct. 25, 2014, in Longview, Texas.

**Matthew Schrader '10** received a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in March 2014.

**Allen Taylor '10** and **Rebekah Bush '12** were married on Sept. 28, 2013. They are living in South Dakota and working for non-profits.

**Angie Griffore '11** and **Nate Martin '11** were married on Oct. 4, 2014, in Holland, Michigan. Angie works at Herman Miller and Nate works at Lean Logistics.

**Matthew Lee '11** is attending Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. He is also the part-time youth director at Zeeland Christian Reformed Church in Zeeland, Michigan.

**Ryan Otterstrom '11** of Bethel, Connecticut, has started a new job as an early intervention associate with TheraCare. She is certified in ABA therapy to run birth to three programs.

**Jamie Overway '11** and Cameron Kleinheksel were married on June 7, 2014, in Holland, Michigan.

**Sarah Patton '11** received her Master of Science degree at the University of Michiana in May 2014. She is working as a newborn hospitalist nurse practitioner at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Emmaus Health in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Salena Crosby '12** received a Master of Education degree in urban education from the National Louis University in May 2013. She is currently working as a K-third grade diverse learners teacher in the Chicago public schools.

**Diane Hawke '12** and Pablo Tabilo were married on July 26, 2012.

**Dean Hazle '12** of Kalamazoo, Michigan, has been working with Envirollogic Technologies as a project geologist for two years.

**Alexander Krieg '12** and **Hanna Ogawa '13** were married on May 11, 2013. Xander received his Master of Arts degree in clinical psychology at University of Hawaii at Manoa in December 2013 and is now a Ph.D. candidate. He recently received the Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Development Grant to conduct research in Japan in 2015.

Hanna was accepted into a graduate school of education at Tokyo University and will start her studies in April.

**Valerie Qualls '12** is working at Young Life Child Care Center in Grand Haven, Michigan, as a lead teacher.

**Brent Smith '12** received a master's degree in vocal performance from the University of Northern Iowa in May 2014. He has moved to Central City, Colorado, and is working with Central City Opera as an apprentice artist in the Bonfils-Stanton Young Artist Program. His next engagement will be in Louisville, Kentucky, with Kentucky Opera singing

with them as a part of their studio artist program.

**Briana Beyer '13** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is working with Coldwell Banker and has teamed up with Larry Kleinheksel. She reports that she is excited to be implementing what she is passionate about in the community she loves.

**Lydia Blickley '13** and **Eric Dawson '14** were married on May 31, 2014.

**Felicia Marshall '13** received a Master of Social Work degree in clinical social work from Loyola University in May 2014. She now works for Bethany Christian Services. She and Joshua O'Connor were married on May 15, 2014.

**Brittany Pieters '13** is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in speech language pathology at Western Michigan University.

**Joel Rietsema '13** is pursuing a master's in health administration at Grand Valley State University. He is also finishing up his eligibility in track, running for GVSU.

**Julia Austin '14** of Grandville, Michigan, was on a career panel at Hope discussing engineering careers on Friday, Sept. 26.

**Emily Young '14** and Jake Suszko were married in May 2014. Emily is teaching elementary music at Stevenson Elementary School.

## 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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**Ruth Fisher '36 Bosworth** of Phoenix, Arizona, died on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014. She was 100.

She was an elementary school teacher for many years.

Survivors include her son, George Jr. (Carolyn) Bosworth '66; her daughter, Charlene; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**R. Jack Baas '42** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014. He was 94.

He was a highly decorated Navy pilot, flying more than 50 missions in the South Pacific during World War II.

He worked in management at American Seating Company.

In 2003 he was awarded the H-Club Hope for Humanity Award.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette Rylaarsdam '42 Baas.

Survivors include his children, Marc (Belen) Baas, Myra Baas '71 (Ron) Smith, Curt (Debbie) Baas, and Cara Baas '78 (Rick) Brzezinski; nine grandchildren, including Alyson Brzezinski '03; five grandchildren; and a sister, Norma (Bud) Kahler.

**Mayneen Jellema '45 Dykstra** died on Thursday, Oct 16, 2014. She was 94.

She held leadership positions for the Church Women United, and was the first president of the Presbytery of Great Rivers. She taught at Midstate College of Business and was the third woman executive director of the non-profit, consumer credit counseling service.

Survivors include her daughters, Sharon Dykstra '66 (Roger) Long, and Marcia Dykstra '74 (Gary) Howe; son, Brian Dykstra; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and brother, William Jellema '50.

**Mildred Scholten '45 Nienhuis** of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014. She was 91.

She was a member of Holland Garden Club and volunteered at Evergreen Commons.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wyba Nienhuis '48; her parents, Gerrit (Johanna) Scholten; brothers, Harold and Donald Scholten '48; and her sister, Carolyn Kammeraad.

