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Recognized Excellence

Nationally honored chemist Dr. Jason G. Gillmore and teaching and scholarship at Hope.

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On the Cover

Chemist Dr. Jason G. Gillmore was honored earlier this year with a 2014 Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award, presented by the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation to faculty in the chemical sciences at undergraduate institutions based on accomplishment in scholarly research with undergraduates as well as a compelling commitment to teaching. He is pictured at left with four of the students with whom he is currently conducting research: Eric Webb, Amber Prins, Jessie Scott and Brianna Barbu.

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“Quote, unquote”

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



Five centuries before Christ, Socrates gathered young people about him to think about some of the most important questions of their time.

As Dr. Patrice Rankine addressed the members of the incoming Class of 2018 during the college's Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 24, he noted that the process—thinking deeply, considering connections and leading the “examined life”—is just as relevant some 2,500 years later.

“What we need today, right here, right now, are young leaders who are full, human beings, who live the kind of examined lives that Socrates spoke about: doctors who can work in teams, have empathy, and maybe even speak other languages and have studied abroad, immersed in another culture; and engineers who understand American cities and truly build for the future, for everyone,” said Dr. Rankine, who is the dean for the arts and humanities and a professor of Classics at Hope.

Dr. Rankine noted that such growth can happen in unexpected ways, not only in the classroom but beyond. He shared, for example, that his own undergraduate education at Brooklyn College in New York was enriched by a professor of Ancient Greek, Howard Wolman, who invited his students to his Greenwich Village home for cuisine and conversation. “What did a dark-brown, Brooklyn-born boy, the first generation American son of Jamaican immigrant parents, know about Brie cheese, rare steaks or political debate?” he said.

Approximately 2,000, primarily new students and their families, attended the convocation, which was held in the college's Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse and marked the formal beginning of the college's 153rd academic year. The new students arrived on campus and began orientation activities on Friday, Aug. 22, and the college's fall semester classes started on Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Dr. Rankine titled his address “The Urgency

of Now,” inspired by the 1967 speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in which Dr. King used the phrase “the fierce urgency of now.” While Dr. King was discussing the nation's involvement in Vietnam, Dr. Rankine noted that Dr. King's message reflects a broader emphasis on a “‘revolution of values,’ one that would make the examined life our chief calling.”

In particular, Dr. Rankine said, Dr. King challenged his audience to look beyond assumptions and difference in relationship with others.

“King pushes us to think about life together in the hardest possible way, namely that the enemy, the antagonist, the person who looks, thinks, believes and operates in a totally different way from me is also my friend, a child of God, loved by someone,” Dr. Rankine said.

“We are here today together and will share the next four years together, but who is included and who is excluded from this beloved community?”

Dr. Rankine said. “Where are the places and neighborhoods that we dare not go? The people we dare not encounter? These are our brothers and sisters as well, part of a broader human community that we must challenge ourselves to face.”

Such questions, he noted, would be a cornerstone of the education that the students were about to experience at Hope, helping them grow further into lives that will make a difference in the world.

“I want to suggest to you in closing something that I learned from reading Cicero in my Latin classes: we are not born fully human,” he said. “Humanity is cultivated through what we read, how we think, the people with whom we interact and after whom we model our behavior: maybe it's Martin Luther King Jr., maybe it's Socrates, maybe it's a teacher like Howard Wolman. Maybe, humbly, it is I.”

“I have to be honest and open with you in saying that living the examined life is one of the main values that we would like you to cultivate at Hope College,” Dr. Rankine said. “Over the course of the next four years, if you find yourself traveling to new places, interacting with people who are very different from you, or asking questions that you never thought you would ask, then we have succeeded as your professors and friends.”

Editor's Note: The entire address is available online.

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Distinctive Hope



Communities express who they are in numerous ways, with actions being the proof of what words say. Each August, Hope upperclassmen (more than 200 this year) return to campus early to help smooth the way for their newly matriculated peers, serving as volunteer staff across the four-day Orientation Weekend. They make a difference from moment one, descending on fully laden vehicles as they pull to the curb and whisking the contents to each new student’s awaiting room (carrying the most refrigerators is a particular point of pride). It is, to say the least, a pleasant surprise for families that were anticipating multiple trips up a couple flights of stairs. The commitment—and caring—is larger than Move-In Day, though, extending across a full program designed to help the newest members of the Hope family get to know each other and their new home away from home.



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Events

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Friday-Sunday—
Family Weekend
Nov. 27-Dec. 1, Thursday, 8 a.m. to
Monday, 8 a.m.—Thanksgiving
Recess
Dec. 5, Friday—Last day of classes
Dec. 8-12, Monday-Friday—
Semester examinations
Dec. 12, Friday—Residence halls
close, 5 p.m.

ADMISSIONS

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

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

Fri., Oct. 24	Fri., Jan. 23
Fri., Oct. 31	Fri., Jan. 30
Fri., Nov. 7	Fri., Feb. 13
Fri., Nov. 14	Mon., Feb. 16
Fri., Nov. 21	Fri., Feb. 27
Mon., Jan. 19	

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

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. Tickets may also be ordered through hope.edu/tickets.

DE PREE GALLERY

Juried Student Art Show—
Friday, Oct. 31-Sunday, Nov. 23
Work by Hope students. Guest juror/curator Paul Amenta will give a talk on Friday, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m. at the gallery, followed by a reception from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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

GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

Brentano String

Quartet—Friday,

Nov. 7, Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Rastrelli Cello

Quartet—Friday,

Jan. 23: Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Broadway's

Next Hit Musical—Thursday-

Friday, Feb. 12-13: Dimnent Memorial Chapel

The Bad Plus—Saturday, March

28: 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.



JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Adrian Matejka, poet—Thursday,
Nov. 13, Winants Auditorium of
Graves Hall

The reading will begin at 7 p.m.

Admission is free.

THEATRE

Urinetown—Tuesday-Saturday,
Nov. 18-22

DeWitt Center, 7:30 p.m.

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

ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Family Weekend—Friday-Sunday,
Oct. 31-Nov. 2

Events for families of current students, including the President's Breakfast, activities for siblings and the Nykerk Cup competition. More information is available at hope.edu/familyweekend.

MUSIC

Brown Bag Concert Series—
Friday, Nov. 7: Holland Area Arts Council, 150 E. Eighth St., noon. Admission is free.

Guest Artist—Thursday, Nov. 13: Paul Galbraith, guitarist, Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.

Orchestra Concert—Friday, Nov. 14: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Combos Concert—Monday, Nov. 17: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Vocal Jazz Concert—Tuesday, Nov. 18: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Concert Band Performance—
Thursday, Nov. 20: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Jazz Arts Collective and Wind Ensemble Concert—Friday, Nov. 21: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Wind Chamber Recital—
Saturday, Nov. 22: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Women's Chamber Choir Concert—Monday, Nov. 24: with Luminescence, 12th Street Harmony and the *Collegium Musicum*, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 195 W. 13th St., 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Liederabend—Tuesday, Nov. 25: Western Theological Seminary, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Brown Bag Concert Series—
Friday, Dec. 5: Holland Area Arts Council, 150 E. Eighth St., noon. Admission is free.

Christmas Vespers—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 6-7: Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The services are on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, with a limit of four per person. Instead of a separate public sale as in years past, tickets will be available beginning Monday, Nov. 10, at the Events and Conferences Office in the Anderson-Werkman Financial Center. They will also be sold at hope.edu/tickets for an additional online service fee.

DANCE

H2 Movement Project—Friday-Saturday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

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

Student Dance Showcase—

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22

Dow Center, dance studio, 8 p.m.

Admission is free.

Student Dance Showcase—

Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 24-25

Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.

Admission is free.



SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please visit the Hope Athletics website at athletics.hope.edu to find schedules for the winter season, including men's basketball, women's basketball, and men's and women's swimming and diving. Pocket schedules can be picked up at the Hope College ticket offices in the Anderson-Werkman Financial Center and DeVos Fieldhouse.



TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Nykerk Cup Competition—

Saturday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.

DeVos Fieldhouse

Christmas Vespers—Saturday-

Sunday, Dec. 6-7

Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

INSTANT INFORMATION

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

 hope.edu



ENROLLMENT RECORD:

Hope College continues to experience high demand when many private colleges are struggling to attract students.

The college has again enrolled a record number of students, 3,433 this year, the fourth year in a row that Hope has set an enrollment record and the ninth consecutive year that enrollment has been above 3,200. Last year's enrollment was 3,388.

"The college's continued success in attracting students reflects the high degree to which families recognize the value of the high-quality education that Hope provides," said William Vanderbilt '88, vice president for admissions. "We're grateful that we continue to see such strong interest in Hope, particularly at a time when the number of college-age students nationwide has been declining."

With the three returning classes being the largest in Hope's history, Vanderbilt noted that the college deliberately sought not to achieve a freshman-class record this year. "It's important to us that enrollment and the college's capacity stay in sync so that we continue to deliver the outstanding experience that our students are seeking," he said.

Hope has enrolled 834 students who are in college for the first time, including freshmen and several of the college's non-degree-seeking students categorized as special students. Another 33 students have transferred to Hope from elsewhere. Twenty percent of the students in the new class are minorities, a significant increase that helps Hope keep pace with rapidly changing demographics in the region and across the country.

The student body consists of 1,364 men and 2,069 women from 40 states and 23 foreign countries.

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SOPHOMORE VICTORY:

The sophomore Class of 2017 has won the 2014 Pull tug-of-war, held on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the traditional Black River location.

The sophomores won by 90 feet, four inches in the three-hour contest with the freshman Class of 2018.

Through the years, the sophomores and even-year classes have held the edge in the win-loss column. Since 1909, the sophomores have taken 67 contests to the freshman class's 31; the even-year/odd-year split for the same period is 55 to 43.

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

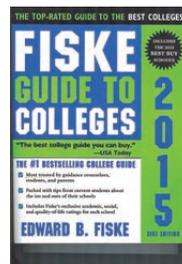
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GUIDE NEWS: Hope continues to fare well in the multiple college guides, both in print and online.

Hope stands among the nation's best liberal arts colleges in the annual rankings compiled by *U.S. News & World Report*, at 99th. Hope is also one of only 32 institutions of all types and one of only seven national liberal arts colleges recognized for providing outstanding undergraduate research/creative project opportunities, included among "A-Plus Schools for B Students," and listed among high school counselors' "top picks."

Among other guides, Hope is one of only about 300 colleges and universities in the *Fiske Guide to Colleges*; was named one of the "50 Top Christian Colleges" in the U.S. by BestColleges.com; was eighth in the nation in the "50 Safest Colleges in America 2014-2015 Rankings" posted by universityprimetime.com; was named a "Top Best Value College" in the ETC (Educate to Career Inc.) College Rankings Index; is 172nd in the *America's Top Colleges 2014* guide published by *Forbes Magazine*; and is ranked 235th in the nation, and one of the top five schools in Michigan, by *Money* magazine.

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ART PRIZE:

Students and professors at Hope joined collaborative forces in one of three works by members of the faculty featured in this year's ArtPrize, which took place in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from Wednesday, Sept. 24, through Sunday, Oct. 12.

Twenty student dancers and poets participated in "When the Days Become a Moment, When the Body Becomes a Drift," a time-based weaving of dance, poetry and live music directed by Angie Yetzke, choreographer (dance); poet Rob Kenagy (English); Nate Roberts, (music); and Jamie Kreindler '14, choreographer.

"Those of us directing this project share a passion for collaboration and the intertwining of art forms," Professor Yetzke said. "It has been an exciting process with our students who have been integral to the development of the work."

Billy Mayer (art), presented "As Is," a mixed media installation that combined photo, foam carvings, anthracite, leather, plastic, and strobe and electric lights.

Steve Talaga (music), presented "First Taste," a musical work he described as "a song of joy... an expression of the pure delight that comes with experiencing some wonderful thing for the first time."

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PRESIDENTIAL COLLOQUIUM: This fall's Presidential Colloquium will explore what the world will look like in 2035.

Scott Aughenbaugh, who is a deputy director of Strategic Futures at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, will present "The Seven Revolutions" on Monday, Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Theatre. He will consider the global trends in population, resource management, technology, information and knowledge, economics, security and governance. Connecting to the college's ongoing strategic planning process, the talk will offer additional consideration of how the changes to come will affect higher education and Hope.

Established last year, the colloquium is a semi-annual series that brings prominent internationally known thinkers to the college to share their insights on the academy, leadership, and global civic engagement. The public is invited to the talk, and admission is free.

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WELLNESS OUTREACH:

A grant from Herman Miller Cares is enabling three members of the kinesiology faculty to develop a childhood wellness program for families in West Michigan, a local solution to the national problem of childhood obesity.

Dr. Kyle Morrison '04, who is directing the program, Dr. Steven Smith and Dr. Mark Northuis '82, all three of whom focus on childhood wellness in their research, are working with a team of students in creating and running "Foundations for Fitness," a multidisciplinary program that provides families with age-appropriate structured exercise and lifestyle education. The program began this fall.

Children and their families are selected for participation based on recommendations from the children's pediatric or family physicians, or school nurses.

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HOPE IN PICTURES: Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling

a variety of events in the life of Hope. Pictured is a scene from this year's "Time to Serve," through which some 400 students, primarily freshmen just completing their first week at the college,

volunteered at nearly 40 sites throughout the greater Holland area on Saturday, Aug. 30, to learn about opportunities to engage in service while also getting to know the community.

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Talent and Resources in Synergy

By Greg Chandler

Hope senior Eric Webb and three fellow students had the opportunity in August to give presentations at the American Chemical Society's fall national meeting, a gathering of more than 15,000 chemists from around the world, in San Francisco, California.



Dr. Jason G. Gillmore is one of eight outstanding members of the chemistry faculty to have received funding through the Schaap Scholars program established through A Greater Hope, institutional support that is a crucial component in making possible Hope's nationally recognized emphasis on collaborative learning. The others are Dr. Kenneth Brown, Dr. Maria Burnatowska-Hledin, Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, Dr. Brent Krueger, Dr. Graham Peaslee, Dr. William Polik, and Dr. Joanne Stewart.

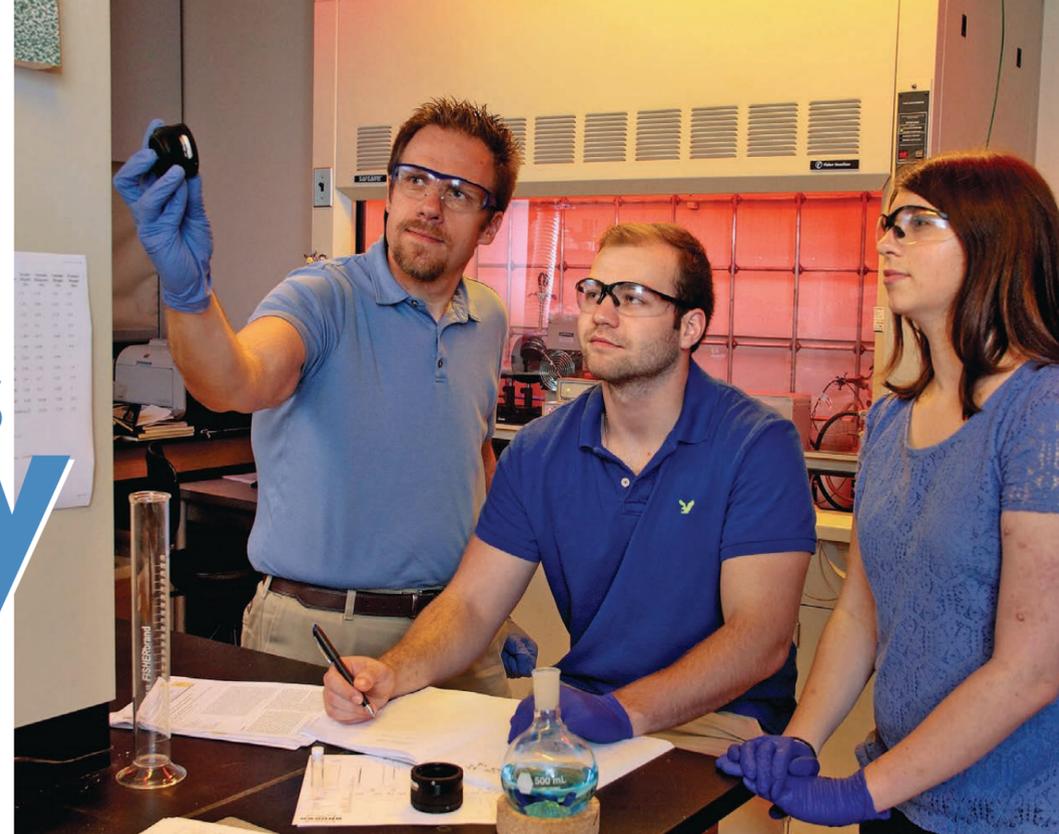
For the past two years, Webb has conducted research into photochromic photoxidants, studying the electronic changes that happen when these dyes change color upon exposure to light, alongside Dr. Jason G. Gillmore, associate professor of chemistry at Hope. He says that he appreciates that Hope has provided a chance to participate in such work as an undergraduate, and Dr. Gillmore's mentorship in particular, as well as the way that the experience will aid him in his plans for graduate school and a potential future career as an industrial chemist.

