

# HOPE



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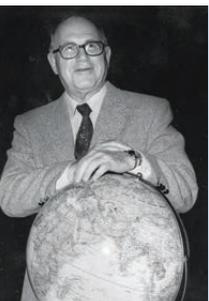
Winsome opportunities campus-wide make Hope's engaging Chapel experience just the start of the story

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## “Quote, unquote”

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



*Hope owes immeasurably to the late Dr. Paul Fried '46, who is widely recognized as the principal architect of the college's international education program and is celebrated (as noted later in this issue) in the new book **Hope Beyond Borders: The Life and Letters of Paul Fried** by Dr. Stephen Hemenway. Dr. Fried's commitment to positive, transformational, global engagement stemmed from his experience with the worst the world had to offer, as he shared during the following Chapel talk on Oct. 24, 1955, United Nations Day.*

“[I]t occurred to me that what might interest you most would be an account of the personal experiences which have made me a violent opponent of racial and religious prejudices, of narrow nationalism, and of totalitarian dictatorships that have been founded on these concepts.

“I became acquainted with the effects of one of these dictatorships in 1933, when Hitler came to power in Germany. My father, who had been editor of a democratic Berlin paper, was thrown into a concentration camp and lost everything but his life. Only the fact that he was an Austrian citizen made it possible for us to escape from Germany.

“Five years later, in 1938, Hitler invaded Austria. This time, when the Gestapo came, they did not find my father, so, since I have the same first name, they took me instead. Of course, my fate, or that of my family, was not unique. More than ten thousand people were arrested in Vienna alone during the first week of Hitler's rule. In the same prison with me were the mayor of Vienna and nearly all the leaders of the former government; I actually felt it was quite a distinction to be included in this group.

“Because I was not very important, I was able to escape, but my parents and two brothers died in Nazi camps. Eventually, I came to the United States and in 1940 enrolled at Hope College. How peaceful and pleasant everything seemed. I could understand why people here wanted to remain isolated from the rest of the world. But there could be no isolation while the cancer of Hitler's creed of

contempt for the majesty of God and the dignity of the human race was still spreading.

“Before long I was back in Europe, this time as a private in the American army. I saw more of the terrible effects of ignorance and intolerance. I learned that I had to fight to preserve the freedom that I had found and valued so highly, and then I wondered what would happen if the American people would put the same effort into winning the peace that they had put into the war effort. When I returned to Hope College after the war along with many of my pre-war friends, some of us, who had seen the horrors of war and were convinced that the preservation of peace depended on our individual efforts, organized the first International Relations Club on this campus. Thus, the 10th anniversary of the United Nations is our anniversary, too.

“Great progress has been made in these ten years, not only in the United Nations but also in the increasing understanding of Americans for the basic responsibilities of world leadership. On this campus, there is a growing recognition that the noblest ideals of our faith, our country, and our school are worldwide in concept and demand that we employ the wealth, the talents, and the opportunities that God has bestowed upon us in the cause of world peace and brotherhood. Of course, the mere recognition of what we ought to be doing is not enough. The question is: how can we apply these ideals to our life today, and how can we make our own individual contributions to the cause of peace?

“First, as students, by studying, by taking advantage of opportunities to learn about other areas, peoples and their problems, be it in a conference like [the one on campus] this afternoon, a lecture like the one scheduled for tonight, or by reading, correspondence, or travel.

“Secondly, as Americans we have an obligation to develop our capacity for intelligent examination of facts and conditions, recognizing that world affairs affect us all and that if we want to avoid the dangers of dictatorship, we cannot afford to depend on someone else to tell us what to do.

“Thirdly, as Christians and citizens of one of the richest nations in the world, we must be prepared to share some of our blessings with those less fortunate than we are. We are people with ten talents and owe accordingly.

“Finally, we must remember that what we do as individuals is important. What you do counts!”

### On the Cover

*Junior Gabriella Williams of Holland, Michigan, enjoys the college's 10:30 a.m. Chapel service on Friday, Feb. 20. The thrice-weekly services and Sunday-evening “The Gathering,” consistently fill Dimnent Memorial Chapel (attendance is voluntary), not an end but instead a reflection of a vibrant engagement with faith that runs throughout the Hope experience.*



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## Distinctive Hope



Hope was part of an elite company in the early 1970s, one of only 33 colleges and universities nationwide to receive funding for a George F. Baker Scholars Program. Some 43 years after the college inducted its first scholars, Hope is part of an even more select cohort, one of only two institutions nationwide to still have an active, student-run Baker Scholars group. The college's long-running program, endowed through wise investment of the original gift and generous alumni and business support in the years since, provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding students and connect them with business executives and other leaders, both on campus and through trips around the country as well as abroad (to China in 2012). During Winter Break in February this year, the Hope students visited Washington, D.C., for first-hand insight into the way that government and business intersect. In addition to meeting with political leaders and business and think-tank executives, they connected with the nation's other active student chapter, based at Georgetown University, a chance to reflect and brainstorm with peers with an eye toward how they might perhaps work together to forge even stronger programs in the years to come.



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# Events



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Spring Semester

April 23, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.  
April 24, Friday—Spring Festival. Classes dismissed at 3 p.m.  
April 27-May 1, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations  
May 1, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.  
May 3, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement  
May 4, Monday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon  
**May Term**—May 4-29  
**June Term**—June 1-26  
**July Term**—June 29-July 24

## ADMISSIONS

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

*For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call 616.395.7850, or toll free 1.800.968.7850; check on-line at [www.hope.edu/admissions](http://www.hope.edu/admissions); or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422-9000.*

## DE PREE GALLERY

**Graduating Senior Show**—Friday, April 10-Sunday, May 3  
Work by graduating senior studio art and art education majors.  
There will be an opening reception on Friday, April 10, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the gallery.

*The gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Please call the gallery at 616.395.7500 for more information.*

## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Honors Convocation**—Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.  
Dimnent Memorial Chapel  
**Baccalaureate and Commencement**—Sunday, May 3  
Dimnent Memorial Chapel and Ray and Sue Smith Stadium (DeVos Fieldhouse if rain)

## THEATRE

**The Children's Hour**—Friday-Saturday, April 17-18; Wednesday-Saturday, April 22-25  
DeWitt Center, main theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
*Tickets are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 18 and under.*



## HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

HSRT is planning an exciting 44th season, opening in the DeWitt theatre in June. Please see the full-page advertisement on page 30 for more information.



## SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please visit the Hope Athletics website at [athletics.hope.edu](http://athletics.hope.edu) to find schedules for the spring season, including baseball, softball, and men's and women's golf, lacrosse, tennis and track. Pocket schedules can be picked up at the Hope College ticket offices in the Anderson-Werkman Financial Center and DeVos Fieldhouse.

## JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

**Marvin Bell**, poet—Thursday, April 16, Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall  
*The readings will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free.*



## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

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

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

**Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing**—Monday, June 8  
At the Ravines Golf Club in Saugatuck, Michigan.

*For more information concerning the above events, please call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 616.395.7250 or visit the Alumni Association online at [hope.edu/alumni](http://hope.edu/alumni).*

## 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.



## SUMMER CAMPS

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

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

## INSTANT INFORMATION

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

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

## DANCE

**Student Dance Showcases**—Friday-Saturday, April 17-18  
Dow Center, dance studio, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday-Tuesday, April 20-21  
Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
Admission is free.



## MUSIC

**Brown Bag Concert Series**—Friday, April 10: Holland Area Arts Council, 150 E. Eighth St., noon. Admission is free.

**Wind Ensemble Concert**—Saturday, April 11: DeVos Fieldhouse, 2 p.m. Admission is free.

**Wind Chamber Recital**—Saturday, April 11: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Women's Chamber Choir Concert**—Monday, April 13: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 195 W. 13th St., 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Concert Band Performance**—Thursday, April 16: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

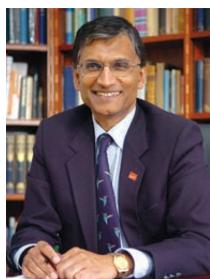
**Combined Choirs Concert**—Tuesday, April 21: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Wichers Final Performance**—Recitals by current and former music faculty and select alumni that will provide a farewell to Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, which will be succeeded by the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts in the fall; Friday, April 24, every half hour beginning at 5 p.m. with the last concluding at 10 p.m.; Saturday, April 25, every half hour beginning at 2 p.m. with the last concluding at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

**Tulip Time Organ Recitals**—Wednesday-Saturday, May 6-9: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, starting every half hour beginning at 10 a.m. with the last concluding at 2 p.m. Admission is free.



Tim Schoonveld '96



Gerald Pillay

**GRADUATION:** The college's 150th Commencement, celebrating the graduating Class of 2015, will be held on Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

More than 700 graduating seniors will be participating.

The Commencement speaker will be Tim Schoonveld '96, assistant professor of kinesiology and co-director of athletics. The Baccalaureate speaker will be Gerald Pillay, who is vice chancellor and rector of Liverpool Hope University in England, one of Hope's international partner institutions, and is also a member of the Hope College Board of Trustees.

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

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT:** Hope, in partnership with Albion College, Antioch College, DePauw University and Oberlin College, has been awarded a grant to implement an environmental dashboard from the Great Lakes Colleges Association as part of the GLCA's "Expanding Collaboration Initiative," funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The project's purpose is to foster programs of teaching, research, and outreach across college campuses to heighten awareness of how human behaviors affect the well-being of the natural environment, as well as the sustained vitality of human society in local settings and the broader global context.

The dashboard, developed at Oberlin College, is a communication technology that combines real-time display of water and electricity use in buildings, organizations and whole communities with photographs and words contributed by community members that celebrate positive thought and action. Using electronic signs and websites, the dashboard employs compelling graphics to reconnect people with the natural world by making flows of resources visible and promoting sustainable behavior.

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**SNOW DAY:** The winter of 2014-15 wasn't quite as intense as its immediate predecessor, but still prompted a rare Hope closing.

Due to an unusually severe storm system, the college canceled classes and other activities beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, and then for the entirety of Friday, Jan. 9. Hope has canceled classes only five full days since the turn of the millennium.

**NEW DEAN:** David Van Wylen of the St. Olaf College biology faculty has been named dean for the natural and applied sciences at Hope.

Van Wylen is a professor of biology and the sustainability catalyst at St. Olaf, where his tenure previously included two three-year terms as associate dean for natural sciences and mathematics and serving as chair of the Biology Department. Hired following a national search, he will begin his duties at Hope on July 1.

Although drawn to Hope by the high quality of the college's programs and character, Van Wylen will also be coming to West Michigan and campus with strong personal ties. His parents are Drs. Gordon and Margaret Van Wylen of Holland. Gordon Van Wylen was president of Hope from 1972 until retiring in 1987.

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### FOR THE KIDS:

The season of giving is year-round and grass-roots at Hope, character embodied in numerous ways, not least of all by the student-organized Dance Marathon held on behalf of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

Hundreds of students participate each year, many individually and others as part of campus groups that make the event a major focus. The marathon itself, during which students gather in the Dow Center for 24 hours, culminates activity that begins during the first weeks of the fall semester and includes numerous fund-raising efforts and—especially—opportunities for the students involved to get to know the families served by the hospital.

This year's Dance Marathon, held on Friday and Saturday, March 6-7, set both fund-raising and participation records, topping last year's record totals by raising \$182,187.30 with more than 900 students participating. Since it began, Dance Marathon has raised nearly \$1.5 million.

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

**RESEARCH SUPPORT:** Hope is one of only 12 colleges and universities nationwide, and the only institution from Michigan, to receive a 2015 Beckman Scholars Program award from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation in support of student research.

The Beckman Scholars Program is an invited program for accredited universities and four-year colleges in the United States. It provides scholarship support to select students at the recipient institutions in chemistry, biochemistry, and the biological and medical sciences with an emphasis on sustained, in-depth laboratory research experiences with faculty mentors.

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**WATERSHED, DAY 1:** A major gift from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation of Midland, Michigan, is enabling Hope to establish a residential learning community in the sciences focused on helping improve the Macatawa watershed.

The "Day 1: Watershed" program will begin next fall by gathering 24 incoming freshmen who will live together in the same residence hall, share courses and become immersed in socially relevant research projects. The \$3 million gift will endow the program in perpetuity, with a new cohort of students entering each year. The "Day 1" name reflects that it is among several initiatives at Hope that involve new students in research immediately.

The interdisciplinary program will include an on-going partnership with Project Clarity, a broad-based community initiative established in 2012 that seeks to remediate the water quality issues of Lake Macatawa and the watershed.

During their first year, the participants will live together and enroll in first-year interdisciplinary seminar and research courses focused on the Macatawa watershed. In addition to studying the impact of human development on the local watershed, they will work with STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) professionals and regional community members to better understand the scientific problems involved.

After the first academic year, the students will have summer research and internship opportunities. Options will include participating in collaborative research with members of the faculty, off-campus May Term course-based research experiences, outreach with local K-12 schools and internships with local industries.

Members of the faculty and students have been conducting research on the Macatawa watershed for more than 15 years. The accompanying photo shows Kyle Alexander '13 and Lauren Zandstra '12 collecting sediment samples during the summer of 2011.

[hope.edu/Day1](http://hope.edu/Day1)

**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.

At right are a few of the approximately 200 students who participated in 20 service projects across the community through the college's Martin Luther King Time to Serve volunteer program on Saturday, Jan. 17. The program is an opportunity for students to live out the legacy of service provided by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and is among a variety of activities scheduled for the campus community as part of the college's annual Civil Rights Celebration Week.

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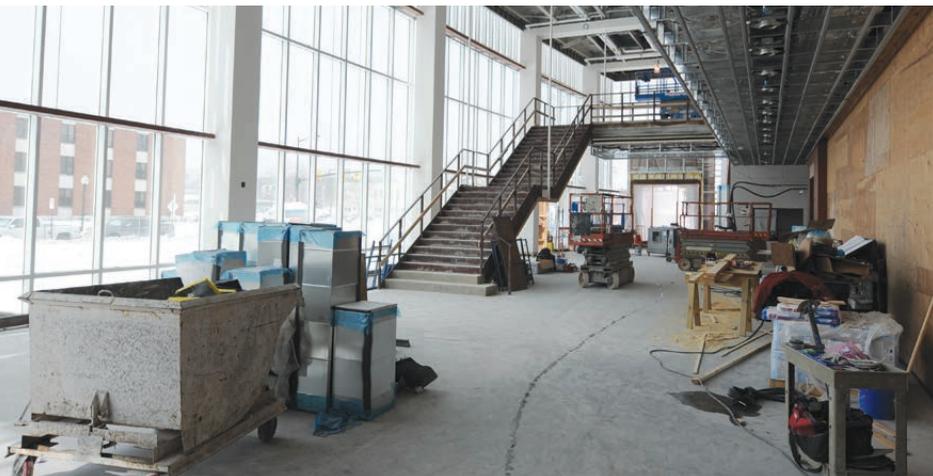
# Visible Arts

Progress proceeds apace on the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts and Kruizenga Art Museum, which are just a few months away from beginning their new roles as educational and cultural centers for generations of students and West Michigan.

Additional photographs, as well as live webcams showing the Kruizenga Art Museum and the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts are available at [hope.edu/kruizenga-art-museum](http://hope.edu/kruizenga-art-museum) and [hope.edu/millercenter](http://hope.edu/millercenter).



Viewed looking toward the main entrance, the Kruizenga Art Museum features its unique exterior panels.



The two-story entry lobby of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts provides not only gathering space but floor-to-ceiling windows that offer a view of the surrounding campus and neighboring downtown Holland.



While most of the photos on this page were taken on campus, this one has traveled from Canada. It shows the organ being custom-built for the main performance hall by Casavant Frères (Casavant Brothers) of Saint-Hyacinthe in Quebec. The organ will make the music center the only purely musical hall in West Michigan with an embedded concert organ.



The music-themed reliefs that once adorned Nykerk Hall of Music have been relocated to the music center's entry lobby, preserving a distinctive and treasured feature of the program's long-time home.



The unique exterior panels are applied to the Kruizenga Art Museum in February. Exterior work continued across the winter months.



*A Greater Hope*  
THE HOPE COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

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

# Drawn to an Extraordinary Place



The outstanding Hope qualities that impressed Jeff Puckett as the parent of a prospective student led him to join the staff as vice president for development and alumni engagement earlier this year. He is excited to be working with the Hope family to help build an even stronger Hope for generations to come.

Students at Hope often say this about their college search: when they visited campus as a “prospective,” they just knew.

They had cruised the website, they had read the literature, they had done the comparisons, maybe they had even spoken with someone who’d attended. That in-person visit, however, often conveys something that all the rest of the activity together can’t quite achieve. Maybe it’s an intangible that really does have to be experienced to be understood, that Hope is a *community* of learners in a way that few places are, providing an educational environment that no other place can match.