Survivors include her children, Barbara (Daniel) Danahy, Marc (Jayne) Nienhuis, Susan (David) Rocker, Jeffrey (Sharon) Nienhuis and Lori (Andrew) Jeung; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Scholten; and several nieces and nephews.

**George Toren '48** of Carmel, Indiana, died on Saturday, June 28, 2014. He was 90.

He served in World War II, receiving two Purple Hearts during the liberation of Europe.

He worked for 3M Company developing new adhesives for special applications.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marian Ter Borg '48 Toren; and sister, Grace Toren '40.

Survivors include his brother, Chester Toren '41; and sisters-in-law, May (James) Toren and Louise (Lloyd) Ter Borg.

**Anita Fischer '51 Gaines** of Sunnyvale, California, died on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. She was 85.

She was a medical technologist.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Gaines; daughters, Catherine and Carolyn; sons-in-law, Juergen and Matthew; and two grandchildren.

**Jacqueline Marcusse '52 Bakker** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014. She was 84.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Minnie Post and Carol (Jim) Lont.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Durward Bakker '52; her children, David Bakker, Nancy (Jeff) Droge, and Marc (Jayne) Bakker '89; five grandchildren; sister, Barbara (Larry) VanGenderen; and many nieces and nephews.

**Kenneth Van Regenmorter '52** of Fruitland Park, Florida, died on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. He was 90.

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

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Eunice Gross '49 Van Regenmorter; daughter, Beth (Corby) Schwenneker; and one granddaughter.

**Eunice Schipper '52 Vandenberg** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Sept. 26, 2014. She was 84.

She taught at Koopman and Sandyview Schools.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Cynthia Schipper '40 Knickel; and sisters-in-law, Stella Schipper and Doris Schipper.

Survivors include her children, Sharron (Ron) Wright, Jane (Carl) Van Oss, and Linda (Jon) Bos; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Harris Schipper and Wayne (Connie Ryskamp '53) Schippers; and many nieces and nephews.

**Thurman Rynbrandt '54** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014. He was 81.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marilyn Rynbrandt.

Survivors include his wife, Rhoda Rynbrandt; children, Kevin (Melinda) Rynbrandt, and Chad (Mindy) Rynbrandt; stepchildren, Marc (Colleen) Kole, and Eric Kole; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and siblings, Joreen (Wayne) Folkert, Anita Rynbrandt '51 (Ken '52) VanWyk, Reda Rynbradt '61 (John '54) Santinga, and Calvin (Marilyn VanderWilt '62) Rynbrandt '61.

**Linda Miner '55 Hoffman** of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014. She was 81.

She held a master's degree from Hunter College.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Donald Hoffman '52; daughters, Debra Hoffman '78 (William) Battjes and Linde Hoffman; sons, David (Patricia) Hoffman, F. Scott (Carolyn Ridder '84) Hoffman '83, and D. Mark (Lisa King '87) Hoffman '85; eight grandchildren; brothers, Milton George (Shirley) Miner, Jack (Shirley Barnum) Miner and Timothy (Mary Ellen Bridger '65) Miner '65; and in-laws, Ruth Hoffman '48 (Maynard) Herrema, and Vernon (Carol DeVries '57) Hoffman '56.

**John Keizer '56** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Wednesday, June 4, 2014.

He served in the United States Army.

He taught school and adjusted insurance claims, and repaired phones at Michigan Bell and AT&T.

Survivors include his two sons, Rick Keizer and Greg Keizer and their families; sister, Judy Dean; and brother, Robert Keizer.

**James Kremer '56** of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014. He was 80.

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

He was a principal at Ferry Elementary School in Grand Haven.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Vernon Kremer.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Barbara Pennings '65 Kremer; children, Chuck (Julie) Kremer, Kevin Kremer '88, Cherrie Kremer '78 (Jeremy) Bitcheno, Anne (Brent) Kieft, and Carolyn (Ted) Breimayer; 10 grandchildren, including Anna Kremer '16; three great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Jean (Gordon) Berndt and Ann (Bob) Berndt; and brother, John (Lucille) Kremer.

**Gordon Webster '56** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Friday, March 28, 2014. He was 79.

He was a pastor for 27 years serving the Reformed Church of America.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Lois Webster; children, Carol (Greg) Jeltema, Jim (Candice) Webster, Mark (Christine) Webster, and Mary (Blain) Immink; 10 grandchildren; and brother, Paul (Marilyn) Webster.

**Vernon Zuverink '58** of Oakland Park, Florida, died on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014. He was 83.

He served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps from 1951 to 1954 as a hospital corpsman third class during the Korean War.

