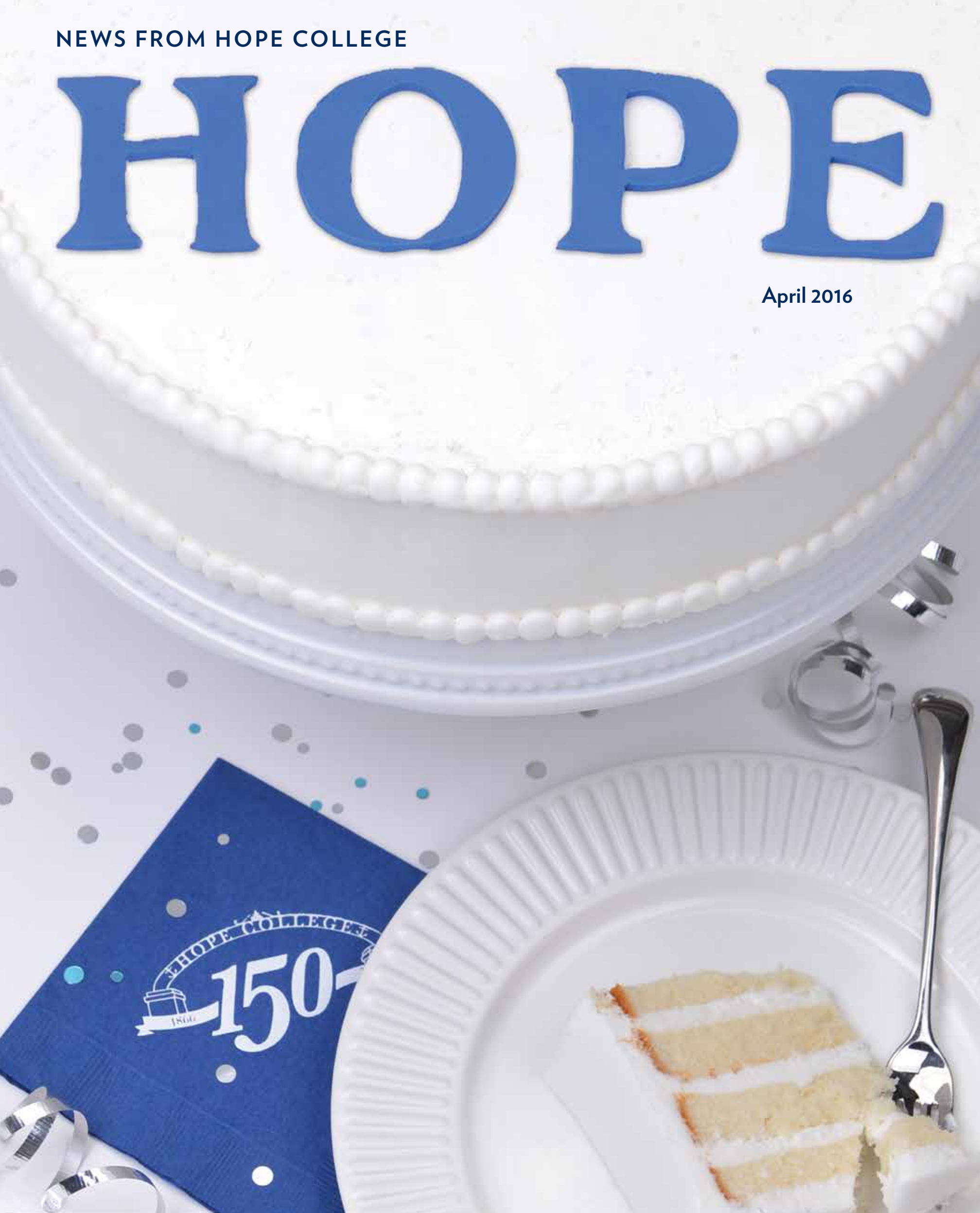


NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE

# HOPE

April 2016







## “QUOTE, UNQUOTE”

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

*More than 100 Hope students serve as volunteer tutors each year with CASA (Children’s After School Achievement), a community program of Hope College that provides academic and cultural enrichment for at-risk first- through fifth-grade students. CASA, which has served thousands of children since beginning in 1987, works—and received the “Outstanding Mentoring Program Award” in Michigan’s Governor’s Service Award program in June 2010. The following recollections by former tutor Joe Adamson ’14, shared by CASA in a letter mailed to supporters this past summer, show that the program’s young charges aren’t the only ones whose lives are changed for the better.*



“Reflecting on my Hope College experience as a recent graduate and current medical school applicant, there is a lot that I am proud of. My most cherished moments were not those spent in the lab or presenting research in front of a large crowd, but were Monday and Wednesday afternoons sitting on the floor with Maurice. I spent two years tutoring for the CASA program, working mainly with this fourth grader.

“We consider CASA students to be at risk for academic reasons, but as everyone in the CASA program knows, most of the students are at risk for a lot more than a bad grade on a spelling test. CASA is most certainly about the academic growth for the students. As an elementary student that loathed going to school, I could sympathize with Maurice and the others. He was the son of a single mom, brother of two high school dropout siblings, and resident of an area where he feared being jumped on his walk home from school.

“Maurice’s academic struggles were rooted in the volatility and adversity extrinsic to the classroom. We generally maintained focus, but the most valuable moments for us were mentoring opportunities related to life and plans, right and wrong, and even girlfriends (that I thought he was too young to have). We struggled through school fights together, we struggled through upcoming tests together, and we struggled through his unreliable living situation together.

“The CASA children are paired with Hope students who aren’t paid to tutor, but genuinely love to put a smile on the students’ faces. For about four hours every week, Maurice was comfortable. He was open. He was safe. He was out of control at times, sure, but being true to my mission, we made this learning-based activity (something he was previously scared of and uncomfortable with) into a place of achievement, stability, and pleasure.

“Maurice made leaps and bounds in his reading level, passed his classes, and talked of going to college someday. More than the scholastic improvements, Maurice showed more respect, expressed his emotions in healthier ways, and felt like somebody believed in him.

“Even so, don’t let us tutors fool you—amidst the late nights studying organic chemistry and long days in class and at work, it feels great to laugh, smile, play educational games, give our brains a break and even play some tag in the Pine Grove. CASA makes changes in the lives of Holland’s at-risk elementary students, but it also cultivates more empathetic, caring, and purposeful college graduates. I want to say thank you to CASA, because I attribute an immense amount of my character and interpersonal skills to those Monday and Wednesday afternoons.”

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## DISTINCTIVE HOPE

Hope takes seriously its enduring commitment, as the college’s mission statement says, “to educate students for lives of leadership and service in a global society.” The emphasis recently received acclaim in the 2015 “Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange” by the Institute of International Education, which identified Hope as a “leading institution”—36th nationwide among baccalaureate colleges—for having 309 students study abroad during the 2013-14 school year. Hope students have access to more than 200 off-campus study programs in virtually every part of the globe, with options including semester- and year-long study, as well as shorter-term May Term, June Term and summer-school programs. Even as the students who participate find their own lives shaped for the better, they also help enrich the campus community with the perspective that they have gained when they return.

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# EVENTS

## ACADEMIC YEAR

### Spring Semester

April 28, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

April 29, Friday—Spring Fling. Classes dismissed at 3 p.m.

May 2-6, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations

May 6, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.

May 8, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement

May 9, Monday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon

**May Term**—May 9-June 3

**June Term**—June 6-July 1

**July Term**—July 5-29

## MUSIC

### Guest Artist: Gregory

**Crowell and Shin Hwang,**

**Harpsichord**—Thursday, April 14, 11 a.m.

**Jazz Arts Collective**—Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

**Orchestra Concert**—Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Chamber Choir Concert**—Monday, April 18: with Luminescence and 12th Street Harmony, 7:30 p.m.

**Woodwind Chamber Recital**—Monday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

**Wind Ensemble Concert**—Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.

**Tulip Time Organ Recitals**—Wednesday-Saturday, May 11-14: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, starting every half hour beginning at 10 a.m. with the last concluding at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

## DANCE

**Student Dance Showcase**—Friday-Saturday, April 22-23, Monday-Tuesday, April 25-26, 7:30 p.m.

**Cecchetti International Ballet School Concerts**—Saturday, July 23, 10:30 a.m. and noon

## HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

HSRT is planning an exciting 45th season, opening in the DeWitt theatre in June. Please see the advertisement on page 34 for more information.

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



# ALUMNI WEEKEND

Friday, April 29 – Saturday, April 30, 2016

*There's still time to register!*  
[hope.edu/alumniweekend](http://hope.edu/alumniweekend)

## SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 30

Featuring a reception at the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts at 4:30 p.m. followed by a performance in the Concert Hall of "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes (Psalm 121)" for choir and organ, the premiere of a video highlighting Hope's history and remarks by President John C. Knapp. Please see the story on pages 14-15 for more about the musical composition, commissioned for the sesquicentennial by Dr. Thelma (Tommye) Leenhouts '66.

## 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 office in the Anderson-Werkman Financial Center.

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

## THEATRE

**The Tempest**—Friday-Saturday, April 15-16; Wednesday-Saturday, April 20-23

*All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.*

## ADMISSIONS

**Campus Visits:** The Admissions Office is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, and from September through May is also open 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available, with appointments recommended.

 1.800.968.7850

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

## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance**—Friday, April 15, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

**Honors Convocation**—Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m.

**Baccalaureate and Commencement**—Sunday, May 8

**Opening Convocation**—Sunday, Aug. 28

## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Alumni Weekend**—Friday-Saturday, April 29-30

**Tulip Time GMB Architecture + Engineering Muziekparade**—Saturday, May 14, 2 p.m.

Hope will be the grand marshal in celebration of the college's sesquicentennial.

**Bob DeYoung Hope Classic Golf Outing**—Monday, June 13

## DE PREE ART CENTER AND GALLERY

**Graduating Senior Show**—Friday, April 8-Sunday, May 8

## KRUIZENGA ART MUSEUM

**"Past Present East West: Highlights from the Permanent Collection"**—Through Saturday, May 14

## SUMMER CAMPS

Hope will offer multiple summer ExploreHope camps for children, founded by Tod Gugino '85; hands-on science academies for middle school students and high school students; and workshops for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) teachers. The summer will also feature sports camps in basketball, football, men's lacrosse (there will be a women's camp in October), soccer, tennis and volleyball.

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please visit the college online for updates, additional events, locations and admission information.

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



**GRADUATION:** The college's 151st Commencement, celebrating the graduating Class of 2016, will be held on Sunday, May 8, 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 750 graduating seniors will be participating.

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Wayne Brouwer, associate professor of religion at Hope. The Baccalaureate speaker will be the Rev. Jeffrey S. Allen '85 of Littleton, Colorado, who is senior pastor of Faith Community Church in Littleton and a member of the college's 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)

## OUTSTANDING

**EDUCATOR:** Michelle Bombe of the theatre faculty received the 2016 Kennedy Center Medallion from Region III of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) on Saturday, Jan. 9.

It is the most prestigious regional award given by KCACTF and is considered one of the great honors in theatre education.

Bombe is the director of theatre, resident costume designer and professor of theatre at Hope, where she has taught since 1991, and has held leadership roles with KCACTF at the state, regional and national levels, including as newly elected national vice chair.

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

## GRAND MARSHAL:

In celebration of the college's sesquicentennial, Hope will be the grand marshal of Tulip Time's GMB Architecture + Engineering Muziekparade in Holland on Saturday, May 14.

It happens that the event corresponds exactly to the date that the college received its charter from the State of Michigan: May 14, 1866.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m., traveling west on Eighth Street from Columbia Avenue and then south on Van Raalte Avenue.

More about the festival is available online.

[tuliptime.com](http://tuliptime.com)



Dr. Wayne Brouwer



Rev. Jeffrey Allen '85



## SUMMER INSTITUTE:

Hope has received a major grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. to establish Awakening, a summer institute designed to deepen high school students' faith formation and understanding of Christian theology, and to help them explore the moral dimension of contemporary issues and examine how their faith calls them to lives of service.

The program, which will begin this summer, has received a grant of \$500,000 through Lilly Endowment's High School Youth Theology Institutes initiative. Hope is the only college or university in Michigan to have received support.

Hope's on-going Awakening program will offer an ecumenically diverse group of high school students the opportunity to investigate sacred texts, worship and music.

Students will study Scripture, worship traditions and musical expressions. In addition, they will engage with Hope faculty, staff and student-mentors, regional clergy and recognized national and international worship leaders, to better understand the complexities of theological pursuit as they discern their own vocations to serve others.

More about the program, including how to participate this year, is available online.

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

## DEBUT EPISODE: A

"live" interview with four of the nation's Founding Fathers filmed at Hope will be featured on PBS stations around the country this July.

The first episode in the new series *Inventing America: Conversations with the Founders*, the program will highlight the origins of the Declaration of Independence. The episode, "Making a Nation," will be made available to the nation's 350 PBS stations via the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA). It is also available online at [pbs.org/video/2365527882/](http://pbs.org/video/2365527882/).

Created by Milton Nieuwsma '63, a two-time Emmy Award winner, with Dr. Darell Schregardus '63 serving as executive producer and emeritus theatre faculty member John K.V. Tammi as director, the program was developed as a joint project of Hope and WGVU Public Media. The episode was filmed before a live audience in the DeWitt Center main theatre in December 2014 and features an interview by Dr. Marc Baer of the history faculty with professional portrayals as Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and John Dickinson. An early cut was shown at the Knickerbocker Theatre and on WGVU last July.

Additional episodes may be filmed at Hope during the 2016-17 school year.

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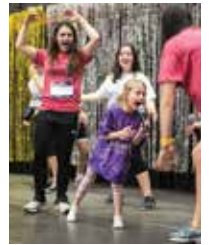
## MARATHON EFFORT:

The annual Dance Marathon organized by students on behalf of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital of Grand Rapids, Michigan, lives up to its name in multiple ways.

The event of course runs 24 hours, but months of planning, relationship building with families served by the hospital and fundraising precede the occasion itself. Activities on behalf of the marathon begin shortly after the start of the fall semester and involve nearly 30 student organizations. More than 900 students participate each year. It has earned the right to be called a tradition, running for a 17th time this spring.

This year's Dance Marathon took place on Friday-Saturday, March 11-12, at the Dow Center, and raised a record-setting \$256,323.13, bringing the 17-year total to more than \$1.7 million. A gallery of images is available online.

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



## SPRING SPORTS

**REPORT:** Senior Sarah Sheridan's 3-meter diving national championship—a first in school history—was among several highlights this winter for Hope College Athletics.

The Flying Dutch also competed in indoor track & field for the first time and had their first qualifier for the NCAA Championship: junior Erin Herrmann in the 3,000 meters. The men's and women's basketball teams swept the MIAA championships.

Learn more about the winter season on the Hope Athletics website or search Hope Athletics on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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



## HOPE IN PICTURES:

Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope.

Pictured is a moment from "Hope Serves – Day of Service" on Saturday, Jan. 23. Hope faculty, staff and students served around West Michigan during the event, but the effort was larger than that. Alumni were also invited to serve in their communities at locations of their choosing.

Hope's gallery features activity by the campus community, but all participants were encouraged to share their experience using #hopeserves on social media.