It can be that way for members of the faculty and staff as well. It happens that two generations of the Puckett family were on a journey of discernment when visiting campus in 2014. Son Sam, graduating from high school this spring, was engaged in the college search. Parent Jeff was considering joining Hope as vice president for development and alumni engagement.

The result? Sam will enroll in August as a member of the incoming Class of 2019. Jeff has preceded him, joining the staff in January.

“When you step foot on this campus, there’s something you feel,” Jeff recalled. “Our family [also including wife Amy and daughter Madeline] really was taken aback by how interactive the students were—everyone smiled, and said ‘Hello.’ I think that really was a testament to the type of culture and *zeitgeist* that’s here on campus. It wasn’t scripted, it was all un-prompted. It made it that much more remarkably real for us.”

As a parent, Jeff is pleased first and foremost that his son has found the right college home, but it was also important to him to find the right place.

Jeff had also done all the other research prior to his visit, and knew that Hope was extraordinary by other measures as well. “It is certainly one of the strongest private liberal arts institutions, in all areas of the college, that I am aware of,” he said.

His perspective is additionally informed by his 21 years as a leader in philanthropy and higher education, most recently as vice president of development and alumni relations at Beloit College in Wisconsin. His career experience in development also includes more than a decade at Washington State University as well as tenures at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska, and Elon College (Elon University) in North Carolina, the latter his undergraduate *alma mater*.

“Hope College’s mission—that’s a pretty powerful draw,” Jeff said.

“I’ve worked in a variety of environments, including the big public land-grants, but I’m especially committed to private liberal arts education because it does a fantastic job of providing the kind of integrated competencies that graduates need to thrive in the complex, interconnected world of the 21st century,” he said. “Hope does that brilliantly, and with a unique approach to faith formation that prepares students to become leaders in contributing solutions to the great social, economic, medical and political questions.”

Jeff is excited to be partnering with the college community in building an even stronger Hope for the future, especially through the college’s new strategic plan, which Hope is finalizing this spring. (More about the plan will be shared in a

forthcoming issue of *News from Hope College*. In the meantime, the six aspirational goals approved by the Board of Trustees earlier in the school year, shared with the Hope family by President John Knapp in the January *Presidential Perspective*, are available online at [hope.edu/president/strategic](http://hope.edu/president/strategic).)

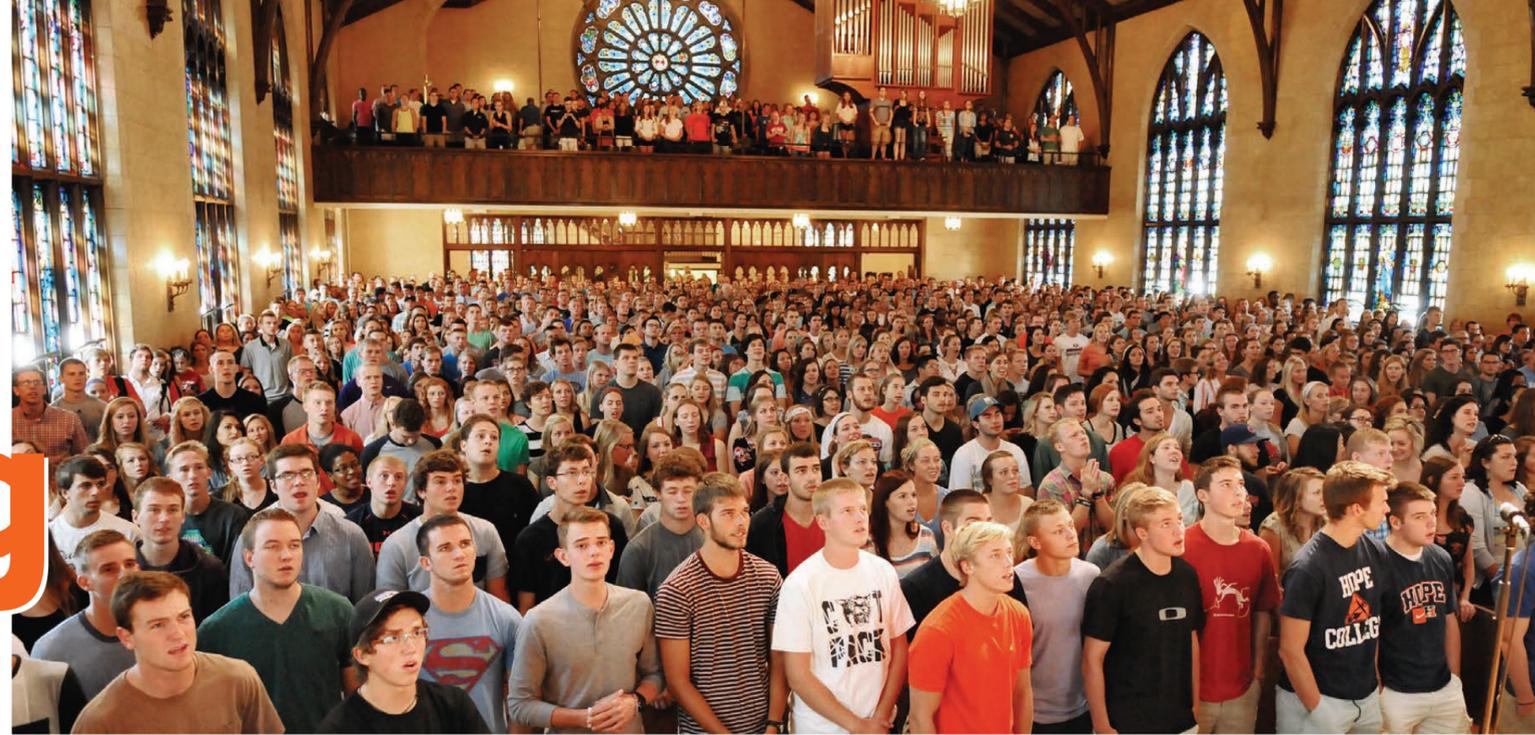
He also appreciates that he now has the opportunity himself to foster community at Hope, particularly with alumni. He and his team will build on initiatives like the Career Resource Network operated by the Alumni Association and Career Development Center, and additional life-long learning programs at the college; provide more chances for alumni to connect with “affinity groups”—others who enjoyed the same activities, not tied to a specific graduation year; and add to the opportunities for alumni across the nation and worldwide to connect with each other and the college. And he is enthused about finding even more ways to learn and share how the remarkable Hope experience has led to remarkable alumni lives.

In the short term, though, and very directly, he is eager to make even more connections himself with the extended Hope family.

“There are so many people that I am looking forward to meeting—certainly more of the faculty and staff, countless alums and parents, and other supporters and friends in the local communities,” he said. “I know the next handful of months are going to be just chock full of opportunities to get to know more members of the Hope College community, both externally and internally, and I can’t wait.” 🐾



# Faith Enduring



Students fill Dimnent Memorial Chapel for the first Chapel service of the school year in August. The strong—and voluntary—participation in the thrice-weekly Chapel services and Sunday-evening The Gathering reflects rich engagement with faith throughout the Hope experience.

If vision might be expected to find a home anywhere, a place named Hope ought to be at the top of the list.

That said, observers in the 1920s could be forgiven for questioning President Edward Dimnent's plans for a new chapel. He imagined, and brought to reality, a soaring structure so massive that it could hold the entire student body of 350 nearly times four. So cavernous was the edifice that a curtain was strung across the middle to mask off the vacant pews. (Careful stewardship has ever been a Hope quality: the practice helped reduce heating costs.)

"He had a vision for a space where all of Hope College would gather and worship—a chapel whose size and beauty might embody the significance of the Christian faith on this campus for generations," said Dr. Trygve Johnson, who has been the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel at Hope since 2005. "People thought he was crazy: 'We don't need a building of this size,' they said. But he was resolved. He had a vision that one day the college would fill the chapel with worshipers."

Thank goodness for over-building. Today, during the worship services led by the Campus Ministries program on three weekday mornings and Sunday evenings, Dimnent Memorial Chapel is packed to standing-room-only by some 1,300 students, along with faculty, staff and members of the Holland community, all there by choice.

That last point matters tremendously in understanding the role of the Christian faith at Hope, and makes the participation significant on a symbolic level. Hope offers opportunities rather than requirements, and the members of the campus community respond, not only in the chapel but throughout the Hope experience, because they want to. Further, it happens with a respectful ecumenism grounded in the understanding that the members of the Hope community come from a variety of traditions and not everyone will participate in every activity or engage in the same way or with the same perspective.

"I think it's a beautiful model," said the Rev. Jon Brown '99, who valued his experience as a

student and now works with students as co-pastor of Pillar Church, a joint Reformed Church in American and Christian Reformed Church congregation that is literally surrounded on three sides by Hope. "The faith dimension is ever-present at Hope, but it's not required. You can come to Hope and get an excellent education, be exposed to things of faith, but not have to participate in them, which does two things. One, it allows someone who may not be a Christian believer to get a great education at a great school that offers great things on all kinds of levels: the academics are incredible, the athletic program is incredible. But then they're exposed to faith. They can't walk away not having experienced at least something of it."

**"The relationships that I've been able to build mean a lot and are something that I have really valued. To have someone walk alongside me and be a part of my growth and care about my growth—that has permeated all aspects of my time here."**

—Senior Luke Wehner of Carmel, Indiana

"On the flip side, the Christian student who comes can participate deeply and vibrantly and grow up with a robust Christian faith at Hope College, but also not because you had to, and not because you did it in the context where people didn't disagree with you or question you or make you think more deeply or walk more graciously," he said. "So it seems to me like no matter how you enter the mix at Hope, Christian or not sure, A, you'll both find a place there, and B, your own place will be challenged, whether it's the place of faith or not."

Senior Luke Wehner of Carmel, Indiana, has appreciated the approach. "That was one of the things that drew me to Hope, that we could have so many people coming from so many different traditions," he said. "That was huge in my decision-making process."

Wehner has especially valued exploring faith in partnership with others, including fellow students as well as members of the faculty and staff. Upperclassmen were mentors for him during events like the Campus Ministries "men's night out" and Bible studies. He's now been doing the same for new students.

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"I wanted to be that person that was that person for me," Wehner said. "I've had the blessing of having people pour into me. It's really cool to be in that position now, to take

underclassmen under your wing."

Campus-wide, engagement with faith takes place both implicitly and explicitly, a robustness of which the strong Chapel and Gathering attendance is but one reflection. It can inform classroom discussion in any discipline, or include an academic major in religion, a minor in ministry studies, or a minor in leadership through the Center for Faithful Leadership. It often guides students' deep commitment to service across the school year. Students in residence halls form Bible studies, and coaches begin practices with prayer. Campus groups offering focused discussion include "Klesis" (Greek for "calling"), which is a program for students interested in discerning their vocation and calling, and the college's Lilly Scholars program, which promotes theological dialogue among students from a variety of disciplines. The Veritas Forum, held every two years, blends scholarship, the arts and faith in exploring a specific theme.

Senior Elly VanderZouwen of Midland, Michigan, values integration of faith and other experience. Among other activities she is currently part of the worship team that helps lead Chapel, and she has been active in other Campus Ministries and Bible study programs as well. Last year, she participated in the Emmaus Scholars Program, a residence-based program in which upperclassmen consider how they can blend their faith, academics and life experiences to make a difference in the world.

"Something I learned last year in particular is that there aren't categories in life,"

VanderZouwen said. "You don't have your 'spiritual life' and your 'friend life' and your 'academic life.' It all runs together and the Lord works through it all. Jesus's place is in the classroom as much as it is in the chapel, and so that should change the way we teach and really should change the way we think about everything."

History faculty member Dr. Marc Baer has made a priority of integrating faith into his teaching as well as beyond the classroom. He enjoys exploring life's deepest questions with students in the Senior Seminar "Faith and Calling," in addition to considering religion's role in the context of his teaching as a specialist in modern British history. He played a leadership role in establishing Klesis and the Veritas Forum to help provide students campus-wide with more opportunities to engage both faith and scholarship, a linkage that he appreciates matters at Hope.

"I think places like Hope get it," said Dr. Baer, a professor of history. "We are intellectual creatures. We are spiritual creatures. We are physical creatures. We have a mind, we have a heart, we have a soul, we have muscles. And if you only focus on one and leave the others to atrophy, I don't think you'll flourish."

"We want students to engage in activities that lead to their flourishing," he said. "That means discipline and balance, wise choices, recognizing that the life of the mind and the life of the spirit work together, they're not in opposition."



Multiple Bible studies, meeting across campus as well as off-campus, provide opportunities for members of the campus community to explore faith in a small-group setting. The groups meet at all hours, to accommodate the varied schedules that are a part of college life. Above, Nancy Smith, interim chaplain of integral mission, and students meet at 8 a.m. on a Friday.



Students visit communities across the country during spring break through the long-running immersion-trip program coordinated by Campus Ministries. The experiences emphasize engaging with and understanding the people and places and the needs found there. Pictured is one of last year's trips, which connected with the Reformed Church of Highland Park in New Jersey and included helping with home repairs in areas of Monmouth County hardest hit by super storm Sandy in 2012.



# Hope in Rwanda

By Greg Chandler

**H**ope junior Anysie Ishimwe was born in April 1994 in the African nation of Rwanda, right in the beginning stages of one of the worst episodes of genocide in human history.

Over a period of three months, up to one million Rwandans were slaughtered, most of them from the Tutsi ethnic group, by members of the Hutu, the majority ethnic group in that country.

“It was something I really never tried to understand (why it happened). It was beyond me,” Ishimwe said.

Today, Anysie and some of her fellow Hope students, as well as faculty and staff from the college, are trying to make a difference in the nation’s revitalization.



Hope junior Bridget Stenger of East Grand Rapids, Michigan, connects with Marme, who at age six is the youngest orphan in the village, during the college’s May Term to Rwanda last year. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Dianne Portfleet)

Since 2008, Hope has been engaged in the Nibakure Children’s Village, an orphanage located in the community of Nyamata, about 20 miles southeast of the capital of Kigali. Students, faculty and staff have visited Nibakure (translated to English, the word means “let them grow, give them hope”) through the leadership of BeHope, a student-led initiative housed in the Office of the Dean for International and Multicultural Education, including in conjunction with the college’s Rwanda May Term. As a student-led organization, BeHope embodies Hope’s commitment to prepare students for lives of service and leadership in a global society.

“We are grateful for the work of Andre Wierda ’09 and so many other Hope students whose vision for BeHope has been inspirational,” said Alfredo Gonzales, Hope’s dean for international and multicultural education. “BeHope is a catalyst for encouraging Hope students to take part in the Rwanda May Term and through it not only gain an academic experience but step into the reality of what it means to be a global citizen. It really is remarkable how personally invested students are in the lives of the people of Rwanda.”

Several Hope alumni who were pivotal in the development of Nibakure remain actively involved as members of the organization’s board of directors and in its administration. Daniel Owens ’13, who now serves as administrative director for the orphanage, became involved with BeHope as a sophomore, starting with a campaign on campus to raise funds for the village through a textbook drive at the Hope-Geneva Bookstore. He later conducted field research on reconciliation in post-genocide Rwanda, which formed the basis for his senior project for the Mellon Scholars Program. He says the experience has been life-changing.



The picturesque grounds of Nibakure Children’s Village, a home and place of hope for orphans in Rwanda. Hope has been engaged with the village since 2008 through the leadership of BeHope, a student-led initiative. The relationships and

support which result make a difference to the village and children while also providing opportunities for students to experience how their talents and interests can engage with the world and its needs. (Photo courtesy of Daniel Owens ’13)

“The cultural exchange that takes place is quite meaningful because the Hope students share meals, play games, sing songs, and ultimately live in community with the children Nibakure serves for over a three-week period,” Owens said. “While it’s still a relatively short period, it’s been remarkable to watch how the Hope students and children at Nibakure grow more comfortable with, and learn from, each other.”

Dr. Matthew Wixson ’08, who like Wierda serves as a board member for the orphanage, became involved in Rwanda as a Hope undergraduate after hearing an on-campus presentation by Floriane Brown, Nibakure’s executive director.

“Hearing her passion for her country and for the orphanage, (my involvement) all started there,” said Dr. Wixson, who took part in several fundraising efforts for the orphanage through BeHope while a student. A graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, Dr. Wixson is now in an anesthesia residency program in Ann Arbor. He calls his involvement with Nibakure “a big part of my Hope education,” as it allowed him to interact with the larger world beyond campus.

Last May, Dr. Dianne Portfleet, associate professor of English at Hope, took a group of Hope students to Rwanda through the May Term. She was especially struck by one gathering at Nibakure in particular, when the children

sang songs in which they gave their name, how they felt that day and what they wanted to do with their lives.