"Dr. Gillmore has taught me a great deal about the research process, independent thought, and unfortunately, troubleshooting when things go wrong," said Webb, a double major in chemistry and mathematics from Portage, Michigan.

Fellow senior Amber Prins of Holland, Michigan, who also attended the ACS convention, values having attended the conference with Dr. Gillmore and making professional contacts she never would have expected.

"There were a ton of other undergraduates that were interested in our research, but there were people with Ph.Ds, people who work in industry, people who are professors at other places who stopped to talk to us," said Amber, a double major in chemistry and classics.

Hope has been recognized nationally multiple times for its emphasis on teaching through involvement in collaborative learning, and Dr. Gillmore has himself received a variety of national honors since joining the faculty in 2004. Earlier this year, he received one of only seven 2014 Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards presented by the Camille



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and Henry Dreyfus Foundation for his work in scholarly research with undergraduate students and compelling commitment to teaching.

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Dr. Gillmore is responsible for securing the largest single-investigator grant ever by an individual Hope faculty member — a five-year, \$549,000 grant from the National Science Foundation in 2010. Through the years, he has also received support and recognition from a variety of other sources, including a Faculty Start-Up Award from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation in 2004 and a Cottrell College Scholars Award from Research Corporation in 2006, and his newest award includes an unrestricted research grant of \$60,000.

But to talk to Dr. Gillmore, the key to securing the outside funding is Hope's continued commitment to teaching and research in the context of the liberal arts and the ongoing funding made possible by alumni and friends of the college. Last year, he was one of six Hope faculty members (two more were added this summer) to receive a research fellowship made possible by a major gift from the A. Paul

process. He is shown working in his laboratory with senior Eric Webb of Portage, Michigan, and junior Brianna Barbu of Midland, Michigan.

and Carol C. Schaap Foundation established by Hope alumnus Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67 and his wife Carol of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. The gift was presented through the college's *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign, which among its goals emphasizes providing funding for faculty scholarly work.

"It shows the college's commitment to my research, and that of my colleagues," Dr. Gillmore said of the Schaap fellowship. "When I go out and apply for outside money, either from the NSF or smaller pots of money, such as the Dreyfus Award, seeing the college has put its money where its mouth is with respect to supporting student-faculty research, is crucial."

While a National Science Foundation grant grabs headlines, the support through Hope gives Dr. Gillmore the ability to undertake activities that might not be covered by such a grant.

"It's totally unrestricted. It can be used for whatever is useful to supporting my research

endeavors," he said. "I can use it wherever I need it. I would say it's 'nimbleness money.' It's flexibility."

"When I have federal funding, such as from the NSF, the Schaap support fills in the gaps. When I don't have federal funding, it's bridge money. We can keep things moving forward until the next federal grant comes in." Dr. Gillmore's interest in undergraduate faculty research started while he was in graduate school at the University of Rochester. He had an opportunity to mentor a Miami University undergraduate spending a summer at Rochester on a project that was related to his own research. "I got to watch the light bulb come on. I got to see that student make the connection, and see that spark of discovery," Dr. Gillmore said. "That was when I realized I liked to teach, I liked to do research, but I was truly passionate about teaching others to do research, about mentoring students in the research process."

Dr. Gillmore recognized that he could best pursue his dual interests in teaching and research in an undergraduate liberal arts college setting. During a short postdoctoral fellowship at Vanderbilt University, he interviewed and received offers from several such colleges, finding Hope to be among just a few of these institutions that truly excelled at research with undergraduates.

His talent and dedication made him an outstanding fit for Hope as well.

"He showed a tremendous amount of promise as an aspiring young scholar in chemistry and an impressive amount of promise as a science educator," said Dr. James Gentile, Hope's dean for the natural and applied sciences, who recruited Dr. Gillmore. "He has a genuineness about him, as an individual, that comes across to his students."

Dr. Gentile noted that Dr. Gillmore is not only able to relate chemistry in a way that students understand but to get them excited about it. At the same time, Dr. Gentile said, he is able to share his technical knowledge effectively in seeking highly competitive external funding for his research.

In the lab, Dr. Gillmore works with students in studying the photochromic dyes. They use

several types of colored lighting as part of their study.

"People have known about these color-changing dyes for a long time, but what hasn't been appreciated is that when you change the color of something, you change its electronic properties," he said. "There are all kinds of cool things that we can do if we can first understand and then control that."

The research could have several different practical applications in the future, for everything from data storage to DNA intercalators to potential medical applications. "We're still in the figuring-out, fundamental understanding stage," Dr. Gillmore said.

And the potential career paths for Dr. Gillmore's students are just as varied as the potential applications for his research. Prins is considering a possible career on the business side of chemistry, while another senior, Lauren Messer of Richland, Michigan, plans to attend medical school. Messer notes that many of the skills she's learned from Dr. Gillmore transcend her area of study.

"These include things such as organization, working with integrity, working independently, as well as in a group, communicating in the sciences, presentation skills, and how to interact in a professional setting," she said.

Dr. Gillmore says that he derives a lot of inspiration for his work from his Hope faculty colleagues, in both teaching and research. "I'm strong in research, but I'm not the strongest member of my department. I'm a good teacher, but I'm not the best teacher in my department," he said.

Ten years after he first arrived at Hope, Dr. Gillmore is glad to be working at a college that has placed a great deal of support behind its programs in the sciences.

"Hope does real science that is publishable in the same journals as the research universities are publishing in, that is done on the same kind of instruments that research universities are using, but they do it in a way that has both the advancement of knowledge, of science, and the training of future scientists as co-equal goals. That's a special place.

"There are lots of places that are about teaching students. There are lots of places that are about great science. There are maybe only a dozen institutions in the U.S. that do the highest caliber of research exclusively with undergraduates. Hope is in that dozen. Targeted investments like those made by the Schaaps help us to remain and thrive among this elite cohort despite both lower tuition and lower endowment than most of our peers." 🐦

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With a Heart for Students



John and Kelly Knapp treasure their time with students, and seek to help provide the sort of experience that they as parents of college-age students themselves would wish for their own children. Among many other activities

across the school year, they regularly host students during informal, everyone's-invited gatherings in the back yard of the President's Home (pictured is the first event this year, on Wednesday, Sept. 3).

Hope President John Knapp had never sent a tweet before arriving at the college in July 2013.

A year-plus later, he's averaging two messages a day, has acquired some 2,332 followers (so far), and has used the social-media venue to share achievements, forthcoming events, moments and reflections ranging from points of Hope pride to quirky slices of life.

It's not a huge time commitment—at a maximum of 140 characters apiece, tweets are meant to be speedy for writer and recipient alike—but for President Knapp it is an important one, because of the reason he does it.

"The students of Hope are my audience for Twitter," he said. "I'm glad to have other people follow me and find it interesting, but I'm always directing what I say to the students."

"It's another way that I hope to build relationships with them," President Knapp said. "Kelly and I especially enjoy doing that in person, by attending Hope events and having students visit our home, but Twitter provides an opportunity to communicate about all sorts of topics. A lot of what I tweet is related to the college, either information or recognizing the accomplishments of students, faculty and alumni, and some are just personal. For example, shortly after the start of classes, I tweeted a photo of a family outing on our boat with a message that said 'Another beautiful evening of sailing on Lake Michigan. Such a blessing to live here.' Quite a few students 'favorited' that."

It turns out to be a pretty good way to connect. Early in September, he announced the return of a popular tradition from 2013-14 with, "Kelly and I invite @HopeCollege students to join us for dessert on our backyard patio tomorrow (Wed.) from 7 to 8 pm." That evening, the space stayed filled as students dropped in, some for a few minutes, some longer, enjoying fellowship with the Knapps and one another.

Junior Cameron Fox of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, has appreciated the Knapps' engagement in campus life. He and friends even took the opportunity to stretch the involvement into unique territory, inviting the president and the Knapps' son Ronnie to participate in their intramural softball team,

which—revealing the response—they named "All the President's Men."

"A lot of us got close to President Knapp and his wife and Ronnie as they came to events in their first year at the college," Fox said.

"Having him on the team was a lot of fun. It really felt like he was just another teammate, not the president," he said. "And he was not too bad as a third baseman."

The Knapps treasure their time with students (Kelly's involvement has included leading a Bible study and book club at the President's Home), not least of all because they're the parents of five children, three of whom are away at school at Samford University, President Knapp's previous employer. "And so we feel a special responsibility as parents who live on campus for showing the students a lot of love," President Knapp said.

Their dedication, however, also reflects their commitment to the transformative education that Hope provides. President Knapp outlined Hope's holistic approach in his Opening Convocation address last year, "Life Together." The title echoed the title of a book by German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer which considers the nature of Christian community, with President Knapp exploring Hope as "a community of learners,

skills, core competencies, in ways that no other experience can," Dr. Rankine said. "Add to that the spiritual calling that this college has, our history and tradition in the historic Christian faith, and you really have something special."

"To me it was so expansive," he said. "Life together can simply mean duplicating the family in a way, creating a space that takes the student from a household, to an intermediate environment and then to the workplace, but there's another sense through Bonhoeffer of the question of bearing one another's burdens, of coming to an understanding of what burdens there are to carry in the world today, how we teach students about the political, economic and social landscape in which we live—that college offers a space to really dig into those things."

President Knapp was drawn to Hope because of the college's strength in preparing students, in the words of Hope's mission, "for lives of leadership and service in a global society through academic and co-curricular programs of recognized excellence in the liberal arts and in the context of the historic Christian faith," and arrived energized at the prospect of working with dedicated faculty and staff colleagues—and supportive alumni and friends of the college—to build on that success.

"Coming into Hope College at a time when the college was experiencing unprecedented success, reflected by measures such as high enrollment, national recognition of programs, faculty, students and staff, and the many benefits of the *A Greater Hope* campaign, my challenge has been to continue to build on that success and understand what has enabled the college to flourish as it has—and also not to be content with the status quo, but to continue to build," he said.

He inaugurated the Presidential Colloquium to bring outside voices to campus to foster additional dialogue on timely issues.

The series started with leadership and inclusion last year, and is continuing on November 10 with "Seven Revolutions," a presentation by

the Center for Strategic and International Studies regarding the most important trends shaping the world in the 20 years ahead.

Hope as a whole is directly focused on the future through the strategic planning process he initiated at the start of the calendar year to help identify the most significant goals that the college should pursue in the coming decade. Some 130 faculty, staff, students, trustees, alumni and parents served on 10 study groups considering multiple dimensions of the college, gathering data from more than 200 internal and external sources, including a comprehensive survey completed by nearly 5,000 members of the extended Hope family and consulting experts and the best practices of other institutions. While analysis is ongoing (the resulting reports were submitted to the Board of Trustees after this issue went to press), the information and teamwork are already making a difference.

"It's been said that the process is as important as the end product in strategic planning, because the process builds a consensus about what's important and educates about the institution," President Knapp said. "People have participated enthusiastically, and the experience has already yielded a tremendous amount of learning and has clarified for us what the potential of the college is at this moment in our history."

President Knapp's enthusiasm for the outcomes of the strategic planning process begins in the same place as his high regard for the lessons to be found in the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and even his eagerness to learn how to tweet.

"This is a wonderful generation of college students. The world will be in better hands as these students grow into adulthood and assume leadership roles in society," he said. "And it's not just Hope College. This is a generation that has a real heart for service, for doing something to care for others, to address needs in society."

"I am convinced that Hope offers the best undergraduate education in the country, and the college itself continues to thrive, but we don't take that for granted," President Knapp said. "We understand that we must strive to be excellent in all that we do, so that we continue to provide the best for students—and the world they will help change." 🙌

Editor's Note: Members of the Hope family may enjoy President Knapp's student-oriented tweets via @PresKnapp. Please also follow Hope itself on Twitter via @HopeCollege.



Eager to connect with new students as soon as possible, John and Kelly Knapp (in orange shirts) help carry belongings into Hope's residence halls during "Move-In Day" on Friday, Aug. 22.

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 — President John Knapp

Her True Colors Shine Through

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

On a metaphorical mosaic road to four countries over 18 months, the common thread woven over and under, in and around Professor Katherine Sullivan's colossal, intercontinental journey was color — simple, complex, splendid color.

Everything about color's spectral beauty drew Sullivan, associate professor of art, to trek down a rainbow-paved thoroughfare from Hope to Mexico City to South Africa to India to Venice. Once on it, she indulged in an encyclopedic, international overview on trends and meanings in hue and saturation, value and temperature.

Professor Sullivan fueled her travels through successful funding from several prestigious granting agencies — Fulbright, Lilly, GLCA. And after all that time, away to all those places, Professor Sullivan — a painter with a keen



Professor Sullivan works with a student during a painting class earlier this semester. Students appreciate her dedication to their progress as artists.

interest in color theory — quickly discovered that her understanding of how to perceive and teach color exploded like a tie-dyed paintball fired against a tightly drawn canvas.

"I'm now exceptionally aware that color is culturally determined," says Professor Sullivan, who earned her BFA from the University of Michigan in 1997, her MFA in painting and drawing from Boston University in 2001, and came to Hope to teach and create in 2003.

"Cultures across time have given symbolic and ideological weight to the colors black, white, and red. Beyond this foundation, the meaning of colors has varied widely based on cultural context and time period. As a simple example, consider the visibility of the color orange on Hope's campus and throughout India; it's prevalent in both places, but its symbolic meaning is radically different. This role of color as a cultural indicator was impressed on me daily while working in Delhi," she said. "As a result, I'm determined to teach color in a way that challenges our Western understanding, and more accurately reflects a global sensibility. This 'cultural framing' has become what I'm most interested in relaying to our students."

When she speaks of color, Professor Sullivan's face lights up as if to radiate the same warmth that reds give off and exudes the same calm and certainty that blues can bear. The passion and credibility that she has in her work is itself a vibrant phenomenon, aglow with enthusiasm and dedication.

Her color theory and studio classes then will be the beneficiary of her trips to Mexico City in January 2013 to attend a retrospective on prominent Venezuelan artist Carlos Cruz-Diez, and to Italy in October 2013 to take in the oldest, most prestigious exhibition of avant-garde art in the world during the 55th



Katherine Sullivan of the art faculty recently spent 10 months in India through an award from the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, continuing time abroad that since the beginning of 2013 has also included exhibitions or conferences and seminars in Mexico, Italy and South Africa. The international engagement has informed her art, scholarship and teaching, providing insights that are already enriching the experience of her students at Hope.

International Venice Biennale. Her First-Year Seminar class (FYS) on art and activism will surely receive a polychromatic boost from her trip to South Africa in May and June 2013, as Hope freshmen will negotiate with her the often gnarly, uneasy social statements made through political art.

But in India, where she spent most of her time — 10 months researching and painting as well as teaching at Jamia Millia Islamia, the "National Islamic University," in New Delhi on an esteemed award from the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program — Professor Sullivan quickly learned that more little-considered Indian art and artists had to make their way into Hope's curriculum. For it was through her research into that art and those artists that the Hope professor appreciated even more than she did before that color is not about just one sense — sight — but is actually an overloaded cache of the other senses as well. In India, color is as much tasted, felt, heard and touched as it is seen.

Inundated by the free-fall of colors and forms found from floor to ceiling in millennial-old art at the Ajanta Caves, to pre-colonial Pahari and Rajput miniature paintings, to murti (divine spirits) statues decorated with

lavish flowers, pigments, and incense at Hindu temples, Professor Sullivan admittedly became overwhelmed. With so much to tackle artistically — but only after navigating apprehension created by thoughts of inappropriate appropriation until sound cultural understanding of Indian history and religion was gained — she had a disquieting experience. Using a term found in athletic parlance to describe an artistic malady, she says she choked. For two months, her normal abundance of creative transfer from a right-sided brain cell to

upright canvas was stymied and fallow.