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# CAMPUS PROFILE

## ONE BODY, MANY VOICES

by Greg Olgers '87

There were many places that the audience that filled Winants Auditorium could have been, but the students, faculty and community members who gathered there at 7 p.m. on a Thursday all chose this: the opportunity to experience deep ecumenical dialogue designed to increase understanding.

The event focused on the 2015 book *What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?* by Dr. Jack Mulder Jr. '00, associate professor of philosophy and chairperson of the department.

Dr. Mulder, who was raised in the Reformed Church and converted to Catholicism in 2004, discussed his book and then engaged with two Reformed scholars who responded to it: Dr. Han-luen Kantzer Koline, assistant professor of church history and theology at

Western Theological Seminary; and Dr. Lynn Winkels '81 Japinga, professor of religion at Hope.

The evening was organized by the Saint Benedict Forum, the intellectual and spiritual institute that serves Hope as a ministry of Holland's Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church. It operates on campus through a covenantal partnership between the church and the college's Campus Ministries program, one of a variety of such arrangements with area congregations.

The larger context, however, is Hope's commitment to being an ecumenical community, one in which multiple Christian traditions are made welcome and, crucially, provide a rich experience for students as they grow in their faith.

And it works.

"One of the blessings of Hope College is that it is such a welcoming environment and it is a very open community," said sophomore Anna Jones of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who is Catholic and active in the Saint Benedict Forum and Union of Catholic Students (UCS) campus organization, in addition to participating in the college's Chapel and Gathering worship services. "I think it embodies ecumenical in a very true sense of the word because everyone is willing not to debate but to have a dialogue, and to have an openness in discussion where we can truly listen to one another."

"At the event on

Thursday, I thought that was very evident," she said. "And it's obvious that everyone cares for one another. There's a friendship I see that's palpable, that people are not adversaries just because they have different views on the Christian faith."

The character of the discussion is perhaps the evening's most important and enduring lesson, and is no accident: an example of how to live in difference, at a time when such examples can seem in short supply.

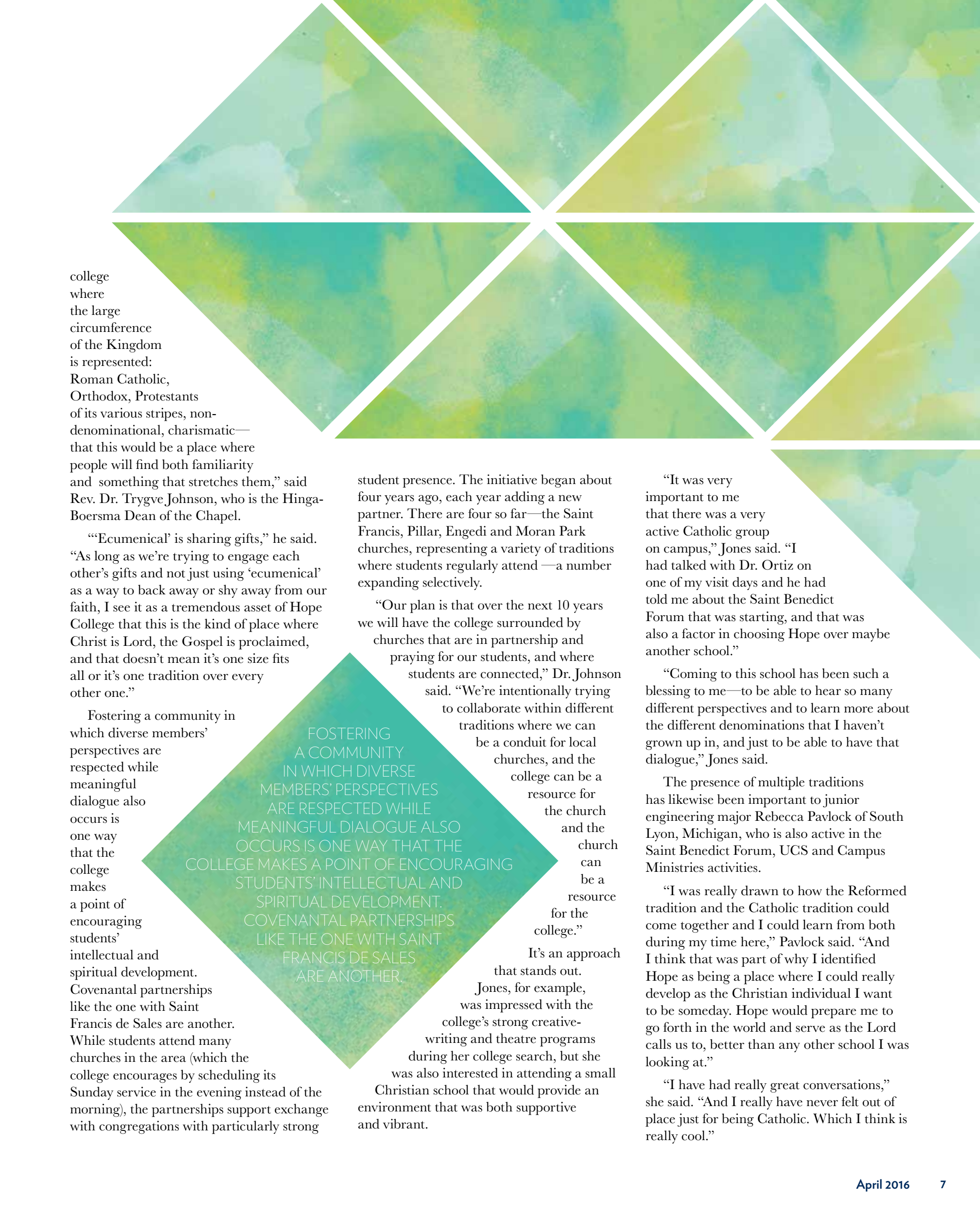
"We wanted not only to engage in this dialogue because it's important, but also to model it for our students," said Dr. Jared Ortiz, assistant professor of religion and director of the Saint Benedict Forum, which he co-founded with Dr. Mulder. "I think Hope is a unique place in that regard."

"It is a model for how you can engage with people when you disagree," Dr. Japinga said. "When you don't agree on everything, how do you get along, how do you still work together? I think it's very possible to do those things, but you don't have to pretend that you're all the same."

Hope's Reformed roots run deep, embodied in affiliation with the Reformed Church in America (RCA) that reaches back even to before the college's chartering in 1866. The religious heritage of the campus community, however, has become increasingly diverse through the years, especially (and deliberately) as Hope has extended its reach nationally and globally, with RCA students now comprising just nine percent of the student body. At least 10 other denominations are consistently represented today, with 26 percent of the college's students identifying as Christian but non-denominational. Roman Catholic is the largest single representation at 18 percent.

"We want to be the kind of Christian





college where the large circumference of the Kingdom is represented: Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Protestants of its various stripes, non-denominational, charismatic—that this would be a place where people will find both familiarity and something that stretches them,” said Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson, who is the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel.

“‘Ecumenical’ is sharing gifts,” he said. “As long as we’re trying to engage each other’s gifts and not just using ‘ecumenical’ as a way to back away or shy away from our faith, I see it as a tremendous asset of Hope College that this is the kind of place where Christ is Lord, the Gospel is proclaimed, and that doesn’t mean it’s one size fits all or it’s one tradition over every other one.”

Fostering a community in which diverse members’ perspectives are respected while meaningful dialogue also occurs is one way that the college makes a point of encouraging students’ intellectual and spiritual development. Covenantal partnerships like the one with Saint Francis de Sales are another. While students attend many churches in the area (which the college encourages by scheduling its Sunday service in the evening instead of the morning), the partnerships support exchange with congregations with particularly strong

student presence. The initiative began about four years ago, each year adding a new partner. There are four so far—the Saint Francis, Pillar, Engedi and Moran Park churches, representing a variety of traditions where students regularly attend—a number expanding selectively.

“Our plan is that over the next 10 years we will have the college surrounded by churches that are in partnership and praying for our students, and where students are connected,” Dr. Johnson said. “We’re intentionally trying

to collaborate within different traditions where we can be a conduit for local churches, and the college can be a resource for the church and the church can be a resource for the college.”

It’s an approach that stands out. Jones, for example, was impressed with the college’s strong creative-writing and theatre programs during her college search, but she was also interested in attending a small Christian school that would provide an environment that was both supportive and vibrant.

“It was very important to me that there was a very active Catholic group on campus,” Jones said. “I had talked with Dr. Ortiz on one of my visit days and he had told me about the Saint Benedict Forum that was starting, and that was also a factor in choosing Hope over maybe another school.”

“Coming to this school has been such a blessing to me—to be able to hear so many different perspectives and to learn more about the different denominations that I haven’t grown up in, and just to be able to have that dialogue,” Jones said.

The presence of multiple traditions has likewise been important to junior engineering major Rebecca Pavlock of South Lyon, Michigan, who is also active in the Saint Benedict Forum, UCS and Campus Ministries activities.

“I was really drawn to how the Reformed tradition and the Catholic tradition could come together and I could learn from both during my time here,” Pavlock said. “And I think that was part of why I identified Hope as being a place where I could really develop as the Christian individual I want to be someday. Hope would prepare me to go forth in the world and serve as the Lord calls us to, better than any other school I was looking at.”

“I have had really great conversations,” she said. “And I really have never felt out of place just for being Catholic. Which I think is really cool.”

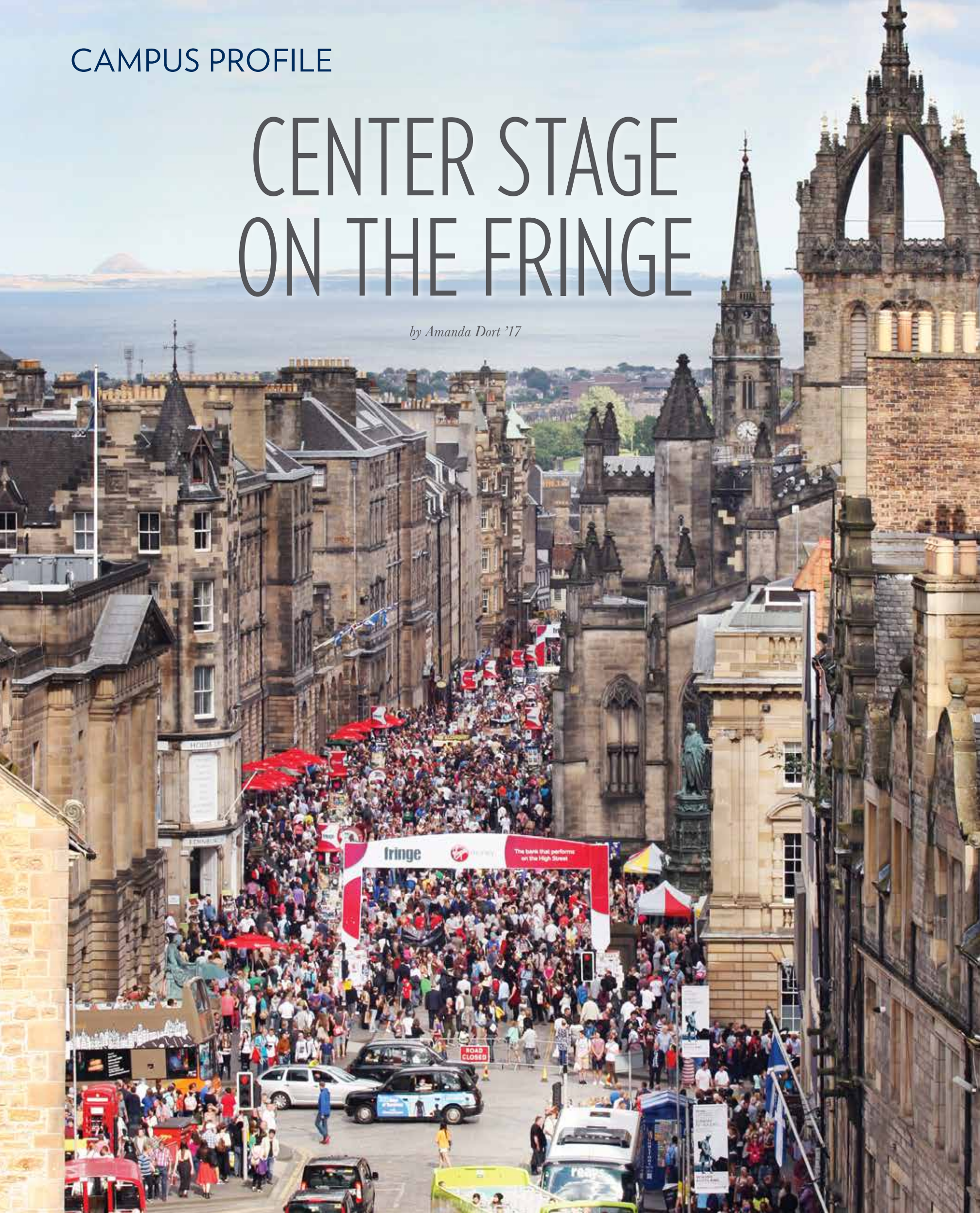
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CAMPUS PROFILE

# CENTER STAGE ON THE FRINGE

*by Amanda Dort '17*





With the end of the school year nearing, H2 Dance Company has just one month left to perfect its work to be presented at the largest arts festival in the world – the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, located in Scotland’s capital. There is no need to panic, however, because under the guidance of co-artistic directors Matthew Farmer and Crystal Frazier of the Hope dance faculty, the company’s student dancers are honing their skills and are ready to show the world their talent at the festival in August.

H2’s journey to Scotland began in March 2014, when Professor Farmer received an email from the International Collegiate Theatre Festival asking if he would be interested in submitting a work to be considered for the 2016 event. Nine months later, he received a congratulatory email, saying his choreography had been selected. He was soon determining the specific piece that the company would perform, and attended the August 2015 festival to meet with the program’s staff and technical crew and visit the venues.

Being selected to perform is a compliment to Professor Farmer, Professor Frazier, the H2 Dance Company, and Hope College’s Department of Dance as a whole.

“I don’t think people realize what a big deal it is to be invited to perform at the Fringe,” Professor Farmer said. “It really is a once in a lifetime opportunity in so many different aspects. I personally think it will be life-changing for the H2 Dance Company dancers.”

Senior Paige Niven of Portage, Michigan, a two-year veteran of H2, is also looking forward to the opportunities that will be available to see “people from around the world joining in one place to perform and do what they love most.”

Occurring in Edinburgh every August since 1947, the Festival Fringe lasts three weeks, and is epic in scale. The 2015 event featured talent from 49 countries in 50,459 performances of 3,314 shows in 313 venues. Organizers estimated that 2,298,090 tickets were sold, with thousands attending 800 free shows as well.

“The festival is so much bigger than H2 and me, and to be a part of it will be the most enriching experience,” said senior Alexandria LeGare of St. Charles, Illinois, a three-year veteran of H2.

“There will be so many different cultures walking around. It’s exciting and necessary for the H2 dancers to interact with so many different artists from around the globe,” Professor Frazier said.

LeGare is also looking forward to being immersed in another culture and “to share this one love of the arts.” She feels the festival will be “a unifying experience, especially today when there’s so much world conflict, so much can be brought together through the arts.”

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H2 will be performing an original piece by Professor Farmer, a fusion of modern and contemporary, titled “Dieser Ort,” which translates as “this place” in German. Professor Farmer describes it as “a refreshingly human take on dance... it’s supposed to feel familiar to the audience.” Professor Frazier continues the thought, saying, “The piece tells its own story.”