“They all had dreams. There was no question in their minds. They could be a teacher, they could be a nurse, they could do anything they wanted to do,” she said. “To see these children dreaming, and to see how eager they were to learn, would put us all to shame.”

Dr. Portfleet was also struck by the spirit of many of the people who had lost loved ones in the genocide, by their willingness to forgive in spite of their great emotional pain from the experience. “Being Christian, they could not hold hatred and revenge in their hearts, because they had peace with God,” she said.

Anysie Ishimwe, who plans to return to Rwanda after she graduates from Hope next year with a degree in international education, recalls getting to know a woman named Virginia at Nibakure who serves as one of the orphanage’s caregivers, or “mamas,” as they’re referred to. Virginia lost her husband and both of her children in the genocide. Ishimwe says Virginia and the other “mamas” have learned to forgive what happened, and treat each day at the orphanage with joy.

“Having the kids there every day brings life to them,” she said.

As part of their May Term experience, the Hope students visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre, a museum that describes

the story of the genocide. Seeing some of the museum artifacts, including skulls of some of those killed in the genocide, was a deeply moving experience for the group, Dr. Portfleet said.

Natalie Polanco, a junior from the Dominican Republic, says she was inspired by the desire of the Rwandan children she met that yearned for educational opportunities – something that can easily be taken for granted.

“Every single day, if I wake up and think about not going to class, it just hits me – how can I even say that when these kids, every single day are hoping to have this experience that I am having?” said Polanco, who is majoring in social work at Hope.

Brooke Wolthuis, a senior nursing major from Holland, Michigan, decided to go to Rwanda last year even though it didn’t fit the parameters of her program. The experience stretched her boundaries in many ways.

“I knew going on this trip would be going outside of my comfort zone. I didn’t know anyone going, and it was halfway across the world and not something I could afford,” she said.

Wolthuis said the experience taught her what it means to be a servant leader. She said one of the things that struck her most about her experience was what she termed the “gentle courage” of the Rwandan people she met.

“In Rwanda, all the people there have this way about them, that they’re strong. They have the strength to keep going on, to not give up – not in a way where they’re arrogant and push aside the feelings of others, but in a way that makes them approachable and peaceful,” she said.

Hope’s involvement with Nibakure and Rwanda has extended beyond BeHope to include

the college’s Mortar Board chapter, which Dr. Portfleet advises.

Last year, Mortar Board raised money to buy solar panels to generate power to hook into the electrical grid, which now serves nearby villages. Two students went over spring break last year to provide water filters that had been developed in Michigan to purify water of contaminants, Dr. Portfleet said.

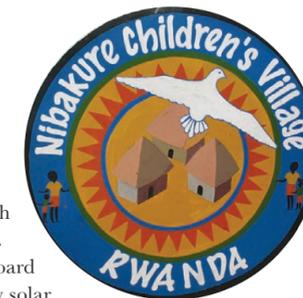
In addition, BeHope and Mortar Board are working together to raise about \$7,000 for educational opportunities for some of the older students in the area around Nibakure. “They have to have uniforms; they need more school supplies (for their high school classes),” Dr. Portfleet said.

Dr. Matthew Wixson says he is proud to be part of Hope’s ongoing commitment to Nibakure and the restoration of Rwanda.

“As an alumnus of the college and being involved in this effort, seeing people (on campus) get excited about it is pretty incredible,” Dr. Wixson said.

Dr. Portfleet and Daniel Owens will take about a dozen students from Hope to Rwanda during May Term this year, and Polanco is already looking forward to returning.

“The experience of being in Rwanda never leaves me. I think about Rwanda every single day,” Polanco said. “When the opportunity came up, I said I’m going again this May. I said yes right away because I will take any opportunity to go back there and see the kids again and continue to learn about their trust in God, their hope in God, their trust in the future.”



Children of the village and Hope students enjoy a dance contest last May. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Dianne Portfleet)



# Three Journeys for Hope College

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

A Shakespearean, a political scientist, and a psychologist walked into Hope College about four decades ago and they walk out together in retirement this May having served the college a total of 120 years. Their stories are as different as the subject matters they teach, but Dr. John Cox '67, the DuMez professor of English, Dr. Jack Holmes, professor of political science, and Dr. John Shaughnessy, professor of psychology, each made a collective impact through teaching, researching, writing, friend-making, and life-changing. As is the way of all great teachers, their own personal journeys have affected hundreds of lives more.

## Dr. John Cox '67 (1979)

Well-timed words, knowingly yet matter-of-factly delivered, often have their impact fully revealed in hindsight. For Dr. John Cox '67, such words were spoken by a valued mentor when Dr. Cox was in high school. They placed him on a 39-year Hope journey as both an undergraduate and professor.

"I remember my friend saying to me, 'Have you thought about those Calvinist schools in the Midwest?' He meant Hope or Calvin, of course, and I didn't know anything about either of them" recalls Dr. Cox, the son of missionaries to China and Thailand. "Then he added, 'I can see you are interested in something more than driving a truck.'"

The words took hold in action and memory. Dr. Cox made Hope his school of choice and Shakespeare his area of study. His already-keen interest in the Renaissance playwright was cultivated even more by Dr. Henry tenHoor, to whom he says he is indebted for both his education and his return to Hope as a professor from the University of Victoria in Canada.

"I was quite strongly drawn to Hope as a student and then as a teacher because of its nature, its mission, its openness with commitment," he says. "I have been strongly shaped by this college."

Hope, its students, and the study of Shakespeare have been reciprocally shaped by him. While teaching numerous courses on the Bard's works, Dr. Cox also served as the director of Interdisciplinary Studies and Senior Seminar for 20 years. But teaching and leading were not nearly enough. Dr. Cox, who formed an ambition early to contribute to the scholarly world and dedicated his summers and sabbaticals to do so, has published more than 70 books, journal articles, and reviews on Shakespeare and drama from the Renaissance and Middle



Dr. Jack Holmes

Ages. In a departure from that norm, he also wrote and published a history text — a book on the 100th anniversary of his home church, Maple Avenue Ministries in Holland. Dr. Cox calls himself an active scholar; some would say he is prolific.

"But it's others people's decision whether you get published or not, so 'prolific' is a shared tribute," he modestly responds.

In retirement, Dr. Cox and his wife, Karen, will spend more time with family. And, the active and prolific scholar will continue to keep busy for the foreseeable future by editing dozens of plays from the 16th century for the Internet Shakespeare Edition, incidentally housed at the University of Victoria. The academic truck that he ended up driving almost went full circle.

## Dr. Jack Holmes (1969/1974)

Local. National. Global. Wilderness. State. Attach "politics" to the end of each aforementioned word and the broad-scale teaching and research interests of Dr. Jack Holmes are widely and impressively defined. In each of those realms, Dr. Holmes has led Hope students to a greater understanding and appreciation of the policies and moods that shape the bureaucratic currents of the world they live in and can change.

"I think it is very important for students to understand international relations, American

government, wilderness policies, any political issue in depth, but then it is even more important for them to get involved and do something about it," he says.

Dr. Holmes has role-modeled his credo of active political involvement since coming to Hope in 1969, fresh out of the U.S. Army as a captain and research assistant on the politico-military staff of the Army General Staff in Washington, D.C. A lifelong conservative, he has served the Michigan and Ottawa County Republican Party — for a period as a district and county chair — for more than 40 years. An avid outdoorsman, he has transported summer term students to his home state of Colorado for 30 years to conduct academic, environmental inquiry into land use and water rights while headquartered at his second-home mountain ranch. An international relations authority, he was the main instigator and director of Hope's well-attended Model United Nations program for 43 years. A national government expert, Dr. Holmes has co-authored a text on American government, acted as the faculty advisor in-residence for 12 terms for the Washington Honors Semester, and he even left the college for two years (1973-74) to work as district assistant to a U.S. Congressman from Colorado.

At each location and in each capacity, Dr. Holmes' priority was to acquaint and engage Hope students with hands-on experience for the

## Dr. John Shaughnessy (1975)

Neatly perched on the window sill in his tidy office sit three wildly divergent items — a photo of Oreos and milk, a colorful wooden jaguar, and a plastic SpongeBob — that have one thing in common: They remind Dr. John Shaughnessy of the reasons he loves teaching at Hope. Each is a sentimental and playful gift from a former student and each, plus a few more, represents the acute levels of teaching, learning, and friendship that Dr. Shaughnessy and many of his students have cultivated over the years.

Dr. Shaughnessy — the winner of the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (HOPE) Award in 1992 and the Janet Andersen Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2008 — likes to attribute the bulk of his ability to connect with students to the quality of Hope students themselves. "They are good, smart people who make it easy to work here," he says.

But Dr. Shaughnessy responds to people more than ideas, he says, and because of that, he is beloved at Hope as much for his personal mentoring as his teaching of Research Methods 98 times, as much for his active scholarly pursuits into the mind's memory (his research specialty) as his self-deprecating sense of humor about his own recollections.

And ironically, it all may never have happened.

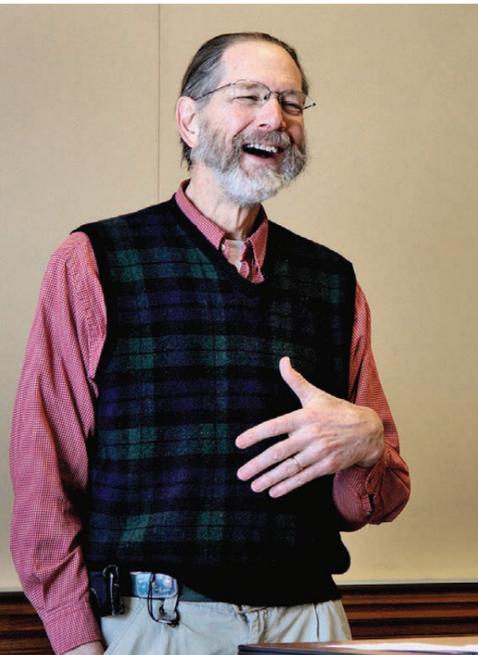
"There was a three-year gap between the time I finished my Ph.D. (at Northwestern University) to finally getting a teaching job," he says. "If I had not gotten the job at Hope, I wouldn't be a college professor today. I truly believe that. I would have stopped applying

and perhaps become a researcher instead. But thankfully for me, the providence of God was at work."

Of course, Hope students and his psychology colleagues are thankful for that too. As is the publisher of his widely-used, co-authored text, *Research Methods in Psychology*, now in its 10th edition. All of the work Dr. Shaughnessy has produced during his career has been primarily in relationship to the act and art of teaching.

"When I pay attention, I'm mindful of what a gift it is to be a teacher," says the professor who was selected by Mortar Board in 2011 to impart his sagacity in the esteemed Last Lecture Series. "When I'm mindful, I say I get to go to class, not I have to go to class. Like any job, teaching has its drudgery, like grading. But I have many good, good memories in my years at Hope. Now that's a gift."

Soon he'll make new memories in retirement. His wife, Paula, plans to retire from her position at the Hope-Geneva Bookstore soon, too. Though he says they're trying not to know what they want to do immediately after cleaning out offices, he knows he has one family member who has designs on their time. Their white Retriever, Josie, is intent on walking. Lots of walking and probably a lot of remembering too. 🐕



Dr. John Cox



Dr. John Shaughnessy

# Celebrating a Life Beyond Borders



Dr. Paul Fried '46, a member of the history faculty for more than 30 years who is widely recognized as chief architect of the college's international education program, at work in his office in the latter 1960s. Wartime experiences that might have left many bitter helped prompt him to become a dedicated advocate

for international engagement and education. A new book by long-time colleague and friend Dr. Stephen Hemenway of the English faculty traces Dr. Fried's extraordinary life and lasting impact on Hope. Much of the book is in Dr. Fried's own words, shared through correspondence across his lifetime.

The extraordinary life of Dr. Paul Fried '46, a legendary Hope faculty member whose impact on the college continues decades after his retirement, is chronicled in *Hope Beyond Borders: The Life and Letters of Paul Fried* by Dr. Stephen Hemenway of the English faculty.

Dr. Fried, who died in July 2006 at age 87, was an émigré whose family was killed by the Nazis. After initially coming to West Michigan to attend Hope, he served with the U.S. Army in the European Theatre during World War II and was subsequently a translator during the Nuremberg war crimes trials. He returned to Holland to teach history at Hope from 1953 to

1984, and is widely recognized as the principal architect of the college's international education program. Dr. Hemenway was a long-time colleague and friend of Dr. Fried, and since 1976 has directed the college's Vienna Summer School, which Dr. Fried had founded in 1956 and directed for the two decades in between.

Published by the Van Raalte Press of the college's Van Raalte Institute, the volume tells Fried's story in his own words as much as possible, drawing on the extensive collection of correspondence that he had retained and contributed to the Joint Archives of Holland in 1998.

"I found that Paul's extensive biographical notes, especially his boyhood and World War II reflections, the carbon copies of at least 10,000 personal letters that he wrote and preserved, and other personal papers presented an opportunity for creating an edited version of the highlights of his life and career," Dr. Hemenway noted in the book's preface.

"In a 23 January 1965 letter to former student and art curator John Dryfhout ['64], Paul said, 'I am always somewhat aware of the historian's task. I don't think I ever had in mind the possibility of my letters being published as the value, for myself, of putting down on paper things I would otherwise easily forget,'" Dr. Hemenway continued. "I, however, think that Paul's letters and autobiographical sketches do have incredible value in revealing the personality of a man who breathed 'hope beyond borders' in all of his life's actions and passions."

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Paul after German troops marched into Austria in 1938, and, ultimately, death in concentration camps for his parents and both brothers.

Dr. Fried was released from prison and deported to Czechoslovakia. Circuitous routing took him to England and from there to America. He came to Hope College in 1940, the result of connections with a Presbyterian Church minister for whom he had briefly worked during an international missionary conference in Vienna three years earlier.

At the end of his sophomore year, Dr. Fried enlisted in the U.S. Army, eventually serving in the Intelligence Corps in the European Theatre of Operations. He received the Bronze Star.

After the war, he returned to Hope to finish his degree and went on to Harvard, where he earned a master's in history in 1947 with plans to pursue a doctorate.

His developing interest in the rise of Nazism led him to interrupt his studies for a position as translator with the American delegation to the Nuremberg War Trials. While part of the historic process, Dr. Fried completed his dissertation and received a doctor of philosophy degree in 1949 from the University of Erlangen. He returned to Harvard to begin pursuing a second doctorate, but then went to Germany for two more years as a civilian employed by the United States Air Force Historical Research Division, mainly questioning German prisoners of war who had worked behind the Iron Curtain and were returning to the West.

He joined the Hope faculty in 1953, receiving the offer of a temporary appointment the day before the fall semester was to begin. His appointment soon became permanent, and in 1964 his duties were expanded to include directorship of the international education program.

Dr. Fried's chief legacy to Hope is the Vienna Summer School. One of the oldest and most highly regarded summer study-abroad programs, the Vienna Summer School centers on a six-week program in Vienna. More than 3,000 students have participated in the popular program since its founding.

Dr. Fried was recognized with The Gold Medal of Merit award from the Federal Government of Austria, bestowed in recognition of his services in fostering international understanding. In 1981, when he retired from his post as director of international education, the Vienna Scholarship Fund, established in 1968 by summer school alumni with special emphasis on bringing Austrian students to Hope, was named for him and broadened in scope to focus on international education more generally.

Dr. Fried was director of international education when the college established the exchange program between Hope and Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo, Japan, in 1965. Through the popular program, the two institutions exchange both students and faculty.

He was also a leader in the formation of the international program of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, and for two decades was a member of the committee which monitored the association's overseas centers. He also held liaison positions with the Institute for European Studies.

Dr. Fried was an avid art collector, and the college showcased works from his collection in the exhibition "Visions from Vienna" in the gallery of the De Pree Art Center from January 15 through February 4 in 1996. A number of his pieces have become part of the college's Permanent Collection.

Hope presented Dr. Fried with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1984. The college's international education center, long housed in a cottage in the central campus, was named in his honor on Sept. 22, 1990. In the fall of 2005, the international program offices were moved to the newly constructed Martha Miller Center for Global Communication, and both the offices and the cottage, now a student residence, continue to bear his name. In addition, the auditorium in the Martha Miller Center has been named in honor of Drs. Fried and Hemenway. Alumni and colleagues wrote a book, *Into All the World: Hope College and International Affairs*, to honor Dr. Fried in 1985.

Copies of *Hope Beyond Borders: The Life and Letters of Paul Fried* are available for \$20 at the Hope-Geneva Bookstore in the DeWitt Center, which can be called at 800.946.4673 or 616.395.7833. Additional ordering information may be obtained by e-mailing the Hope-Geneva Bookstore at bookstore@hope.edu.



Paul Fried (front right) with his family, circa 1935. Pictured at back are his father Paul Marcus and mother Emilie, with brothers Julius and Felix at front left and center. All the others were killed by the Nazis during World War II.