"My first works in India were unconvinced," she confesses. "They lacked conviction. I was borrowing from the culture in a way that was superficial; I was engaged by the forms and colors I encountered, but not fully prepared to take on the cultural significance of what those forms represented. It was unsettling." But she wasn't worried, for Professor Sullivan is not afraid of failure. In fact, she is actually very okay with it.

"In discussing his painting process, DeKooning famously said 'When I'm falling, I'm doing all right.' It suggests that when you're not entirely sure of what you're doing in an artwork, you're going in the right direction. This embrace of risk is critical to creative work. I share this with my students to steer them away from becoming too precious or formulaic as they develop their artistic voice. Making 'bad paintings' is part of the process. Like me, students find this to be a relief."

"Katherine is the kind of teacher that you could study with for a lifetime," says Sarah Johnson '14, an art history major and studio art minor who visited Professor Sullivan in India. "She is fiercely dedicated to her students"

progress and has the ability to transform the way an artist sees the world."

So adhering to the values of wreckage and transformation, Professor Sullivan concentrated again on the way she creates best — beginning almost always from something that she sees, as opposed to something she feels or imagines. However, once started from reality, other elements from her abstract perception come shining through. And it delivers a show like "Outliers," a solo exhibition of 10 oil paintings and 12 works on paper that focused on incorporating aspects of Indian and Western painting, while exploring the boundaries between abstract and representational imagery, color and form, and direct and indirect painting technique.

Displayed at the Jamia Millia Islamia's M.F. Hussain Gallery in New Delhi after the culmination of her almost-year there, the show was robust and "wild in her use of color," says Steven Iannacone, professor of dance at Hope, who also visited Professor Sullivan in India and has collaborated with her on a number of occasions on cross-disciplinary works in the past. "Her paintings are striking in their modernity, have big, bold movement, bounds of energy. The images seem to leap off the canvas. Her work makes me want to move."

"I've never been any place that delivered my painting to me more than India," she explains, extending her hands as if serving a platter. "I'd encounter forms in temples and on the street that were symbolically significant to the culture, but to my foreign eye, were abstract and ambiguous; I'd see a Rothko in what might actually be a sacred object. And I'd look at that form as a springboard to a place residing somewhere between the abstract and the real and I'd think, 'I need to paint that.'"

Now, after several months of sensory overload, Professor Sullivan is focusing in her bright, high-ceilinged, spacious studio back at Hope. She has enough ideas to keep her busy for the next 10 years, she says, and she'll tackle the work one day at a time, five to six days a week, if even for just two hours. And Professor Sullivan is confident that it will all sort itself out — the banal and the cliché to the train-wrecked corner, and the full-formed and full-volumed to the displayable corner. Both are useful and necessary because without one, she can't have the other.

"The work will either communicate, or it won't," she concludes. "Some ideas will fall away, some will stick. Others will come in and stay, still others will quickly leave. I'm excited because I see more possibilities than ever before." 🎨

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Expanding Horizons

By Alan Babbitt

Even if you do not know Hope College student-athlete Jeff Zita, you might be aware of his artistic work.

The junior from Douglas, Michigan, and Holland Christian High School drew national attention last winter for his aerial photography of a frozen Lake Michigan near the Big Red lighthouse.

The stunning images, captured by attaching a GoPro camera to a Phantom Drone, provided a rare view of a Michigan treasure. They also put on display Zita's diverse talents, passions and education.



Jeff Zita has appreciated that Hope has provided the opportunity to pursue multiple interests. Beyond the aesthetics, his drone photography reflects an enthusiasm for technology and how things work that dovetails nicely with his mechanical engineering major. He is also a returning All-Michigan Athletic Association First Team swimmer for the Flying Dutchmen.

A swimmer since the age of six, Zita is fascinated with water. A photography lover, he relishes taking pictures, particularly from different angles. A self-described technology geek, he loves to work with the newest innovations. A mechanical engineering major, he loves to study objects, how they are put together and how they can be modified to become even more helpful.

It is a full plate, but one that Zita prefers. "It's challenging. I know I need to keep my priorities straight," Zita said. "School's first, then swimming. I like to have a social life. There are a lot of different activities, and they're all kind of intertwined. If I'm sacrificing too much time on my friends or my interests in drones, I realize I need to take a step back and refocus on school or swimming."

"I need to make sure I maintain a good balance between them all."

Zita is a returning All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association First Team swimmer for the Flying Dutchmen. Hope's season began on Saturday, Oct. 18, when the college hosted the MIAA Relays at Holland Community Aquatic Center.

Long-time Hope swimming & diving head coach Dr. John Patnott admits he is impressed with how Zita is able to handle everything on his schedule.

"It's a little bit of a mystery to me. He's always doing something," Dr. Patnott said. "He has taken care of his schoolwork. He has three-and-a-half hours of swimming every day in season. He also has time to do his other things. He's just a highly organized young person with good time management so he can fit it all in. He is fun. He is very busy."

Zita is an engineer at swimming as well, Dr. Patnott said.



Jeff Zita's stunning aerial photographs of the frozen Lake Michigan shoreline near Holland's Big Red lighthouse received national media attention last year. Other sites (and sights) that have caught his eye include Dimment Memorial Chapel and a bird's-eye view of his drone as it captures a birds-eye view itself.

"He is always looking at his stroke, asking for help," he said. "He filmed himself underwater last season. He was trying to get everything right."

Zita's curiosity serves him well, said Dr. Roger Veldman '89, chairperson of Hope's department of engineering.

"He is interested in a lot of different things," Dr. Veldman said. "His interest in engineering technology goes well beyond the classroom. He is curious to learn more all the time."

Dr. Veldman said Zita helps himself further by seeing beyond what is directly in front of

him, particularly when it comes to the latest technology.

"Jeff looks at how something functions, but he is also interested in the bigger picture," Dr. Veldman said. "He looks at the application of the technology and how the technology applies to meet needs. He is very current of what the broader issues are with drones and how drones are going to interact with society as a larger whole."

Zita is grateful for the opportunity to be an NCAA Division III student-athlete at a college like Hope, where the focus is on more than just athletic success. Student-athletes are encouraged to pursue their educational, spiritual and personal pursuits at Hope in addition to their athletic ones.

"Because of the classes I've taken and other things, I can easily relate to how it's all designed and put together," Zita said. "It's worth it to me having the education here at Hope while being able to have extracurricular activities and interests."

Course offerings and personal flexibility have broadened Zita's knowledge base and helped him explore different areas like drone photography, he said.

Zita has taken apart and put back together the drone he has used. He also modified a drone to attach a camera to it and make adjustments to how it is utilized.

"We have a little TV screen that gives you a live stream of the camera on the drone. It's hard to do the remote control and holding the screen at the same time. You want to be doing that simultaneously," Zita said. "I designed a bracket that held the TV monitor onto my remote control. Things that seem quite simple, but I took a lot of time to get all the dimensions down."

A 3-D printer, one of Hope's many resources for students, also has been helpful for Zita.

"One part broke on my drone once. It costs \$50 to buy a new part," Zita said. "I designed and printed it on Autocad 3-printer. It didn't cost more than 70 cents for a plastic replacement."

Zita is looking forward to exploring new horizons with his drone photography, expanding his hobby into a business (Z-Drones) this past summer.

"I've had lots of people contacting me recently," Zita said this summer. "People have been wanting me to film concerts. I've been shooting a lot of homes."

"It's definitely a new industry that's developing. It's going to be big, I think, in the future." 🚁



Dining in Style



The two-year renovation of Phelps Dining Hall is complete, and the results have been garnering rave reviews.

Additional space for the variety of food stations that have become popular options in recent years, new seating choices including booths and raised tables, updating of the décor throughout and expansion of the space to include the 10th Street side of the building (where the hallway and main-floor lounges were) have all earned high marks.

“Aesthetically it’s fantastic,” said fifth-year senior Jesse Henkel of Monroe, Michigan.

“I love the look of everything, and the food is presented well.”

“I like how there are different seating sections —on the lower level and upper level—and I like the different food options, too,” said freshman Karyn Schmidt of Milan, Ohio. “The salad bar is always there—and the fresh fruit.”

The daily menu features a range of options, from “comfort food” entrees and

pizza, to international cuisine at the Globe station, to sandwiches made to order, to vegetarian and gluten-free areas, to a salad bar to an every-meal breakfast nook. They’re all actually returning favorites, but built into the footprint based on surveys the dining service conducted in advance of the project.

“Students told us that they wanted those concepts, so we refined them, carried them forward and built our stations around them,” said Robert Van Heukelom, director of dining services.

The work took two years, conducted during the summer to avoid disrupting school-year dining. To accommodate the thousands of guests who participate in conferences and camps at the college, the facility operated during most of the summer of 2013, and this past May to August was temporarily replaced by a massive wood-framed tent installed near the DeVos Fieldhouse and dubbed “the Crow’s Nest.”

It was the first renovation since 1980 of the college’s primary dining-hall space (options also

include the Cook Hall servery and the DeWitt Center Kletz). Phelps Hall and the dining facility opened in 1960, when enrollment was less than half of what it is today.

The only down side following the debut —and in a way it was a compliment—was the wait across the opening days of the new school year. Even though the renovation created more open space in the serving area and added 50 seats, returning students in particular reported finding the hall, well, crowded.

The statistics bear out the perception. During lunches and dinners last year, about 1,100 people visited Phelps dining hall. During the first Monday of the new semester, reflecting strong campus-wide interest in visiting the renovated facility, the total was nearer 1,500, with the other venues on campus experiencing a corresponding drop. There’s still a rush at peak times, such as the end of Chapel and of classes near lunchtime, but already by the second week, Van Heukelom noted, the numbers were returning to more typical levels. 🐦



Cultivating a Timely Business for Timeless Memories

By Chris Lewis '09

It happens in a matter of seconds, but the memories last forever.

Like a wedding day or the birth of a child, a marriage proposal is one of life's greatest milestones. But, unlike weddings or births, couples have had one primary issue with proposals in the past: the joy, surprise and emotions of the moment have never been captured in their full essence — until now.



Ring Cam captured Megan Skinner '13's response to Leo Herzog '13's proposal earlier this year. He noted, "Being able to relive the moment is priceless and invaluable, as it happens so quickly you barely have time to remember it. We are going to treasure the footage forever." (Photograph courtesy of Leo Herzog '13)

A revolutionary new product, known as the Ring Cam, has solved this problem forever, providing couples up to 120 minutes of high-definition video coverage of an entire proposal, from the big question to the initial reaction. Recently released as a commercial project, it was developed through the ingenuity of six entrepreneurs — Sam Tzou '13 of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Elliott Barney '14 of South Holland, Illinois, Scott Bahash '14 of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, Nick Haugen '14 of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Scott Brandonisio '13 of Kentwood, Michigan and Russell Fyfe '13 of Libertyville, Illinois — and the opportunities they were offered as Hope students.

Originally the brain child of Haugen, who wondered how he could properly document a proposal without interrupting the moment, the Ring Cam began as a napkin sketch idea during the fall of 2013, as he was enrolled in his senior engineering design class. Shortly thereafter, Haugen was paired with two other engineering students, Barney and Bahash, who developed prototypes to test the accuracy and effectiveness of the product. With assistance from the department of engineering, Barney and Bahash obtained user feedback while the Ring Cam was constantly revised until a final, feasible product was created, featuring an auto-focus, wide-angle camera lens that could be mounted near an engagement ring.

But the team soon realized it needed further assistance to help launch the Ring Cam as a successful, marketable product. To do so, the



Four of the young alumni entrepreneurs behind Ring Cam pose with their product while working together this summer to build more of the units in response to high demand for the invention, which films the response to a marriage proposal from the ring's perspective. Ring Cam, which has received national and even international media attention,

engineers decided to join forces with Tzou and Brandonisio, two previous participants in the college's Center for Faithful Leadership (CFL) Incubator, formerly known as the Hope Entrepreneurship Initiative. During the incubator's summer program, Tzou and Brandonisio learned how to test product ideas

developed during the recent graduates' time at Hope and with major support from the Center for Faithful Leadership's Incubator program. Pictured from left to right are Scott Brandonisio '13, Elliott Barney '14, Sam Tzou '13 and Russell Fyfe '13. Not pictured are Doyle Lewis '12, Scott Bahash '13 and Nick Haugen '13.

and prove whether or not a market actually exists before further time and money is invested.

"CFL recruited Sam and Scott to participate in the incubator so they could work on their ideas and validate them with assistance from coaches, mentors and subject matter experts," said Dr. Steve VanderVeen, professor of management and director of the Center for Faithful Leadership. "To help them discern their callings and co-create work experiences that matter, the incubator provided them a safe environment in which they could share their ideas with one another and develop their products into businesses."

Seeking to provide opportunities for students to discover their talents and determine whether or not they are passionate about entrepreneurship, the CFL Incubator offers business consulting, internship and job preparation courses, as well as group discussion and collaborative learning sessions so they can effectively transition from college to the workforce.

"The incubator taught us how to create a brand around a product, acquire patents and trademarks, establish a target market and find investors," Brandonisio said. "We have applied everything we learned during the incubator to the Ring Cam from the very beginning of the product launch."

"I do not think we would have a company today if it weren't for the CFL Incubator. It provided us a variety of ways to generate revenue, while mentors and coaches remained hands off and incredibly supportive as they offered great business advice and helped us brainstorm ideas for marketing campaigns. The incubator was essential to our success."

— Russell Fyfe '13 of Ring Cam

Since partnering with Tzou and Brandonisio, the team has also recruited Fyfe, a computer science major and fellow CFL Incubator participant, to design a website and serve as a technical officer. Doyle Lewis '14 of Madison Heights, Michigan, and David Walkotten, a Grand Valley State University graduate, have also been hired to work as the team's video editor and social media and marketing manager, respectively. Bahash and Barney continue to create Ring Cams, while Tzou assists with accounting and business issues and Brandonisio offers the team further engineering advice.

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Ever since the team was expanded to include CFL Incubator participants Tzou, Brandonisio and Fyfe, the marketing capabilities of the Ring Cam have improved considerably, resulting in media coverage throughout the world, including programs like *Good Morning America* and websites such as CNN.com. The team has even been invited to the second round of an open-call audition for ABC's *Shark Tank*, a television show in which entrepreneurs pitch their products in hopes of receiving financial support from well-established business professionals. As a result of such media coverage, the product is being sold to upwards of 60 retailers across the United States, an aggregate that continues to increase.

Some team members are even living together, and all lend support to the Ring Cam business in whichever way possible. Amongst business partners, this closeness is rather unique and is yet another formula for the product's recent success in the marketplace.

"Our team works well because we all have different strengths we bring to the project, as well as an identical passion to see the product achieve its full potential," said Barney. "We each play specific roles, but we also step up to do what needs to be done when the situation calls for it."

Due to this collective team effort, customers like Leo Herzog '13 of Holland, Michigan, have used the Ring Cam to capture an entire proposal. A friend of the Ring Cam co-founders, Herzog purchased the product prior to travelling to Glen Arbor, Michigan's Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore this summer to fly a drone with his girlfriend, Megan Skinner '13 of Rochester, Minnesota.

"We flew our drone together for a bit until I took it and turned it around so it would face us," Herzog said. "When I got down on one knee, I knew we had both overhead and first-person video. I couldn't be happier with the results."

He continued, "The emotion, excitement and nerves of proposing make it go by in a flash. Being able to relive the moment is priceless and invaluable, as it happens so quickly you barely have time to remember it. We are going to treasure the footage forever."

With more than 2.4 million marriages occurring in the United States each year, the Ring Cam team is confident they have developed and marketed a product that will remain timely and timeless.

"We are allowing each of our customers to remember their proposals forever and even share the footage with their family and friends if they so choose," Tzou said. "It places the camera in their hands and allows them to record from the angle only they can capture."

As the team prepares for the future, each partner intends to continuously utilize the services of the CFL Incubator, and recommends the program to current and future Hope College students.

"The incubator prepared us to support ourselves after we graduated. We know we can always reach out to our coaches and mentors for business advice and resources," Fyfe said. "They will always be supportive, which is exactly why I recommend them to any student, especially those considering entrepreneurship."

Editor's Note: More information about Ring Cam is available through getringcam.com.



The Ring Cam box features an auto-focus, wide-angle camera. Note the USB port on the side.

Research Fund Grows from Gratitude

Grateful for the difference that Hope made to them, John '75 and Dr. Mary Kolean '77 Koeppes are helping ensure that the college will continue to do the same for others.