Some of the company’s preparation has included fitting the festival’s format, which is a 55-minute concert with no intermission. Professor Farmer has expanded “Dieser Ort,” which he had developed prior to its selection for the event, from 24 to 55 minutes by adding two sections in the middle.

H2 will present four different performances of the 55-minute “Dieser Ort” piece, and two mini-performances on the Royal Mile, which leads to the Edinburgh Castle. They recently received the exciting

news that they will be receiving prime booking for their performances. They are scheduled to perform Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights of opening weekend during the coveted 7 p.m. time slot.

H2 Dance Co. is a semi-professional repertory dance company affiliated with the college’s Department of Dance, and continues the long tradition of department dance companies originally begun by Aerial Dance Theatre and InSync Dance Theatre. It seeks to provide professional dance performance and touring experiences to its company members, in addition to engaging the community in artistically and educationally diverse dance performances. H2 prides itself on presenting works that reflect all areas of dance (ballet, modern, jazz, tap, and hip hop), while still maintaining the traditions of dance and presenting choreography that is fresh and contemporary.

H2 has influenced many dancers’ lives for the better, and Niven is among those who value the experience. “I think H2 has helped me not only grow so much as a dancer, but also become a better person academically,” she said.

The company is part of the department’s long tradition of providing meaningful performance opportunities to students. Students also participate in the Sacred Dance and Strike Time dance companies, and the department schedules multiple student concerts, including the annual all-department concert, this year Dance 42, each spring. H2 performs on campus each fall, and will feature “Dieser Ort” this coming year so that the campus and West Michigan communities can enjoy seeing the work as well.

*The college is currently raising funds to support participation in the festival. Contributions may be made online at [crowdfunding.hope.edu/dance](http://crowdfunding.hope.edu/dance). Personal checks made out to Hope College will also be accepted.*

*To stay updated on happenings with H2 on its way to the Festival Fringe, check out the company’s Facebook page: “H2 Dance Co. at the Fringe.”*





# HOPE 150

## PROLOGUE TO THE PRESENT:

# Chronicling the First 150 Years

by Greg Chandler

Hope's year-long sesquicentennial celebration will conclude in a few short weeks, but the commemoration of the college's rich—and sometimes colorful—history will continue through the publication of a book documenting the college's first 150 years in loving detail.

The upcoming two-volume edition, *An Enduring Hope: A Sesquicentennial History of Hope College, 1866-2016*, is to be published later this year. The editor and primary co-author is Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, provost and professor of classics emeritus at Hope, director emeritus of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute and editor-in-chief of the Van Raalte Press. Dr. James C. Kennedy, a former associate professor of history at Hope and honorary research fellow of the institute who now is a professor of history and Dean of University College Utrecht, is co-editor of the book and author of the opening chapter.

In addition, seven others with strong ties to the college have contributed chapters to the book, which is to be published by Van Raalte Press, a division of the institute, in collaboration with William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company as part of the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America (RCA). Senior Research Fellow Dr. Donald J. Bruggink is the founding general editor of the RCA Historical Series.

***An Enduring Hope: A Sesquicentennial History of Hope College, 1866-2016*** is the first comprehensive history of Hope since the 1968 publication of ***A Century of Hope***, written by former president Dr. Wynand Wichers (Class of 1909) in conjunction with the college's centennial.

"My goal is to tell the story of Hope College in an interesting and compelling

way," said Dr. Nyenhuis, who served on the Hope faculty from 1975 until 2001, when he joined the Van Raalte Institute. "It will be not only a narrative of the history of the college but also an enduring record of all the constituent parts of the college."

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With much of the college's story reflected in the development of the campus, about 200 pages of the book are dedicated to the history of 60 buildings that have been part of Hope through the past 150 years—and beyond. The chronicle ranges from Van Vleck Hall, which was built in 1858 with funds raised by Hope's founder, the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte, from RCA congregations in New York and New Jersey, through the Jim and

*Dr. Edward D. Dimnent  
Class of 1896, 5th president*





Martie Bultman Center, currently under construction and scheduled to open in 2017.

“Some buildings get only a page of narrative, but there are others, like Van Vleck and Voorhees, that have five-10 pages, because there was so much history connected with them. There’s such a big story to tell,” said Dr. Nyenhuis, who started to develop the building histories more than 10 years ago, even before the book itself was planned, for a project for the Council of Independent Colleges.

Each building featured in the book includes basic information, such as the architect and architectural style, the year it was constructed, how much it cost to build it, and the purpose for each structure, Dr. Nyenhuis said.

Peeling back the veil of time shows that the strong Hope of the past several decades often contrasts with the fragile institution of earlier eras. Students and founding president Philip Phelps Jr. built the college’s first chapel/gymnasium/assembly hall themselves; there were just eight graduates in the pioneering Class of 1866; professors in the earliest days sometimes went unpaid; and at one point in the early 20th century, the college went through a period of 22 consecutive years of deficit budgets, Dr. Nyenhuis said. Today, as just two points of comparison, Hope enrolls 3,407 students and has balanced its budgets for more than 40 consecutive years.

The book also details the visionary ideas of leaders such as Dr. Edward Dimnent



Voorhees Girls Residence—Hope College.

1907.



*Dimnent Memorial Chapel cornerstone laying  
October 12, 1927*



*1905 women's basketball team.  
First gymnasium was built in 1862.*



(Class of 1896), Hope's president from 1918 to 1931, who proposed construction of the chapel that today bears his name. One surprising finding that Dr. Nyenhuis gleaned in his research is that Dr. Dimment himself contributed the last \$100,000 toward the cost of the chapel's completion.

"He was building for the future," Dr. Nyenhuis said. "When he built it, there were no more than 400 students on campus."

Another section of the book documents the role the RCA has played in the college's history. Dr. Dennis Voskuil, who was appointed director of the Van Raalte Institute last year, says the college's very survival in its early years depended on the support of RCA congregations on the East Coast.

"Without assistance from their Eastern sisters and brothers, there would be no Hope College. It would not have survived the 19th century," said Dr. Voskuil, who was a member of Hope's religion faculty from 1977 to 1994, then served as president of Western Theological Seminary until 2008. "This ... institution was dependent on the churches in New York and New Jersey for its president, its faculty and its financial support."

The relationship even helped connect Hope with well-known industrialist Andrew Carnegie, who although not a member attended St. Nicholas Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in New York City. Carnegie gave funds for the Carnegie Gymnasium (later Carnegie-Schouten Gymnasium) that stood north of today's DeWitt Center from 1906 until razed in 1982.

Dr. Voskuil noted that Hope's impact on

the RCA has also, in turn, been far-reaching. A study in 1941, for example, found that one-third of all Hope graduates were either pastors or missionaries, and 42 percent of all RCA pastors had graduated from Hope.

While the percentage of students affiliated with the RCA has declined in recent years as Hope has become more diverse, Dr. Voskuil believes strongly that the denomination's influence on the college continues and will remain important in the future.

"It continues to be a denominational college in the sense that its character and values as a Christian liberal arts college reflect

those of its founding denomination," he said. "I am convinced, 50 years hence, when we come to celebrate our 200th anniversary, the college and its founding denomination will continue to have a vital relationship."

Dr. Elton Bruins '50, founding director of the Van Raalte Institute, documented the contributions of Hope alumni, particularly those who have distinguished themselves in the fields of business, education, science and the arts. In addition to his comprehensive work on the college's architectural history, Dr. Nyenhuis also documents the development of its curriculum and co-curricular programs,

*Carnegie Gymnasium, 1929, interior*







*Fraternal Society, 1916*

with research assistance from Dr. Sander de Haan, professor of German and Dutch.

Other contributors to *An Enduring Hope* include:

Alfredo Gonzales, associate provost and dean for international and multicultural education, who collaborated with Dr. Nyenhuis on a chapter that describes the evolution of the college from its historic Dutch immigrant roots to a multicultural campus.

Dr. John Jobson '95, associate dean of students, and Dr. Michael J. Douma '04, of Georgetown University, who describe the history of various student activities and organizations on campus, as well as the evolution of the office of the Dean of Students and the individuals who have served in that role during the college's history.

Thomas L. Renner '67, retired associate vice president of public and community relations and Hope's long-time sports information director, who highlights the history of the college's intercollegiate athletic program.

Dr. Robert P. Swierenga, a research professor at the Van Raalte Institute and

adjunct professor of history at Hope, who conducted a comprehensive review of the college's finances and endowment throughout its history.

Scott Travis '06, executive director of alumni engagement, who documents the history of the Hope College Alumni Association.

Hope junior Mackenzie Schumborg of Ann Arbor, Michigan, is one of several student researchers whose contributions have also made publication of the book possible. Schumborg has spent considerable time at the Joint Archives of Holland documenting the role of fraternities and sororities at the college throughout its history, which is included in the chapter on student life. She has called the experience "eye-opening."

"There are so many things that I would never have known without this research—history of the architecture and the professors of this school, history of the mascot, learning the behind-the-scenes information about Greek Life, all of the possible clubs here on campus," she said. "I have enjoyed seeing the progression our school has made over the last 150 years."

Schumborg has also worked on compiling a list of faculty members who have been part of the college throughout its history and researched the college's enrollment history as well.

From its humble beginnings as a five-acre campus, Hope now encompasses 150 acres adjoining Holland's downtown area. On solid financial footing, the college now offers world-class facilities in sciences, the arts and athletics, and an outstanding education that consistently receives national acclaim. And to quote Dr. Nyenhuis, the future is indeed bright.

"As we celebrate the sesquicentennial of Hope College, we rejoice in the blessings that the college has received throughout its history, and we look forward to the future with great confidence," he said.

*To order the two-volume **An Enduring Hope: A Sesquicentennial History of Hope College, 1866-2016** when it is published this summer, please send a request to [bookstore@hope.edu](mailto:bookstore@hope.edu) or visit [eerdmans.com](http://eerdmans.com). More information will also be highlighted in **News from Hope College** when the book has become available as well as on the college's website and through Hope social media.*



# *From this time forth forevermore*

*by Greg Olgers '87*

Since its beginning in the mid-19th century, Hope has embodied promise both immediate and transcendent.

Growing from the Pioneer School established to help assure the success of the young Holland community through education informed by the historic Christian faith, Hope has long since extended its impact across the nation and around the world. It makes the creation of a musical work based in scripture as an enduring and accessible celebration of the college's 150th anniversary particularly apt.

The piece, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes (Psalm 121)," has been composed for Hope by highly respected choral conductor Robert Shafer through a commission from Dr. Thelma (Tommye) Leenhouts '66. Written for choir and organ, it will be performed by the Chapel Choir in the Concert Hall of the new Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts on Saturday, April 30, at 5 p.m., a centerpiece of Alumni Weekend's commemoration of Hope's sesquicentennial year.

"I've been excited about this project from the moment Tommye approached me about her idea of commissioning a piece to celebrate both Hope's 150th and her 50-year relationship with the college," said Dr. Brad Richmond, who is a professor of music and director of choral activities at Hope. "She loves choral music, and is a member of a fine Washington chorus that Robert Shafer conducts. I am familiar with Bob's music and was excited that Tommye planned to invite him to be the composer."

"Commemorating Hope's 150th anniversary with a musical commission will have an instant and



lasting impact,” he said. “I’m biased, of course, but I’m very partial to the use of music as a commemorative tool. And Psalm 121—the text for Shafer’s piece—resonates strongly with both the formation of the college and its vision for the future.”

This isn’t the first time that Dr. Leenhouts has helped Hope celebrate a major birthday. She had also been involved in planning the college’s centennial celebration, helping coordinate Homecoming activities.

“It did start with the fact that I had a leadership role in the 100th,” she said. “So then when it was Hope’s 150th, I paid a little more attention to that fact, and also to the fact that it’s my 50th reunion.”

Actively engaged with Hope, Dr. Leenhouts is a past member of the college’s Alumni Association Board of Directors, and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006. She has helped organize several class reunions over the years and many alumni events in Washington, D.C., where she also served as a mentor to several Hope student interns participating in the Washington Honors Semester program. Since 2013 she has been married to Dr. Joseph MacDoniels, professor emeritus of communication at Hope, who shares her field of communication and who, with his late wife Rose was a longtime friend of her family.

Her commitment to commemorating Hope’s 150th through music reflects the convergence of multiple threads, starting with family history and personal experience predating her years as an undergraduate. “I grew up on Hope,” she said. “I lived on 12th Street. Both my parents [Jack ’38 and Thelma Kooiker ’39 Leenhouts] and many other relatives went here. I attended football games, saw the Homecoming parades and other events,” she said. “So this was where I was going, no question in my mind.”

She majored in speech and theatre, and pursued a career first teaching speech communication at the university level for 14 years, and for the next 30 years in leadership roles with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Education. She retired in 2011.

Throughout, she has pursued a passion for choral music that also began in childhood and segued naturally to Hope—and beyond. Roger Rietberg ’46 had directed her as a third grader in the junior choir at Third Reformed Church. She was a member of Hope’s Chapel Choir under the direction of Robert Cavanaugh.

“I’ve continued to sing in all the years since,” she said. “I’ve always been in church choirs, and when I was teaching I participated in some university choruses. I joined the Oratorio Society of Washington in 1988, which became the Washington Chorus, out of which was formed the City Choir of Washington in 2007.”

It was through the Oratorio Society of Washington that Dr. Leenhouts met Shafer, who was the music director. She so admired his skill and approach as director that she—along with other members of the group who felt the same way—readily made the move to the City Choir of Washington when Shafer became the

director. She has been equally impressed with his work as a composer.

“I knew he could produce the sound and I was confident he could write something that would carry out what we wanted to do and be appropriate for this 150th celebration,” she said.

Shafer’s career as a choral conductor, composer, educator and church musician in the Washington, D.C., area spans nearly 50 years. Among other acclaim, he won the Best Choral Performance Grammy in 2000 for a live concert recording of Benjamin Britten’s *War Requiem*.

He also understands schools like Hope well. Since 1983, he has been artist-in-residence and a professor of music at the Conservatory of Music of Shenandoah University, a comprehensive private, church-affiliated, liberal arts university of approximately 4,000 students in Winchester, Virginia. To inform his composition, though, he visited Hope and met with faculty and students. The experience inspired him.

“I was most impressed with the beauty of the campus and how well it was integrated into the community of Holland,” he said. “Also, the students had a spiritual glow and fresh and eager attitude toward learning that was so refreshing. Compared to many other college students today, this seemed so wonderful.”

“These impressions all shaped the work in some way, although they were subconscious once I began composing,” he said.

Even though “I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes (Psalm 121)” has been written with Hope in mind, Dr. Leenhouts was committed to helping celebrate the sesquicentennial in a way that, like the college and the faith tradition in which it’s grounded, will be lasting and speak far beyond West Michigan.

“I wanted to do something special to commemorate Hope—something now that could last, and something hopefully that would go beyond Hope and this particular occasion,” she said. “I wanted it to be celebratory and declarative, and also themed broader than Hope College, so that other choruses might use it.”

The Chapel Choir has already taken the first step, performing the composition during its spring break tour of the East Coast, whose sites included three churches themselves celebrating major anniversaries: First Reformed Church of Fishkill (300 years), the Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack (300 years) and Hillsborough Reformed Church (250 years). The composition will have its Washington, D.C.-area premiere on Sunday, June 5, as part of the City Choir of Washington’s concert at St. Luke Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia.