The pioneer Vienna Summer School group in 1956. The program continues today as one of the oldest and most highly regarded summer study-abroad programs. More than 3,000 students have participated since its founding.

# Heights and Highlights

By Alan Babbitt

Diver Sarah Sheridan's record-setting performances highlighted a successful 2014-15 winter sports season at Hope.



Hope diver Sarah Sheridan

Hope maintained its lead in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Commissioner's Cup all-sports standings heading into the spring while also claiming All-America recognition in three sports and producing 17 All-MIAA athletes.

Sheridan led the way for coach Jon Patnott's Flying Dutch by posting the top one- and three-meter performances

at the NCAA Division III Championships for a female or male diver in school history.

The junior from Richmond, Indiana, finished as national runner-up in three-meter diving with a score of 477.85 points.

Sheridan placed third in 1-meter diving with a total of 466.15 points.

The previous highest finish for a Hope diver at nationals was fifth place by Kari Jackson in one-meter diving in 2000 and 1999.

"We're just absolutely thrilled," Hope diving coach Zach Golin said. "She deserves this more than anybody. She worked hard for it every day."

Sheridan improved her school records in both events during the season. She swept diving at the 2015 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships and repeated as MIAA Diver of the Year.

Sophomore Molly Meyer of South Bend, Indiana, joined Sheridan at nationals and competed in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke

and the 100 butterfly. She did not qualify for the finals, but did clock the third-fastest times in school history in the 100 butterfly (57.07 seconds) and 200 backstroke (2:04.70).

Sheridan and Meyer were among six from the Flying Dutch to be awarded All-MIAA honors. They were joined by senior diver Erica Dunham of Rockford, Michigan; junior swimmers Jorgie Watson of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Lindsay Wiederhold of Plainwell, Michigan; and freshman swimmer Chloe Palajac of Dearborn, Michigan.

Diver Sarah Sheridan finished national runner-up in 3-meter diving and third in 1-meter diving at the NCAA Division III Championships.

Three other Hope swimmers claimed MIAA titles: Meyer in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke, Watson in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, and Palajac in the 200 butterfly. Meyer, Watson, Palajac and junior Klare Northuis of Holland, Michigan, were also on the Flying Dutch's victorious 400 medley relay. Meyer set an MIAA record in the 100 backstroke with a time of 56.50 leading off the 400 medley relay during the finals.

In men's swimming and diving, Hope finished third in MIAA standings and put five on the

All-MIAA Team. Those recognized were junior swimmers Duncan MacLean of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Jeff Zita of Holland, Michigan; sophomore diver Jean Luc Miralda of Tegucigalpa, Honduras; freshman diver Kevin Franz of Mundelein, Illinois; and freshman swimmer Charlie Emmert of Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Miralda and Franz both qualified for diving regionals. Miralda finished ninth in three-meter diving and 12th in one-meter diving to lead the Flying Dutchmen.



Junior Brock Benson and the men's basketball team posted an 18-9 record during the 2014-15 season.



Swimmer Molly Meyer qualified for and competed in the NCAA Division III Championships in three events this season.



Hope's ACHA hockey team won its first Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference Vezina Cup title this season.

The Hope women's basketball team advanced to sectional round of the NCAA Division III Tournament after receiving an at-large berth for its 16th NCAA Tournament appearance. Coach Brian Morehouse's Flying Dutch finished with a 25-5 record and were runner-up in the MIAA Tournament and regular season.

Junior forward Maura McAfee of Midland, Michigan, was named a NCAA Division III Honorable Mention All-American by D3Hoops.com. She set a school record with 312 rebounds this season and totaled 431 points to tie Carrie Snickers for the fifth most in team history.

McAfee and senior center Rebekah Llorens of Grayslake, Illinois, made All-MIAA First Team.

Senior guard Brittany Berry of Grand Rapids, Michigan, became Hope's career- and single-season leader during the season. She sank 85 three-pointers this season and 230 during her career.

The Hope men's basketball team went 18-9 during Greg Mitchell's first season as head coach. The Flying Dutchmen reached the MIAA Tournament title game and tied for second in the regular-season standings.

Two Hope players received All-MIAA First Team recognition: junior center Brock Benson of Willowbrook, Illinois, and sophomore forward Harrison Blackledge of Canton, Ohio.

Hope's American Collegiate Hockey Association team recorded a 26-3-4 record this season and lost on a tiebreaker while seeking to advance to the national semifinals.

Coach Chris Van Timmeren's Flying Dutchmen won the Michigan Collegiate Hockey



Women's basketball player Brittany Berry became Hope's single-season and career leader in 3-point shooting this season.

Conference's Vezina Cup for the fourth time in school history and were MCHC West Division champions.

Senior forward Drew O'Brien of East Grand Rapids, Michigan, was selected an ACHA First Team All-American and the MCHC's Co-Most Valuable Player.

For complete winter sports highlights, please visit the college online.

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

# A Gift of Time and Talent



When Hope junior Claire Leitzen of Naperville, Illinois, learned that her church's organist had called in sick on Christmas Eve morning and would be unable to perform during the many services scheduled for the day, she thought immediately of classmate—and talented organist—Aaron Goodyke of Zeeland, Michigan. Goodyke, who didn't hesitate in answering the church's call for help, made the three-hour drive and sight-read some 40 pieces of music at an organ he'd never before seen. The last event concluded past midnight, at which point he was back on the road so that he could perform during his home church's Christmas-morning service. (Photo courtesy of Grace United Methodist Church of Naperville)

It's not the sort of early-morning phone call you want to receive when you're the minister of music and your church's multiple Christmas Eve services—carefully planned, conscientiously rehearsed and eagerly awaited by so many in the congregation—are only hours away from beginning.

The organist is too sick to play, and there's no back-up.

Yikes.

Grace United Methodist Church of Naperville, Illinois, was in a bit of a bind on December 24, but fortunately Hope junior organ student Aaron Goodyke of Zeeland, Michigan, also answered the phone that day. With a giving heart and no small amount of talent—and just two hours' notice—he leapt in his car, made the trip to Naperville, performed during the church's three evening services... and then drove back to West Michigan, arriving brief hours before he was scheduled to play during his own church's Christmas-morning service.

Dan Wagner, Grace United's aforementioned minister of music, didn't know what he was going to do after taking that first, challenging call. He quickly made some inquiries, but without success.

It happens, though, that Hope parent Lynn Leitzen is worship leader and director of children's choir ministries at the church, and her daughter Claire, a Hope junior, was in the room when Lynn received a text from Dan about the dilemma.

"I have been friends with Aaron since my freshman year at Hope and know how truly gifted and talented he is," said Leitzen, who is studying

in Barcelona, Spain, this semester. "I texted Aaron that I needed him to come to Naperville as soon as I found out we were looking for an organist, mostly kidding at the time. As 20 minutes passed and my mom had spoken with Dan Wagner and he said that he was having a very difficult time finding another organist in the area on such short notice, my texts to Aaron became more serious."

Wagner admits that he initially had some doubts. That was no reflection on any specific person, but instead stemmed from his thorough understanding of the enormity of the task: services with multiple components, challenging music, each program unique, practically no opportunity to rehearse and an intense pace.

"Nothing was the same from one service to the next—it was just ridiculously complicated," Wagner said. "From my perspective, it was a huge leap of faith: can someone of this age handle something like this—and he's [three hours away] in Michigan."

Goodyke didn't hesitate to say yes when asked—he was glad to help. A vocal music-education major, he has been playing the organ for four years and the piano for more than twice that, and performs at area churches. He had even been featured in Hope's Christmas Vespers services in Dimnent Memorial Chapel just a few weeks earlier.

But, as he made the drive to Naperville, he began to think a bit about what he had committed to doing, and to have some doubts of his own. He had never even seen the church's organ before.

Neither Wagner nor Goodyke need have worried.

"It was just a fantastic experience," Wagner said. "He had great confidence and poise, and stayed calm under tremendous pressure and really did a terrific job."

The three services ran at 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. More than once, the first time Goodyke saw some of the music was when it was time for him to perform it. Leitzen, who participated herself as a vocalist earlier in the day (there were four other services previously), sat at the organ with Goodyke as "page-turner."

"He sight-read almost 40 pieces of music perfectly," she said. "I think I messed up more than he did!"

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**– Dan Wagner, minister of music at Grace United Methodist Church of Naperville, Illinois**

When the last service concluded at 12:30 a.m., Leitzen drove back to Zeeland with Goodyke so that he could rest during the trip. The pair arrived at Zeeland at 5:30 a.m., with Goodyke due at his church in two hours. Claire subsequently caught the Chicago-bound Amtrak in Holland at 8:30 a.m. and returned home to celebrate Christmas with her family.

Goodyke credits his Hope experience with preparing him for his contributions in Naperville. In fact, he notes that Hope's organ program and the opportunity to study with Dr. Huw Lewis were major factors in his decision to attend the college. "I was very capable of being part of it and making it happen because of my training through the music department here," he said.

Leitzen and Wagner both credit Goodyke with giving a meaningful gift to a church family that will long remember him and what he did.

"He received many gracious 'thank yous' after the services were over, from choir members and congregation alike," Leitzen said. "It was a wonderful evening for all, as many could not imagine a Christmas at Grace Church without an organ. It truly was the act of a person with a servant heart and a love for the Lord."

Wagner agreed. "It was absolutely the most enthusiastic response that I'd ever heard from the congregation," he recalled. "It was just enthusiasm and gratitude from the congregation, and it was really memorable." ✨

# Research Earns Forbes Honor

Receiving a major national recognition is a tremendous affirmation for any young professional, but the best part for Dr. Jonathan Moerdyk '09? Hearing from friends and colleagues from across his lifetime in the days and weeks that followed.

Dr. Moerdyk, who is an assistant professor of chemistry at Seton Hill University, was named to *Forbes* magazine's 2015 "30 under 30" list in science in January. He'd known for about a month that he was a finalist, but learned on the same day as the rest of the world that he'd been selected.

"I have received a large volume of communication expressing congratulations and support from friends and colleagues stretching back from elementary and high school through college and my current colleagues at Seton Hill," said Dr. Moerdyk, who is in his first year at Seton Hill, a Catholic liberal arts university of about 2,500 students in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. "It has been an amazing joy, to hear from so many people and a strong reminder for me about how so many people have impacted and influenced my life."

*Forbes* celebrated 600 millennials as "today's greatest gathering of young game changers, movers and makers" in a total of 20 categories, ranging from science, to art and style, to education, to Hollywood and entertainment, to sports, to finance. Dr. Moerdyk was recognized for his groundbreaking research, conducted while at graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin, developing diamidocarbenes, a new class of carbon-based compounds aimed at mimicking select properties of metals.

It wasn't the first time that Dr. Moerdyk, who completed his doctorate in the spring of 2014 shortly before joining Seton Hill's faculty this past fall, received national—and even international—attention for his work. In 2013, he was part of a select group of young researchers from 78 countries invited to participate in the Nobel Laureate Meeting in Lindau, Germany, an opportunity for the newest generation of scientists to mingle with Nobel Prize winners and discuss their work and ideas. That recognition led, in turn, to a story in *Scientific American*, which featured him on a "30 under 30" list of its own.

The honors have come as no surprise to Dr. Moerdyk's research mentor at Hope, Dr. Jason C. Gillmore.



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"He was an absolute superstar," said Dr. Gillmore, an associate professor of chemistry and Schaap Research Fellow said of Dr. Moerdyk's time as a student. "He combined a brilliant mind and great ability in the lab."

"In addition to that, he is a phenomenally nice guy," he said. "He will bend over backward to help people, and works really hard. He was an outstanding student, yet he never cared about grades—he just wanted to learn."

Dr. Moerdyk joined Dr. Gillmore's research group as a freshman and worked with him across the remainder of his time as a student, during school years and summers alike, and he remains one of only three students ever to have earned more than 100 percent in Dr. Gillmore's organic chemistry course. He was named to the college's chapters of Mortar Board, the Sigma Xi science honorary and Phi Beta Kappa, while participating in co-curricular activities including varsity baseball, intramural sports and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. He received external honors including a Goldwater Scholarship (one of only 321 nationwide, three of which went to Hope students) and honorable mention in the Graduate Research Fellowship program of the National Science Foundation.

He singles out his experience at Hope for the success that he's enjoyed in the years since.

"I do not think that I can overstate the importance of the undergraduate research experience for me," he said. "For one, my undergraduate research experience was a crucial reason for deciding to go to graduate school

and pursue a career in academia. Additionally, involvement in research exposed me to more than a variety of techniques and instrumentation; I progressed in my ability to interpret results, develop problem-solving skills, and hone my ability to present information. These abilities translated well to other arenas including graduate school and my current position, and I felt that the skills I developed as an undergraduate researcher gave me a head start over some of my peers with less research experience."

His time at Hope also guided him directly to his career as a teacher and research mentor himself, and the type of place at which he's chosen to pursue it.

"My extremely positive experience at Hope strongly influenced my decision to pursue a position at a liberal arts institution. Beyond Hope's academic excellence, I enjoyed the community atmosphere, what I saw as the student rather than dollar focus, and the inclusion of faith into a holistic education," Dr. Moerdyk said. "When I sought out a professional destination, these components of faith, community, and student-focus were an essential consideration, and I was fortunate enough to find an institution at Seton Hill University that is strong in all of these areas." ✍️

*Editor's Note: Dr. Moerdyk isn't the only young alumnus to receive "30 Under 30" recognition. As noted later in the Alumni News section, David Paul '10, who is completing his M.D. at the University of Rochester, was recently highlighted in a "30 Under 30" segment on WXXI, an NPR-member radio station in Rochester.*



**Scott Travis '06**  
Director of Alumni and  
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**P**rint is dead.” If you are reading this you know that this often-expressed axiom has been overstated. Print is not dead, but it *is* different.

In a recent Bloomberg Business Debate Room feature, two journalists wrangled over the topic. The first, a digital consultant and blogger, stated, “It’s not that print is bad. It’s that digital is better. It has too many advantages: ubiquity, speed, permanence, searchability, the ability to update... Digital transcends the limitations of, and incorporates the best of, individual media.” The second, a Silicon Valley CEO, countered, “Print is physical, and has potency you’d be foolish not to acknowledge: pictures that live outside a screen, copy you can carry with you and leave behind. Glossy magazines with pretty pictures... and the alternative weekly that’s sitting next to the subway or lunch spot will be fine.”

Through our own experience as consumers, we know that both are correct and organizations today are living in a “both-and” communication landscape.

Hope College is no different. With a massive hope.edu redesign process underway, we also will be reshaping *News from Hope College* in the coming months. These changes will reflect the publication’s role as a part of the mix of ways we communicate with the Hope family. Our goal is to enhance and better integrate the content we provide in our print pieces, on our website and via social media. As part of this process, *News from Hope College* will shift to a publication schedule of three issues per year, beginning with the next (August) issue. New and exciting communications from Hope are ahead, so stay tuned — and stay engaged! This summer, we will be soliciting your input on *News from Hope College* in a readership survey. The survey results, as well as your ongoing feedback, will help us craft this publication around your interests.

Even as delivery methods continue to change, Hope’s commitment to providing relevant content and connections remains as strong as ever. The college will be celebrating its sesquicentennial throughout 2015-16, and it’s fitting that a magazine with roots in Hope’s earliest alumni publications and officially created in the early 1970s will be improved once again as we lead up to the 150th anniversary of the college’s 1866 charter.

Thank you for your input and continued involvement in the life of Hope College!

# Window to Hope’s History



The feature on page eight opens with reflections on the vision that inspired Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The photo above shows the project in the early stages, during the cornerstone ceremony on Oct. 12, 1927. The chapel, dedicated on June 7, 1929, began life as the Memorial Chapel—or, more fully, Hope Memorial Chapel. It was renamed for former president Edward Dimnent, who as the story notes championed the chapel’s construction, on Aug. 14, 1959, following Dr. Dimnent’s death on July 4 of that year. This view toward the west is from the upper reaches of Van Raalte Hall, a classroom and administration building that was itself a campus mainstay from its dedication in September 1903 until it was destroyed by fire on April 28, 1980.

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All submissions received by Public Affairs and Marketing by Tuesday, Feb. 24, 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, June 30.

## 50s

**J. Samuel Hofman '55** of Holland, Michigan, is author of *From Jerusalem to You: The Amazing Spread of Christianity*. Written especially for young adults and others who have not had the opportunity to study the spread of Christianity, the book reveals how

the Gospel traveled from Jerusalem across the world to the present. Now retired, he and his wife, **Helen Taylor '58 Hofman**, served for 40 years as missionaries to Mayan Indian tribes in southern Mexico, providing teaching and literature for the church leaders in the Tzeltal and Tojolabal tribes. **Del Huisingsh '55** and his wife, Glenda, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in November. **Sherwin Kamps '55** and his wife, Ruth, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in January.