They have established the endowed "Koeppes-Kolean Scholars Program" through the *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign to provide support for students to conduct research in the chemical and biological sciences. Appropriately, the program, which will begin in the summer of 2015, was announced during the end-of-summer research seminar and poster session celebrating student work in chemistry across the preceding several weeks.

"Hope College gave us the gift of an excellent education, enabling successful careers and a rewarding life after Hope," John and Mary

noted. "This scholarship program is our way of saying thank you for that gift."

John, who majored in chemistry, subsequently completed a master's degree in mathematics and went on to teach mathematics and computer science at Immaculata University. Mary, a biology and chemistry dual-major, completed a master's and doctorate in entomology/environmental toxicology and pursued a career in research in DuPont.

Hope has the largest summer research program in the country among non-Ph.D. granting institutions, with nearly 100 students participating in the chemical and biological sciences alone. It is a learning experience for which Hope has repeatedly received national attention because of its proven effectiveness.

"The reason why we put such emphasis on research is that undergraduate research is probably the most effective way to learn," said Dr. William F. Polik, who is the Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Professor of Chemistry and chairperson of the department.

"It goes far beyond what students are learning in the classroom because they actually get to put their classroom learning into practice," he said. "It also helps students develop a lot of professional skills—searching the literature, designing experiments, dealing with adversity when maybe the experiment doesn't go quite right, speaking and writing. And it demonstrates that while the work in the classroom might be segregated by discipline, say, physical chemistry, or organic chemistry or



Funded by John '77 and Dr. Mary Kolean '75 Koeppes because they valued their Hope experience, the new "Koeppes-Kolean Scholars Program" will provide support for student research experience in the chemical and biological sciences beginning next summer. Such endowments are crucial in making possible the college's nationally acclaimed emphasis on teaching through participation in research. Above, senior Brent Folsom of Kentwood, Michigan, works in the laboratory of Dr. Maria Burnatowska-Hledin, the Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biology and Chemistry, this past summer.

inorganic chemistry, when you're dealing with a real problem it's much more complex and you end up utilizing skills from all of those."

Endowments such as the Koeppes-Kolean Scholars Program make a major difference at Hope. No tuition dollars pay for the college's research program—it is all funded through grants from federal agencies or private foundations, or through endowed funds at Hope. As federal funding opportunities decline and the competition for the remaining grant dollars intensifies, having a reliable source of support is becoming increasingly important.

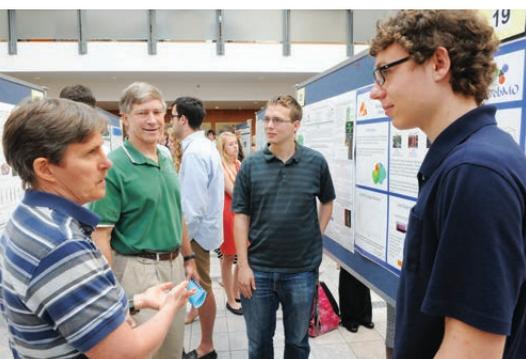
"We depend on individuals who are making investments in the future of science and also of people—students—to help carry out this kind of research," Dr. Polik said.

John and Mary see the benefits in their lives as well as in the lives of family members. Mary conducted research in biology during three summers as well as during the school year, helping establish her interest in environmental toxicology and leading directly to her acceptance to (and an assistantship for) graduate school and her subsequent career with DuPont. While John's career took him away from chemistry, he has similarly

valued his undergraduate training—as, he noted, have three generations of Koeppes. His father Dr. Owen Koeppes '49 and uncle Dr. Roger Koeppes '44 both majored in chemistry and became biochemists with careers in higher education; cousin Mary Koeppes '75 Luidens majored in chemistry, completed her MD and now practices in New York; and niece Dr. Julia Koeppes '01 majored in chemistry and now teaches biochemistry at Ursinus College.

"Even though my dad and uncle aren't living any more, they would both tell you that they received excellent training at Hope College," John said. "I also recently spoke to both Mary and Julia, and they said the same thing: they found their research experience very valuable, and it helped them tremendously in their careers."

The Koeppes-Kolean Scholars Program will support sophomores or juniors with a declared major in chemistry, biology or biochemistry/molecular biology for two summers and the intervening school year as they conduct research with a Hope faculty member. The program will begin with one student this coming summer and eventually expand to include four. 



Dr. Mary Kolean '77 Koeppes and John Koeppes '75 speak during the end-of-summer chemistry research seminar and poster session with sophomores Richard Edwards of West Olive, Michigan, and Nathan Vance of Holland, Michigan, who conducted research with Dr. William Polik, the Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Professor of Chemistry and chairperson of the department.



Scott Travis '06
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

During his inaugural address one year ago, President John Knapp outlined four factors for achieving our full potential as a college. He shared with those assembled in Dimmet Memorial Chapel, and those watching online, the importance of strong academics, a more expansive view of our place in the world, steadfast fiscal management, and a deep commitment to our Christ-centered mission.

Throughout the months following inauguration, President Knapp and his family have connected with students (see pages eight-nine) and settled into life on campus. He has also worked with Nancy Dirkse '81 DeWitt on the Board of Trustees to co-chair a comprehensive strategic planning process with hundreds of staff, faculty and students that will guide the college for the next decade. In the process, he has taken connections with alumni seriously. He understands that alumni perspectives, stories

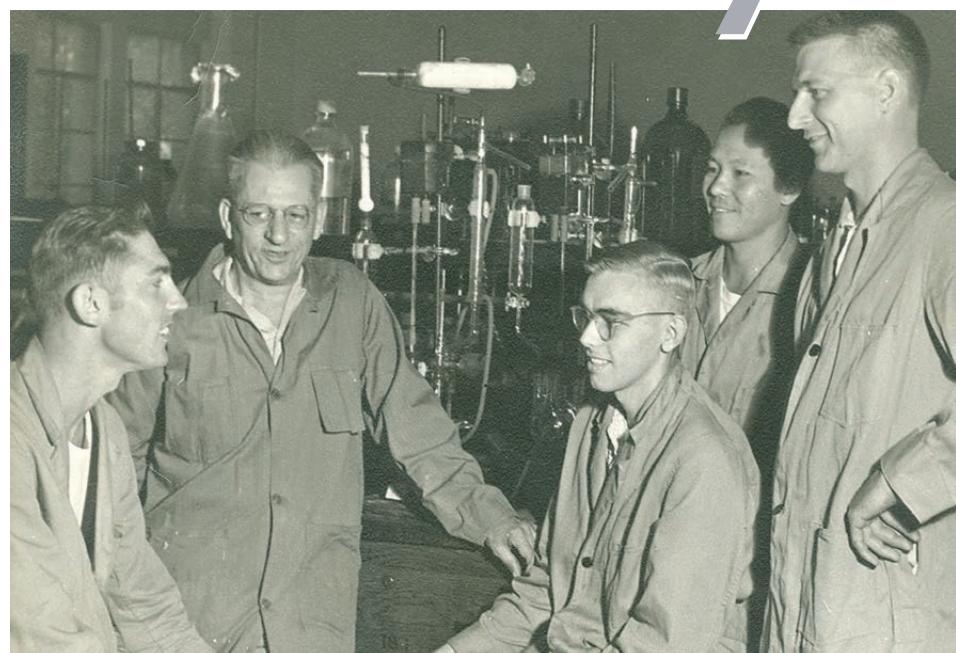
and engagement are an important link between Hope's past and present, and an even more important connection as we chart our future.

There has been no shortage of opportunities to make these important alumni connections. In between events with students in their backyard, John and Kelly have hosted both the Alumni Board and Parents' Council at their home, engaging them in discussions on Hope's past, present and future. Working to strengthen institutional connections abroad, John and Kelly met with alumni from six countries at an event in Vienna and recently connected with alumni and parents in London, where John led a conference for college presidents and chaplains at Oxford. They have also met alumni in Ann Arbor, Orlando, Washington, D.C., and even at their home church in Atlanta, where Hope alumni serve as musicians.

Closer to their new home, they have connected with alumni and friends of the college at community events and helped to create a delicious Homecoming tradition called *A Taste of the South*. They have thanked donors both in person and online and have participated in *A Greater Hope* campaign events celebrating exciting new facilities and campus initiatives. They have connected with classes from the 1960s and 1970s at Alumni Weekend, celebrated with our newest alumni, the Class of 2014, at Commencement, and joined legacy families of the Class of 2018 at Orientation. Summer theatre performances, dance reunions, Vespers, and athletic events have all served as venues for group and individual contacts.

Looking back at their first year and a half of leadership, it is clear that John and Kelly have gained their own understanding of what makes Hope special in the lives of alumni. We look forward to continued connections with them as we prepare to celebrate 150 years of Hope and continue to work together to make our college even stronger in the future.

Window to Hope's History



Hope owes its tradition of excellence in science education to the hard work and dedication of many, but chemist Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl '18, who taught at Hope from 1923 to 1964, is credited for his pioneering work in establishing the college's emphasis on involving undergraduates in research collaboratively with faculty mentors. It's a model for which Hope has long been lauded nationally, and which continues campus-wide across multiple disciplines—including, of course, in chemistry, as exemplified by current faculty like Dr. Jason G. Gillmore, recently recognized with a prestigious Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award (please see the story on page six). Dr. Van Zyl also lives on at Hope in family legacy; as noted on page 20, this year's Generational New Students include great-granddaughter Carly Van Zyl of Marshall, Michigan. In the photo above, Dr. Van Zyl is pictured with Robert Schut '54, John F. Zack Jr. '53, Harry Tam '55 and Robert Langenberg '54.

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Class Notes

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, Sept. 16, 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, Nov. 4.

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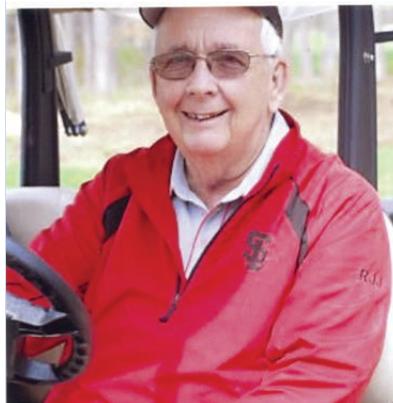
Marian Mastenbroek '46 Smith celebrated her 90th birthday in September.

50s

Barry Whitsitt '54 of Oxford, Georgia, and his wife celebrated their 62nd anniversary in August. They have five sons.

Bill Midavaine '55 of Henrietta, New York, came back to Michigan in the spring to visit family, and high on his priority list was to see Hope and all the changes. The admissions office set up a tour for Bill along with his daughter, **Shellie Midavaine '72 Cook** and son-in-law, **Roger Cook '71**. He was very impressed with the campus improvements as well as the friendly staff and students. He remarked, "If I were a young person considering colleges, I would certainly want to come to Hope." He was a student at Hope during World War II and was drafted and left to serve in the U.S. Army Air Force. Post-war he was employed for many years at Eastman Kodak. He finished his degree after many years in night school and came back to graduate from Hope.

Carl Ver Beek '59 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was awarded the State Bar of Michigan's Roberts P. Hudson Award on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the State Bar of Michigan annual meeting. This award is presented to lawyers "for their unselfish rendering of outstanding and unique service." He is with Varnum law firm.



George Bitner '60 of Spring Lake, Michigan, was named boys' high school coach of the year by both *USA Today*, and the National High School Coaches Association. He was also named to the National High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. In addition, the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation has started the George Bitner Scholarship Fund for local athletes. He has been coaching for 50 years.

60s

Beverly Joeckel '62 VanGenderen of Holland, Michigan, participated in her first 5K race on Sunday, July 6, in Grandville, Michigan. She was part of a three-generational team that included daughters **Gail VanGenderen '88 Harries** of Lexington, South Carolina, and **Joanne VanGenderen '95 Joliate** of Holland, Michigan, and

three of her grandchildren, Adam, age eight, and twins Elliott and Charlotte, 11 months old. She reports that she and Adam finished first in their age divisions while Elliott and Charlotte finished fast asleep in their jogging stroller.

Alexander Boeringa '65 of Nampa, Idaho, published a book, *Behind a Closed Door: A Psychotherapist Remembers His Patients*.

Linda Munro '65 Cailliez of Chanhassen, Minnesota, has retired from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Gaming Enterprise, where she served as manager of organizational development from 2005 to 2014.

Jean Mast '65 of Holland, Michigan, reports that she has been retired for 20 years but loves volunteering, singing in the church choir, riding her horse and spending time with family.

Robert Dahl '66 of Holland, Michigan, and his daughter, **Rachel Dahl '95** of Phoenix, Arizona, have published a book featuring Bob's poetry and stories and Rachel's art and formatting. The book is *The Ten P.M. Walk*.

Judyth Thomas '66 of Holland, Michigan, has written a book which tells the story of her and her son's journey through mental illness, the mental health system...and beyond. It is also a story of Ladder Homes, a non-profit organization which provides affordable, appropriate housing and support for adults with mental illness, which she co-founded as her son's legacy. The book is titled *His Drums Fell Silent, The Voices Still Speak*.

Evelyn Albers '66 Timmins of Friendswood, Texas, continues on the Gulf Coast Workforce board and is also on the Houston mayor's committee for employment of people with disabilities.

She and her husband keep busy doing a lot of antique car tours.

John Cox '67 of Holland, Michigan, is in his last year of teaching at Hope. His latest book, *Shakespeare and Renaissance Ethics*, was published in July.

Ted Oegema '67 of Grand Rapids, Michigan and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September.

Albert Vander Meer '67 is serving Heartland Community Church in Lafayette, Indiana as the specialized transitional minister. This will be the sixth transitional ministry for Al and his wife since his retirement from being the regional synod minister for the Synod of Mid-America in October 2005. Also, Al and Lenore continue to serve the RCA by serving 60 retired RCA pastors, widows and employees in the states of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Al is serving the Classis of Illiana by being the supervisor of two churches and assisting in conflict resolution. They are enjoying their new home located on the seventh fairway of Tuckaway Golf Course in Crete Township, Illinois. Al served as the contractor in the construction of their new home.

Dan Clifford '68 of Arlington, Virginia, has retired from his work as an IRS agent.

Linda Ashe '68 Martinez of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, reports that after having taught Spanish, French and English first in Fennville, Michigan, then Holland, Michigan, and moving on to Port Washington, New York, crossing borders to Lima, Peru and La Paz, Bolivia, she settled down in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Besides teaching all three languages and sponsoring yearbook and Spanish honor society she became

A Century of Hope

For two members of the college's newest class, the generational ties reach back precisely a century.

The Class of 1918 only had 38 members (19 men and 19 women), of whom two have great grandchildren among the newly arrived Class of 2018. The students and the great-grandfather forebears who preceded them by 100 years are: Allie DeJongh of Holland, Michigan (third generation), descended from the Rev. John Klaaren; and Carly Van Zyl of Marshall, Michigan (fourth generation), descended from Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl. (The century span actually creates an interesting logic issue given the usual notation of adding the last two digits of class years after names, since

"18" could of course have two meanings...)

The two 1918 graduates each went on to quite different careers, reflecting the liberal arts tradition that was as much a Hope hallmark then as it is now. Rev. Klaaren was a Reformed Church in America pastor, serving communities including Alton, Iowa; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; North Hackensack, New Jersey; and Conrad, Montana; and as field secretary for the RCA's Board of Domestic Missions. Dr. Van Zyl was a long-time member of the Hope chemistry faculty, teaching at the college from 1923 to 1964 and inaugurating the practice of involving students in research that continues as a nationally acclaimed cornerstone of instruction today.



The Class of 1918 is represented by two students who've followed a full 100 years later, with two graduates now having great-grandchildren in the newly enrolled Class of 2018. Pictured from left to right are Allie DeJongh of Holland, Michigan, and Carly Van Zyl of Marshall, Michigan.



This year's Generational New Students are backed by Hope ancestry ranging from as distant as the 1860s to as recent as the 2000s—and including, as noted on the preceding page, two graduates from the Class of 1918 that preceded 2018 by an even 100 years. Pictured from left to right are several of this year's Third- and Fourth-Generational New students. **Row 1:** Julia Toren (third), Leigh Wynveen (fourth), Abby Veldink (third), Rachel Blough (third); **Row 2:** Anna Washburn (fourth), Adrienne Smith (third), Carly Van Zyl (fourth), Kylie DeKryger (third); **Row 3:** Sam Scholten (third), Sydney Riekse (third), Hannah Kempker (fourth), Anne Elzinga (fourth), Lauren Duistermars (fourth), Allie DeJongh (third). The full list of all of this year's 85 Generational New Students is available online.