*Please visit the college online for more information about the April 30 event at Hope, which in addition to “I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes (Psalm 121)” will feature the debut of a video highlighting the college’s history and speakers including President John C. Knapp. [hope.edu/alumniweekend](http://hope.edu/alumniweekend)*



*Pictured above, Dr. Thelma (Tommye) Leenhouts ’66 and composer Robert Shafer. (Photo courtesy of Arts Laureate.)*



# CULTURAL IMMERSION BLOOMS AT ROSEBUD

by Chris Lewis '09

During the summer of 1990, Susan Mooy '64 Cherup, the Arnold and Esther Sonneveldt Professor of Education, met with the superintendent of Mission, South Dakota's Todd County School District to discuss her ideas for a potential May Term on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Her vision was clear. Rather than attempting to solve the challenges that the reservation's residents encounter, or treating the program like a tourist experience, students would use the professional skills of their chosen professions—education, nursing or social work—while also being exposed to the history and culture of the Lakota Sioux.

Although 25 years have passed since Professor Cherup, along with Dave Zwart '64, associate professor emeritus of education, first co-led the annual May Term in 1991, her vision has not wavered.

"By being immersed in a culture very different than their own 24 hours a day, seven days a week, students have a profound experience in learning and growing," said Professor Cherup, who has co-led the May Term with Dr. James Piers '69, professor of sociology, since 2006.

During the three-week course, the students travel throughout the reservation, explore the area and meet with tribal, school, dormitory and business representatives, as well as

hospital administrators, spiritual leaders and Native American students. In addition, they visit resources such as the Buechel Memorial Lakota Museum and have opportunities to witness traditions like pow-wows. And, of equal importance, they implement their skills in elementary, middle and high schools on a daily basis.

"I would like to say the Hope College students are always a pleasure to have," said Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, principal at Todd County High School. "They are placed all over the district and have the opportunity to learn right alongside our staff. I've always had a good experience with Hope College students and staff. I appreciate the time they spend with the Todd County High School."

Chris Rhodes, instructional coach with the Todd County School District, agreed.

"Hope students come to us eager to learn about culture and their future professions," she said. "They act professionally during their stay with us, and our dream is that they would return as educators, nurses or social workers. We know they are well prepared to take on the challenge, and would welcome them with open arms."

Students have valued the program's approach to learning—both within and outside the classrooms—since the beginning.

Reflecting shortly after his participation in the May Term, Chad Gimenez '94 noted, "It was by far the most enjoyable learning experience I have encountered. Whether scaling the Badlands, talking to elders or teaching in a classroom, we were always learning. It was a great eye opener."

Keegan Goalen, a senior from Hudsonville, Michigan, is a social studies group major preparing to teach at the elementary level. As a participant of the program in May 2015, he had similar learning experiences. In addition to attending a pow-wow and a traditional Native American Catholic service, he immersed himself into the Lakota culture by witnessing his elementary school students' traditions and norms in the classroom.

"Each student is a human being with his or her own story," Goalen added. "To me, education is a lot more than just books; it is about helping each student share his or her own story and have a successful future. The influence we have on these children will be lifelong."

Stephanie Harper, a junior from Fowlerville, Michigan, who is also preparing to teach at the elementary level, with an





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emphasis on science and mathematics, participated in the program in May 2014 and 2015. As a graduate of a high school that was predominantly Caucasian, she noted that she had limited experience with diversity prior to attending Hope.

“This program taught me so much in terms of culture and how to respect other cultures, while also maintaining my Christian identity,” she said. “It is incredibly beneficial to discover what is, essentially, a different country—within the United States.”

Although the primary goals of the program are to learn the history and culture of the Lakota Sioux, Professor Cherup believes students also learn to not judge others or make assumptions about them. Instead, they begin to look at their lives through the lens of their culture.

“By observing the resilience of the Indian people firsthand and appreciating their views on life and death, students are better prepared to respect others,” she said. “Not to mention, they will also reflect on what they themselves believe in and why.”

As they reflect on their own beliefs, culture and experiences, students grow personally and professionally.

“Every day we were given chances to gain a deeper understanding of who we are in all different aspects of life—as people, educators, nurses and social workers,” Harper said. “This understanding builds confidence significantly.”

For over a quarter of a century, students have treasured the lessons they learned in South Dakota, especially as they graduate from Hope and enter the workforce.

“I have been prepared as a future educator to accept differences and help build a classroom atmosphere where everyone is equal, no matter the differences we all have,” Goalen added. “I really gained an appreciation for the Lakota Sioux way of life, and, as a result, I am better prepared to work in a diverse world.”





## CAMPUS PROFILE

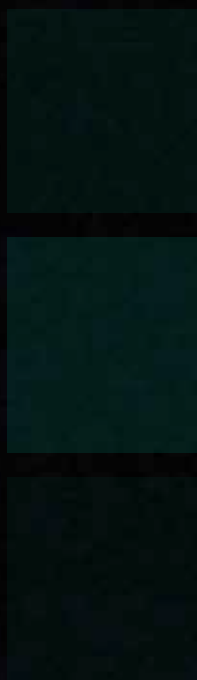
# *On with the Show!*

The magnificent new Concert Hall of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts debuted in exactly the right way: highlighting the talent of Hope's student musicians. Throughout the 28th annual Musical Showcase on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6, the first time that the event was held on campus, they did themselves and their *alma mater* proud with a program that ranged from organ and vocal solos, to jazz combos, to string quartets, to large ensembles like the Chapel Choir and Orchestra, and several in between.

The premiere was only the beginning for the eagerly awaited space. The concert also heralded an intense first semester that is seeing no fewer than 58 events scheduled in the venue, already a treasured addition to the family of campus mainstays.









## FACULTY PROFILE

# Living Hope

by Greg Olgers '87

As Hope celebrates its sesquicentennial, it's only appropriate that the total service of the six faculty retiring at the end of the year surpasses even the institutional milestone.

Outstanding and dedicated scholars and teachers, the faculty are at the heart of Hope and every alum's experience. Each of this year's retirees has devoted more than a quarter century—a full generation-plus—to shaping Hope students' lives, combining to 194 years at the college: Dr. Jim Allis, professor of philosophy (1986); Dr. Marc Baer, professor of history and chairperson of the department (1983); Alfredo Gonzáles, associate provost, dean for international and multicultural education, and adjunct associate professor of social work (1979); Dr. Anne Larsen '70, professor of French, (1984), Gloria Slaughter, librarian and associate professor (1988) and Dr. Boyd Wilson, professor of religion (1982).

### DR. JIM ALLIS

Dr. Jim Allis writes about questions of teaching, learning and knowing. His areas of interest also include ancient philosophy, Greece and Rome, Homer and Plato, political philosophy, philosophy of law, existentialism, the ethical questions that emerge with the rise of modern science, and the Korean martial art of Tae Kwon Do. His publications include the book *A Guide to Resources in Ancient Philosophy*, co-authored with Dr. Albert Bell of the Hope history faculty, as well as a variety of book reviews and scholarly articles.

He has led or co-led nine May or summer off-campus terms to Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado and Rome, and has led multiple backpacking trips for freshmen as part of their First-Year Seminar. He received the college's Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award from the graduating senior class in 1990, Janet L. Andersen Excellence in Teaching Award in 2000, and Ruth and John Reed Faculty Achievement Award in 2003. He also co-delivered the Commencement address in 1995, and spoke through the Hope Mortar Board chapter's "Last Lecture Series" this past October.

Recognition that he has received at Hope through the years for his scholarship has included faculty development and faculty/student collaborative learning grants, and a Knight Fellowship.

### DR. MARC BAER

Dr. Marc Baer specializes in modern British history. He has received a variety of external grants in support of his research, work in which he involves students. His publications include many scholarly articles as well as the books *Mere Believers: How Eight Faithful Lives Changed the Course of History*, *The Rise and Fall of Radical Westminster, 1780-1890* and *Theatre and Disorder in Late Georgian London*. He also served on the executive council of his primary scholarly organization, the North American Conference on British Studies.

He is the founding director of the college's Pew Society Program (now called Klesis), which mentors students considering an academic career with an emphasis on Christian vocation, and spearheaded the biennial Veritas Forum, which considers Christian faith and the life of the mind from a variety of perspectives. He has also been active in the national faculty ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

In December 2014, Dr. Baer was the moderator for the pilot episode of *Inventing America*, filmed at Hope by local PBS affiliate WGVU-TV, which tells the story of the Declaration of Independence through discussion with portrayals representing members of the Second Continental Congress.

He presented the college's Opening Convocation address in 1997 and 2011, and led a Winter Happening seminar in 2013. Recognition from Hope has included the Vanderbush-Weller Development Fund Award in 2001, and the Ruth and John Reed Faculty Achievement Award and the Mellon Scholars Mentoring Award in 2014.

### ALFREDO GONZÁLES

Alfredo Gonzáles joined the staff in 1979 as director of the college's TRiO Upward Bound program. He became director of minority student affairs in 1984, assistant

dean of multicultural life in 1986 and assistant provost in 1990. He acquired administrative responsibility for international education when he was named associate provost in 2001, and was appointed associate provost and dean in 2006.

In addition to his work at Hope, he has enhanced international and multicultural understanding locally and regionally. Among other activity, he is a past chair of the City of Holland's International Relations Commission, the Michigan Commission for Spanish Speaking Affairs and Latin Americans United for Progress, and a founding member of the Tulipanes Latino Art and Film Festival.

The Great Lakes Colleges Association honored him in 2009 as a founding member of its Committee on Institutional Commitment to Educational Equity. In 2006, the city of Santiago de Querétaro in Mexico presented him with its "Germán Patiño Díaz" Medal for his role in creating the sister-city relationship between Holland and Querétaro and exchange relationship between the Autonomous University of Querétaro and Hope. In 1998, he received the "Michigan Outstanding Hispanic of the Year" "Honorable Mention" award from the Michigan Educational Opportunity Fund Inc. In 1997, through one of only 24 fellowships awarded worldwide by the Ford Foundation, he participated in the "International Seminar on Diversity Issues in Higher Education" in India.

Hope presented him with the Motoichiro Oghimi Global Courage Award in 2013 and the "Vanderbush-Weller Development Fund" award in 2004.

### DR. ANNE LARSEN '70

Dr. Anne Larsen's teaching interests include intermediate French language and culture; the myth and reality of Paris; French and Francophone drama; Francophone literature of Algeria, West Africa and the Caribbean; literary theory; early modern French society; and writings by French women intellectuals. Her research interests include the writings and intellectual history, biography and education of European





*Pictured above (left to right), front row: Boyd Wilson, Alfredo Gonzáles. Back row: Marc Baer, Gloria Slaughter, Anne Larsen '70, Jim Allis*

Renaissance and 17th-century women, particularly in France.

Her several books include four co-edited collections of articles on early modern women writers; four volumes featuring works by the mother-daughter team Madeleine and Catherine des Roches; and, earlier this year, a monograph on the Dutch Golden Age linguist and scholar Anna Maria van Schurman, "The Star of Utrecht." She has also published many scholarly articles, book chapters and reviews.

National recognition of her work has included multiple awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities, among them two year-long research fellowships and a summer stipend. Among other honors, she received the 2008 "Roland Bainton Prize for Reference Works" from the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, and the 2007 "Translation or Teaching Edition Award" from the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women. Hope recognized her with a four-year term as the Lavern '39 and Betty DePree '41 VanKley Professor of French from 2011 to 2015 and presented her with the Ruth and John Reed Faculty Achievement Award in 2014.

#### **GLORIA SLAUGHTER**

As a technical services librarian, Gloria Slaughter has administered the Van Wylen Library's electronic management system,

resources including more than 200,000 electronic books, 39,000 electronic journals and 156 databases; assured that students and faculty have electronic resources available through OpenURL linking; administered and maintained the knowledge base used for the library's discovery tool; and catalogued all serials, electronic journals and music scores.

Among other responsibilities, she has also been the library's liaison to multiple academic departments, worked with other faculty as they developed First-Year Seminar courses, led course tours focused on the effective use of library resources, and assisted in the supervision of other technical services staff and student workers. Her active engagement with the campus community included advising Hope's Relay for Life group for several years.

Professor Slaughter has been an active participant in professional associations and conferences, including as a presenter, with colleague Brianne Hagen, at meetings of both the national Innovative Users Group and the Michigan Library Association in 2014.

#### **DR. BOYD WILSON**

Dr. Boyd Wilson's research and teaching specialties are religions of India, Indian philosophy and theology. In addition to his academic-year teaching, he has led a popular May Term travel seminar in India since the early 1990s.

He has made numerous presentations concerning world religions and Indian culture to academic audiences and the general public, including a presentation concerning Indian women's folk art during the college's 1994 Winter Happening. External support of his research through the years has included a Fulbright Scholar Award and a National Council for U.S.-Arab Relations grant. His scholarly writing has included the 665-page textbook *Introduction to Some of the Religions of the World*, developed exclusively for his Introduction to World Religions course at Hope and revised continuously across the past 20 years.

Dr. Wilson has received a variety of honors from the college's students through the years. During Homecoming in 2013 he received the faculty appreciation award presented by the student body. In 1987 he was presented the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award by the graduating seniors, in 1990 he delivered the Commencement address and in 2009 the college's chapter of Mortar Board selected him to speak through the "Last Lecture Series."

*This piece is just the beginning of our celebration of this year's retirees. Please visit the college online for a story by Eva Dean Folkert '83 featuring interviews with each. [hope.edu/nfhc](http://hope.edu/nfhc)*



ALUMNI PROFILE

# HE DARES AND DOES BOLDLY

*by Eva Dean Folkert '83*





Here's a multiple-choice question for you. This being an educational institution, measuring knowledge is an everyday commonality, so go ahead and take a stab at this:

Which title best describes David Paul '10?

- A. Leader
- B. Scientist
- C. Business owner
- D. Graphic designer
- E. Healer
- F. Social change advocate
- G. All of the above

If you know David Paul—and perhaps even if you don't—your answer would be “G.” The almost-unreal depth and breadth of the list is a clear giveaway. Paul is indeed all of those labels listed above, a 21st century Renaissance man but with a social-justice bent. For all of his abilities and for all of those reasons, he was invited back to Hope College this past January—back during his last year as a medical student at the University of Rochester (New York) School of Medicine and Dentistry—to deliver the college's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Lecture. He is the youngest person ever to do so.

So it was then, at 27 years of age, Paul stood poised and principled on the Dimnent Chapel stage for his address, a 1956 image of King, also 27 at the time, projected on a screen behind him. Paul looked up at the black-and-white picture of the civil rights activist at the end of the Montgomery bus boycott, turned to the members of the mostly college-aged, 2016 audience and urged them to understand their gifts and identities in order to light a tower of hope with the courage of King. And with that, 60 years converged. Space and time and two young men at the same age, one no longer living and one very alive, seemed to collide to deliver a similar message: dare to be bold.