## 60s

**George Bitner '60** finished another successful season as a golf coach this past fall. The Spring Lake Girls' golf team won the Lakes 8 Conference Title for the 10th straight year, four invitationals, regionals and the first state championship for the school in the golf program.

**Kathryn Kurth '60 Scudder** of Dearborn, Michigan, had her book *Everyday Prayers and More* go on sale in late October. She continues to participate in religious and other activities at the retirement community where she resides. She has volunteered in the spiritual support department at Oakwood Hospital for more than 10 years.

**Larry Dykstra '62** and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November.

**David Bach '64** recently retired following 47 years of ministry in Rosbury, New York, and Wyckoff, New Jersey. The Wyckoff church honored David with the title "Pastor Emeritus" in appreciation for the numerous church and community groups he founded during his ministry. David and his wife, Cyndie, now plan to continue visiting retired RCA ministers in northern New Jersey, singing with the New Jersey Choral Society, enjoying everything Italian, and being helpful in the Dominican Republic.

**Darrel Staat '64** retired from community college administration in 2013, but after a year in retirement he found it not to his liking and decided to go back to work. In January he became coordinator of the community college executive leadership program at Wingate University in Charlotte, North Carolina, a doctoral program for faculty and administrators interested in becoming deans, vice presidents or presidents in community colleges. He finds the position a great way to help guide those going into two-year college administration.

**Leslie Clark '66 Hirsch** of Portland, Oregon, continues to teach violin and viola as well as play in a baroque ensemble. She plans to travel to Tibet next summer. She also reports the death of her husband, Carl, in 2011 from lung cancer and congestive heart failure.

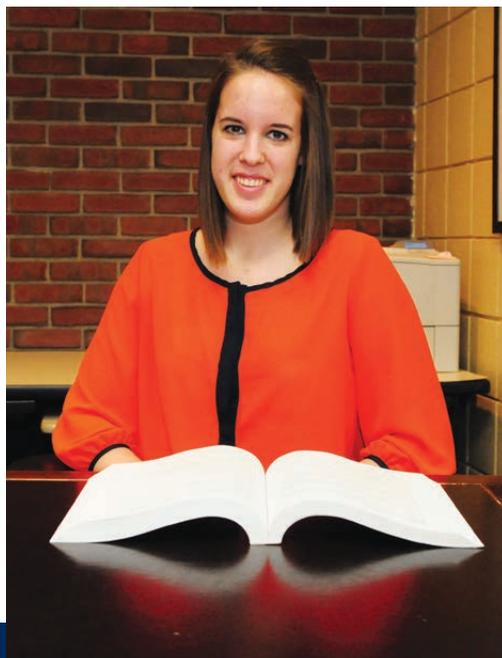
**Tommye Leenhouts '66** and her husband, Joe MacDoniels, spent six weeks in Australia early in 2014. She

reports that they were able to spend time with former faculty members and students from when Joe, as chair of Hope's Department of Communication, taught in Sydney and Melbourne in the 1980s. All had visited Holland and Hope College over the years, so it was great to continue the connection. They drove 3,100 miles--and covered only the States of New South Wales and Victoria (Australia is a large continent after all). They spent the summer months in Holland enjoying Tommye's family cottage, a great time to spend time on campus and attend plays at Hope's summer repertory theatre. September found them back in D.C., where Joe teaches communication classes as an adjunct at George Washington University and Tommye continues her singing with The City Choir of Washington and the National Presbyterian Church choir and leading tours as a licensed D.C. tour guide.

**Dan Clifford '68** retired in July 2011 from the IRS and for the past 15 years has lived in Clarkston, Michigan.

## 70s

**Ken Austin '70** of Holland, Michigan, recently performed with the New Sousa Band at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and is performing as principal trumpet of the Southwest Symphony Orchestra in Chicago, Illinois. Last summer he performed trumpet at the Masterworks Festival in Indiana, and was soloist



Charlotte Korson

## Providing for Future Generations *Scholarship Makes Hope Experience Possible*

Scholarships are considered one of the most cherished of all gifts to the college because they help make a Hope College education affordable for students. Charlotte Korson is a Hope senior who is double-majoring in management and economics and enjoys serving as a Student Ambassador. She went to a small, private Catholic school and knew that she wanted the same sense of community in her undergraduate experience.

At first she was hesitant to look at Hope knowing that she had to personally pay for her college education. "If it were not for the generosity of the donor who established the scholarship I was awarded, I would not have been able to attend the school I love," says Charlotte.

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

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# Three to Receive Distinguished Alumni Awards

The Hope College Alumni Association will honor **Dr. Douglas Neckers '60** of Perrysburg, Ohio, and **Dr. Jerold Veldman '55** and **Lois Tornga '56 Veldman** of Okemos, Michigan, with Distinguished Alumni Awards during the annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, April 25, at the Haworth Inn and Conference Center.

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

Douglas Neckers is a photochemical scientist who has had a 55-year career in science, including serving on the chemistry



**Dr. Douglas Neckers '60**

with the Rocky Mountain Brass Band Festival in Colorado. Ken is also playing with the Holland Legion Band.

**Robert Block '70** of Cathedral City, California, and his wife, Rhonda, retired in 2011. He taught for nine years and served as a middle school principal for 24 years, and retired as a district office administrator. He and his wife now enjoy traveling and being with family and grandchildren.

**Steven Harms '70** of Rochester, Michigan, retired from his law firm in June 2014 after 39 years as a principal. He continues as a clinical professor of law at Walsh College, where he has taught online and in the classroom for 24 years. His recent books include a *For*

faculty at Hope, where he had an active research program involving students in addition to teaching, from 1964 to 1971.

His research interests are in photochemical polymerization, additive photo assembly and three-dimensional printing. He is retired as the McMaster Distinguished Research Professor emeritus from Bowling Green State University, where he taught and conducted research for 36 years and established the Center for Photochemical Sciences.

He is currently chief executive officer of Spectra Group Inc. Ltd., a photochemical sciences company that he founded in 1990 to develop the then-new technology of stereolithography in medical imaging. His labs were the first in the world to print MRI and CT data as 3D models using what is now called additive 3d printing. Other distinctive applications include having assembled three "near authentic" models of centuries-old mummies for the Toledo Museum of Art.

Jerold and Lois Veldman have spent their lives in service to others, including in the United States and India, as educators, medical professionals specialized in pediatrics and volunteers in the community and beyond.

Their careers included service as missionaries with the United Presbyterian Church USA in Miraj, India, where Jerry took a position on the pediatrics staff of Miraj Medical Centre Hospital, a teaching hospital, and was acting director of the Richardson Leprosy Hospital, while Lois taught missionary and hospital staff children, helped to start a library

*Dummies* volume for Wiley Publishing, a book covering aspects of international law for Thomson Publishing and numerous books he has authored or contributed to for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. He and his wife, **Nancy Banta '71 Harms**, enjoy spending time with their family including their eight grandchildren.

**Jean Taylor '70 Van Engen** of Glendora, California, retired in December after 18 years as business director of the department of information sciences at City of Hope, an NIH-designated comprehensive cancer center. During her tenure, Jean was responsible for the preparation and management of \$12 million in



**Dr. Jerold Veldman '55 and Lois Tornga '56 Veldman**

and volunteered with the leprosy hospital.

Back in the U.S., Jerry practiced pediatrics for 12 years; served on the staff of the Coldwater Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities (later the Coldwater Regional Mental Health Center), including as medical director, and at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing; and was a clinical professor in pediatrics at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine for many years. Among other activities, Jerry is a trustee with the Medical Benevolence Foundation; is a member of the board of the Faculte des Sciences Infirmiers de l'Universite d' Haiti, a nursing school he helped establish; and on the board of the Miraj Medical Centre, where the current hope is to start the third Christian Medical College in India.

Lois was busy with the couple's three children in addition to her career and extensive volunteer service, which included completing

her R.N. degree and working in a pediatric practice, serving as a tutor for the learning disabled through the Michigan Dyslexia Institute and leadership roles in the churches the couple has attended. Among other service, she was on the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2006 to 2012, and is also a past Class Representative for Hope.

The Alumni Banquet is scheduled in conjunction with Alumni Weekend, which will also include reunion activities for the Classes of 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980 and 1985 as well as a variety of other events. Additional information about the weekend is available online at [hope.edu/alumni](http://hope.edu/alumni) or by calling the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 616.395.7250.

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

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annual institutional budgets, as well as many multi-million dollar grants from the National Institutes of Health. She is looking forward to spending more time with family, piano, painting, reading, and volunteering with Latin American Christian Ministries, the non-profit she and her husband, Chuck, administer as a Ph.D. program in theology in Latin America.

**Bill Van Faassen '70** of Manchester, Massachusetts, was honored with the Ouimet Fund's prestigious Spirit of Golf Award on Sunday, Feb. 9. He was the chief executive officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

**Mark Volkers '70** of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, retired from active

ministry after serving for more than 40 years. He is still doing pulpit supply weekly in Reformed and Presbyterian churches. He reports that he is enjoying retirement and is an avid tennis and pickleball player, and continues to root for the Chicago White Sox.

**Deborah Noe '71 Schakel** of Holland, Michigan, shared the story of Beatrix Potter at the Woman's Literary Club on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

**Kathleen Gaylord '72 Reynolds** and her husband became Adirondack 46ers by hiking the 46 peaks in the Adirondacks Mountains that are more than 4,000 feet high.

**David Dustin '73** realized a life-long dream in November when the



## Finding Hope on Mystery Island

**Hudson Soo '68** of Hong Kong was recently traveling in the South Pacific when he found a t-shirt with a familiar name draped over the Welcome sign on the island of Aneityum, also referred to as Mystery Island. Aneityum is the southernmost island of the nation of Vanuatu, which lies between Fiji and Australia. Many cruise ships visit the island regularly.

17-piece swing band he founded made its debut in Concord, New Hampshire. Donations from the Tall Granite Big Band's audience of more than 500 exceeded \$5,000 for the cold-weather homeless shelters operated by the city's downtown Congregational churches. When not playing trombone in jazz ensembles, he is the contracts director at Nobis Engineering, a father of two Hope graduates, and a three-time grandfather.

**Jennifer Gould '73** of Byron Center, Michigan, has images of her textile figures included in the trilingual 2014 Textile Art Around the World published in the Netherlands by [www.textile-link.com](http://www.textile-link.com). Previously her work has been included in Lark Books' *500 Handmade Dolls*.

**David Cluley '75** of Grand Rapids, Michigan reports that he is now well into his fourth career, communications and marketing, after having worked 10 years each in chemistry, life insurance and investments sales, and health plan account management. He remains happily married to Nancy after 34 years, and they have three children, a daughter-in-law and one granddaughter. He remains active with the National Association of Health Underwriters and working toward an affordable, accessible, viable and sustainable health care delivery and financing system. He serves the West Michigan chapter as its media relations chair and is the incoming president as well as the Region 3 media relations chair and incoming vice chair of the national media relations committee. In addition, he is a Fellow of the Michigan Political Leadership Program.

**Richard Van Oss '75** of Zeeland, Michigan, has retired from public school teaching after 39 years but continues to work as the organist and director of music at First Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan. He will also be playing in Hope's Tulip Time organ recitals this year.

**Glennye Russcher '79 Grindstaff** of Laurel, Maryland, was installed as the pastor of Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ in Greenbelt, Maryland.

**John Voorhorst '79** of Hammond, Louisiana, recently became director, global business development at Entergy Services, Inc., a Fortune 250 corporation based in New Orleans, Louisiana. Entergy is the largest electric utility in the Gulf Coast region, providing service to 2.8 million customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

## 80s

**Tim Griffin '80** of Shavano Park, Texas, has been appointed professor of pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine and named the inaugural holder of the Howard A. Britton MD Endowed chair in pediatric hematology/oncology, Children's Hospital of San Antonio.

**Debra Hall '80 Tolsma** of Muskegon, Michigan, has left Steelcase Inc. after 27 years, including having held leadership roles in the global learning and development group for the past 15 years. She reports that while she considers her next career step, she and her husband, Bill are enjoying their grandbaby Mya and their new home on Lake Michigan near North Muskegon, Michigan.

**Ron Moolenaar '81** was appointed to the division of global health protection program director/CDC country director for China. He joined the CDC in 1992 and was the editor-in-chief for the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

**Sue Markusse '81 Peterson** has been named the assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for the Weslaco Independent School District in Weslaco, Texas.

**Jim Eickhoff '83** is the new president and CEO of Creative Dining Services. He previously was at Apollo Education Group.

**James Herman '84** of Lutherville, Maryland, spoke through the joint chemistry/biochemistry and biology seminar series at Hope on "Cancer Epigenetics: Moving from Discovery to Utility" on Thursday, Jan. 16.

**Bob Pranga '84** of West Hollywood, California, appeared on TLC (The Learning Channel) on Friday, Dec 11.

He and his business partner premiered in their first reality special called "Deck the Halls with Dr. Christmas." He received the title "Dr. Christmas," while working with a long line of celebrities, including Christina Aguilera, Ryan Seacrest, Mark Wahlberg and Kathy Hilton, who introduced him to the L.A. society.

**Johnny Marmelstein '85** was inducted into the Chadwick School Athletic Hall of Fame for his contributions to the boys' soccer program on Sunday, Oct. 26. In 1996 and 1997, he led the Dolphins to back-to-back CIF-Southern Section Championships resulting in the only championships in school history. As a result of the teams' accomplishments, he was named CIF Coach of the Year, California State Coach of the Year and the NSCAA Far West Region Coach of the Year. Chadwick School is the only K-12 independent coeducational day school in the greater South Bay Area and was recently named to *Business Insider Magazine's* 25 Best Private High Schools in America.

**Mary Lokers '85 Merrill** of Zeeland, Michigan, is in her 23rd year as staff chaplain at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services.

**Amanda Pickelman '85 Suarez** and Jerry Engles were married on Nov. 9, 2014, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Susan Herman '85 Toering** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and her husband, Gordon, have produced a faith-based romance called *Old Fashioned* that debuted on local screens before seeing a larger national release. It opened at Celebration Cinema North in Grand Rapids on Friday, Feb. 6.

**Kim Krause '86** has been named vice president - director of sales and marketing at WZZM 13.

**Dave McWatters '86** of Rockford, Michigan, this past fall coached the Rockford High School Water Polo Team to its 11th state championship in the last 15 years. Recently one of his athletes was featured in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd" highlighting top amateur athletes, Dave's fourth athlete so honored.

**Melinda Simpson '86 Pettinga** of Saugatuck, Michigan, has joined Talmer Bank and Trust as a senior mortgage lender providing mortgage lending services in Holland and along the West Michigan lakeshore.

**Dave Dykema '87** has chapters published in the American Comic Book Chronicles from TwoMorrows Publishing. It's an ambitious series of full-color hardcovers that documents every decade of comic book history from the 1940s to the present. He did one chapter in the 1980s volume and three chapters in the 1970s volume, each covering one year of American Comic Book history, from DC and Marvel to

lesser publishers, independents, and beyond.

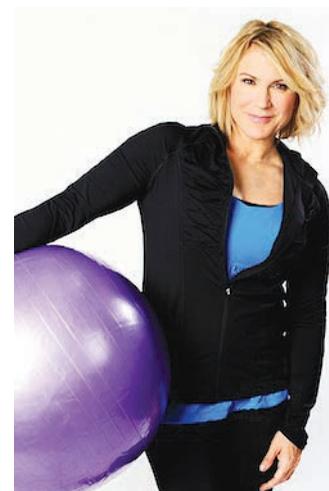
**David Meconi '87** of Cincinnati, Ohio, spoke at Hope through the Saint Benedict Forum's Catholic Speaker Series on Monday, Feb. 2. He teaches in the department of theological studies at Saint Louis University and is also the editor of *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*.

**Cathy Johnson '89 Blackburn** of Holland, Michigan, has joined Hope College as a regional advancement director.

**Allison Zimmer '89 Marshall** reports that she has happily remarried and has her own holistic veterinary practice in the Richmond, Virginia, area.

**Kathleen McGookey '89** of Middleville, Michigan, received a 2014 Fall Promise Award in poetry from the Sustainable Arts Foundation. She is the author of several books and chapbooks, including the chapbook *Mended* published this past fall by Kattywompus Press.

**Timothy Nieuwenhuis '89** of Plainwell, Michigan is a senior scientist at Zoetis, the largest animal health company in the world focusing on peptide mapping and reference stability monitoring for development of biopharmaceuticals.