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involved in La Compañía de Teatro de Albuquerque, an amazing local bilingual theater company. By then she had three lovely children who also participated in theater. Retirement and a new husband arrived in 2003 when she moved to Florida. Her days as an educator were not over. She spent her last seven years

teaching advanced levels of Spanish including creating Spanish classes for Spanish speakers and the Advanced Placement Spanish language class. She notes that all together Hope College's Spanish department (Dr. Hubert Weller is especially responsible) prepared her for a beautiful life in teaching a subject

she loves. She also attended the GLCA Junior Year in Bogotá, Colombia which was incredibly influential in her formation.

Mary vanReken '69 retired from full-time practice as a clinical psychologist in Minnesota in 2013.

Mary Richards '69 Watson returned

in July after serving at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel, for three and a-half-years with her husband, Jerry. Along with volunteers from more than 60 countries, they supported the work of the Baha'i Faith around the world from its spiritual and administrative center. She reports that living and working alongside the Baha'i Gardens, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008, was a special privilege and bounty for her and her husband.

70s

Ken Austin '70 of Holland, Michigan, was cornet soloist with the Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass Band Festival at Silverton, Colorado, in August. He also performed in the orchestra and coached young professionals at the Masterworks Festival in Winona Lake, Indiana. He and his wife, **Lynn Davis '71 Austin**, (who has over 20 published novels in 10 languages) toured Europe with the Holland American Legion Band in June and then visited the Netherlands and Germany on a tour for her latest novel.

Susan Wierda '70 Bolton of Leesburg, Florida, retired from an educational career in 2004. She retired from Bath, Michigan, where she was the superintendent of schools for the last nine-and-a-half years. She reports that she and her husband, **Carter Bolton '70** are enjoying life in sunny Florida.

Kenneth Bradsell '70 of Ridgewood, New Jersey, is concluding 30 years of service as an executive on the staff of the Reformed Church in America, where he is currently the executive director of the Board of Benefits Services. In January, he will begin service as the RCA lead



Garry '74 and Gloria Kempker

Giving Back Couple takes an active role

Recently retired, Garry '74 and Gloria Kempker have moved back to the Holland area and are glad to be "home." Now serving on the Alumni Board, Garry feels blessed to be at a place in his life in which he can be more involved in the life of the college. "You reach a point in your life where you want to give back," says Garry.

Hope is grateful to Garry and Gloria for giving their time, talents, and financial resources to help support current students through their giving as well as future generations through their estate plan. We're glad that Garry and Gloria have come home!

Hope appreciates 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 Garry and Gloria have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community.

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Darlene Hansen '68 Saylor of Hope, New Jersey, has been continuing to pursue her scholarly focus on monarch butterflies. She writes, "As a teacher who helped students raise and study monarch butterflies in the classroom for many years, God allowed me to win a grant to visit five monarch wintering sites in Mexico. I was absolutely awestruck with the beauty and number of these creatures, in addition to the harrowing trip they had endured! The butterflies' arrival in Mexico



coincides with the 'Day of the Dead' and is part of the Perepecha people's celebration in Michoacan. I wrote a story to convey the joyous meaning of their tradition. This story has been published in the *Monarch Teachers Network Handbook* for use in classrooms wherever monarchs are studied."



pastor at the Protestant Church in the Sultanate of Oman. **Madeline Slovenz '70 Brownstone** and her husband recently moved to Chicago, Illinois. She is volunteering with Chicago Saints and consulting for International Baccalaureate Organization. She was selected to participate in the Directors Lab Chicago 2014.

Lorraine Fox '70 of Los Angeles, California, was elected to the executive committee of the central association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ. She was also honored with an Aria Award by Vox Femina Los Angeles, where she has been singing for 15 years. **Rick Housman '70** and his wife have sold their home in Portland, Oregon, and plan to be resident tourists for a year in Washington, D.C. They have taken a one-year lease on an apartment in the city and plan to leisurely see the museums and historical sights in the area during the next year. He reports that it's the perfect way for an ex-history major and his librarian wife to enjoy retirement.

Robert Miller '70 of Sacramento, California, reports that since 2008 he has been the general counsel for the California Horse Racing Board. His legal career has taken him from being an assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of California, to private practice in Sacramento, to serving as deputy attorney general and now horse racing. He reports that Governor Brown has reappointed the actress Bo Derek to the Board and notes that, "I cannot say it has not been interesting."

Junardi Armstrong '71 of Tucson, Arizona, in 2004 acquired the 100-year-old fine art collection of her grandmother Alice Lucy Ware Armstrong from East Sandwich, Massachusetts. She

took on the task of storing, curating, documenting, digitizing, and some restoration of the collection, while researching venues through which "it could be preserved and used to inspire others." The collection includes works in oil, watercolor, pastel, graphite and charcoal, along with wood carvings

and weavings. There is also an archive of family photographs, journals, and record keeping, etc. In June of this year, Junardi donated the works to Gallaudet University Collection and Archives, the world's largest collection on deaf people, deaf culture, deaf history, sign languages, audiology, speech, deaf education and deaf related organizations; and to the Sandwich Historical Society and Glass Museum. "It was a labor of love and I feel honored and relieved to have done it," she writes.

Rosezina Bard '71 of Flint, Michigan, retired from Beecher School District in April. Rosezina has been accepted by World Teach to teach English in Namibia in the southern part of Africa as a volunteer starting in late December for one year. This will be the second time she will have hands-on experience with cross-cultural relationships. She is taking graduate online classes at Bethany College of Missions in Minnesota to prepare herself for missionary teaching. She reports that God has given her the opportunity to enlarge her territory and increase her understanding of multicultural education and relationships, and writes, "Please pray for me and my Christian journey."

Kevin Holleman '72 of Portage, Michigan, retired from medical practice in January 2013. He stepped down from the Borgess Hospital board of trustees this summer. He is enjoying retirement, grandchildren and travel.

Diane Fugitt '72 Terrero of Charleston, South Carolina, retired at the end of the last school year after 40 years in the education field, having taught elementary, middle and high school students as well as college students and adults.

Richard Van Doren '72 of Bloomington, Indiana, is now writing his third novel in a trilogy, which he describes "a la *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*." The first two in the trilogy, plus three others and a short story collection are now available.

Gene Marie Callahan '73 of Amsterdam, New York, retired from teaching voice at Skidmore College and is now the director of music for the parishes of St. Francis and St. Joseph in the foothills of the Adirondacks.

David DeVries '73 of Troy, New York, retired from active ministry in the RCA at the end of 2013. He reports that he is enjoying retirement by riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle through the Adirondacks of New York and the Green Mountains of Vermont. He has done poetry reading at historic Caffè Lena in Saratoga, New York, and at RPI. He walks his doberman, Sonny, daily and enjoys all kinds of reading and follows the New York Yankees.

Eleanor VanLierop '73 Warrington and **James Warrington '74** have both retired from working in the special education field.

JoDee Keller '74 of Puyallup,

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Washington, was recently promoted to professor of social work at Pacific Lutheran University. She also chairs the global studies program.

Vicki Wiegerink '74 Rumpsa of Holland, Michigan, reports that she is enjoying her first year of retirement by camping, traveling, hiking, reading a ton of books on Native American history and spending time with her grandchildren.

She recently spent a weekend with two friends from her college days, **Sandi Balducci '75 Dostal** and **Rosie Nadolsky '75**.

Sandra Brown '75 of Encinitas, California, is vice chancellor for research at the University of California San Diego. She was awarded the Research Society on Alcoholism 2014 Award for Mentoring for her role in training and career development of graduate students, post doctoral scholars and junior faculty.

Kristine Musco '75 David of Warwick, Rhode Island, and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary by traveling to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. She will become the governor of Rotary International District 7950 in July 2015. She will be responsible for 66 Rotary Clubs in Southeastern Massachusetts and the state of Rhode Island. Kristine has served as her Rotary district's youth exchange chair and volunteered on a Rotary water and literacy project to the Dominican Republic. She has also been active in coaching youth soccer teams in her community and continues to be involved in youth education in her church.

David DeKok '75 of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is the author of the just-published *Murder in the Stacks: Penn State, Betsy Aardsma, and the Killer Who Got Away*, from Globe Pequot Press. Betsy attended Hope from 1965 to 1967, transferring to the University of Michigan for her junior and senior years. She was in her first semester of graduate school in English at Penn State when she was stabbed to death in the school library on Nov. 28, 1969. His book is an in-depth look at the case, which was never officially solved. The Pennsylvania State Police told the Aardsma family in 2010 that they believed they knew who did it, but

he was dead. He notes that one chapter is devoted to Betsy's time at Hope College during the VanderWerf era and the influence of liberal political science professor Al Vanderbush '29 and others on her worldview. As a whole, *Murder in the Stacks* is an *In Cold Blood* type of book, combining a police procedural with intensive biographies of Betsy and her killer. David has also started working as a correspondent for Reuters, the worldwide news service, in March and reports that he is enjoying it greatly.

Claire VanderMeulen '75 Gibbs reports that she is enjoying retirement and volunteer tutoring in Melbourne, Florida.

Robert Klein '75 of San Diego, California, launched his third church plant in San Diego as a pastor in the PCA called Redemption Church. His oldest daughter is due to graduate from UCSD in December, and he also has a son who is a freshman at Chapman University and a daughter in the 11th grade.

Michele White '75 Schaffer of Severna Park, Maryland, is a Right Start advisor for Anne Arundel County Public School. She works with first- second- and -third-grade teachers who are new to the profession. She has been a teacher for 36 years.

Ron Brown '76 and **Dawn Erickson '77 Brown** recently retired and moved to Happy Valley, Oregon, to be closer to family. Ron worked 36 years for Phillips 66 as a principal process engineer with 48 patents. Dawn retired from 12 years as a sensory analyst and project manager. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

Beverly Kerlikowske '76 Butler of Mill Valley, California, was recently promoted at Wells Fargo corporate headquarters in San Francisco to vice president, department head, customer experience communications, in the treasury management division. Outside of work, she is vice chair of Theatre Bay Area, serves on the board of governors of the San Francisco public relations roundtable, and is a board member of the Richard de Lone Special Housing Project. Her play *Indelible* was produced

Barbara Larsen '72 of Princeton, New Jersey, has been named general counsel and board secretary of Alcatel-Lucent. After graduating from Hope, Barbara obtained a J.D. at the University of Minnesota Law School in 1976 and an LL.M. at New York University School of Law in 1977. She joined AT&T as a lawyer specializing in taxation in 1983 and then went with AT&T's telecommunications equipment spin-off company, Lucent, which was acquired in 2006 by Alcatel, a French company. In her new roles, she leads the Alcatel-Lucent Law Division and supports the



company's Board of Directors. Although she remains based in Princeton, New Jersey, she travels frequently to the company's headquarters in Paris, France.

last year by Wiley West Productions at Exit Theatre in San Francisco. Her first novel *Meant To Be* is also available.

Mary Hill '76 of Lawrence, Kansas, retired after 33 years at the U.S. Geological Survey, where she was a research hydrologist, and started a tenured full professor faculty position in the geology department at the University of Kansas.

David Litts '76 of Holland, Michigan retired after serving three years as the executive secretary of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, a public-private partnership advancing the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. While serving in several leadership roles in the nation's efforts to address the serious public health threat of suicidal behavior over the past nearly two decades, David conducted research and developed numerous tools and resources for clinical and public health professionals. He continues to volunteer as a co-lead of the Faith Communities Task Force of the Action Alliance.

Dennis Miller '76 of Williamsburg, Michigan, is retiring from the U.S. Armed Forces (reserves) after 32 years with the rank of commander. His last assignment was as commander of the VTU 1325 unit at Selfridge ANG., Michigan. He spent one year with the U.S. Marines, 16 years with the U.S. Army and the past 15 years with the U.S. Navy.

Doug Irons '77 of Kennesaw, Georgia, is the sourcing manager with Accenture Operations in Atlanta, Georgia.

James Lampert '77 reports that he has said farewell to Michigan and is now living large in New Jersey, where he is the advertising, marketing and events manager for a garden center in Allendale.

Kenneth Lobb '77 of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, who is pastor of Annandale Reformed Church in New Jersey, is the author of *We Picked Up*, a novel based on the cross-country hitchhiking trip he took with a friend in 1971 when they were only 17 years old, which he notes is "a search for truth, a search for God, and to find the soul of

America." The publishing company, Balboa Press, describes the book as "a novel of great virtuosity and humor" and "A novel of transformation," and Ken notes, "I believe the book truly encases those qualities." Ken, whose past career experience includes having been a journalist and photographer for *The Grand Haven Tribune*, also shares that the route to publication was long, but reflects, "As I kept getting rejected by publishers over the years, it afforded me the chance to keep editing and improving my product. So it's really a blessing in disguise that it took so long to get published!"

Lorraine Schepper '77 of West Dennis, Massachusetts, is working as a realtor with Keller Williams Realty. **Philip David '78** will be celebrating 18 years of service as the international ministry coordinator with the Luke Society, a medical missions organization based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, that assists indigenous Christian medical professionals around the world to establish and develop ministries for the poor and under-served in their countries.

James Dykstra '78 of Zeeland, Michigan, is currently serving as the specialized transitional minister for Community Reformed Church in Lafayette, Indiana.

Kathleen Stratton '78 of Holland, Michigan, received her fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry on June 28, during the AGD 2014 annual meeting. To earn the honor, she completed 500 hours of dental CE, passed a comprehensive written exam and fulfilled three years of continuous membership in the AGD.

Laurie Van Ark '78 of Holland, Michigan, is celebrating her one-year anniversary with Big Property Management in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Patricia Hurford '79 Rensberger and her husband have been actively involved in International Student Exchange for 10 years. This year they are hosting high school students from Brazil and Vietnam.

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40 under 40 – Leaders in the Church

Five alumni were among the young leaders celebrated this summer in “40 Under 40 — A New Generation of Leaders in the CRC & RCA,” compiled by the Christian Reformed Church’s Young Adult Leadership Taskforce (YALT), for doing influential or innovative work beyond their home churches: **Seth Kaper-Dale ’97** and **Stephanie Kaper-Dale ’97**, co-pastors of the Reformed Church of Highland Park in New Jersey; **Gretchen Schoon-Tanis ’99**, a faculty

member at Hope and Western Theological Seminary who specializes in ministry to youth and young adults (as noted in the Class of ’99 section, Gretchen and family recently relocated to Germany); **Nate Pyle ’02**, lead pastor of Christ’s Community Church in Fisher, Indiana, and blog writer; and **Kenita Harris ’04**, a pastor of leadership and development and spiritual formation at Christ Memorial Church in Holland, Michigan.

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Lena Daniels ’80 Bading of Chantilly, Virginia, reports that she recently became an empty-nester with her youngest happily ensconced at Hope College. She is checking off some places on her bucket list this fall by traveling with her husband to England and Wales. She is especially looking forward to returning to Ireland to see family.

Beth Botsis ’80 was appointed as deputy executive director of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission in January 2014.

Susan Vollmer-Ostertag ’80 is the president and owner of VIA Wealth Management of Holland. Her company received The Women’s Choice Award as a financial adviser women can trust.

Ginny Van Nostrand ’80 Sweeton of Appling, Georgia, is the director of music and parish administrator of Advent Lutheran Church in Augusta, Georgia. **Stacy Burris ’80 Walters** is a full-time pediatrician at Park Nicollet Clinic in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Roger Roelofs ’81 and Patrica Clouse were married on April 5, 2014 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sue Boeve ’81 Uden has retired from teaching at Parker High School in Parker, Arizona, after 32 years in the classroom. She reports that she enjoyed a 16-day trip to Europe this summer instead of planning for a new school year.

Amy Purvis ’82 Thurow of Monticello, Wisconsin, is starting her third year as a librarian at New Glarus School District, working with students in fifth to 12th grade. She reports that this second career is an avocation, not just a vocation.

Kimberly Kooistra ’83 Duncan is the director of surgical education at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland.

Pam Spring ’83 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, will celebrate her third anniversary in January with her new company, Pam Spring Advertising.

Lisa Gargano ’84 has been promoted to vice president of human resources and administration for the U.S. Rice Federation in Alexandria, Virginia.

Janet Mielke ’84 Pinkham of Holland, Michigan, celebrated her 25th employment anniversary with Hope College. She has served as the director of the Academic Success Center since 2006 and is an adjunct assistant professor. She formerly served as the college’s alumni director (1989-1992) and the tutoring coordinator (1992-2014).

Michael Johnson ’85 is taking a sabbatical from the University of Washington this fall and is a visiting professor at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. He also reports that his daughter Abigail, who graduated in May, made them a two-generational Hope family.