“Dare to be BOLD,” in fact, was the title of Paul's keynote, and it describes Paul perfectly, too. Anyone who has accomplished as much as Paul has in a quarter-lifetime has to have a good measure of derring-do. Yet Paul—Hope Student Congress president his junior year, co-founder of Minority Male Leadership Association in Rochester that seeks to combat horrifically low high school graduation rates for minority men, cover-guy for the December 2014 issue of Science magazine, and a “Notable Scientist Under the Age of 30” deemed so by NPR-affiliate radio show, “Connections”—has

done it without an ounce of pomposity or pretension. Instead, he has been propelled by an abiding need to be the change he wants to see in the world ... and perhaps a little out of necessity and expectation, too.

“David was the only first-year student moving onto campus I've ever met who handed me his business card,” enlightens Dr. Charles Green, professor of psychology and, at the time, the director of the Phelps Scholars Program and thus Paul's advisor. “He had a graphic design business and he was looking for people who might need his services so he could make some money to put himself through school.

And he didn't do it in an annoying Michael-J-Fox-in-that-old-sitcom kind of way. He was simply letting me know that he did graphic design, that he had this business. And he did it very naturally.”

Paul still does graphic design to this day. His grandfather impressed entrepreneurial lessons and sagacious leadership, bathed in humility and faith, upon him as a young boy. Robert L. Brown was a pastor in Albion, Michigan, and before that the owner of Brown Steel and Welding, a metal fabricating company that supplied the automotive industry. Paul looked up to his influential elder, the one who would often ask him, “what are you working on today, David?” The grandfather's persistent question intoned an expectation for assiduousness.

“I would see my grandfather in the pulpit, just alive, giving his message of hope, changing lives, and that changed me,” says Paul, a Grand Rapids, Michigan, native. “He would take me along when he called on church members in the hospital, and I'd say to myself, ‘Wow, he really cares for these people.’ As a kid that rubbed off on me, so much so that my cousins and I started a make-believe church. I think I was about five or six years old at the time. We had bishops and pastors and ministers of music. Our congregation was stuffed animals. I mean, we'd preach to teddy bears,” he laughs.

“Some kids play house, some plays cops-and-robbers. We played church, and our family never laughed at us or thought it was silly. They supported us. They've always supported us.”

With encouragement from his parents, Melvin Paul and Pat Brown-Paul,

Paul's desire to become a physician budded in middle school but bloomed at Hope. It wasn't until he was a college sophomore, though, that he knew what kind of doctor. Shadowing Dr. David Lowry '89, the president of The Brain+Spine Center in Holland, Paul watched a life become healed and transformed before his eyes and imagination as Dr. Lowry performed microvascular decompression surgery. “It was the first time I saw a human brain. I also saw this woman's excruciating, almost-suicidal pain relieved. I thought to myself, ‘This is absolutely the most beautiful thing I've ever seen.’”

And thus a neurosurgeon was born.

“David is obviously extremely bright and is a tireless worker, but more important, he is absolutely trustworthy,” says Dr. Brent Krueger, professor of chemistry under whom Paul conducted much of his undergraduate research in biophysics at Hope. “He has all of the characteristics one would want in a doctor and obviously has employed those characteristics to their fullest extent.”

“David is an old soul,” adds Vanessa Greene, director of multicultural life. “Though he's 27, he thinks more like an older man, like someone who already possesses a great deal of the substance. And that substance is rooted in his Christian faith.”

As if on cue, Paul offers one last thoughtful piece of mature insight, professing a method of healing both minds and hearts in America. His words bespeak a clarity charged by action, filled with hope.

“We don't need another singular voice like MLK's in this country; we still have his voice. We just need more action,” proclaims Paul. “In his prison letter (from the Birmingham jail), MLK said it is not the KKK that threatens African-Americans most but the white moderate individual who may be of goodwill but chooses to do nothing. This does not just have to do with race. It has to do with this question: What does it mean to be a good human being? If we all asked ourselves that question more often—and did something about it—racism would never be an issue.”

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So it was then, at 27 years of age, David Paul '10 stood poised and principled on the Dimnent Chapel stage for his address, a 1956 image of King, also 27 at the time, projected on a screen behind him. Paul looked up at the black-and-white picture of the civil rights activist at the end of the Montgomery bus boycott, turned to the members of the mostly college-aged, 2016 audience and urged them to understand their gifts and identities in order to light a tower of hope with the courage of King.



# ALUMNI NEWS

Today “Crowdfunding” is a buzzword popular among startups and fundraisers, but the concept isn’t new. In 1876 Joseph Pulitzer successfully crowdfunded the pedestal for the Statue of Liberty after other efforts fell short. Using his newspaper, *The New York World*, he raised more than \$100,000 (\$2.4 million in today’s dollars) primarily with donations of \$1 or less. Miniature versions of Lady Liberty were even used as a “perk.” Mozart and Alexander Pope used similar techniques to fund some of their works. Today, the newspaper has been replaced by social networking and email, and a \$2.7 billion global funding network has emerged.



**Scott Travis '06**  
Executive Director of  
Alumni Engagement

From micro-loans on Kiva.org to new ventures on Kickstarter.com, donors are now rallying around causes online like never before. They are not only empowered to make donations, but can spread the word to friends and family through social networks. This spring Hope has launched a crowdfunding platform to connect you with students and faculty in ways that empower philanthropy and make a direct and meaningful difference.

The first few months of crowdfunding.hope.edu will focus on three pilot projects:

As shared on pages eight-nine, **Hope’s H2 Dance Company** has been invited to perform at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Plans are in place to take 24 Hope artists, including dancers, choreographers, directors and technical crew. A majority (19) will be Hope students. For many of these students this will be their first experience traveling abroad, and for all of the students it will be their first time performing on an international stage. A crowdfunding goal of \$60,000 will help to supplement institutional funds and make this trip possible.

The Class of 2016 is using the platform to host its **Senior Class Gift**. The student-led effort creates awareness of the importance of philanthropy in the life of the college and give seniors the chance to give back to future students just as others have supported them. After just days of their project being live, they surpassed their participation goal and already have more than 200 classmates participating to support the Hope Fund.

On Tuesday, April 19, Hope will celebrate its second annual **Scholarship Day of Giving**. The goal of this campaign is to receive 750 Hope Fund gifts in just 24 hours to support student scholarships. Alumni, parents, friends, students, faculty and staff are all welcome to join in the excitement and support Hope students as a community on April 19.

Over time we hope to launch an even broader range of unique and diverse student-faculty research projects, student-led initiatives and life shaping co-curricular activities. We will be researching models for expanding crowdfunding at the college, including a potential application process. If you have ideas to share, please pass them on to me via email at [travis@hope.edu](mailto:travis@hope.edu).

# WINDOW TO HOPE’S HISTORY



With the debut of the Concert Hall of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts in February, the newest era in the history of the Department of Music is fully underway. It’s a program with a storied past—so storied that *News from Hope College* struggled with which single moment out of thousands to highlight in honor of the occasion. In these first weeks after Easter, the words on the above photo made the choice: “Christ is Risen!” they proclaim in Russian. The photo is from the Chapel Choir’s historic May 1989 tour of the Soviet Union. The decades-long Cold War was thawing, providing a then-unprecedented opportunity to travel beyond the Iron Curtain and experience friendship with people that politics had long made strangers. The image shows the choir performing in the Leningrad (St. Petersburg) Baptist Church; taken by choir parent Dr. Michael Magan ’62, it originally appeared on the cover as part of the June 1989 issue’s account of the trip.

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## Two to Receive Distinguished Alumni Awards



**Dr. Tim Laman '83**

The Hope College Alumni Association will honor **Dr. Tim Laman '83** of Lexington, Massachusetts, and **Dr. Thomas Nowotny '59** of Vienna, Austria, with Distinguished Alumni Awards during the Alumni Banquet on Saturday, April 30, at the Phelps Hall dining hall.

The annual Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented

by the Alumni Association Board of Directors in recognition of the awardees' contributions across decades to society and service to Hope. The award, inaugurated in 1970, is the highest honor that alumni can receive from the college's Alumni Association.

Tim Laman is a field biologist and wildlife photojournalist with a passion for exploring nature above and below water. Since earning his doctorate from Harvard, he has been a regular contributor to *National Geographic* with a focus on conservation and endangered species. He is a freelance photographer and writer on natural history and a research associate at Harvard University in the Ornithology Department. Through his breathtaking photography he is able to tell the story of wildlife and the environment in which they live. When not traveling to exotic places around the world, he and his wife, Professor Cheryl Knott, and children reside in Massachusetts.

Thomas Nowotny has served



**Dr. Thomas Nowotny '59**

as an Austrian diplomat, private secretary to Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, senior political counselor to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and consultant to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. He has authored many articles and several books including *Strawberries in Winter: On Global Trends and Global Governance*

and *Diplomacy and Global Governance: The Diplomatic Service in an Age of World-wide Interdependence*. He also taught political science at the University of Vienna in Austria for several years and is married to Ambassador Eva Nowotny.

The Alumni Banquet is scheduled in conjunction with Alumni Weekend, which will also include reunion activities for the Classes of 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981 and 1986 as well as a variety of other events, including the 150th Anniversary Concert featuring the premiere of "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes (Psalm 121)" on Saturday, April 30, at 5 p.m. (as highlighted in the story on pages 14-15). Additional information about the weekend is available online at [hope.edu/alumni](http://hope.edu/alumni) or by calling the Office of Alumni and Family Engagement at 616.395.7250.

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

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

News and information for class notes, marriages, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for *News from Hope College* by Julie Rawlings '83 Huisingsh. In addition to featuring information provided directly by alumni, this section includes news compiled from a variety of public sources and shared here to enhance its service as a way of keeping the members of the Hope family up to date about each other. News should be mailed to: Alumni News; Hope College Public Affairs and Marketing; 100 E. 8th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422-9000. Submissions may also be sent to [alumni@hope.edu](mailto:alumni@hope.edu) or provided to [hope.edu/alumni/update](http://hope.edu/alumni/update).

All submissions received by Public Affairs and Marketing by Tuesday, Feb. 2, 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, May 31.

### 50s

**L. James Harvey II '52** of Caledonia, Michigan, was recently elected president of the Encore Alliance of Greater Grand Rapids. This newly incorporated entity

has developed a new program named "The Encore Living Program" which is designed to help seniors gain the most from the "Encore Years."

**John Schrier '55** of Muskegon, Michigan, was named vice president of the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys. He has been a city and village attorney for more than 20 years.

**Calvin Langejans '58** of Holland, Michigan, reports that he is expecting to retire on June 4, the date of his final concert, this time with the Evergreen Chorale and members of the Holland Symphony. He began doing choirs while he was a student at Hope and this year marks his 60th year. He has retired twice before, from West Ottawa Public Schools in 1989 and the Holland Chorale in 2000.

**Robert Kisken '59** has donated more than 100 photos, taken by him, to the Lincoln County Museum in North Platte, Nebraska. It is one of many collections he has donated to various museums and libraries in America. This collection is of buildings that were once brothels. They were taken in Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota, and Wyoming. **John Meyer '59** of Laceyville, Pennsylvania, published *Psalms 23: A Psalm for All Seasons*. It is a meditative and informative book.

### 60s

**John Bryson '60** is serving as interim organist and director of music and fine arts at St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven, Michigan. He directs the St. Cecilia Choir and has served the parish for six years. His wife, **Claire Trembath '62 Bryson**, sings in the choir.

**Dennis De Witt '63** retired after 20 years of serving as an associate pastor at Community Church of Douglas, Michigan.

**Ingeborg Bauer '64 Knight** continues to work for Senator Barbara A. Mikulski. She also teaches German in the advanced class of the German School at Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

**Ellen Walters '65 DeLong** and **Ted DeLong '65** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January.

**Robert Hecht '65** reports that he is enjoying "retirement" living in the Languedoc region of southern France. He and his wife have been taking advantage of their location to explore this part of the world, meet some wonderful people, and absorb the cultural benefits of living in another country. They have also been doing a bit of management consulting in England,

and serving on the board of directors for Leading Resolutions, an IT consultancy in the UK. A constant throughout his professional career has been the foundation built during his four years at Hope: "Not too many days go by that I don't find myself drawing on something I learned during those four years. The adventure continues..."

**Martha "Marty" Campbell '66 Costos** was selected BLM (Bureau of Land Management) volunteer of the year for the state of Colorado in 2013-14 for her work at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, Colorado, which is a museum dedicated to the ancient ancestral Puebloan culture of southwest Colorado. She works with artifact collections and gives guided behind-the-scenes tours.

**John Cox '67** retired last spring after 42 of college teaching, 36 of them at Hope. He was appointed to the DuMez Chair in 1996, a position endowed by **Mabel DuMez '26 Frei**, who was still living when the chair was created.

**Patricia Canfield '68 Crist** of Reidsville, North Carolina, was named volunteer of the year at the Caswell Parish Food Pantry and Thrift Store, where she helps out, after retiring from 44 years of teaching. She reports that she is grateful to still be useful, and she encourages others to volunteer, as there



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is so much need in the world. **Ronald Redder '68** reports that he retired after 40 years from ministry in the Reformed Church in America in 2012 and has been able to vacation in 21 foreign nations; has two children (a physician and a pilot) and six grandchildren; built a home in Ada, Michigan, on a lake; and enjoys retirement and service to Christ in their local church with his wife, Frances. **Dennis Van Haitsma '68** of Holland, Michigan, published an autobiographical memoir, *Windows: Harvesting the Lessons of Life*.

## 70s

**Robert Bates '70** reports that after more than three decades practicing urology in Holland, Michigan, he has relocated to Jamestown, North Dakota, to establish an urology department for the Jamestown Regional Medical Center. His wife, **Kathryn Jousma '71 Bates**, is splitting her time between their homes in downtown Chicago and North Dakota. **Susan Wierda '70 Bolton** after retiring with 33 years in education, the last 10 as superintendent of schools in Bath, Michigan, moved to Florida. She reports that she keeps busy with church activities, such as serving as an elder, leading the handbell choir and singing in the choir. She has also helped organize a Saturday Lunch Brigade for 98 children in a local low-income housing development supported by the church. She and her husband, **Carter**

**Bolton '70** recently housed Nicaraguan missionaries who visited their church. **Mary Elden '70 Grant** retired in November from AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She moved to Tallahassee, Florida, in January for the winter to be near her son and grandchildren and will spend the summers in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where her daughter and grandson live. **D. Ann Etzel '70 Prins** and her husband, Jack, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April. **Bill Tell '70** of Colorado Springs, Colorado, has had his book *Lay it Down, Living in the Freedom of the Gospel* jointly published by NavPress and Tyndale House Publishers. He is now in his 44th years as staff with The Navigators. **Nancy Forest-Flier '71** reports that her English translation of *The King*, a novel written by the Dutch-Iranian writer Kader Abdolah and published in the U.S. by New Directions, was shortlisted for the Vondel Prize for 2015 and longlisted for the 2016 International Dublin Literary Award. The Vondel Prize is awarded every two years by the Dutch foundation for Literature and the Flemish Literature Fund for the best English translation of a literary novel. Six translations are shortlisted. **Sally Korstange '71 Voss** of Irving, Texas, is in her 18th year working at Balfour Publishing Company in Dallas, Texas, as an account executive and technical support representative for the online yearbook program. She works with approximately 500 schools throughout the United States and parts of the Caribbean.