**Kathy Kaehler '85** of Woodland Hills, California, was on Hope's campus on Thursday-Friday, March 5-6, sharing career advice; leading a wellness class for faculty, staff and students; and holding a book-signing prior to the Thursday, March 5, performance of Dance 41. A fitness hall-of-famer and nationally recognized healthy-living spokesperson, she is a prolific author, blogger, television personality, working mom and personal trainer to celebrities including Julia Roberts, Kim Kardashian, Drew Barrymore and Jennifer Aniston.

## 90s

**Chris Carpenter '90** of Wildwood, Missouri, is an associate professor of emergency medicine at Washington University in St. Louis and continues to serve as associate editor for the journal *Academic Emergency Medicine*. In 2014, he joined the editorial boards of *Annals of Internal Medicine's ACP Journal Club* and the *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*. He is the first and currently only Emergency Medicine fellow of the American Geriatrics Society. In 2014, he co-authored the "Geriatric Emergency Department Guidelines" that were formally approved by multiple national medical organizations, Chris joined the faculty of Emergency Medical Abstracts, the leading post-residency source of continuing medical education for almost 40 years.

**Raymond Lanning '90** of Ada, Michigan, is a new board member of ChoiceOne Bank.

**Christa Aronson '91 Galer** of Big Rapids, Michigan, is now working for Spectrum Health Big Rapids Hospital – Family Medicine in behavioral health/social work.

**Rachel Rienstra '91** is the host of the fun ABC Weekend animal series *The Wildlife Docs*. She previously starred as Ms. Adventure in her own series on Animal Planet, traveling the world comparing animal and human behavior.

**Stephanie Wright '92 Amada** has been teaching writing at Michigan State University since 2010. She is also affiliated faculty with MSU's Gender Center, and writes and teaches about hookup culture. Her publications include the recently released ebook *Hooking Up: A*

**Karl Rasche '00** of Albany, California, is part of a team that received an Academy Award during the annual Scientific and Technical Awards Presentation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Saturday, Feb. 7, an event held in advance of the Sunday, Feb. 22, Academy Awards ceremony. Karl has worked for DreamWorks Animation, with an emphasis on graphics, since finishing grad school at Clemson. Karl's work recognized in February was in the realm of color science and device calibration, with the four-member group garnering a Science and Engineering Award (an Academy plaque) for developing the HP DreamColor LP2480zx Professional Display.

*Sexy Encounter with Choice*, which evolved across more than four years of intensive research and interviewing college students about their thoughts, feelings, experiences and choices, and was written to help college students make choices from a place of personal strength. She gave away the book on January 12 and 13, in conjunction with the beginning of MSU's spring semester.

**William Charles Crowley '92** is a visiting professor in the Department of Dance at Hope this spring. While in residence, he premiered a new ensemble work, "Where Future Memories Dwell" as part of the Dance 41 concert in February and March. He also returned to Dean College in Boston, Massachusetts as an adjudicator and taught a series of Graham Technique master classes in March.

**Veronica Vroon '92 Lehman** is founder of the PURE Bar, a healthy organic snack she created for her children. She is also the author of a cookbook titled *Pure Food* which has been featured on the Hallmark Channel's television show *Home & Family* to promote healthy eating habits. More about her book and her company is available at purebar.com. She and her husband, Kevin, along with three children, live in Holland, Michigan.

**Allison Craig '93 Langlois** of Grand Haven, Michigan, was promoted to director of human resources at SAF-Holland in Holland, Michigan, where she oversees the human resource function for the company's North American operations.

**Scott Runyon '93** of Grass Lake, Michigan, was ordained as a minister jointly by the congregations of the Federated Church of Grass Lake, where he is the pastor, and the Chilson Hills Church, the congregation that supported him growing up.

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

**Layne Hammond '94 Champion** of Seattle, Washington, is the assistant director of women and children's ministry at Seattle's Union Gospel Mission.

**Carl Haan '95** was recently the musical director for the off-Broadway musical, *Character Man*, at Urban Stages. The review in the *New York Times* said, "Carl Haan, the show's musical director, played a nimble piano behind Mr. Jim Brochu..." The production was nominated for both the Drama Desk Award as well as the Outer Critics Circle Award. He also just began his fifth year as a musical director with Rosie O'Donnell's musical theater charity, Rosie's Theater Kids.

**Bart Shrode '95** was promoted to vice president of quality operations Michigan at Perrigo Co.

**Catherine "Katy" Keich '96** and William S. Bubelis were married on June

26, 2014, at Bond Chapel on the campus of the University of Chicago. They currently reside in St. Louis, Missouri, where William is an associate professor in classics at Washington University in St. Louis. Katy is a content strategist, consulting for a variety of clients nationwide.

**Julie Weiss '96 Zilkie** of St. Louis, Missouri, spoke during Chapel at Hope on Monday, Jan 26.

**Jeremy Beard '97** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was recently promoted to vice president/product manager at JPMorgan Chase.

**Michelle Rhoades '97 Buist** and Trent Buist announce the birth of Hayden Lucas on Oct. 18, 2014.

**Jeremy Dobos '97** and Deirdre Dobos announce the birth of their fifth child, Ronan Thomas, on Oct. 27, 2014, in Sumter, South Carolina.

**Sarah Richards Burton '98** and Steve Burton announce the birth of Zachary David on Oct. 13, 2014. He joins big brother Sean Michael, five. The family recently relocated to Oak Park, Illinois, from Decatur, Georgia.

**Ryan Janus '98** and Melanie Sargeant were married on June 9, 2014. They moved from Colorado to Shiloh, Illinois, near St. Louis, where he is stationed at Scott AFB playing piano and various other instruments for the USAF Band of Mid-America.

**Brian Petroelje '98** and Allison Petroelje announce the birth of Sena Ann on Nov. 7, 2014.

**Kuria Van Wieren '98** received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The University of Phoenix in December

**Julie Morin '99 Komejan** and **Douglas Komejan '03**, announce the birth of Hannah Beatrice on Jan. 5, 2015.

**Jennifer Passchier '99** of Denver, Colorado, has been named the 2015 National Distinguished Principal of the Year for Colorado by the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE), and will represent Colorado in the national award program. She has been the principal of Crawford Elementary School in Aurora Public Schools for the past seven years.

**Jessica Nelson '99 Randall** is the new director of the student success center at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pennsylvania. She was previously the assistant director of the student success center at Campbell University in North Carolina.

**Mike Zolnierowicz '99** is chief of staff for Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner.

## 00s

**Dana Andrews '00** was recently named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Petoskey Regional Chamber of



**David Paul '10** of Rochester, New York, was one of two University of Rochester scientists featured in "Notable UR Scientists Under the Age of 30" on WXXI (1370 AM), a National Public Radio-member station in Rochester, on Monday, Feb. 2. David is an MD candidate at the university. The 51-minute segment, an episode of the regular feature "Connections with Evan Dawson," highlighted his work in neurosurgery, developing biomarkers that predict recovery after brain injury.

Commerce during the group's annual meeting, attended by more than 500 people. Dana is the owner of Sturgeon River Pottery, which has two retail locations in Petoskey, and Little Traverse Tileworks, a niche manufacturer of decorative ceramic tile.

**Kate Davelaar '00** received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Duke University in May 2014. She and Tom Guthried were also married on Dec. 31, 2014, in Holland, Michigan.

**Leigh Schmidt '00 Ellett** and Travis Ellett announce the birth of Joel David on Aug. 26, 2014.

**Paul VanderLaan '00** was promoted to assistant professor of pathology, Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Rachel Kuipers '01 Compton** and John Compton announce the birth of Edith Myrtle on Oct. 25, 2014.

**Kelly Getman-Dissette '01** and Brian Dissette announce the birth of Mairén Kathleen on Oct. 5, 2014.

**Aaron Keck '01** of Durham, North Carolina, is the evening new anchor on WCHL radio in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and teaches American government at Durham Technical Community College.

**Rachel Throop '01** defended her Ph.D. dissertation with distinction in the department of anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania.

# Association Honors Young Alumni

The Hope College Alumni Association presented Major Jeremy Latchaw '00 of Holland, Michigan, and Matthew Van Der Wende '05 of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, with Young Alumni Awards on Thursday, April 9.

The awards were presented during a dinner at the college's Haworth Inn and Conference Center. While on campus, both Latchaw and Van Der Wende also presented workshops hosted by the Alumni Association and the college Career Development Center and designed for students as they consider their lives after graduation.

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



Major Jeremy Latchaw '00

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

Latchaw is a decorated U.S. Army officer, co-owner of two Orange Leaf franchises in West Michigan and strategic consultant who is deeply committed to



Matthew Van Der Wende '05

community service.

Van Der Wende is managing director with Stryker Medical EMEA in the Netherlands, a senior leadership role that reflects a decade of valued service and increasing responsibility with Stryker since graduation.

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

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**Sara Alsum-Wassenaar '02** is an assistant professor of art at Dordt College and was featured in a solo art exhibit at the Campus Center Art Gallery winter semester titled "Gathering, Documenting, Fabricating, and Conversing." She and her husband, Hal, and son, Wendell, currently reside in Sioux Center, Iowa.

**Amy Avery '02** of Westerville, Ohio, survived a near-death tragic bike accident when racing in her second Ironman triathlon, Ironman Arizona, in November. She made a miraculous recovery and has begun her own coaching business in addition to her work as a clinical counselor at The Center for Balanced Living in Columbus, Ohio. See the article that Amy wrote and was published in *614 Columbus* magazine in February at: <http://614columbus.com/2015/02/iron-woman/>

**Lauren Kruze '02 Garza** and Benjamin Garza announce the birth of Ramona Louise on Dec. 31, 2014.

**Matthew Kalajainen '02** and **Rachel Smarszcz '03 Kalajainen** announce the birth of Lydia Elise on Jan. 13, 2015.

**Derek Pomp '02** and Rebecca Pomp announce the birth of Susanna Josephine on Nov. 2, 2014.

**Nick Reister '02** is an attorney and shareholder of the law firm of

Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge. Nick practices in the areas of trusts, estates and business from the firm's Grand Rapids, Michigan office. In January, Nick was appointed as co-chair of the firm's trusts & estates practice group, and he also leads the firm's agriculture and agribusiness industry team. In November, Nick was awarded the "Up & Coming Lawyer" award by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* and in September he was chosen as a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. Only 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive the honor.

**Joel Schick '02** and **Taya Drost '04 Schick** announce the birth of their third child, Tyler David, on Oct. 13, 2014.

**Kate Dornbos '03** of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, was named the head athletic trainer at Northwood University.

**Tracey Forbes '03 Hoesch** and **Karl Hoesch '07** announce the birth of Henry Forbes on Nov. 19, 2014.

**Marianne Brown '04 Hayne** and Dave Hayne announce the birth of Jeremiah David on April 1, 2014.

**Jill Van De Water '04 Isola** is the new associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville, of Hartsville, South Carolina.

**Dustin Janes '04** and **Lauren**

**Hinkle '04 Janes** announce the birth of Theodore Atticus on Dec. 19, 2014.

**Kirsta Veenstra '04 Kopchick** and **Michael Kopchick '04** announce the birth of Isabelle Grace on Dec. 9, 2014.

**Andrea Brani '04 Marietta** and Frank Marietta announce the birth of Gino Anthony on Dec. 20, 2014.

**Justin Shorb '04** of Holland, Michigan, spoke through the chemistry and biochemistry department seminar series at Hope on "Using Eye-Tracking to Gain Insight into Student Understanding of Multiple Representations in Chemistry." He is an assistant professor of chemistry and first-year lab coordinator at the college.

**Courtney Laarman '04 Thompson** and Curtis Thompson announce the birth of John Winslow on Oct. 30, 2014.

**Amie Senyk '04 Winningham** and **Ryan Winningham '04** announce the birth of Benjamin Ryan on Jan. 16, 2015.

**Tony Bordenkircher '05** and **Christen Conner '05 Bordenkircher** moved to Turkey in September 2013 with children Samuel, three, and Ada, one, to be a part of a new regionally located counseling center that started in June 2014 to support foreign aid workers, cross-cultural workers, and local leaders living in Eurasia, the Middle East and North Africa in the areas of crisis

response, trauma, marital and family counseling, education and support. They are also learning Turkish so that they can build meaningful relationships within the local community.

**Elizabeth Headworth '05 Estep** and Zachary Estep announce the birth of Ava Michael on Nov. 16, 2014.

**Melissa Gifford '05 Hedding** and her family moved to Leon, Nicaragua, in November 2013. They are starting a business and working with economic development in Nicaragua.

**Jacob Kain '05** is the director of planning and community development for Mount Pleasant, Michigan. He was previously a liaison between the department of public works and the planning department of Gainesville, Florida.

**Andrew J. Meyers '05** and **Julie Wiant '05 Meyers** announce the birth of Nolan Jonathan on Feb. 19, 2015.

**Eric Post '05** and **Lisa Bauer '05 Post** announce the birth of Campbell Thomas on Dec. 29, 2014.

**Christina Thompson '05 Schreiber** and **Matthew Schreiber '06** announce the birth of Charles Andrew on Oct. 31, 2014.

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

**Katie Hinkle '06 Axford** of Rockford, Michigan, spoke through the chemistry and biochemistry seminar series at Hope, presenting "More than a 'Pill Pusher' - What a PharmD Can Really Do" on Friday, Jan. 23. She is a professor at Ferris State University College of Pharmacy.

**Sarah Overacker '06 Driesenga** and Robert Driesenga announce the birth of Reid Carl on Dec. 12, 2014.

**Andrew Essink '06** and Sarah Essink announce the birth of Calvin Andrew on Dec. 1, 2014.

**Matt Goetz '06** and **Mandy Novak '08 Goetz** announce the birth of Harper Gyneth on May 22, 2014. Matt also spoke at the engineering seminar at Hope on chemical engineering in industry. He is a processing system engineer at General Mills.

**Kara Harden '06** of South Haven, Michigan, received her Master of Arts in organizational analysis leadership from Western Michigan University in December 2013. She also married Evan Getman on Jan. 17, 2015.

**Adriana Canche '06 Higgins** and **Jesse Higgins '07** announce the birth of Abigail Ruth on Dec. 23, 2014.

**Gabriel Kalmbacher '06** completed his master's degree in business at Grand Valley State University in December, and continues to work at Innotec Inc. in Zeeland, Michigan, as a controller. He reports that he and **Anna Marshall '07 Kalmbacher** live in Holland with their boisterous brood of children, and

continue to serve in leadership with the nonprofit A Child's Voice (child advocacy in Uganda).

**William Shuman '06** and **Kristin Stoops '07 Shuman** announce the birth of Brayden Edward on July 27, 2014.

**Meredith Hall '06 Vanderhyde** and **Craig Vanderhyde** announce the birth of Delaney. Delaney joins Hadley, four and Ellery, two.

**Emily Beachy '07** is the pastor at the United Methodist Church in Centreville, Michigan.

**Laura Buck '07** and David Smith were married on July 5, 2014.

**Mark Dykema '07** of Wyoming, Michigan, was awarded the brand-wide store of the year award for 2014 for his Biggby Coffee franchise on Chicago Drive in Holland. It was opened in October 2012.

**Jennifer Carr '07 Hall** and Anthony Hall announce the birth of Henry Green on Oct. 10, 2014.

**Lauren Halvorson '07** and Nathan Lane were married on Oct. 18, 2014, in Kansas City, Kansas.

**Aaron Kenemer '07** and Rachel Kenemer announce the birth of Colbie Ann on Nov. 11, 2014.

**Katherine Baker '08** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was installed as minister of lifelong learning and discipleship at Central Reformed Church.

**Matthew Baker '08** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has had his first creative novel, *If You Find This*, published as a 368-page hardcover by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. The story follows 11-year-old protagonist Nicholas, whose family will soon lose its home because his father has lost his job, as he connects with misfit classmates and others in seeking a priceless treasure said to be hidden in his town. He is also an MFA graduate of Vanderbilt University, and was a Fulbright fellow in Dublin, Ireland.

**Tung Nguyen '08** of Holland, Michigan, is the new director of Holland Public Schools' Van Raalte Tech High School. He has been teaching mathematics at VR Tech since 2010.

**Carly Burtch '08 Petroelje** and **Zachary Petroelje '09** announce the birth of Lauren Elizabeth on Feb. 13, 2015.

**Daniel Sultz '08** and **Vera Dusenbery '09 Sultz** announce the birth of their second child, Andrew George on Feb. 7, 2015.

**Whitney Melchiori '08 Vishey** is the new marketing manager in the sales and marketing department at S2 Yachts.

**Heidi Weir '08** and Darrin Franklin were married on Nov. 29, 2014.

**Roxanne Fishnick '09 Adkins** and Matthew Adkins announce the birth of Piper Rosalee on Oct. 17, 2014.

**Brittany Ryzenga '09 Gebben** and

Nicholas Gebben announce the birth of Kynley Reese on Nov. 8, 2014.