Kirk Weller ’85 has been appointed interim associate provost at Ferris State University for the current academic

year. He was the mathematics department head.

Thomas Folkert ’87 of Denver, Colorado, is the vice president of advance planning at Horan & McConaty Funeral Service.

Karen Visscher ’87 moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and is working as the career advisor at the Institute of American Indian Arts.

Scott Buhmaster ’88 of Chicago, Illinois, is vice president of operations for the Force Science Institute, an internationally recognized law enforcement training and research organization that studies the human factors involved in high-stress, rapidly unfolding force encounters. In addition to a headquarters office in Minnesota, the Institute has broken ground on a centralized training center in Chicago.

Christopher Habben ’88 of Holland, Michigan, was elected to begin a five-year term in January 2015 as president-elect and then president of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). AAMFT is the professional association representing the professional interests of more than 24,000 marriage and family therapists throughout the United States, Canada and abroad.

Tracy Boockmeier ’89 Brower of Holland, Michigan, is the author of the book *Bring Work to Life by Bringing Life to Work: A Guide for Leaders and Organizations*. The book uses examples and real-world experiences from senior executives and employees at all levels to show the importance of work-life supports and

how they lead to more engaged and fulfilled employees. Tracy is a work environment sociologist studying how humans affect their work-life and how their work-life affects them, and serves as director of performance environments and living office placemaking at Herman Miller Inc.

Karen Jekel ’89 Palmateer of Holland, Michigan, opened Lake Michigan Crematory in October 2012.

Deb Rezanka ’89 of Santa Fe, New Mexico, is pursuing a degree in computer science at the University of New Mexico.

Ray Ritsema ’89 and **Mary Haddon ’92 Lindstrom** were married on Sept. 21, 2013. Mary is a fourth grade teacher at Great Lakes Elementary School in West Ottawa, and Ray works at Motus Integrated Technologies.

John Saurer ’89 recently finished a second term as department chair in art and art history at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. During his time as chair the program became nationally accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

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Lynn Massey ’90 Breyfogle earned the rank of professor of mathematics at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, in April 2013. She still serves in her position as associate dean in the College of Arts & Sciences at Bucknell.

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Sandra Van Voorhis '90 Karpman of Closter, New Jersey, formally converted to Judaism (conservative branch), after completing a year-long course of study that included learning Hebrew, an appearance before the beit din (Rabbinic court) and a visit to the mikvah.

Peter Schultz '90 of Kennesaw, Georgia, is working online with the Laurel Springs School of Ojai, California. He teaches German, French and social studies. He also spends Saturday mornings teaching at the German School of Atlanta, sharing his passion for the German language with young learners.

Jen Baker '91 has moved back to London, England, where she is still the anti-trafficking director of City Hearts, but in addition is the associate pastor at Hope City London Church.

David Chapple '91 has accepted the invitation for full membership into the Automotive Fine Art Society. AFAS has 25 active members worldwide with two annual exhibits at the Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance and the Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance. The objective of AFAS is to exhibit, promote and publicize fine works of automotive art by its members.

Julie Terpstra '91 Conroy is an independent interior designer in Holland, Michigan, and has also homeschooled her four children since 2000. Her oldest is a freshman at Dordt.

Kris Long '91 has been appointed by Martin Mehler to serve a three-year term as an at-large member of the OSBA board of governors. She is the deputy county administrator for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

William Charles Crowley '92 taught Graham Technique intensives at FEDES (Federation Dans en Sport) in Bruges, Belgium and the Centre de Danse du Marais in Paris, France, during summer 2014. He is the guest artist in residence in the Palladino School of Dance at Dean College in Franklin, Massachusetts, for the fall semester 2014. William also returned to Hope in September to hold an audition for a new work he will be choreographing that will be presented during Dance 41 in February/March 2015.

James Oonk Jr. '93 of Holland, Michigan, is the North American sales director for Ojmar S.A., an international company headquartered in Spain.

Earlier this year he also accepted the dual role as director, Ojmar US LLC, a new subsidiary for Ojmar S.A. with its new headquarters in Holland, Michigan. **Kyle Ritsema '93** of Holland, Michigan, is the dock master of Sergeant Marina in Saugatuck, Michigan.

Sandy Frieling '93 Washington is teaching prekindergarten - eighth grade art at Christ the King School in Chicago, Illinois.

Brent Dacre '94 of Delaware, Ohio, works for Chase Bank as a project manager for human resources. This is his fifth year with the bank.

Richard Frontjes '95 received a Ph.D.

degree in history/world Christianity and mission at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in May.

Josh Hegg '95 of Holland, Michigan, completed 15 years teaching fourth grade. He has moved to teaching eighth-grade American history and seventh-grade world history and geography.

Lisa Eacker '95 Laninga is in her 12th year teaching fourth grade for Oakridge Public Schools in Muskegon, Michigan. She is also completing her sixth year as the children's elder at Fellowship Reformed Church.

Kimberly Benton '96 of New Britain, Connecticut is taking a one-year break from teaching fourth grade in northern Connecticut and working with teachers to help them integrate technology more regularly in their elementary classrooms.

Kari Nysse '96 Carris and Ryan Carris announce the birth of Eli Richard on May 17, 2014. Kari also was named associate director of health sciences at NORC at the University of Chicago.

Amy Grasman '96 Fochler recently opened her own firm, Fochler Veterans Law, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The firm specializes in compensation and pension benefits for veterans. She is also a primary sponsor and part owner of the #77 car in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.

Beth Carroll '96 Jarvis of Holland, Michigan, became the youth ministry director at Hope Church in Holland in August. She is also currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary.

Stephen D. Marso '96 was named Construction Law 2015 "Lawyer of the Year" in Des Moines, Iowa.

Thomas Slater '96 of Edina, Minnesota, is currently an orthopedic trauma consultant for Zimmer. He also married Amber Johnson and has two children, Cole (eight) and Charlotte (nine months).

Tracy Bednarick '98 is in her second year as a science curriculum coordinator and district liaison for Saint Louis Public Schools. She has also begun studies for her doctorate in teacher leadership at Maryville University in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Kris Kelley '98 Sumner is pursuing a library and information science degree specializing in children's literature at Dominican University this fall.

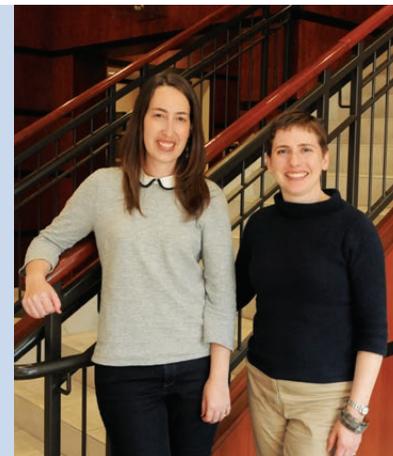
Jessica Luecht '99 Bolf and Michael Bolf announce the birth of Emma Judith on May 26, 2014.

Joel Petersen '99 has joined New Holland Brewing Company as its new vice president of marketing.

Gretchen Schoon-Tanis '99 and her husband **Phil Tanis '87** have moved to Hannover, Germany, where he is the executive secretary for the World Communion of Reformed Churches. She reports that they are excited to explore a new culture, serve the global church and learn German.

Jay Wallace '99 and his wife J'nai Wallace announce the birth of Preston Joseph on Aug. 1, 2014.

Poets **Laura Donnelly '01** and **Katherine Bode-Lang '02** read from their work through the Tom Andrews ('84) Memorial Reading of the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series at Hope on Thursday, Sept. 18. Laura is the author of the collections *Watershed* and *Nocturne—Schumann's Letters*, and is an assistant professor in the English and Creative Writing program at SUNY (State University of New York) Oswego. Katherine is the author of the collections *The Reformation* and *Spring Melt*, and is an IT trainer with the Office for Research Protections at Penn State University. In addition to their



collections, both have also had poems published in numerous journals.

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Mary MacDermaid '99 Williams is working as an adjunct professor in the mathematics department at Lake Michigan College. She is also homeschooling her six children.

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Jaclyn Vande Wege '00 Brummel and Mark Brummel announce the birth of Ryan Joseph on July 9, 2014.

Jessica Loomis '00 DeBoer is starting her third season as the director of Fine Arts at First, a chamber music concert series hosted by First United Methodist Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Featuring artists from around the region and around the world, Fine Arts at First is celebrating its 10th anniversary this season.

Seth Gardner '00 is the director of choral activities at Pine View School in Osprey, Florida. Pine View School is ranked sixth in the nation and first in the State of Florida, according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

Kathryn Schmidt '00 Graf and Luke Graf announce the birth of Vivienne Elizabeth born on Aug. 30, 2011, and Andrew John on Dec. 1, 2013.

Renee Lick '00 and Trevor Nicholas were married on Oct. 5, 2014, in Hinsdale, Illinois.

Valorie Vance '00 and Steve Kraus, her high school sweetheart, were married on June 14, 2014. They are living in Aiken, South Carolina, where she teaches high school chemistry and he serves in the U.S. Army at Fort Gordon.

Robin Alderink '00 Wright and Kyle Wright announce the birth of Mikayla Grace on Feb. 21, 2014.

Ginger Connor '01 and Chih Chuang were married in July 2013 and also announce the birth of Eliana Lee in July 2014.

Ryan Gallas '01 and **Sherrie Cunningham '01 Gallas** announce the birth of Elissa Jane, on Feb. 28, 2014.

Justin Grobe '01 of Iowa City, Iowa, was one of the authors of a paper "Vasopressin in Preeclampsia: A

Novel Very-Early Human Pregnancy Biomarker and Clinically-Relevant Mouse Model" that was featured in the American Heart Association journal, *Hypertension*. He is an assistant professor of pharmacology at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and a fellow of the American Heart Association. **Joel Koedyker '01** and Mary Koedyker announce the birth of Amos Seth on Aug. 22, 2014.

Kate Lowe '01 moved from Ridgefield, Connecticut, to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and is teaching science education at the Kzoo School in the fall.

Angela Lower-Lusk '01 and Bob Lusk announce the birth of Will Alexander born on May 23, 2014. He joins Gracie Jo, who was born on Oct. 2, 2010.

Kathryn Lenz '01 Piccolo and **Greg Piccolo '01** announce the birth of Gretta Hope on April 11, 2014

Jonathon Plummer '01 of Traverse City, Michigan, is co-owner of The Moomers Ice Cream Shop, which was named one of the world's best ice cream parlors. *Conde Nast Traveler* ranked the shop seventh.

Christina Stavros '01 of Northville, Michigan, moved from Boston after the sudden death of her mother in June, and became the parish ministries coordinator and cantor at the Basilica of Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia, Michigan.

Jodi DeHaan '02 Geerlings has opened Renew Therapeutic Riding Center in Holland, Michigan. She serves individuals with special needs all around West Michigan, including school groups in the Holland area.

Patrick Kinne '02 of Syracuse, New York, was appointed assistant principal at Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School in East Syracuse, New York, where he has taught since 2004.

Raj Malviya '02 was selected in August to serve a two-year term in the Fellows Program (one of four attorneys nationally) instituted by the American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law. In September, he was appointed to the State Bar of Michigan Probate and Estate Planning

In 2008, **Amy Back '06 Ahiga** volunteered for eighth months in Nairobi, a visit that she reports changed her life. She has returned almost every year since, and in 2013, she and her sister, Ashley Back, founded the Grain of Rice Project, a non-profit ministry that seeks to make Kenyans in Kibera self-sufficient by selling their handcrafted products. The ministry also provides support for students' educational needs.



This year the project was chosen by Valparaiso University's Social Action Leadership Team (SALT), which has raised \$30,000 for the project.

Council. He was also recognized this month as a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers for estate planning and probate. He is an attorney with Miller Johnson in the Grand Rapids office. He is a member of the firm's estate planning, tax and international law practice groups.

Laura Meengs-Aikens '02 of Chicago, Illinois, has been named a corporate vice president with CCS in Chicago, Illinois. CCS provides fundraising consulting services to nonprofit clients across all sectors and is the largest firm of its type worldwide.

Tamala Habers '02 Schippers and Eric Schippers announce the birth of Ellery Mae on July 10, 2014.

Laura Smith '02 Thormann and Ryan Thormann announce the birth of Isabel Joy on Feb. 8, 2014.

Shannon Wixson '02 and Jeremiah Smith were married on Jan. 23, 2013.

They also announce the birth of Abraham James on June 26, 2014

Kimberly Pett '03 De Jager and Chad De Jager announce the birth of Cameron Allen on April 27, 2013.

Anna Chappel '03 Dunn and **Jason Dunn '03** announce the birth of Beau in October 2013.

Lynette Wehmer '03 Heinz received her Master of Education degree from Regent University in August 2013.

Lisa Cortez '03 Hendricks is teaching transitional first grade at Ridgeview Elementary in Sparta, Michigan.

Tracey Forbes '03 Hoesch received the Character Award in August from the West Michigan Character Council. She is the director of Heights of Hope Ministries.

Jessica Housman '03 is the assistant nurse manager in the ICN at King Abdulaziz Hospital in Al Ahsa, Saudi Arabia.

Timothy Kelly '03 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the Aquinas College men's soccer coach.

Katie Klein '03 of Westbrook, Maine, is the project manager for Rides in Sight, an information and referral service for senior transportation. Katie and her team built the website, database, and toll-free hotline for the non-profit organization ITNAmerica and sponsor Regeneron Pharmaceuticals.

John Kran '03 is now the associate national legislative counsel with the Michigan Farm Bureau, the state's largest

general farm organization. He previously served as public policy manager to U.S. Congressman Bill Huizenga.

Laurie McNamara '03 received a J.D. from the California Western School of Law, San Diego, California, in January. She was admitted to the State Bar of California and is working as a biotechnology patent attorney at the San Diego office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C.

Emily Selden '03 Morgan and Andrew Morgan announce the birth of Elise Jane on April 12, 2014. She joins brothers Alexander and Jacob.

Carrie Meulenberg '03 Quist and Aaron Quist announce the birth of Hannah Jo on March 25, 2014.

Katherine Ramsey '03 recently became a clinical application analyst in the information services department at Indiana University Health.

Mary Dunlap '03 Sankiewicz and **Jeff Sankiewicz '03** announce the birth of their son, Kyle Andrew, on June 28, 2014.

Kjersti Teachman '03 has been promoted to adjunct professor of Spanish at Stevenson University in Maryland.

Heather Verbeke '03 is the second assistant director for Netflix's *Orange is the New Black*, season three.

Joshua Warren '03 of Ada, Michigan, recently opened Josh Warren LPC, a new private practice counseling office in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Eric Branch '04 of Saint Johns, Michigan, is a special education paraprofessional for Clinton County R.E.S.A. in Ovid, MI. He also works as a youth service worker at Turning Point Youth Center, a secure male residential treatment center, and is a member of the teaching team for the youth ministry at Northpointe Community Church in DeWitt, Michigan.

Abby Rogers '04 Doyle and Liam Doyle announce the birth of Lucy Grace in October 2013.

Emily Wagg '04 Frey and Stephen Frey announce the birth of Samantha Joy on March 13, 2014.

Grace Whitmer '04 Gould and Andrew Gould announce the birth of Simon on July 9, 2014.

Amanda DeYoung '04 Hilldore and **Benjamin Hilldore '04** announce the birth of Joshua Alan on July 28, 2014.

Kara Sayger '04 Martindale and

Jeffrey Martindale '05 announce the birth of Ellie Hope on March 9, 2014.

Jodi Ross '04 has been living and serving as a nurse in Ethiopia since January 2013. She has been running rural prenatal clinics in the surrounding countryside, serving up to 1,600 women and working with, training and encouraging local health workers. She also serves as a nurse support at Soddo Christian Hospital, living and sharing the Gospel.

Jeffrey Seymour '04 is an assistant professor of sociology and criminal justice at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Jill Kalajainen '04 Smith and Chris Smith announce the birth of Mason Christopher on June 26, 2014.

Rachel VanderZwaag '04 and Neal VanderZwaag announce the birth of Noah Case on Aug. 12, 2014.

Amanda Weener '04 and Brian Frederick were married on Aug. 4, 2014, in Cochrane, Wisconsin. She also began her new job as production stage manager at Court Theatre in Chicago in August.

Christy Watkin '04 Yoder of Holland, Michigan, and her husband will be returning for their third term in West Africa with Wycliffe Bible Translators in 2015 after having spent a year finishing their master's degrees at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics in Dallas, Texas. Christy spent 2012-13 with the Kuce language literacy team, developing reading materials in the language.