He was a teacher and athletic director for the Grand Haven, Michigan, school system from 1958 to 1988.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Alyce (Lloyd) Maatman and Agnes Norman; and his brothers, Ben (Evelyn) Zuverink and George (Betty) Zuverink.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Ina May Zuverink; son, Mark (Maurine) Zuverink; daughter, Mari Aker (Bret); five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Gordon (Mary) Zuverink; sister, Bernice (Henry) Dokter; and several nieces and nephews.

**Jerome Wassink '59** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014. He was 78.

He served as the medical director for Hospice of Holland and was a physician with Holland Family Medicine.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Marilyn Wassink; children, Thomas (Adrienne) Wassink, Mark (Wendy) Wassink, and Lynne (Larry) Vork; seven grandchildren; brothers and sister, Stewart (Shirley) Wassink, Carl (Ruth) Wassink, Don (Lorna) Wassink, Sharon (Larry) Haverdink, Vern (Linda) Wassink, Hugh (Paula) Wassink, and Bob (Cathy) Wassink; in-laws, Roger (Marilyn) Van Gunst, Wendell (Ruth) Van Gunst, Joan (Roger) Sikkenga, and Janet (Don) Hasselbring; and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

**Edward Small '62** of Lawrence, Kansas, died on Friday, Aug. 22, 2014. He was 74.

He worked in experimental and documentary film and video. He won festival prizes and was featured at film conferences.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Hagymasy '66 Small.

Survivors include his children, Jessica Small and Edward Small; and his fiancé, Sandra Hicks '62 Boogertman.

**Ruth Mae DeBoer '64** of Lakewood, Colorado, died on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014. She was 72.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Alice DeBoer; brother, Daniel DeBoer, and nephew, Joshua DeBoer.

Survivors include her father, Simon DeBoer; brother, Robert (Eva) DeBoer; sister-in-law, Ann DeBoer; and several nieces.

**Bonnie Timmer '68 Aardema** of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014. She was 68.

She worked as a psychologist in private practice for more than 30 years.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Robert Aardema '69; two sons, Michael (Charlia) Aardema and Andrew (Shannon Kenny '00) Aardema '00; sister, Sandra Timmer '66 Plakke; in-laws, Tom (Judy DeWitt '63) Aardema '61 and Maggie Aardema; and many nieces and nephews.

**Dinah Zini '72 Beckman** of Colorado Springs, Colorado, died on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014. She was 65.

She was an ESL teacher in the World Relief Refugee Resettlement program in Chicago, and taught French at Rolling Meadows High School in Illinois and upper level French at Rampart High School in Colorado Springs.

Survivors include her 93-year old mother, MazalTov Zini; four children, Rebecca Seauve, Jessica Wells, Daniel Beckman and Natalie Ford; and eight grandchildren.

**Rebecca Loll '86 Jansma** of Fremont, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014. She was 50.

She was the practice manager in marketing for Muskegon Hearing and Speech Center, and had been the marketing manager for Jansma Violin Shop for the past 26 years.

Survivors include her husband, Tim Jansma; son, Joe (Shannon) Jansma; daughter, Audrey Jansma; mother, Grace Smalligan; sister, Diana (Dan) Evans; mother-in-law, Phyllis Jansma; sister-in-law, Jennifer (Chris) Chiles; brother-in-law, Jon Jansma; and many nieces and nephews.

**Laura Wyss '91** of Staten Island, New York, died of ovarian cancer on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014. She was 45.

She worked for a photography repository, The Granger Collection, and for St. Martin's Press as a photo researcher until 2002 when she founded Wyssphoto, Inc. She secured the rights for all photographs displayed in the recently completed Brooklyn Navy Yard Museum and was a photo editor for several books. Her final major project was photo-editing Hilary Clinton's *Hard Choices*.

Survivors include her husband Glyn (Williams) Wyss; her parents, Melissa (Hal) Wyss; sister, Trudy Wyss; and two nephews.

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# Community in Faith

Since 1994, the worship service known as “The Gathering” has brought students to Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Sunday evenings for a combination of traditional liturgy, a sermon and contemporary Christian music—a voluntary opportunity that regularly fills the spacious sanctuary. Campus Ministries marked the 20th anniversary of the service (which faculty, staff and area residents also attend) this fall with activities commemorating not only the past two decades but the larger story and history of faith at Hope, with every former head chaplain or dean of the chapel who is still living either speaking or leading worship. Capped by an a cappella singing of the Doxology, The Gathering doesn’t mark the end of the weekend or stand in isolation, but instead helps center the campus community in approaching the coming week with the recognition that every activity, whatever one’s field or vocation, can be an act of worship; that all of life is spiritual.



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