**Sanderson "Sandy" Palmer '71** retired after 42 years working for the State of Michigan and moved to the St. Louis Metro East, Missouri, area with his wife Karen, to be closer to family. He reports that nothing beats St. Louis for entertainment, recreation and quality of life. He is still on his quest to ride his bicycle across all 50 states, having done 18 already. **Richard Hine '72** reports that he and his wife, Linda, are happily retired in Coronado, California. They recently celebrated the birth of their second grandson. **Barb Van Eck '72** and Myrna Johnson were married in March 2015 in Lahaina, Hawaii, after 21 years together. **Nick Augustine '73** retired from Cooper Standard Automotive as director of financial systems in January 2014 and has since opened a beach bar and grill in Carolina Beach, North Carolina. He reports that it is in Saint's Cove and offers discounts to Hope College alumni that make it to the shore. **John DeMeester '73** retired from John Deere in 2009 and moved to Nashville, Tennessee, in 2011 to work for the Evangelical Free Church Southeast District as a mission catalyst. He trains and coaches church planting pastors and layman as they begin new churches in Tennessee and Kentucky. He and his wife were lay church planters in three ministries over their 40 years of marriage. **David DeVries '73** in the fall of 2015 became host of Poet's Corner, a monthly poetry group serving the capital district of New York. It is a venue where the area's preeminent poets gather to share

and discuss their literary works. **Michael Ebberts '73** reports that he retired from IBM in October 2014 after more than 40 years of service and in May 2015 married Kathy Ford. They enjoy bicycling and skiing in their empty-nest years. In August they bought a 33-foot cruiser boat in the Chesapeake Bay to live on during the summer. This spring they plan to cruise the Hudson River, Lake Champlain and the canals in Canada. **Paul Bach '74** is a hospital chaplain at Geisenger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania. **Martha Blocksma '74 Elliott** is semi-retired after 36 years practicing as an LMSW in the acute setting in hospitals. She is now subbing in special-needs schools in and around Grand Rapids, Michigan. She reports that she is looking forward to travel, meeting old friends and loving on her new granddaughter, all in a new condo. **Vicki Wiegerink '74 Rumpsa** reports that she is keeping busy in her retirement, especially enjoying time with her nine grandchildren – who include five granddaughters ages three to 13 from Burma adopted by her son, Josh (Kim) Rumpsa '04; three granddaughters ages six months to three years born to her daughter Kellyn Rumpsa '06 and Brandon '06 Hazen; and her first grandson born on Aug. 6, 2015 to Scott (Claire) Rumpsa '01. **Paul Cornell '75** of Grapevine, Texas, is in his 11th year of consulting in the healthcare industry, currently working on process improvement at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. He reports that he is pondering retirement



Mr. David P. Roossien with Dr. Huw Lewis and the Casavant Organ

## IRA Rollover a Win – Win

Mr. David P. Roossien has always had a great appreciation for music and the effect it has on the Holland community and students at Hope College. He says "I enjoy giving to Hope because I know that my gift will stimulate the music department and faith development, which in turn generates music appreciation in the community."

David utilized the IRA charitable rollover to make the Casavant Organ a reality for Hope at the Concert Hall in the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts.

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



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A beautiful, antique Kilim prayer rug was donated to the Fried International Center on Thursday, Jan. 28, by **Greg Holcombe '80** of Holland, Michigan. Greg shared about his global travels and the influence both Dr. Paul Fried '46 and Dr. Stephen Hemenway have had on his life as he presented the rug to

the staff of the Fried International Center, international students and Hope students who recently attended an interfaith leadership institute. Accompanying the rug was a photograph that Greg took in Jerusalem in 1984 that features three important sites to the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faith communities.

these days, with so many other things waiting to be done.

**Peter Hoekstra '75** has published *Architects of Disaster: The Destruction of Libya*. He currently serves as the Shillman Senior Fellow at the Investigative Project on Terrorism.

**Nancy Hogroian '75 Leonard** is in her fifth year of tutoring English learners at The Wooden Floor dance and education non-profit in Santa Ana, California.

**Rich Williams '75** was recently elected to the National Main Street Center Executive Council of State Directors, representing the needs of state programs administering downtown revitalization. He still lives in the North Valley of Albuquerque along the Rio Grande valley, writes short stories best characterized as magical realism, and walks through the mesas, buttes and mountains of the Southwest.

**L. Allen Heneveld '75** of Ada, Michigan, has a law practice in Grand Rapids, Michigan, focused on small-business law, estate planning and bankruptcy. He also operates GPS Executives (Growing Pain Solutions), a small-business teaching, consulting and coaching group; and His Business, a ministry to help Christian business owners develop their business into a kingdom impacting business.

**Richard Hoehler '76** presented *I of the Storm*, a new solo riff by RJ Bartholomew, at Hope College on Saturday, Jan. 23.

**Michael VandenBerg '76** of Indianapolis, Indiana, is engaged in building a congregation without walls in the City of Lawrence, on the edge

of Indianapolis. The congregation sold its building and lands so as to pursue more active ministry to the community without maintaining buildings.

**Barbara Wrigley '76** reports that she lost her wife, Nancy Hilton of Berkeley, California, and has moved to Durham, North Carolina to be closer to her family and a new granddaughter.

**Rene Gerber '77 Askanazi** received a Master of Arts in counseling from Cornerstone University in May, 2015. She is currently working as a therapist at Renewed Hope Health Clinic in Allegan, Michigan, and is a volunteer children's advocate for Allegan County. **Vicki Hedlund '77 Reeves** is currently serving as a general magistrate with the 13th Judicial Circuit Court in Tampa, Florida. She is assigned to the probate, guardianship, trust and mental health division. She reports that she enjoys horseback riding and is a Joint Master with the South Creek Foxhounds. She and her husband, Fred Reeves, reside in New Port Richey, Florida.

**Roberta "Bobbi" Hoover '77 Weathers** is a contracting officer with the National Park Service in Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts.

**Mary Jo Coughenour '78 Baker** recently moved into Historic Kenwood, St. Petersburg, Florida, to join an artist enclave with husband Mike Baker. Their bungalow, built in 1921, is included as part of the National History Register of bungalows for St. Pete.

**Patricia Pulver '79** is a clinical instructor with the Albany Medical College Physician Assistant Program in Albany, New York.

## 80s

**Deborah Muir '80 Feenstra** of Zeeland, Michigan, will retire this summer from Holland High School. She has had a 30-year career with the district, her latest as principal at Holland New Tech.

**Lois Lema '80** of Bath, New Hampshire, reports that she spent 2015 working on blacksmithing skills and learning to operate a narrow gauge railroad, and a busy summer trying to keep tourists and bears separate in a local campground. She also notes that 2016 is off to a rousing start with the welcome addition of a bouncing baby basset hound.

**Robin Bost '80 Sharp** is a Master of Divinity student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

**Carol Springsteen '80** was elected to the board of directors of the Life Insurance Council of New York for a three-year term. She is president of Foresters Life Insurance and Annuity Company.

**Nicholas Marcelletti '81** of Royal Oak, Michigan, was named principal consultant at Professional Service Industries in Plymouth, Michigan, in the remediation design and construction service line. He is also an environmental project specialist.

**Dave Cheadle '82** of Englewood, Colorado, won an award for his new end-times novel, *Freak Fall: the Apocalyptic Saga of a Fallen Prophet*.

**Tim Kasten '82** is currently serving as deputy director for the division of technology, industry and economics of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Paris, France. The division is responsible for UNEP's work on climate change; energy; chemical and waste management; ozone; economics and trade; and sustainable consumption and production.

**Mary Vosteen '82 Van Verst** of Olympia, Washington, traveled in late summer to Kobe, Japan, as part of a friendship delegation to honor the 52-year relationship between the Hyogo Prefecture and Washington State. After official duties were complete, Mary traveled the country on her own to visit friends, culminating in a reunion with former students and faculty from her 1981 Hope College exchange with Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo. During the visit, Mary and members of the class met with the vice president of Meiji Gakuin to discuss the positive impacts of the exchange and the long-lasting friendships that ensued. This was Mary's fifth trip to Japan since her original visit in 1981 under the leadership of **Professor Jim Piers '69**.

**John Christian '83** recently coordinated the opening of the new endovascular robotics program at the Mayo Clinic. Vascular surgeons and interventional radiologists will employ the technology during complex procedures. After more than 25 years in medical devices/technology, he continues to be intrigued with the healthcare market. He also spends time mentoring college and high school students in the Chicago, Illinois, area.

**Judy DeWeerd '83 McCammon** is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Lisa Weatherbee '84 Cordero** of Holland, Michigan, reports that she was forced to give up her nursing career due to the unexpected development of deep vein thrombosis in her calves in June 2013. She has a stepdaughter living in Hackensack, New Jersey and two grandchildren; three children living in Michigan; and two cats and a dog. She and her husband will celebrate their 27th wedding anniversary in July. They also care for her mom, and both of her in-laws.

**Scott Reenders '84** reports that his daughter, **Lauren Reenders '15** has joined the family business as assistant director of operations. She is the fifth member of the fourth generation to join the business. Heritage Property Management owns and operates senior independent and assisted living communities throughout the State of Michigan.

**Jim Scheuerle '85** is a partner in the new downtown Muskegon law firm of Andrews Scheuerle + Huss.

**Michael Schipper '85** spoke at Hope College on Tuesday, Jan. 19, on "The State of the Criminal Justice System."

**Martin Boysen '86** is the general manager of Leadfoot Automotive Group, a sales, service and restoration facility for classic and modern vehicles, located in Holland, Michigan, with more than 250 vehicles in inventory.

**Alan Supp '86** of Rockford, Michigan, was recently designated as an alternative investments director and just completed his second year with Morgan Stanley. He continues to serve as a relief veterinarian in the Greater Grand Rapids area and looks forward to the Class of '86 30-year reunion.

**Amy Ellis '87** is working at Noble Energy in Houston, Texas, as senior coordinator for electronic information systems.

**David Kuiper '88** of Zeeland, Michigan, a certified mortgage planning specialist with Northpointe Bank, was named one of the top loan officers in the country by *Top Agent Magazine* in the December 2015 issue.

**Julie Maire '88 Turner** of Foristell,



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Missouri, recently received the Emerson Award for Teaching Excellence from Emerson Electric Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri. She is an associate professor and department chair of nonprofit administration at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri.

**Dirk van Putten '88** recently moved from Felton, California, back to Holland, Michigan, and began a new position at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors as quality systems manager. He is beginning his 17th year as a voting member of the US Technical Advisory Group to ISO for quality management system standards. **Melodie Cook '89** and Mark Singer were married on Jan. 2, 2016.

**Tom Kyros '89** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was elected to the board of trustees of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

**Elizabeth Dobrosky '89 Schultz** of Holland, Michigan, won the Toastmasters' District 62 Table Topics Competition.

**Eric Shotwell '89** is the senior sales representative for Ingram Library Services, covering Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

## 90s

**Jamie Meszaros '90 Douglas** reports that she is making strides in her second career as a financial analyst/enrollment specialist at St. John Providence in Warren, Michigan. She is excited that her eldest son, Charlie, will be attending Hope this fall.

**Andrea Schmitz '90** reports that she adopted her foster child, Julianna Teresa Schmitz, on March 16, 2015, in Payson, Arizona. Julianna is nine years old and spent 1,357 days in the Arizona foster care system. In April 2015, Andrea became a clinical supervisor through the State of Arizona board of behavioral health examiners. She is also a clinical therapist for a therapeutic group home in Mesa, Arizona, in addition to her full-time position as a trauma therapist for children and adolescents in the greater Phoenix Metropolitan area with Grossman & Grossman Ltd. for the past 11 years.

**Steve Schwind '90** received a master's degree in intercultural studies from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, in 2010 and has worked for 12 years with Mercy Ships, a medical organization that brings holistic healing to the poor throughout Africa, serving as staff development manager.

**Lauren Evans '91 DeJong** works with estate planning, asset protection and business planning for Stahl Cowen Crowley Addis, LLC.



Hope has named **Peter Stuursma '93** as its new head football coach. Stuursma, who started at the college in February, previously served as head football coach at East Grand Rapids High School, where he led his teams to seven Michigan state football championships.

He is Hope's seventh full-time head coach since 1920. He follows Dean Kreps (1995-2015), Ray Smith (1970-94), Russ DeVette '45 (1955-69), Al Vanderbush '29 (1946-54), Bud Hinga (1931-42) and Jack Schouten '49 (1920-30).

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**Karen Looman '91** was promoted to chief deputy coroner of the Hamilton County coroner's office in Cincinnati, Ohio, in September. The position includes managing the morgue, investigators and pathologists in the office. She continues to perform forensic autopsies.

**Barbara Matthews '91 Glashouwer** reports that after living in Calgary while her husband was on assignment, they have moved back to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and now reside in Forest Hills. She is a real estate agent with Keller Williams and reports that this is a perfect career with her business degree from Hope and her love of interior design.

**David Purnell '91** of Zeeland, Michigan, is the owner of DP Creative Audio. He reports that 2015 was a productive year. He produced more than 140 podcasts for Southwest Michigan First in Kalamazoo and scored the documentary *INK 180*, a film that tells the story of Christian tattoo artist Chris Baker, whose ministry is to cover up or remove tattoos from former gang members and human trafficking victims for free. Dave also produced the latest album by **Spencer VanderHeide '12** (artist name: S. Martin), which went to number 86 in the iTunes singer

songwriter category this summer.

**Michele Brown '92 Cerny** of Traverse City, Michigan, has written a children's book *No More Rules! A Boy's Discovery of What Life Is Like Without Rules*.

**Dawn DeYoung '92 DeWitt** gave an interview on WZZM-13 regarding Spectrum Health Zeeland Community Hospital's innovative use of nitrous oxide for labor pain management. The hospital is the first in West Michigan to offer this alternative.

**Lisa Walters '92 Jackman** of Fenton, Michigan, is a Rodan + Fields skincare consultant along with being a stay-at-home mom and volunteer softball coach.

**David Scaer '92** of Salem, Virginia, has had two novels, *Passacaglia* and *Speakeasy*, picked up by the The Fourteen-Seventy, an independent publishing house.

**Elizabeth Gormly '93 de Moraes** has recently published *Thrive Again: Simple Strategies to Time Out, Tune In and Tone Up Your Life*.

**Scott Runyon '93** and Phyllis Scripsick were married on June 21, 2015 in Grass Lake, Michigan. He continues to enjoy pastoring the Federated Church of Grass Lake, where he has been since April 2014. On Jan. 6, 2015, something malfunctioned in a furnace and their church building caught fire, destroying the whole structure except for the sanctuary. He prays for wisdom and courage to lead into a new chapter in the life of this church that has been ministering in Grass Lake since 1835.

**James Schut '93** reports he is enjoying his seventh year as associate professor of graduate counseling at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee. He teaches various research-methods courses and facilitates the dissertation process for students seeking a doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision.

**Jonathan Siebers '93** lives in East Grand Rapids, Michigan, with his wife, Gretchen, and their three children, Jack (eight), Lily (seven) and Deegan (five). He is also a shareholder at Rhoades McKee, where he practices corporate and real estate law.

**Jeff Baxter '94** is the lead pastor at River Church in Lakewood, Colorado.

**Lucy Korpi '94** teaches science at Ottawa Hills High School with Grand Rapids Public Schools. She was with GRAPCEP, a cooperative partnership between Davenport University and GRPS.

**Brett VanderKamp '94** was recognized as the 2015 Small Business Person of the Year by The West Coast Chamber of Commerce. He is the co-founder and president of New Holland Brewing Co.