Cassandra Colegrove '05 and Brooke Harris announce the birth of Nicholas Dylan on April 30, 2013.

Emily Ellis-Liang '05 of Greensboro, North Carolina, opened her studio rePUBLIC of daNCe in August. She is working hard to secure funding for a permanent location but is currently operating in the Greensboro Cultural Arts Center.

Jacquelyn Funk '05 Huss and Kevin Huss announce the birth of Emma Marian on Feb. 5, 2014.

Lauren Caluory '05 McKolay of Traverse City, Michigan, accepted a position as disability examiner with Disability Determination Services under the Social Security Administration. She and Ray McKolay also announce the birth of Norah Grace on April 23, 2014.

Maureen Rourke '05 and Matthew Nightwine were married on May 24, 2014, in Brighton, Michigan. They now reside in San Diego, California.

Jessica Robinson '05 of Grand Haven, Michigan, is the case manager/supports coordinator for GoodTemps Staffing in Muskegon, Michigan. GoodTemps is a subsidiary of Goodwill Industries of West Michigan, and seeks to remove barriers to employment and create pathways for permanent hire.

Jim Sorge '05 received a Master in Education degree in school leadership from the University of Pennsylvania in May. He is beginning his third year as principal of The City School in Philadelphia.

Lisa Hoogerwerf '05 Staple and Brian Staple announce the birth of Miles Colin on July 10, 2014.

Gretchen Peterson '05 Taylor and **Andrew Taylor '06** announce the birth

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of William Frederick on June 11, 2014. **Tim Wilson '05** and Liza Wilson announce the birth of Abram Joshua on Jan. 19, 2014.

Sarah McDonald '06 Gebben graduated with her master's in special education with an emphasis in learning disabilities from Grand Valley State University.

Megan Noll '06 Graves and Kevin Graves announce the birth of Cooper James on Aug. 12, 2014.

Ben Mannino '06 and **Michelle Graves '06 Mannino** announce the birth of Dominic Luca on July 7, 2014.

Jilian Mikols '06 is a senior consultant in Deloitte Consulting's Life Science and Healthcare Practice.

Karie De Young '06 Nyenhuis and Chad Nyenhuis announce the birth of Quinn Marie on June 6, 2014. She joins big sister Tenley (22 months old).

Julie Pollock '06 became an assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry at University of Richmond in August.

Josh Powell '06 and **Sarah Loomis '06 Powell** announce the birth of Walter Richard on July 4, 2014.

Laura Kadzban '06 Pridgeon and **Matthew Pridgeon '06** announce the birth of Olivia Anne on Feb. 20, 2014.

Heather Lam '06 Ramsey and Jason Ramsey announce the birth of Hudson Nicholas and Elliott David on June 11, 2014.

Andrew Rose '06 and **Lauren Mueller '07 Rose** announce the birth of Gabriel David on Aug. 2, 2014.

Matt Schwabauer '06 of Wenham, Massachusetts, is teaching his first course, Technical Production II, in the theatre department at Gordon College. In the midst of teaching and continuing to serve as production manager/technical director for the department, he is also working with his colleagues to completely restructure Technical Production I and II to create a more cohesive whole. He was also recently the staff advisor for a student-led trip to India, with Gordon's Summer Missions Program. The trip

had strong social justice, teaching and orphan/widow-care emphases, which have challenged him to reexamine, and make more positive, his own social footprint.

Emily Brooks '06 Sorensen received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree from the University of South Alabama on July 25. She is a family nurse practitioner working and living in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Derek, and two-year-old daughter, Leyla.

Lauren Stieper '06 and Tyler Robinson were married on Aug. 2, 2014, in Holland, Michigan.

Scott Travis '06 and Ashley Travis announce the birth of Louisa Mae on Aug. 18, 2014.

Jennie Boone '06 VanderLugt and Jason VanderLugt announce the birth of Jonah Evert on May 23, 2014. Jennie is co-directing the West Michigan Children's Chorus in Holland with Hope professor Jen Wolfe this year.

Michael Aldrich '07 and **Emily Corstange '11** were married on July 26, 2014, in Holland, Michigan.

Kala Cohen '07 and **Sarah Shaheen '07** announce the birth of Samuel David on July 24, 2014.

Meghan Florian '07 received a MFA in creative writing from Queens University of Charlotte.

Briana Galbreath '07 and James Hodge were married on Aug. 9, 2014. She received her Ph.D. in human sexuality education from Widener University on Aug. 13, 2014.

Kirsten Gruenberg '07 and Richard Hughey Jr. were married on Dec. 28, 2013.

Elizabeth Cohen '07 Jacobs and Christopher Jacobs announce the birth of Ward Henry on June 24, 2014.

Deborah Li '07 graduated with her Master of Science in communications management from Singapore Management University in May. In August, Deborah embarked on a new career as global marketing and communications specialist, Asia Pacific,

with Black & Veatch, and is a specialist, public engagement, with B & V + AECOM Joint Venture.

Laura Johnson-Morris '07 and **Chase Morris '08** announce the birth of Lincoln Chase on Nov. 15, 2013.

Josh Payne '07 and **Katy Maxwell '07 Payne** announce the birth of Amelia Ruth. She joins big sisters, Madelyn (four) and Elliana (three).

Christian Piers '07 of Denver, Colorado, is currently serving as editor-in-chief for the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) and president of the Colorado chapter of ASDA. He was recently appointed student liaison to the American Dental Association council on communications and Colorado Dental Association board of trustees. He is a third-year dental student at the University of Colorado.

Scott Teusink '07 and Emily Wolfis were married on Aug. 9, 2014. They are now living in Muskegon, Michigan. He began working for RBC Ministries in Grand Rapids as the organization's senior accountant in January 2014.

Ross VanderBie '07 is the sixth-grade resource room teacher at White Pines Middle School in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Sara Stevenson '08 DeWitt and Jason DeWitt announce the birth of Claire Jolynn on July 23, 2014.

Holly Bekius '08 Dishnow and **Mark Dishnow '08** announce the birth of Maxwell Paul on Aug. 22, 2014.

John Dulmes '08 has been named the new executive director of the Michigan Chemistry Council, a statewide trade association representing the chemistry industry in Lansing. The council, which was established in 1967, represents more than 45 member companies employing nearly 40,000 people in Michigan.

Nicole Mulder '08 Dulmes of Hudsonville, Michigan, is teaching middle-school Spanish, and English as a Second Language, at Grandville Middle School.

Dean Klingenberg '08 received a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, in June.

David Lee '08 is the new Holland Symphony Youth Orchestra's Junior Strings conductor.

Katie Robrahn '08 and Christopher Law were married on Aug. 1, 2014, in Holland, Michigan.

Kylee VanOostendorp '09 DeBoer and Paul DeBoer announce the birth of Everly Joan on May 17, 2014.

Ashley DeVecht '09 completed her first year at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. She is pursuing her MBA with a focus in media management and social enterprise.

Jacob Dickinson '09 and **Chloe Bossenbroek '09** were married on May 31, 2014. They now live in Wilmington, Delaware. Jacob received his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan in May.

Kristin Dittenhafer-Reed '09 received a Ph.D. in biochemistry from

the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Tiffany Fifer '09 has accepted a position as associate attorney at Durell & Jackson, PLC, a law firm in East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jill Immink '09 Knaus received her M.Ed. in instruction and curriculum, advanced content specialization (mathematics) from Grand Valley State University. She is teaching mathematics at Jenison High School.

Ross Knoll '09 and **Michelle Beamer '14** were married at Dimnent Memorial Chapel on June 13, 2014.

Erin McCarthy '09 received a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School and her Master of Social Work from the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration.

Anna Pillot Fedak '09 accepted a position with Maude Baum and Co., a modern dance company based in Albany, New York, and joins the company for the 2014-15 season. Additionally, she continues to travel regularly to Montreal to train on swinging trapeze with her world-renowned coach, Victor Fomine.

Diego Romero '09 received the degree of education specialist in educational leadership and policy studies at the University of North Colorado in May.

He also graduated from the University of Denver in June with a graduate certificate towards principal licensure.

Chris Sikkema '09 is the new associate missionary for justice and advocacy ministries at the Episcopal Church Center in New York.

Michelle Zeitter '09 received a Master of Science in Nursing degree from Michigan State University and is working as a certified adult-gerontology clinical nurse specialist at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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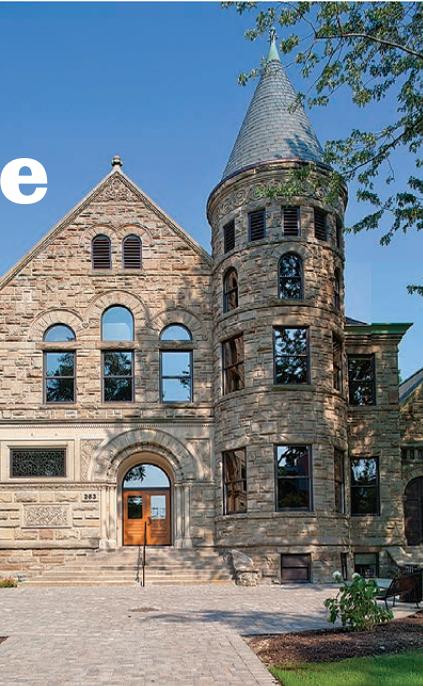
Maggie Cook '10 spoke on Hope's campus on Thursday, Sept. 11, during the computer science colloquium. She is a user operations analyst for Facebook and joined the ecrime team, where she focuses on child safety investigations.

Catherine Ellis '10 of Adrian, Michigan, is a chemist with Wacker Chemical. She most recently was a process engineer for the company for two years.

Kayla Borgman '10 Fik of Zeeland, Michigan, graduated from Western Theological Seminary in May. She is enrolled in clinical pastoral education training at Pine Rest in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and plans to pursue chaplaincy opportunities.

Whitney Heneveld '10 and **Jacob Rollenhagen '11** were married on Sept. 7, 2014, in Zeeland, Michigan.

Amanda Karby '10 received a Master of Arts in publishing from Emerson College in May 2014. She worked this summer as an editorial assistant in the rights management and licensing



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Austin Homkes '14 of Holland, Michigan, finished hiking the entire Appalachian Trail alone, hiking 2,187 miles from Georgia to Maine. He made the trek through 14 states in slightly more than four months.

department of Pearson in Boston, Massachusetts, and is now the digital production associate at *The MIT Press* in Cambridge.

Jenny Kellogg '10 received her Master of Social Work degree from Western Michigan University in June 2014.

Jennifer Kolba '10 and Stephen Kuehn were married on July 12, 2014.

Colleen Leikert '10 Laskowski and Stephen Laskowski announce the birth of Michael on April 27, 2014.

Brett Newendorp '10 is a training and development specialist at Vermeer Corporation in Pella, Iowa.

Emily Novak '10 and Mitchell Flood were married on Sept. 20, 2014. She is the new head of accounts receivable at Centria Healthcare in Novi, Michigan.

Amy Palmer-Stauffer '10 and Jared Stauffer announce the birth of Emilia Jo on Jan. 31, 2014.

Julie Reishus '10 and **Andrew Peterson '12** were married on Aug. 29, 2014 in Oswego, Illinois. They are currently living in Princeton, New Jersey, where Andrew is in his final year in the Master of Divinity program at Princeton Theological Seminary and Julie is pursuing a master's degree in sacred theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Princeton Seminary in May.

Mitch Ruch '10 is the resource-room teacher for Robinson Elementary School in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Tabitha VanWormer '10 graduated from Georgetown University Graduate School and is now working as a family nurse practitioner.

Blair Williams '10 has finished two years living and working in rural Nagano, Japan, on the JET Program. Upon returning, he began work in Sunnyvale, California, at the Nissan Research Center Silicon Valley, working with the

autonomous vehicle and HMI teams. **Shannon Brenneman '11** and **Hao Shen '11** were married on Aug. 9, 2014. Shannon is a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Michigan State University, and Hao is a student at the School of Osteopathic Medicine at Michigan State University.

Joseph Brundage '11 and **Jillian Valentino '11** were married on Aug. 2, 2014 in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Caitlyn Buscher '11 and Jim Gunst were married on June 28, 2013.

Amanda Goodyke '11 and **Christian Damon '12** were married on May 31, 2014, in Holland, Michigan.

Peter Luzzi '11 is attending Midwestern University's Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Loan Nguyen '11 received his Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in May. He is employed with the Michigan Public Health Institute.

Molly Seurync '11 of Chicago, Illinois, recently completed service in the Peace Corps. Upon returning home from Swaziland, she enrolled in the school of public health epidemiology at University of Illinois Chicago.

Kendra Short '11 of Wapakoneta, Ohio, received her Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 2014.

Min Skivington '11 of Phoenix, Arizona, has worked as the account coordinator for Six Degrees, an advertising agency in Scottsdale, Arizona, for two years. She works for a fellow Hope alum **Mark Laverman '88**.

Chelsea Tarnas '11 of Kamuela, Hawaii, reports that she is fulfilling her dream of being a working artist in a lovely and supportive community. She is enjoying the natural beauty of island life, and is sustaining her own desire to create art every day. She gets to enjoy the company of **Carter Piers '11** when traveling to Oahu and has made several connections to Hope over her three years living in Hawaii.

Elizabeth Van Oss '11 and **Joseph Brandoniso '11** were married on July 26, 2014 and are now living in Holland, Michigan. Elizabeth also received an education specialist degree from Lehigh University in school psychology.

Charlie Walter '11 of Fort Worth, Texas, is currently working at an urban gardening and landscape business, while still continuing to write in his spare time.

Mark Waterstone '11 was ordained as a minister of word and sacrament in the Reformed Church in America on June 26, 2014. He and **Samantha Sadogierski '10** were married on June 28, 2014.

Erin Carmody '12 is the physical education teacher at Lakeshore Middle School.

Peter Clifton '12 and **Amy Stauffer '14** were married on Aug. 2, 2014

Jordan Walters '12 Humm is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Calvin Theological Seminary.

Caitlin Roth '12 and Rohan Currie

were married on July 19, 2014, in Perth, Australia. They now live in Canberra, Australia.

Katie Garrett '12 of Wheaton, Illinois, is pursuing her Master of Arts degree in Christian formation in ministry at Wheaton College.

Caleb Nykamp '12 is entering his third year serving as one of the youth pastors at Christ Memorial Church in Holland, Michigan, and is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary.

Zachary Pedigo '12 of Tampa, Florida, received his master's degree in jazz performance at the University of South Florida.

Claire Roembach-Clark '12 of Seattle, Washington, was promoted to pediatric mental health specialist II (PMHSII) in the inpatient psychiatric unit at Seattle Children's Hospital. Her new roles on the unit include admissions coordinator, emergency department PMHSII, and parent support.

Lindsay Schell '12 and Parker Summers were married on Aug. 9, 2014. Lindsay also received her Master of Science physician assistant degree from Central Michigan University on July 25, 2014.

Sarah Van Hamersveld '12 received a master's degree in clinical social work in May. She is a social worker with North Shore Senior Center in Evanston, Illinois.

Molly Vass '12 is teaching English at Valparaiso High School in Valparaiso, Indiana. She will continue to perform and choreograph with JorsTAP Chicago and will continue to teach dance at Mirror Image Dance Academy of Valparaiso.

Ryan Ver Meer '12 finished his two-year commitment with Teach for America in May. He graduated from the Police Academy in October and has started field training with the Tulsa Police Department in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Patrick Aron '13 and **Sarah Kirkland '13** were married in May 2013. Patrick is pursuing his master's degree in counseling at Western Michigan University.

Scott Brandonisio '13 of Kentwood, Michigan, has been hired as an electrical and controls engineer for Disher Design and Development.

Jessica Breslin '13 is the new research and communications associate at Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM) in Washington, D.C.

Adrienne Brown '13 is a resource room teacher for Grand Haven High School.

Molly Collins '13 is a physical education teacher in Pennfield High School in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Erik Durham '13 is a teen program coordinator for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland.

Chelsea Grainer '13 is an applied behavior analysis tutor at The Healing Haven in Berkley, Michigan. She works with children on the autism spectrum and their parents.

Alexandra Hylan '13 continued her

studies this June at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

Lindsay Jipping '13 is the fourth- and fifth-grade resource room teacher at Quincy Elementary in Zeeland, Michigan.

April Johnson '13 of St. Louis, Missouri, is pursuing a Master of Arts in religion and cultures at Covenant Theological Seminary. She will be a youth ministry intern at Central Presbyterian Church in Clayton, Missouri.