**Lindsey Ferguson '09** performed with "The Illusionists" on *America's Got Talent* at Radio City Music Hall in August. Since then, she has also been seen in Samsung's NX Mini camera web advertisements. Lindsey made her Broadway debut in December with the show *The Illusionists* at the Marquis Theatre, with an 11-month national tour following.

**Molly Miller '09** and Nicholas Meyer were married on June 7, 2014, in Austin, Texas.

**Amanda Anderson '09 Osorio** was admitted to the practice of law in the Michigan Bar and the United States Western District of Michigan.

**Adam Plaunt '09** received a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Notre Dame in May 2014. He and his wife, Jasmine and son, Aiden, are living in New Jersey.

**Rachel Bakken '09 Romero** received her professional engineer certification, also known as PE.

**Rob VanDette '09** of Leonard, Michigan, has owned a website design and search engine optimization (SEO) company called Affordable Website Specialist since 2009. He creates custom websites for small to mid-size businesses with the end goal of turning viewers into customers. Rob's company has seen significant growth each year as the demand for internet marketing continues to increase.

**Jacob Wingate '09** of Holland, Michigan, was promoted to assistant director of Campus Safety at Hope.

## 10s

**Shirley Bradley '10 Dean** and Thomas Dean Jr. announce the birth of Virglean Marie on Oct. 6, 2014.

**Kayla Borgman '10 Fik** of Zeeland, Michigan, was ordained as a minister of word and sacrament in the Reformed Church in America on Sunday, March 1. She now serves as ministry coordinator for Classis Zeeland.

**Rachael Jekel '10 Follett** and Joshua Follett announce the birth of Weston J. on Oct. 24, 2014.

**Chris Harrison '10** and **Alison Roth '10** were married on Sept. 27, 2014, in Evergreen, Colorado.

**Chelsey Poindexter '10** and Christopher Herrmann were married on Dec. 22, 2014, in Brutus, Michigan.

**Elizabeth Barnes '11** graduated from the physician assistant program at Marquette University this past spring, and has begun working as an orthopedic physician assistant in Milwaukee with Aurora Advanced Orthopedics.

**Brittany Holloway '11** and William Troyer were married on Oct. 18, 2014.

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

**Amanda Klaus '11 Poe and Kyle Poe '12** announce the birth of Noah Alexander on Nov. 28, 2014.

**Marissa Lintemuth '11 Stauffer** is teaching first grade at Stone Creek Charter school in Eagle County, Colorado.

**Meghan Vanderlee '11** of Holland, Michigan, was ordained as a minister of word and sacrament in the Reformed Church in America on Sunday, Feb. 8. Meghan received her Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary in May 2014. She is the youth pastor at Rose Park Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan.

**Jamie Benjamin '12** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the new West Ottawa girls lacrosse coach.

**Peter Clifton '12** is a commercial real estate broker for CBRE in Illinois.

**Nickolas Davros II '12** accepted a honors biology teaching position at South Mecklenburg High School, the largest high school in North Carolina. In addition to teaching he will also be the head junior varsity football coach and a varsity assistant. He reports that the move from out west to down south with his fiancé, **Kaitlyn Davis '12**, has been an amazing and blessed adventure.

**Kaitlyn Davis '12** is an associate director of music/organist with Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Sardis has more than 2,000 members, making it the second largest Presbyterian Church in Charlotte and the oldest church, celebrating 225 years this coming spring.

**Kara Dornbusch '12** and **Dan Guy '09** were married on June 7, 2014, in Maple City, Michigan. Kara is employed as an operating room registered nurse at the Northwest Michigan Surgery Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

**Katherine Garcia '12** and Matthew Yeske were married on Oct. 4, 2014, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

**Katie Garrett '12** is pursuing a degree in Christian formation and ministry with an emphasis on Bible, theology and ministry at Wheaton College.

**Maggie Blaich '12 Myers** of Crawfordsville, Indiana, is a therapist at Wabash Valley Alliance, an outpatient mental health center.

**Renee Wynveen '12** is the project development officer for ACTED in Juba, South Sudan.

**Zoann Hallam '13** of Holland, Michigan, is working in the Information Center at Campus Safety at Hope College.

**Emily Meade '13** is the operations coordinator for the Queen Anne Food Bank at Sacred Heart in Seattle, Washington.

**Jason Muller '13** and **Amy Olson '14** were married on Oct. 25, 2014.

**Madalyn Muncy '13** of Troy, Michigan, is the marketing and communications specialist at FordDirect, a marketing agency that serves Ford dealerships across the country.

**Jonathan Snavely '13** of East Lansing, Michigan, is the legislative director for the 90th District.

**Mary Bradley '14** of Rantoul, Illinois, was promoted to quality assurance manager for Hearthside Foods in the Gibson City, Illinois plant.

**Joel Brogan '14** of Holland, Michigan, spoke through the computer science colloquium series at Hope on Thursday, Jan. 15, presenting "What's Graduate School in CS like?" He is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in computer science at University of Notre Dame.

**John Buchanan '14** is a market research surveyor with Vail Resorts in Vail, Colorado.

**Amy Stauffer '14 Clifton** is a registered nurse in the infant special care unit at Evanston North Shore Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

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## Deaths

The college is often privileged to receive additional information in celebration of the lives of members of the Hope community who have passed away. Please visit the expanded obituaries we have made available online if you wish to read more about those whose loss is noted in this issue.

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**John Muilenburg '33** of Penney Farms, Florida, died on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015. He was 103.

He was a missionary in China, later worked with Chinese students living in the Philippines and spent nine years working as secretary of Overseas Personnel before his retirement.

Survivors include his sons, Peter, Jonathan, Stephen and Bartholomew; four grandchildren; and five great-granddaughters.

**Josephine Kaper '33 Nienhuis** of Orange, Virginia, died on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014. She was 103.

She was a teacher for many years in Hamilton and Overisel, Michigan.

Survivors include her children, Judy Nienhuis '61 (Martin '58) Riekse and Barbara (Paul) Brown; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother Marvin Kaper; brother-in-law, John Grissen; and sisters-in-law, Marian Albers and Marie Nienhuis.

**Helena Visscher '36 Winter** of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015. She was 100.

She worked for a local marketing firm and was active in many community activities.

Survivors include her two sons, Bill (Marlene) and Paul; three grandsons; and one great-grandson.

**M. Marie Dalman '37 Van Eerden** of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014. She was 100.

She worked for Dr. Vern Boersma '44 in his medical practice.

Survivors include her children, Sharon Van Eerden '63 Bos, David (Jeanne) Van Eerden and Judi (Thomas) Essenburg; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; sister, Evon Dalman '56 (Robert '56) Pluister; and sisters-in-law, Pauline Lanting and Hilma Van Eerden.

**Adrian Newhouse '38** of Grant, Michigan, died on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015. He was 99.

He served in churches in Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Survivors include his children, Marcia Newhouse '67 (Dwight) Bull and Connie (James) Visser; 13 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Newhouse and Joanne (William) Faase.

**Stella DeJonge '38 Wildschut** of Middletown, New York, died on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015. She was 97.

She was a former organist at Goshen Christian Reformed Church.

Survivors include her children, Mary (Martin) VanDerHeide, Joan VanDerHeide and Randy (Julie) Wildschut, James Wildschut; sister, Marilyn Koops; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Ethel Scholten and Helen Wildschut.

**Robert Heneveld '43** of Muskegon, Michigan, died on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015. He was 92.

He served as a captain in the Army Medical Corps during the Korean War.

He had an otolaryngology practice in Muskegon and served as chief of staff at Mercy Hospital.

Survivors include his sons, Alan (Maya) Heneveld, James (Jane) Heneveld and Stephen (Colette) Heneveld; daughter, Christine (Thomas) Bultema; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Lowell (Harriett Hains '47) Heneveld '47; and sister, Helen Morris.

**Harvey Mulder '43** of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, died on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015. He was 93.

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

He was a research scientist for DuPont Photo Products Research and Development Labs.

Survivors include his sons, Brian Mulder and James Mulder; a brother, Paul (Chip) Mulder '50; sister, Kathryn Steffes; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Florence Bouwens '43 Van Eenenaam** of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014. She was 93.

She was a teacher for many years and worked in the home.

Survivors include her children, Rick

(Becky) Van Eenenaam, Tom (Paula) Van Eenenaam and Mary (Scott) Nykerk; daughter-in-law, Laurie Engle '82; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; siblings, Leona Plasman and Howard (Mary) Bouwens; and sisters-in-law, Lil Bouwens and Ruth Van Eenenaam.

**Lena Hibma '46** of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Jan. 19, 2015. She was 89.

She taught elementary school in California, Plainwell and Traverse City until her retirement.

Survivors include her siblings, Bernice Hibma '45, Bernard (Shirley) Hibma and Sidney (Edna) Hibma.

**James MacGregor '46** of Middleville, Michigan, died on Monday, July 14, 2014. He was 96.

He was a decorated veteran of World War II

He was a retired partner of Buys-MacGregor.

Survivors include his children, Carolyn MacGregor '70 Getty, Debbie Kroes, Eley (Ken) Kollar, Barb (Chris) Auten, Jayne (Dave) Peet, Bruce (Julie) MacGregor, Scott (Beth) MacGregor and Sandy (Jim) Ahrens; 22 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

**Helen Goff '46 Marcussen** of Colorado Springs, Colorado, died on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014. She was 91.

She was an ordained minister at First United Methodist Church in Slidell, Louisiana.

Survivors include her son, Charles (Patricia McIntosh) Ploegsma; stepson, Charley (Jackie Dabdoub) Marcussen Jr.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**James Mooi '46** of Holland, Michigan, and Marco Island, Florida, died on Friday, Jan. 23, 2015. He was 91.

He served with honor in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a radio operator aboard B-24 combat bombers in the European Theatre.

He was the owner and CEO of Mooi Roofing Company and Premier Building Products.

Survivors include his children, Robert (Mary) Mooi, Nancy (Jeffrey) Helder, Bruce (Karen) Ming and Marilyn Kane; four grandchildren, including Elizabeth Helder '02 (Casey) Babcock; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Lois Meulendyke '47 Sweet** of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014. She was 89.

She taught at Zeeland Public Schools for 28 years.

Survivors include her sons, Timothy (Laurie) Sweet, Randall (Laura) Sweet and Joel (Robin) Sweet; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Jean Meulendyke '47 (Howard '50) Millard; and brother-in-law, Alvin (Nancy) Sweet.

**Virginia Hemmes '48 Laug** of Canajoharie, New York, died on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014. She was 87.

She taught English and physical education in Holt and Grand Ledge, Michigan, before starting her family. She was the first woman elected to the office of vice president of consistory of the Canajoharie Reformed Church.

Survivors include her three daughters, Deborah Laug '72 (Ronald) Limoncelli, Nancy (Stephen) Herron and Lise (Michael) Cappuccio; son, M. Charles Laug Jr.; sister, Mary Lou Hemmes '46 Koop; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Lois VanWyk '48 Wildman** of Rockford, Illinois, died on Monday, Dec. 8, 2014. She was 88.

She taught in various schools, including Rockford Public Schools.

Survivors include her children, Beth (Sam) Watkins, Mark (Nancy) Wildman '72 and Marcia (Ken) Skarie; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Marian Chase.

**Fred De Wilde '49** of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Dec. 29, 2014. He was 87.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He worked for Elzinga & Volkers as chief estimator for 40 years.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Joan De Wilde; children, Fred (Cheryl) De Wilde, James (Elizabeth) De Wilde, Randy (Lisa) De Wilde, Elizabeth (Richard) Munson and Pete (Pam) De Wilde; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson; brother, Robert De Wilde; and in-laws, Donna (Donald) Top and Linda (John) Ventimiglia.

**Donald Lam '49** of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015. He was 94.

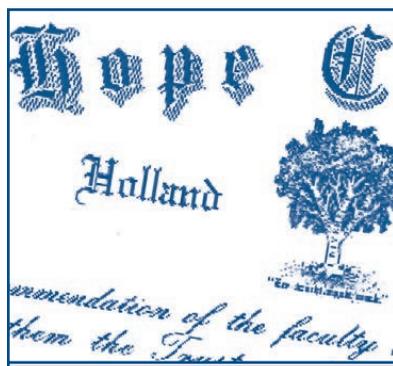
He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Trinidad and Italy.

He was a pastor for 32 years, serving the Reformed Church in America.

Survivors include his sons, Nicholas (Debra) Lam '74; son-in-law, Michael Stommen, Jonathan (Mariann) Lam and Thomas (Dianne) Lam; 13 grandchildren, including Daniel Lam '01, Keith Lam '03, Christopher Lam '05, Heather Lam '06 Ramsey and Heidi Lam '06 Winkler; 23 great-grandchildren; and sister, Angeline Streur.

**Lois DeKleine '49 Scott** of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015. She was 87.

Survivors include her children, Douglas Scott '73, Mary Jo Scott '75 (Thomas '74) Dekker, Steven (Pam) Scott '79 and Kathy Scott '82; eight grandchildren, including Nicole Dekker '04, Katherine Dekker '05 and Elizabeth DeKorne '08; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Jeanella DeKleine '47 TenHave.



**A total of 42 seniors graduated with honors in December. Please visit the college's website for the list.**

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Word has been received of the death of **Dale Wieghmink '48** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015.

**James Bennett '50** of Shelton, Washington, died on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. He was 86.

He was a self-employed marriage and family therapist as well as a sports-performance coach.

Survivors include his wife, Louis VanBrankhorst '52 Bennett; children, Neil (Michele), Lissa (Jay), Julie (Marty), Dinah (John) and Sarah (Simon); 11 grandchildren; and sister, Barbara.

**Warren Huyser '50** of Spring Valley, California, died on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015. He was 89.

He was a high school English and history teacher and counselor.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Donna Huyser; daughter, Gayle; sons, Mark and Paul; and brothers and sisters, Laverne Huyser '46 Lievense, Esther Van Slooten, Ivan Huyser '52 and Norma Van Hairsma.

**Richard Miller '51** of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, died on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014. He was 87.

He had a practice with his brother, the late Robert Miller '51, at Adirondack Animal Hospital, and also worked on veterinary pharmaceutical research with the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Margaret Miller; his sons, Richard and Jeffrey; and his daughters, Jacquelyn Miller Lumsden, Stacey Miller Eicks and Tracey Miller '85 Vasey.

**Marion Webster '51 White** of Pinckney, Michigan, died on Monday, Sept. 22, 2014. She was 85.

She enjoyed gardening, quilting and singing in her church choirs.

Survivors include her children, Connie Sell, Sherry (Phillip) Nino, Paul (Mims) White Jr. and Kathy (Daniel) Krull; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert (Peggy) Webster, Jr., John (Kay) Webster and David (Judy) Webster; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Webster.

**Kenneth Cuddeback '52** of Michiana Shores, Indiana, died on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014. He was 84.

He served on the Board of Trustees at Hope from 1960 to 1963.

Survivors include his children, Robert (Catherine) Cuddeback, Margaret (Mark) Edward and William (Michelle) Cuddeback; one sister-in-law, Margaret Lee (Bernard) Clune; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**James Boonstra '54** of Fort Myers, Florida, died on Friday, Jan. 9, 2015. He was 83.

He served in the armed forces. He spent most of his life working and traveling in South America.

Survivors include his wife, Bernadette Boonstra; children, Ann, David and Stephen; two grandchildren; brother, Frank Boonstra; sister, Peg Froberg; and brother and sister-in-law, Terry (Rose) Swales.

**Edwin Martin '54** of Vicksburg, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015. He was 83.

He pastored in the Reformed Church in America in Michigan and New York for more than 25 years.

Survivors include his three children, Timothy Martin, Jonathan (Kathy) Martin and Ann (Shane) Neel; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**Nevin Webster Sr. '54** of Lincoln Park, Michigan, died on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014. He was 83.

He was chaplain in the U.S. Army for two years.

He pastored four churches in New York, New Jersey, Colorado and Michigan.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Dorothy; children, Nevin (Elissa VanGent '80) Webster '79, Jr. John (JoLynn Campbell '83) Webster '81, Deborah Webster '82 (Ron '82) Wood, Rick (Beth French '87) Webster '84 and Paul (Wendy) Webster '89; brothers, Robert (Peggy) Webster, John (Kay) Webster and David (Judy) Webster; sisters-in-law, Rosemary Olson and Linda (Eugene) Litherland; 20 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**Alice Klepper '55 Jansma** of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014. She was 81.

She served as a special education teacher in different school systems throughout the country.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Jansma '54; children, Jill Jansen, Jeff (Tracy) Jansma and Jerry (Dana Grossenbacher '92) Jansma '91; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Reanetta DeYoung.

**Dorothea Lindahl '55 Lewis** of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, died on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015. She was 81.

She was a lifelong educator in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and later in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and at Panhandle State University, facilitating teachers in summer workshops for more than 50 years.