**Scott Lindquist '96** reports that he is

living the life of an educator.

**Gail Messing '96 Schramek** is currently employed at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, working as an orthopedic nurse practitioner. She and her husband are celebrating their 10-year wedding anniversary. They have one son, Robert, who is a kindergartener.

**Monica Mellen '97 Crandell** and **Brad Crandell '98** announce the birth of their 10th child, Cecilia Joy, who was born at home on April 16, 2015.

**Daniel Cwik '97** of Hoffman Estates, Illinois, worked in short-term opportunities as an academic scorer for Pearson North America and a material handler for Insight Enterprises, and one year as a package handler at FedEx Ground in 2015.

**Jonathan Fly '97** has joined Richardson Harman Ober PC, a Pasadena, California, based real estate, business and community association law firm. His focus is on homeowners association law and real estate transactions.

**Amy Jarchow '97 Sheehan** and Jefferey Sheehan announce the birth of Galena Diane on June 3, 2015.

**Dan Hansen '98** and Rebecca Tidberg were married on Feb. 20, 2016.

**Sara Lynne DeHaan '98 Hilton** is the founder and editor of Lilybell Magazine, a digital magazine app for girls who are smart, curious and creative. **Nicholas Holtvluwer '98** and **Jennifer LeVan '99 Holtvluwer** announce the birth of Chase Donald on Jan. 19, 2016.

**Travis Williams '98** received the National Association of Interpretation Award of Distinction for 2015 at a national workshop on Friday, Nov. 13 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is the executive director of the Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway. **Amanda Black '99** recently returned to Cartersville, Georgia, her hometown, and began a tenure with ISPA, Inc., a supplier for Lockheed Martin Aerospace. She is working on creating technical publications (both in English and French) that focus on the C130 Hercules transport aircraft.

**Darcy Smith '99 Carmichael** and Chad Carmichael announce the birth of Kenna Ivy Sue on Aug. 17, 2015.

**Kevin DeYoung '99** was appointed Chancellor's Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary.

**Elizabeth Yared '99 Rohrer** and Andrew Rohrer announce the birth of Benjamin David on Dec. 2, 2015.

**Mike Zolnierowicz '99** was featured in *Crain's Chicago Business Magazine's* "2015 40 under 40" listing. He is the chief of staff for Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner.



## Association Honors Young Alumni



**Dr. Emilie Dykstra Goris '08**

The Hope College Alumni Association has presented Young Alumni Awards to two graduates who have received national recognition for research that they have conducted as they have pursued their careers in the sciences.

The association honored **Dr. Emilie Dykstra Goris '08** of Holland, Michigan, who is an assistant professor of nursing at Hope; and **Dr. Jonathan Moerdyk '09** of New Alexandria, Pennsylvania, who is an assistant professor of chemistry at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania,

with the awards during a dinner at the college's Haworth Inn and Conference Center on Thursday, March 3. In conjunction with the recognition, Dr. Dykstra Goris and Dr. Moerdyk also presented workshops hosted by the Alumni Association and the college's Career Development Center 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, 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.

Dr. Dykstra Goris's teaching and research interests include critical care nursing/acute care of the adult, neuropsychiatric symptoms in Alzheimer's disease and genetics. Among other honors,



**Dr. Jonathan Moerdyk '09**

in 2014 she was one of only 25 applicants nationwide chosen to attend that year's National Institute of Nursing Research Summer Genetics Institute at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. In 2015, she received the Outstanding Dissertation Award from the Physiology, Behavior, Genomics & Society Research Section of the Midwest Nursing Research Society. Other recognition and support of her work through the years includes the prestigious John A. Hartford Foundation Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Predoctoral Scholarship Award for 2011-13, received while she was pursuing her doctorate in nursing

at Michigan State University, and a current grant from the Kenneth H. Campbell Foundation for Neurologic Research.

Dr. Moerdyk has received multiple honors for his groundbreaking research, conducted while pursuing his doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin, developing diamidocarbenes, a new class of carbon-based compounds aimed at mimicking select properties of metals. 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. He was subsequently named to two "30 Under 30" lists as an outstanding young scientist: by *Scientific American* in 2013, and by *Forbes* in 2015. In addition, his doctoral research was highlighted in *Chemical and Engineering News* in 2012, the same year that he was also named a William Powers Jr. Graduate Fellow.

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

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

## 00s

**Becky Renner '00 Anderson** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was named one of "The 50 Most Influential Women in West Michigan" by the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*. She and the other honorees were featured in the publication's February 29 edition and celebrated during a luncheon on International Women's Day on Tuesday, March 8. She is a financial advisor with Edward Jones, where she became the state's first female million-dollar advisor in just three years and was recently ranked in the top one percent for client satisfaction, and in December she attended by invitation the Barron's Top Women Advisor Summit in Palm Beach, Florida. The *Grand Rapids Business Journal* article about her also praised her extensive and significant volunteer activity, which currently includes serving as co-chair of Gilda's Club's LaughFest, on the board for Holland Home and as a committee member of the Women's Council. **Chad Ferguson '00** and **Vicki**

**Dryfhout-Ferguson '01** announce the birth of Luke Graham on Oct. 14, 2014.

**Sarah Hossink '00** and Nicholas Disselkoen were married on June 4, 2010, and adopted a daughter, Abigail Grace, on Dec. 4, 2015.

**Renee Lick '00 Nicholas** is an area director in Chicago, Illinois, with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship's Graduate and Faculty Ministry. She and Trevor Nicholas were married on Oct. 5, 2014 in Hinsdale, Illinois.

**Michael Zuidema '00** is the marketing operations manager at Code Blue Corporation.

**Alexander Awuviri '01** of Accra, Ghana, was promoted to senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers on June 13, 2012, and promoted to principal electrical engineer in October.

**Audra Davis '01** is in her first year of graduate school at the San Francisco Art Institute, working toward a Master of Fine Arts degree in studio art with a focus in photography.

**Matthew Holmes '01** of Holland,

Michigan, has joined the Tulip Time Festival board of directors. He is the vice president of the Southwest Buying Group.

**Eric Schrottenboer '01** and **Meredith TerHaar '03**

**Schrottenboer** announce the birth of Meryn Grace on Nov. 8, 2015.

**Lauren Piotrowski '01 Wertman** and Matt Wertman announce the birth of Meredith Joy on March 8, 2015.

**Benjamin Wing '01** of Ann Arbor, Michigan, is a lead software engineer and entering his 15th year at Thomson Reuters.

**Adrienne "AJ" Cameron '01**

**Dilling** and Ben Dilling announce the birth of Elliott James in December 2014. They are also continuing to run their company, Solid Construction and Remodeling.

**Christine Immink '02 Andersen** and **John Andersen '03** announce the birth of Ethan John on Oct. 30, 2015.

**Josiah Dykstra '02** of Severn, Maryland, has had his first book, *Essential Cybersecurity Science*, recently published.

**Laura Meengs-Aikens '02** and

Jonathon Aikens announce the birth of Charlotte Grace on Oct. 12, 2015.

**Kara Pranger '02 Payne** and Kevin Payne announce the birth of Nora Grace on July 31, 2015.

**Alicia Kaneshiro '02 Setoda** of Kaneohe, Hawaii, and her husband moved back to her hometown last year and are expecting their first child this year.

**Leif Sporck '02** of Suttons Bay, Michigan, recently had his business, Sporck Tileart, featured on the hit PBS Program *Destination Michigan* airing across all of Lower Michigan and the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

**Jay Thwaites '02** and **Mary Chambers '03 Thwaites** announce the birth of Elizabeth Joy on Dec. 2, 2015.

**Sara Troyer '02** and Jeff Mazurek announce the birth of Renee Josephine on June 4, 2015.

**Heather Dustin '02 Wing** of Ann Arbor, Michigan, is the director of youth at Grace Ann Arbor.

**Rand Arwady '03** and Erin Arwady



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announce the birth of Alexandra Lynn on May 8, 2015.

**Karen Clark '03 Bovid** and Chris Bovid announce the birth of Zachary Everett on Nov. 18, 2015.

**Lisa Canterbury '03** is teaching fifth grade in Davis, California.

**Lynette Wehmer '03 Heinz** and Torey Heinz announce the birth of Claudia Grace Lynn on Nov. 10, 2015.

**Katherine Klein '03** in October became the library media specialist at Lake Region High School in Naples, Maine.

**Jessica Oosting '03 Luepke** and her husband, Mike, are owners of Valeo/Personal Training in downtown Holland and were recently featured in *Prevention Magazine*. They gave advice on mindset and tips on exercising correctly for the best results.

**Joel Solomon '03** received a doctorate from The George Washington University in education focusing on social identity construction. He currently serves as executive pastor and teaches at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**Kyle Delhagen '04** and Elena Pellizzaris were married on Oct. 17, 2015 in Pultneyville, New York.

**Thomas Hoesch II '04** and Kylie Diekema were married on Dec. 19, 2015.

**Joy Pope '04 Jerauld** and Jason Jerauld announce the birth of Aaron Ronald on July 19, 2015.

**Stephen Moreau '04** and Calli Moreau announce the birth of Max Jacob on Oct. 4, 2015.

**Jacob Nyboer '04** and Ellen Nyboer announce the birth of Raleigh Steel on July 23, 2014.

**Carrie Cole '04 Rosas** and Paul Rosas announce the birth of Alessandra Sterling on Oct. 28, 2015.

**Rebekah Stewart Schicker '04** is an epidemic intelligence service officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. Along with international work focused on influenza, she has spent significant time in West Africa in response to the Ebola outbreak.

**Sarah Gonzales '04 Triplett** and Nathan Triplett announce the birth of Theodore Charles on Nov. 25, 2015.

**Dyan Couch '04 Westropp** and Charlie Westropp announce the birth of Hannah Sophia on Nov. 5, 2015.

**Steve Adair '05** was named deputy finance director of Macomb County, Michigan, in December.

**Luke Brenner '05** and Elizabeth Brenner announce the birth of Jane Price on Nov. 11, 2015. They reside in Austin, Texas.

**Kelli Hoogerhyde '05 Burdick** and Matt Burdick announce the birth of Jackson James on Aug. 1, 2015.

**Amanda Dekker '05 Friday** and **Richard Friday '05** announce the birth of Isabelle Janine on Sept. 9, 2015.

**Cynthia Blaszak '05 Kaan** and Michael Kaan announce the birth of Dane Michael on Aug. 21, 2015.

**Jill Davis '05 Lauka** and Tanner Lauka announce the birth of Levi David on June 8, 2015.

**Amelia Wing '05 Morgan** and Kyle Morgan announce the birth of Lowell Richard on Oct. 12, 2015.

**Kristin Woroniec '05 Myers** and Neil Myers announce the birth of Liam Daniel on Aug. 28, 2015.

**Andrea Kaffka '05 Scott** and **Robert Scott '05** announce the birth of Beckett Michael on July 2, 2014.

**Gregory Borst '06** of Winterville, North Carolina, is a chief general surgery resident at East Carolina University/Vidant Medical Center. He will graduate in June and has accepted a fellowship in trauma and acute care surgery in Denver, Colorado, at Denver Health and the University of Colorado Hospitals. He and his wife, Christine Borst, also announce the birth of Eloise June on July 11, 2013, and Greta Jane on Oct. 16, 2015.

**Lynn Cargill '06 Cunha** and Alex Cunha announce the birth of Camilla Audrey on Oct. 23, 2015.

**Amy McEwan '06 Flavin** and **Bill Flavin '06** announce the birth of Addison Ruth on Oct. 28, 2015.

**Stephen Murphy '06** and **Jennifer Schwartz '07 Murphy** announce the birth of Charles McKinley on Jan. 19, 2016.

**Kathryn Randa '06** and James MacCrea were married on June 6, 2015, in Swannanoa, North Carolina. They recently moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where she is a college counselor at The Bolles School.

**Bethany Metters '06 Stob** and **Kyle Stob '06** announce the birth of Thomas on Oct. 21, 2014.

**Johanna Swanson '06** received her master's in higher education in student affairs from Eastern Michigan University in December.

**Ashley Tillman '06** and Eric Askins were married on Oct. 30, 2015 in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Jennie IntVeld '06 Wickes** and Bryce Wickes announce the birth of Evelyn Anne on Aug. 5, 2015.

**Jillian Koestner '07 Allen** is a creative and account manager at Ignite Creative Services in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**Kristin Olson '07 Brace** is the executive director of the Grand Rapids Creative Youth Center, which leads writing workshops and after-school programs for kids and publishes their work.

**Leah Koopmans '07 Fisher** and



**Sarah Schrottenboer '12** of Mission, South Dakota, is in her fourth year of teaching in the elementary school on Rosebud Reservation. She writes, "I can't thank the art department enough for inviting me to think creatively about assignments. Billy Mayer was especially helpful in giving

me inspiration with patience. The education program helped me be well rounded in my approach to school programs and classroom technique." She has tested her own physical limits, ran her first marathon, climbed 120 meter granite rock faces, kayaked class 2 rapids, explored beautiful hidden valleys, and had some of the best conversations about life with her third graders. She reports that she absolutely loves it there, though she does miss the afternoon strolls through Holland, and the quick stop at Lemonjello's. Hope was a perfect place to develop her sense of purpose in the world as well as an ability to adapt, she continues. "Thank you for helping me begin to live out who Christ has called me to be." To read more about Hope's long relationship with Rosebud Reservation, please see pages 16-17.

Nicholas Fisher announce the birth of Brinzi Claire on Nov. 12, 2015.

**Emily Buys '07 Frazer** is a staff accountant with McKeown, Kraai and Phillips PLC in Middleville, Michigan.

**Kate Goetzinger '07** and David Purdy were married in May 2015. They live in New York City, New York, with their two cats.

**Lissa Moore '07 Layman** received her Master of Education degree in school technology leadership from the University of Kentucky in May 2015. She lives in Kuwait with **Jeff Layman '07** and is currently an instructional coach at the American International School.

**Kinsi Hower '07 Shriner** and **Jeff Shriner '07** announce the birth of Luella Lucille on April 13, 2015.

**Kyle Waterstone '07** of Lakewood, California, is the director of athletic compliance at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles, California. Kyle manages all NCAA, Pac-12, and University policies and procedures for the institution's 21 sports teams. Additionally, Kyle is graduating this spring with his Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) from USC. His dissertation is titled "Financial Stability and Sustainability in Online Education: A Study of Promising Practice." He and Ashley Dee were married on October 10, 2015, in Long Beach, California.

**John Dulmes '08** and **Nicole Mulder '08 Dulmes** announce the birth of Timothy John on Dec. 11, 2015.

**Chris Maybury '08** recently moved to

Los Angeles, California, to work full-time with a missions organization based out of YWAM called Circuit Riders. As part of his work, he tours college campuses around the U.S. developing networks of discipleship through planting house churches on and around the campuses.

**Samantha Miller '08** successfully defended her dissertation in historical theology at Marquette University and will graduate with her Ph.D. in May. **Meredith Praamsma '08** is a visiting professor of environmental health at the Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences, chair of the environmental health department for the International Cyber University of Medical Sciences and English editor for the *Central Asian Journal of Medical Sciences* in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

**Matt Rugenstein '08** is a project manager in residential insurance restoration for Booko Brothers General Contractors in Three Rivers, Michigan.