Courtney Lastacy '13 and **Donnie Thomas '13** were married on Aug. 2, 2014.

Brooke McDonald '13 and Alex Furry were married on Jan. 10, 2014. She is an account coordinator at TopRank Online Marketing in Spring Park, Minnesota.

Carly Nelson '13 is the regional field representative for Terri Lynn Land.

Katherine Genzink '13 and **Luke Panning '13** were married on August 2, 2014. Katherine received one of eight national fellowships from Mortar Board, the premier national honor society for college seniors, and is in her second year of medical school at the University of Michigan. Luke is a financial adviser with Edward Jones in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Alyssa Stevenson '13 is pursuing a medical degree at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Autumn Bartz '14 of Bloomingdale, Michigan, is a registered nurse at Spectrum Health.

Pat Bloemendaal '14 of Holland, Michigan is the associate director of senior high ministries at Community Reformed Church in Zeeland, Michigan.

Alexandria Klomparens '14 is a fifth-grade teacher at White Pines Middle School in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Amelia Townsend '14 is working with Jubilee Partners as an English teacher for recently arrived refugees for four months and then will be moving to Japan for a year as an English teacher.

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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Eunice Sluyter '38 of Asheville, North Carolina, died on Monday, Aug. 25, 2014. She was 97.

She was an adjunct professor in the learning technology department of Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Survivors include a niece, Brenda J. Sluyter; and her dear friend, Ethel M. Raddon.

Winifred Rameau '43 Fylstra of Scottsdale, Arizona, died on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014. She was 93.

A Colleague Mourned

Long-Time Staff Member Jonathan Brockmeier '01

Jonathan Brockmeier '01 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, of an apparent heart issue. He was 41.

Jon was a long-time member of the Hope staff, serving as a system manager in the college's department of Computing and Information Technology.

Hope College was a large part of Jon's life. His father was Dr. Richard Brockmeier '59, who returned to the college after graduate school to teach in the Department of Physics until his untimely death in 1993. Jon grew up nurtured in the community and intellectual curiosity of the college and his family, with a special

love of astronomy and ham radio gleaned from his father.

Jon began working in Computing and Information Technology at Hope as a student. His skill set was broad; he was known for his enthusiasm, his resolve to find solutions, and his kindness toward all around him. He was an avid supporter of Hope's co-curricular programs, seen often in the stands or at events with his family.

Besides his work at Hope, he was an active member of Hope Church in Holland, Michigan. He was a 1992 graduate of Holland High School.

Survivors include his four children, Thomas, Tabitha,

She worked as a social worker for the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dan Fylstra '43; and a sister, Edith Rameau '41 Eenigenburg.

Survivors include her children, Raymond Fylstra, Daniel Fylstra, David Fylstra and Mary Fylstra; a sister, Lois Rameau '50 Kleis; and seven grandchildren.

Richard Higgs '48 of Kentwood, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014. He was 91.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, finishing his career as a colonel.

He worked as a teacher, principal and later administrator in the Byron Center, Allegan, Portage and St. Joseph school districts.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Timmer '45 Higgs; and brother, Arden Higgs.

Survivors include his children, Sue Higgs, Pat Miller and Mary Tener, John (Mary Bridget) Higgs, Maegan (Neil) Van Solkema, and Reed (Susan) Miller; and five grandchildren.

Robert Froelich, Sr. '49 of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014. He was 88.

He was employed by General Motors, Ford Motor Company, Schoolcraft Community College and Oakland Community College. He spent the last 20 years with Central University of Iowa (now Central College).

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, George Froelich.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Ellen Beuker '50 Froelich; three

children, Robert (Judy) Froelich, Sue (Matt) Mehl and Heidi (John) Slinkman; his four grandchildren; and extended family and friends.

Peter Westerhoff Jr. '49 of Pompton Plains, New Jersey, died on Tuesday, July 8, 2014. He was 88.

He was a wireman in the 45th division of the U.S. Army's 157th Regiment and was awarded the Bronze Star.

He was in private practice and then ran the medical department for IBM.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Fredericks '49 Westerhoff; and his second wife, Della McMichael O'Neal.

Survivors include his six children; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Carolyn Heckeler '50 Curtis of Richland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. She was 88.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nelson (Minnie) Heckeler; daughter, Laurie Jane Curtis; granddaughter, Claire Smith; and sister, Louise Williams.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Willard Curtis '48; four children, Bruce (Sandra) Curtis, Paul (Brenda) Curtis, Philip (Jenefer) Curtis and Joan (Dave) Smith; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; and sisters, Beatrice LaRue and Ruth Anne Drechsel.

Floyd Goulooze '50 of Scottsdale, Arizona, died on Thursday, June 5, 2014. He was 85.

He won first prize in the Raven Oratorical contest on Dec. 12, 1950, for his oration "Pioneers of Progress."

He served churches in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Lakewood, California,



Theodore and Tristan; his mother, Helen Brockmeier, and her partner, Ken Taylor of Holland; his sister, Mary Beth Lampe; a nephew; and a brother-in-law, Cliff Lampe.

A fund has been established to assist Jon's children. More information is available at crowdrise.com/brockmeierchildren

and founded and pastored the Glass & Garden Drive-In Church in Scottsdale, Arizona, for 35 years. He earned his doctorate from the California Graduate School of Theology, and taught many pastors for several years part-time.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Salisbury '53 Goulooze; daughter, Judi Maxwell; son, Richard (Linda) Goulooze; four grandchildren; brother, Charles (Sandra) Goulooze; and several nieces and nephews.

Louis Harvey '50 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Friday, July 25, 2014. He was 87.

He served many churches, in Ontario, Canada, and retired from Falmouth Reformed Church in Falmouth, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beverly Harvey, and second wife, Leona Harvey.

Survivors include his children, Louis Jr. (Diane) Harvey, Diane Harvey '76 (Paul) Krauszer, Patricia (Cornell) VanRyn, Beth Harvey '81 (Kevin) Syperda, and Carolyn (Jim) Ouellette; his step-daughters, Terry Snuffer and Kathy Hartigh; grandchildren; and great grandchildren.

James De Young '51 of Waupun, Wisconsin, died on Saturday, July 5, 2014. He was 87.

He served in the U.S. military in the Philippines until he was discharged in 1946.

He was a veterinarian.

He was preceded in death by three brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Koeppel '52 DeYoung; children, Steven '75 (Kama Jongerius), Dirk '79, Paul '81 (Bonnie), Patricia (Brad Nauman), and Sarah (Scott Mason); 10 grandchildren,

including Michael De Young '06; and five great-grandchildren.

Roy Lumsden '52 of Barrington, Illinois, died on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014. He was 83.

He served in the U. S. Army.

He founded and led his own executive search firm, The Lumsden Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and James Lumsden; and brother, George (Marjorie Brouwer '43) Lumsden '44.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Penelope Ramaker '56 Lumsden; children, Jessica Lynne (Peter) Ruppert, Stewart (Amy) Lumsden, and Rick (Angie) Lumsden '93; nine grandchildren; and a nephew, Jim (Barbara) Lumsden.

Gwendolyn Kooiker '52 Van Eck of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014. She was 84.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steve Van Eck; and a grandson.

Survivors include children, Sarah and Doug, Jeff and Theresa, Julie, Becky, Tim and Pam, Eloise and Pete; 17 grandchildren, including Chelsea Van Eck '11; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Louis Benes III '55 of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, July 30, 2014. He was 80.

He pastored churches in New Jersey, Michigan, and Iowa. He retired from a staff position at First Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers-in-law, Robert Bast, and Paul Bast; and one granddaughter.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Jo Ann Benes; children, Louis IV "Chip" (Ivi) Benes, Elisabeth Benes '79 (Michael) Davidson, Karen (Michael) Newland, David (Ruth) Benes, Martha (Mike) Keating and Mark (Karen) Benes; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters Ruth (John) Roundhouse, and Dorothy Benes '57 (Ray) Weiss; brother, Paul (Marilyn Hendrickson '60) Benes '59; sister-in-law, Janet Elzinga; brothers-in-law, Tom Bast, Dave (Betty Jo) Bast; and nieces and nephews.

Shirley Bouwman '57 Van Hoeven of Montague, Michigan, died on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, as a result of injuries sustained from an automotive accident. She was 79.

She was a professor at Western Michigan University, and became the director of the graduate department. She was a published author.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John (Bertha Bouwman; and brother, John Bouwman.

Survivors include by her husband Donald Van Hoeven '56; children, Deborah Van Hoeven '79 (Kurt '79) Droppers and Jeff (Nancy) Van Hoeven; and six grandchildren, including Jacob Droppers '08, Joshua Droppers '11 and Joseph Droppers '16.

A Colleague Mourned

Emeritus Professor Stuart Sharp

Longtime music faculty member **Stuart Sharp Jr.**, who continued teaching at Hope well past retirement, died unexpectedly on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, from complications arising from a rapid onset of leukemia whose symptoms appeared only days earlier. He was 74.

He joined the Hope music faculty in 1975 and retired as a professor emeritus of music in 2005. In retirement he maintained a voice studio and taught the French Diction class at the college.

In addition to teaching, in the latter 1970s he began the annual Christmas Madrigal Dinner presented by the Collegium Musicum, which he directed. He had also served two terms, first at the beginning and then at the end of his full-time teaching career, as chairperson of the department. For 20 years he also served on the Advisory Board of the Great Lakes Colleges Association New York Arts Program, in which Hope participates.

Dr. Sharp was a vocalist whose performance credits included work in opera, chamber music and oratorio. His scholarly emphasis was in the areas of 19th century French opera and in musical aesthetics, and his teaching specialties were voice and music history.

Active in professional organizations, he was a past president of the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing; past chair of the Music Section of the Michigan Academy of Arts, Science and Letters; and past board member of the National Association of Schools of Music.

Born and raised on the Hudson River in Newburgh, New York, the son of Grace and Stuart W. Sharp Sr., he was passionate about music from a young age. He served as choir director and organist in his local church at the age of 16, while also moonlighting as a pianist, bass player and band leader in a 1950s dance band.

Dr. Sharp completed his bachelor's degree in music at Bucknell University, his Master of



Stuart Sharp Jr.

Music degree at the University of Michigan and his D.M.A. at the University of Kentucky. He taught at Georgetown College in Kentucky for 11 years before coming to Hope.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Linda Sharp '13; his sister, Margaret (Allan) Bausback; children, Stuart (Isabelle) Sharp '87, Craig (Michele Ferenchick) Sharp '88, Mark (Jennifer Theiss-Sharp) Sharp '91, Megan (Jonathan Schakel '94) Sharp, Chris (Sara) Talsma, and Stephanie (Andy) Bruno; and 13 grandchildren.

Friends and family are establishing a scholarship fund at Hope in Dr. Sharp's name. Memorial donations may be sent to the Hope College Development Office; 141 E. 12th St.; Holland, MI 49423.

Barbara Van Putten '57 of Redding, California, died on Tuesday, July 1, 2014. She was 78.

She was a coach and professor and administrator at Humboldt State University for more than 33 years.

Survivors include her partner, Barbara Wallace; brother, Jim (Sharon) Van Putten '55; and nieces and nephews.

Richard Stadt '59 of Gary, Indiana, died on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014. He was 76.

He pastored churches in Minnesota, Illinois, and Indiana.

Survivors include his wife, Yvonne Douma '63 Stadt; children, Dave (Margie) Stadt, Kari (Dave) Routledge, Heidi (Bob) Butts and Dan Stadt; six grandchildren; and a brother, John (Mary) Stadt.

Sally DeWolf '59 Weersing of Lake Oswego, Oregon, died on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. She was 76.

She taught chemistry at Muskegon Community College.

Survivors include her husband, John Sather; children, Penny (Mike) Machinski and Nate (Anne) Weersing; and four grandchildren.

Ronald Chandler '60 of Montrose, Pennsylvania, died on Sunday, July 13, 2014. He was 76.

He retired from Harrisburg Area Schools after 38 years teaching.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Jane Thomlinson '60 Chandler; and sons, Kendal Chandler and David Chandler.

Ross Boersma '65 of Portage and Hamilton, Michigan, died on Friday, July 25, 2014. He was 76.

He served in the United States Army.

Survivors include his sister, Janice (James) Gross; nephew, Jonathan Gross; nieces, Heidi (James) Goodspeed and Gretchen Gross '85 (William) Bobbs; and four great-nephews.

David Dalman '65 of Midland, Michigan, died on Saturday, July 5, 2014. He was 70.

He retired from Dow Chemical Company in 1997 as a senior research scientist after 30 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard (Evelyn Bolhuis '34) Dalman '32.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Patricia Dalman; daughter, Holly Dalman (Bryan) Hales; son, Todd (Amy) Dalman; five grandchildren; and brother, Paul (Carol Cronk '64) Dalman '62.

Jeffrey Mulder '69 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Sunday, July 20, 2014. He was 67.

He was a history teacher in the Holland Public Schools for 35 years.

Family members include his wife, Diana Mulder; children, Jeff, Sara (Keston) Mulder, Michael Mulder, Dena, Brandon (Jasmine, Cole, Drew) Nyboer, Andrea, Aaron (Pe-Paw/Spencer) Nyboer; and siblings, John (deceased), Maryanne, Jerry, Leslie, Jim.

William Patterson '79 died on Thursday, July 31, 2014. He was 55.

He served as a councilman for the Borough of Waldwick and was vice president of the board of directors for AAA New Jersey.

Survivors include his children, William Patterson Jr. and Ian Patterson; siblings, Margaret Patterson '77 (Charles) Marra, Alexander (Nan Goetzke '79) Patterson III '79, and Jane Patterson '86 (Jeff '86) McGookey; and many nieces and nephews.

Jodi Schmidt '87 Senffner of La Grange Park, Illinois, died on Wednesday, July 30, 2014. She was 49.

She worked as a nurse at several hospitals, including Rush University Medical Center for 20 years.

Survivors include her husband, James Senffner; son, Benjamin; daughters, Anne and Julia; sisters, Jill (Mark) Wisniewski and Jolynn (Scott Anderson) Schmidt; parents; and nieces and nephew.

Jon Hescott '93 of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, July 24, 2014. He was 43.

He was named All-America in many swimming events during his swimming career and was a national champion in the 800 relay in 1993.

Survivors include his children, Kobe, Hana and Tai Hescott; siblings, Jay (Karen) Hescott, Jodi Groenhof, Jennifer (Todd) Werley; his girlfriend, Krista Overway; and many aunts, uncles and nieces and nephews.

Andrew David Thompson '15 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014, at age 21, after a long and difficult battle with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

He attended Hope from the fall of 2011 through the fall 2013 semester. Andrew realized a dream when he became a Hope student and part of the campus community, and he loved his time at the college.

He loved learning about many different things, including a thirst for the Bible, drawing, movies, and the newest programs or items to make living with challenges easier. He had graduated with honors from Zeeland East High School and was a member of Christ Memorial Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, David Mallory, and Marion and Michael Filoseta; a brother, David; and two uncles, Chris and Tim.

Survivors include his parents, Dewey Jr. '78 and Debra Mallory '78 Thompson; sisters, Christina '06 and Matthew Schreiber '06, and Rebecca Thompson; grandparents, Dewey Sr. and Nelda Thompson; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Sympathy to

Word has been received of the death of **Bobby Fong** of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, who died due to natural causes on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. He was 64.

He was a former dean for the arts and humanities and professor of English at Hope, where he was a member of the faculty from 1989 until 1995.

He had been serving as president of Ursinus University in Collegeville since 2011.

He began his career at Berea College in Kentucky, where he taught from 1978 to 1989. Immediately following his time at Hope, he became dean of the faculty at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. He subsequently served as president of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, from 2001 to 2011.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne Dunham Fong, and two sons, Jonathan and Nicholas ("Colin").



Landmark Event

Hope marked a major milestone on Wednesday, Oct. 8: the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the A. Paul Schaap Science Center. The events of 2004 carried symbolic significance: students performed the ribbon-cutting; alumni of the programs in the building made presentations; and the halls, classrooms and laboratories bustled with activity. This issue's cover story discusses the crucial role that internal support—provided by generous donors—plays in making possible the excellence in science education for which Hope has long been lauded. The dedication a decade ago emphasized a different point, one no less appreciated today: that the stage itself is essential. Ten years later, the facility is still living into its promise, providing outstanding space for faculty and students to work and learn together at the highest level.

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Music

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November 13

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Adrian Matejka

November 21-22 & 24-25

Dance

Student Dance Showcase