Survivors include her five children, Mark, Scott (Laurie), Todd (Tina), Shawn (Deborah) and Kirk; seven grandchildren; and brother and sisters-in-law, Charles (Pat) Lindahl '57 and Bonnie Lindahl.

**Eugene N. Ouder Kirk '55** of Fort Ann, New York, died on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015. He was 80.

He retired after a career designing financial control systems for private industry and government, as a consultant to the New York State Department of Education and as a junior college professor of business and computer technology.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn (Aulicino); sister, Arlene Delamater of East Greenbush; son, Gregg Ouder Kirk and his partner, Jennifer Parker; daughter, Kim Ouder Kirk and her partner, Harold Stowell; son, Adam Ouder Kirk; daughter, Amy Ouder Kirk; and three grandsons.

**Joan Shearer '55 Smallenburg** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014. She was 81.

She retired from West Ottawa High School, where she was an administrative aide.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Richard Smallenburg; daughters, Loretto (Daniel) Everingham and Sarah (Edward) Haveman; and brother, Cedrick (Rick) Shearer.

**Janice Conklin '56 Hesselink** of Athens, New York, and formerly of Bogota, New Jersey, died on Monday, Aug. 25, 2014. She was 81.

Survivors include her children, Mark (Martha) Hesselink, Beth (Steven) Gurzler, Kristen (Harold) Lindstrom and Timothy (Nancy) Hesselink; sister, Ruth Cole; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**E. Thomas Niles '56** of Penney Farms, Florida, died on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. He was 85.

He served in the U.S. Army and served in Korea.

He worked at Dow Chemical Corporation for more than 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Lila Niles; children, Tom (Jennifer) Niles Jr. and Jana (Brian Taberner) Niles; and four grandchildren, including Charles Ranspack '13.

**E. Jerry Spyke '57** of Decatur, Georgia, died on Monday, Nov. 3, 2014. He was 79.

He worked for the CDC for 33 years. Survivors include his wife, Janice Spyke; children, Randy (Heather) Spyke, Terri (Warren) Ragsdale, Sherry (Walter) Pofahl and Kendall (Irene) Spyke; and 10 grandchildren.

**Wilbur Vander Yacht '57** of Anniston, Alabama, died on Sunday, May 10, 2015. He was 85.

He served two years in the Korean War.

He had an OB/GYN practice in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in 1985 he re-entered the U.S. Army and spent 10 years in Europe.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Audrey Vander Yacht; two children; and two grandchildren.

**Robert VerDuin '57** of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015. He was 79.

He worked for 42 years as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Parke Davis/Pfizer.

Survivors include his wife, Susan VerDuin; sons, William VerDuin, Kurt (Deanna) VerDuin '95, Scott (Debbie) VerDuin and Mark (Steffani) VerDuin '87; brother, David VerDuin; father and mother-in-law, Ward (Shirley) Shuler; and brother and sister-in-law, Bill (Carol) Shuler.

**John (Jack) Walchenbach '57** of Lake Stevens, Washington, died on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015. He was 80.

He spent 54 years as a minister.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Walchenbach; children, Timothy and James; daughters-in-law, Lisa and Macy; and five grandchildren.

**Lyle Hop '59** of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015. He was 81.

He was a school teacher in the Zeeland Schools.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Jean Hop; children, Steven (late Ruth) Hop, Joel (Michelle) Hop, Thomas (Debbie) Hop '82, James (Tina) Hop '86, David Hop and Heather Kelley; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; siblings, Sherk (Rosie) Hop, Vera Hop Weenum, Arloa Hop Boneburg, Dale (Marilyn) Hop and Duane (Wanda) Hop '57; and in-laws, Joyce Post Schipper, Donald (Eunice) Schipper Northuis, Waino (Caroline) Aukee, George (Ann) Schipper and Charlie (Mary) Schipper Follett.

**Vernon Kortering '59** of Spring Lake, Michigan, died on Saturday, Jan 17, 2015. He was 80.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956.

He was joined by his son in the Kortering Law Firm in 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Griffes '60 Kortering; children, Kathryn Kortering, Karyn Kortering '86 Verge and David (Katherine) Kortering '88; five grandchildren; brother, Earl Kortering; sister, Norma Brower; and sister-in-law, Joan Kortering.

**Arlene Billin '62 Martin** of Louisville, Colorado, died on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014. She was 75.

She was a third and fourth grade teacher at Mesa Elementary School.

Survivors include her husband, J. Patrick Martin; children, Jacqueline, Patrick and Jennifer; grandchildren; and brother, Fred Billin.

**Bruce Schurman '62** of Wheaton, Illinois, died on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015. He was 76.

He was the president and CEO of Marianjoy Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Schurman; son, Brian Schurman; and one grandchild.

**John Dunn '63** of East Lansing, Michigan, died on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014. He was 73.

He was a physician.

Survivors include his wife, Judith DeRyke '63 Dunn; children, John (Deb) Dunn, Steven (Tara Hoekwater '96) Dunn '96, Mark (Chanda) Dunn '96 and Ann Marie Dunn '92; and seven grandchildren.

**Gary Ver Strate '63** of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, died on Sunday, March 16, 2014. He was 74.

He worked as a polymer physical chemist with Exxon Chemical.

Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Mary Ann Ver Strate; sister, Peggy Buckley; children, Amy Ver Strate and Andrew (Tina) Ver Strate; three grandchildren; and two step-children.

**Donald Vuurens '63** of Norton Shores, Michigan, died on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. He was 82.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force and served in the Korean conflict.

He was a United Methodist minister for 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Vuurens; daughter, Diana Burr; one grandson; and brother, Walter Vuurens.

**Robert Bauer '64** of Nebo, North Carolina, died on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014. He was 71.

He taught history at the junior and senior high level for 32 years and senior seminar class at St. Joseph's College for eight years. He was an adjunct professor at Western Piedmont Community College.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Bauer; son, Charles (Robin) Bauer; daughter, Katherine (David) Shields; 10 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and brother, Frederic (Jeanne) Bauer '54.

**Alverna Hovingh '64 De Visser** of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. She was 69.

She was an educator and later served on the board of Zeeland Public Schools.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years, David De Visser '64; sons, Peter De Visser, Mark De Visser and Joel De Visser; two grandchildren; and brothers, Kenneth (Barbara Henry '65) Hovingh '64 and Ronald (Charlotte) Hovingh.

**David T. "Ted" Hook '64** of Fort Myers, Florida, and Volo, Illinois, died on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014. He was 72.

He retired from Paslode (ITW) in Libertyville, Illinois, in 2005.

Survivors include a daughter,

Christine (Kurt Schumacher - fiancé) Hook; mother-in-law, Irene Dyke; one son-in-law, Daniel Schubert; two granddaughters; one sister, Elizabeth Hook '70 (Hank) Elgersma; one sister-in-law, Ester Hook; and two brothers, Phil (Joyce) Hook and Steve (Norma) Hook '78.

**Michael Snyder '65** of Morenci, Arizona, died on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014. He was 71.

He was a family doctor in Graham and Greenlee counties and in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

Survivors include his wife, of 47 years, Susan Snyder; son, Ian (Cristin); daughter Liz (David); one grandson; and brother, Steven Snyder.

**Richard Rietveld '67** of Apollo Beach, Florida, died on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014. He was 69.

He was the dean of Valencia College.

Survivors include his wife, Kristine Rietveld; daughter, Harley, two grandchildren; and siblings, Carol Barnes, Sue Ebbens, Tim Rietveld and Bill Rietveld.

**Roger Rose '69**, of West Olive, Michigan, died on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015. He was 68.

Roger worked for many years at the State of California Mental Hospital as a clinical psychologist.

Survivors include his wife, Lori Rose; daughter, Elizabeth Rose; son and daughter-in-law, Joshua (Heather); step-daughter, Shannon Meyer; step-son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas (Kristen) Meyer; and four grandchildren.

**Jonathan Proli '70** of Longmont, Colorado, died on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014. He was 68.

He worked for many years at Alpine Research Optics in Boulder, Colorado.

Survivors include his brother, Peter (Janet Merson '64) Proli '65; and two sisters, Anne Proli (Michael) Cataldo and Beth Proli (Brian) Quinn.

**Christine Currey '72** of Salt Lake City, Utah, died on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014. She was 64.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Schenkenberg; mother, Virginia Currey; sisters, Gail (Dan Barnett) Currey and Elizabeth Currey; and brother, John (Gina Davis) Currey.

**Denise Schuiling '73**

**Harmelink** of Kentwood, Michigan, died on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015. She was 63.

She worked for 40 years as a preschool teacher at KCDC and John Knox preschools.

Survivors include her husband of 41 years, David Harmelink '73; daughters, Julie (Blake) Driver, Melissa (Jeremy) Bultema, and Stephanie (Brent) Sandera;

seven grandchildren; mother, Gwen Schuiling; and brother, Philip (Beverly) Schuiling '76.

**Joan Hondorp '75 Stafford** of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015. She was 61.

She taught fifth grade at North Godwin Elementary for 31 years.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Greg Stafford; mother, Virginia Hondorp; brother, Bill (Sue Broekstra '71) Hondorp '71; and in-laws, Dave (Barb) Stafford, Steve (Mary) Stafford and John (Lisa) Stafford.

**Rex "Rick" Stick Jr. '78** of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014. He was 60.

He worked in the family business, which specialized in sporting goods.

Survivors include his siblings, Susan Stick and Charles Stick.

**Phyl Cash '81** of Troy, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015. She was 55.

She worked as a translator.

Survivors include her mother, Barbara Cash; sisters Julie (Rodney) Sharp and Maureen Cash-Bartkowiak (Brian); and five nieces and nephews including Rachel Bartkowiak '18.

**Brian Rideout '82** of Fishers, Indiana, died on Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014. He was 54.

He worked for 19 years as a computer systems analyst at Sallie Mae.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Margaret Visser '83 Rideout; three children, Valerie Rideout '09 (Jason) Utley, Chuck (Rachel) Rideout and Leslie Rideout; his father, Floyd Rideout; brother, Stephen (Julie) Rideout; stepmother, Martha Rideout; and mother-in-law, Suzanne Zwemer '54 Visser.

**Kelly Paris '83 Hunter** of Lakeview, Michigan, died on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015. She was 53.

She was a registered nurse at Altercare in Big Rapids, Michigan.

Survivors include her parents, Paul (Nancy) Paris; her children, Tracey (Clark Dendinger) Hunter, Jordan (Jon-Paul Vicari) Hunter and Nicholas Hunter; her brothers, James (Tammy) Paris, Daniel (Brenda Thompson) Paris and Andrew (Holly) Paris; her twin sister, Kim (Martin) Covey; and younger sister, Julia (Alex) Kapteyn.

**Manuel Beltran del Rio '90** of West Olive, Michigan, died on Thursday Jan. 22, 2015, after a six-month long battle with osteosarcoma (a rare cancer). He was 53.

He was employed for the last 22 years at Consumers Energy, most recently as a Systems Analyst.

Survivors include his wife, Laurie Myers '91 Beltran del Rio; children,

Rachel, Marisa, Timothy, Abigail and Lydia; father and stepmother, Hector (Pilar) Beltran del Rio; his mother, Esperanza Uranga; his brothers, Hector (Sharon) Beltran del Rio and Francisco (Aracely) Beltran del Rio; his sisters, Esperanza Beltran del Rio and Mariana Beltran del Rio; and his in-laws, Ron (JoEllyn) Myers, Ron (Laurie) Myers, Fred (Teri-Sue) Pierson, Sam (Stephanie) Myers, Tom (Natascha) Myers and Jon (Toni-Marie) Beard.

**Eric Stansby '91** died on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015. He was 45.

He was a physician in West Michigan and had also been an officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include his parents, David (Judith) Stansby '65; and sister, Traci Stansby.

## Sympathy to

The family of **Sam Bedrosian** of South Haven, Michigan, who died on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015. He was 82.

He was the women's golf coach at Hope in 2001 and 2002.

He was the athletic director at Aurora University for more than 30 years and taught classes on the graduate level at Western Michigan University.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Bedrosian; daughters, Ruth (Mike) Matteson, Nancy (Mark) Pollard and Carrie (Michael) Burns; and five grandsons.

The family of **Dr. Elaine Jekel** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at age 88.

She was an adjunct professor emerita of chemistry at Hope, where she taught from 1982 until retiring in 1993. Her major teaching assignment was in the General and Analytical Chemistry Laboratory course for science majors, and she also taught Chemistry for Elementary Teachers and the laboratory component of Advanced Analytical Chemistry.

She also served as administrative secretary in organizing and operating the National Science Foundation Summer Workshops at Hope for High School Chemistry Teachers. The 24-year program, in which approximately 1,050 high school teachers from across the country participated, was directed by her husband, Dr. Eugene Jekel '52, who taught at Hope from 1955 until retiring in 1993 as the Edward A. and Elizabeth Hofma Professor Emeritus of Chemistry.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Tim (Karen) Jekel; a daughter, Karen Jekel '89 (Steven '92) Palmateer; and grandchildren and a great-grandson.



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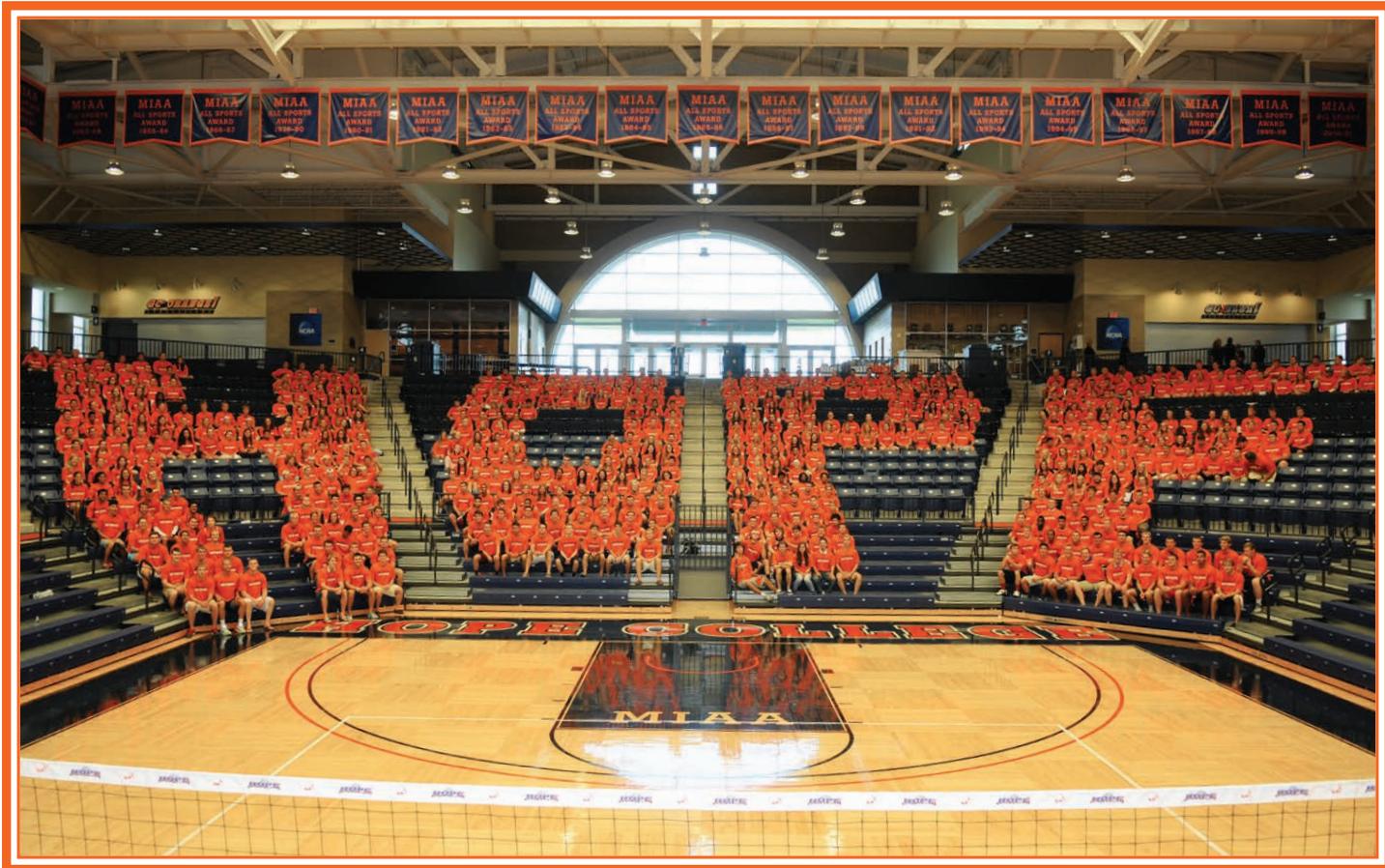
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