**Katelyn Sauve '08** received a Master of Science in Nursing degree in 2011 and is teaching at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois, in the undergraduate nursing program.

**Andrew Wierda '08** and **Lindsey Cole '08 Wierda** announce the birth of Whitaker Wilder on Jan. 8, 2016.

**Ryan Wolter '08** and Bethany Wolter announce the birth of Simon Bishop on Oct. 31, 2015.

**Jessica Ruggio '09 Anderson** and Brandon Anderson announce the birth of Amelia Rylan on Nov. 24, 2015.

**Sam Baker '09** in October passed the



professional engineer exam in North Carolina, where he is now a licensed electrical engineer. He has worked for Black & Veatch since May 2012.

**Laura Morningstar '09 Sutton** received a Master of Science in Nursing degree from Valparaiso University in May 2015. She currently works at Anchor Home Healthcare and recently celebrated three years of marriage to Tyler Sutton.

**Gregory Pavlak '09** spoke at Hope during a engineering seminar, presenting "Smart Controls for Smart Buildings" on Friday, Feb. 5.

**Justine Post '09** and Andrew Hammon were married on June 20, 2015, in Houston, Texas. They are living in North Carolina where Andrew is an associate pastor and Justine is finishing her MDIV/MSW degree this spring. **Zach White '09** and **Katherine Kirby '12** were married on May 24, 2014, in Traverse City, Michigan.

## 10s

**Neil Droppers '10** and Katelyn Tucker were married on Dec. 5, 2015.

**Mandy Ferguson '10** and Jared Jagers were married on Aug. 29, 2015 in Princeton, Illinois.

**Allison Cole '10 McDonough** opened Fido & Stitch, a retail dog boutique and grooming salon in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Dave Sherry '10** is employed by Comcast Sports Net in Boston, Massachusetts, as a photographer covering all professional sports in New England. He worked the past two years as a news photographer at the ABC affiliate WSOC-TV in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Christina Tassoni '10 Van Til** and Chris Van Til announce the birth of Jordan Louise on Nov. 2, 2015.

**Avril Wiers '10** is currently working as the education and outreach coordinator for the large-animal research station at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She and Tristan Freeman were married in October.

**Kaitlynn Zigterman '10** received a master's in music for multiple woodwind performance at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in 2013. She is currently working on her doctorate in music theory at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

**Evan Arendsen '11** and **Lia Holwerda '12 Arendsen** announce the birth of William Michael on Dec. 16, 2015.

**Lauren Bell '11** since graduation until December worked for both Herman Miller in Michigan and then

their Carolina distribution team in Charlotte, North Carolina, in strategic sales. She just moved to the United Kingdom, where she is working for a leading education consultancy, Jam Tree, specializing in space design for innovative teaching and learning environments. She is based in London, and would be happy to hear from other Hope alumni in the United Kingdom. **Trevor Coeling '11** will graduate with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry on May 6.

**Ryan Cotter '11** is the assistant strength and conditioning coach at The University of Maryland for the 2015-16 season. He is responsible for the men's soccer, gymnastics and lacrosse teams.

**Kathryn Engelbrecht '11** and Vic Strimbu were married on Aug. 1, 2015 in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Caitlyn Buscher '11 Gunst** has begun a master's program at Wheaton College in marriage and family therapy.

**Kaylynn Keedy '11** and **Charles Ranspach '13** were married on Oct. 26, 2013, and announce the birth of Sawyer Meredith on Nov. 28, 2015.

**Katherine Krueger '11** of Baltimore, Maryland, joined Follett School Solutions in November as an educational consultant.

**Bradley Machiela '11** and **Jori Niemann '11** were married in June 2014. They also announce the birth of Ella on May 22, 2015.

**Jose Martinez '11** and Tiffany Martinez announce the birth of Ezra Antonio on Oct. 31, 2015.

**Pieter Norden '11** received a Ph.D. in the genetics area program from the University of Missouri in December. He has accepted a post-doctorate position in the Feinberg Cardiovascular Research Institute with Northwestern University.

**Jessica Kohnen '11 Roberts** and **Nathaniel Roberts '11** announce the birth of Eloise Carolyn on Dec. 5, 2015.

**Timothy Dyer '11** has joined Edgewater Bank as a commercial lender.

**Danella Koetje '11 Veltema** and Robert Veltema announce the birth of Silas Nathan on Jan. 18, 2016.

**Alisha Compagner '12 Boeve** and **Nickolas Boeve '12** announce the birth of Teagan Nickolas on Jan. 22, 2016.

**Courtney Cook-Hughes '12** and Chad Hughes announce the birth of Quinn McLeod and Kai Justine on Dec. 5, 2015.

**Eden Collins '12** is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Texas at San Antonio and anticipates graduating in 2018.

**Kate Cutshall '12** in August opened an interior design firm, Kate Mackenzie, which is based in Detroit, Michigan, with

an online retail store selling home goods.

**Daniel DeVries '12** graduated from Western Theological Seminary in May 2015 and was installed as the pastor of Glen Lake Community Reformed Church in Glen Arbor, Michigan.

**Diane Hawke '12** and Pablo Tabilo were married in July 2014. She also received a Master of Social Science Administration (MSSA; equivalent to Master of Social Work) degree from Case Western Reserve University in May 2015. She began working at Warrenville Youth and Family Services (a division of Outreach Community Ministries) as a bilingual youth and family therapist/crisis intervention team member in August.

**Emily Kirschbaum '12** is a social worker at the Federal Public Defender's office of the western district of Washington, based in Seattle, Washington.

**Jennie LaRoche '12** became the skills school coordinator at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in Lanesboro, Minnesota, in October. The skills school serves to empower individuals to live and lead a balanced life in a sustainable world.

**Emery Max '12** received a Master in Science degree in kinesiology from Michigan State University in 2014. He is enrolled in MSU's kinesiology Ph.D. program studying performance psychology, motivation and communication in small groups.

**Christina Bello '12 Oldham** is pursuing a doctorate from the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner DNP program at Rush University and will be graduating in the summer of 2017.

**Jamie Benjamin '12 Slenk** and Elliot Slenk were married on July 11, 2015, and are both working at Holland Christian High School.

**Heather Stiff '12** is a fourth-year medical student at The Ohio State University who found out in January that she matched her number-one choice and a top-10 program for her ophthalmology residency, the University of Iowa.

**Ryan Tussey '12** received a Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in October and is the pastor of student ministries at GracePoint Community Church in North Andover, Massachusetts.

**Briana Beyer '13** is a realtor at Coldwell Banker in Holland, Michigan, and was a top producer for the company in 2015, along with her partner Larry Kleinheksel.

**Faith DeVries '13** and Trevor Haley were married on Dec. 28, 2015.

**Ariel Edsall '13** and Travis Mello were married on Sept. 26, 2015 in Dorr, Michigan.

**Joel Hartleroad '13** has accepted a position at AARP as a policy analyst in Washington, D.C.

**Sharon Hecker '13** reports that after two years in Honduras, she is now loving life in sunny Florida where she teaches Spanish at All Saints Academy.

**Josh Holwerda '13** and **Jenna Grasmeyer '15** were married on Dec. 19, 2015.

**Carly Nelson '13** is working in Grandville, Michigan, as a staff assistant for Congressman Bill Huizenga, who represents Michigan's Second Congressional District.

**Alli Springett '13 Watson** received a Master of Social Work degree from Spring Arbor University, Grand Rapids this past fall.

**Taylor Whitefield '13** and Andrew Liggett were married on June 13, 2015. **Micaela Brillinger '14** of Rockford, Michigan, started her own business, Accidental Art, a pottery-painting studio in October.

**Jessica Culbertson '14** became a full-time prevention and education advocate at Turning Point in Woodstock, Illinois, in 2015.

**Ben Mason '14** recently accepted a position in Google's SMB sales division. He previously held positions in marketing at Perrigo and at the marketing firm Alliance Creative Group, located in Chicago, Illinois.

**Kelvin Peprah '14** is pursuing a master's degree at Seattle University.

**Brandon Robinson '14** will attend nursing school in the fall to become a registered nurse.

**Jamie Sloan '14** is an event and floral designer at All Grand Events in East Lansing, Michigan.

**Emily Smith '14** of Missoula, Montana, is attending the University of Montana's School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation.

**Tim Bloemendaal '15** of Holland, Michigan, will be through-hiking the entire 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail this year. The solo hike begins on Springer Mountain, Georgia, and ends on Mt. Katahdin, Maine.

**Matthew Douglas '15** of Bloomingdale, Michigan, and his brother will be cycling across the U.S. in May through the Cross America Project, an initiative they have developed to raise funds, through sponsors of the ride, to enable children to attend summer camps in Southwest Michigan. More information is available on the project's Facebook page.

**Rebecca Flinker '15** is developing youth music programming and non-profits fundraiser at Florence Congregational Church. She is also substitute teaching in the Northampton



# CLASS NOTES



On October 25, **Haley Hodges '13** was the soprano soloist for The City Choir of Washington's performance of Haydn's Theresa Mass. Pictured are Haley; Robert Shafer, director of the City Choir; and **Thelma (Tommye) Leenhouts '66**, a longtime member of the City Choir who sang in the performance. As shared in the feature story on pages 14-15, Shafer was commissioned to compose a choral/organ piece for Hope's 150th celebration that will be performed at Hope on Saturday, April 30, during Alumni Weekend and have its Washington, D.C., premiere on Sunday, June 5.

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**Jennifer Kieser '15** of Chicago, Illinois, participated in a two-year fellowship program in inner city Chicago, working in a women's homeless shelter.

**Katherine Murray '15** reports that after passing her nursing boards she spent two months living and working with the children and volunteers at an orphanage in Montego Bay, Jamaica. When she returned, she became a registered nurse at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan, working with patients who have cancer and are in need of bone marrow transplants.

**Lisa Plucinski '15** is a registered nurse on the neuroscience unit at Blodgett Hospital in East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Evelyn Ritter '15** presented with Dr. Graham Peaslee on, "Using Nuclear Science and Entrepreneurship to Influence US Public Health Policy" during Hope College's Winter Happening on Saturday, Jan. 23.

**Clara Starr '15** is an AmeriCorps member at Good Samaritan Ministries in Holland, Michigan.

**Megan Stevens '15** of Remus, Michigan, is an afternoon call operator at Action Communications.

**Kasey Wierzbicki '15** moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to work for Epic

Systems Corporation as a healthcare software tester/quality assurance team member.

## 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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**Julia VanDam '30 Finlay** of Sturgis, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015. She was 106.

She taught for Sturgis Public Schools.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary Beth Finlay '64 (Mike) Eckert, and Harriet "Toodie" Finlay '66 (Jim) Royer; six grandchildren, including Robert Royer '95, Jodi Royer '98 Smith, Christopher Eckert '95 and Kimberly Eckert '97 Kolster; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Irvin Folkert '43** of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Jan. 18, 2016. He was 94.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he was awarded three Bronze Service Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Survivors include his wife of more than 70 years, Hulda Rigterink '41 Folkert; children, David (Jane) Folkert, Alan (Judi) Folkert and Carl (Barbara Koop '74) Folkert '74; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and brother, Wayne Folkert.

**Betty DeVries '46 Veldhuis** of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016. She was 91.

Survivors include her children; Elizabeth Stump, James (Laura) Veldhuis and Catherine (Alan) Hays; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Rhea VanHeest '47 Arnold** of Zanesville, Ohio, died on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015. She was 88.

She taught kindergarten in New York, Michigan and Ohio and taught at Ohio University Zanesville.

Survivors include her children, John Arnold, Mark Arnold, Phillip Arnold, Deborah (Franco) Iulianelli, Martha (Brad) Wonders and Mary Arnold '86 (Paul) Cornish; siblings, Gerard (Eloise Hinkamp '51) VanHeest '49, Jacqueline VanHeest '52 (Donald '52) DeYoung, Cornelius (Mary Lou Richards '54) VanHeest '52, Lucille VanHeest '55 Schroeder, Harriet VanHeest '58 (Owen

'57) Bechtel and Wilma VanHeest '62 (Lyn) Seaver; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Elizabeth VanLente '47 Curti** of Fort Gratiot, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016. She was 89.

She was a piano instructor, church pianist, organist and solo accompanist.

Survivors include her children, Emily (Frederick) Letts, Lilia (James) Richards, Benjamin (Nanette) Curti and Martha (John) Nowakowski; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Donald Buteyn '48** of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015. He was 91.

He served in the 303rd Infantry and received the Purple Heart and Certificate of Merit during World War II.

He retired as the interim pastor of missions at the Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his second wife, Suzanne Rich Buteyn; six children, Richard (Kathy Karnitz) Buteyn, Joyce (Raymond) Garrett, Jean Amato, Carol (Bill) Harris, Douglas (Bonnie) Buteyn and Steven (Jeannette) Buteyn; three step-children, Jonathan (Bonnie) Rich '77, Mark (Diane Fortier '83) Rich '84 and Mark (Roxanne) Robinson; and in-laws, Joan (Lee) Wenke and Lucille Schroeder.

**JoAnn Moessner '49 Koeppe** of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016. She was 88.

She was a Red Cross volunteer at the University of Missouri Medical Center.

Survivors include her sister, Kathryn Moessner; sons, John (Mary Kolean '77) Koeppe '75 and Robert (Karen) Koeppe; daughter, Barbara Koeppe '80 (Jim) Higdon; and four grandchildren.

**George Zeito '49** of Sunnyvale, Texas, died on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2015. He was 88.

Survivors include his sisters, Victoria and Suham; sons, George Jr., Zach and Elias (Sam); daughter, Cynthia; sons- and daughters-in-law, Kathy, Betty, Buddy, and Cynthia; seven grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

**Harlan Bouman '50** of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015. He was 93.

He served as a fighter pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He worked in sales and management for Sun Oil Company (Sunoco).

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Elaine Brower '51 Bouman; children, Steven Bouman '76, Robert (Jean Van Grouw) Bouman and Barbara Jo (Paul) De Jonge; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Charlotte (Lloyd) Schaap; and sister-in-

law, Lois Kessel.

**Samuel Pickens '50** of Barre, Massachusetts, died on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015. He was 88.

He served as a chief petty officer in the medical service with the U.S. Navy.

He was a family physician and then medical director at the Barre Health Center.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Pickens; brother, Peter Pickens; sister, Patricia Pickens '55 Emery; four sons, Sam, John, James and Richard Pickens; and six grandchildren.

**Raymond Rabbe '50** of Easton, Maryland, died on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015. He was 88.

He taught English at North Dorchester High School.

Survivors include his son, David Rabbe; two daughters, Marcy Austin and Dina Keane; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Nelson Stegeman '50** of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016. He was 86.

He was a teacher, principal, coach and athletic director at New Groningen School in Zeeland, Michigan.

Survivors include his children, Jackie Stegeman '73 (James '71) Swanezy, Steven (Ruth) Stegeman, Marsha Stegeman '79 (Gregg) Converse, Marybeth Stegeman '82 (Greg '83) Timmer and Rob (Rebecca) Riekse; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**John DeWolf Jr. '51** of Webster, New York, died on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Annette Siderius '52 DeWolf; children, John III (Sue), Leigh Ann DeWolf '79 (Mark '79) Eriks, Frederik (Margaret Gallo) and Ivonne DeWolf '85; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister, Gail DeWolf '56.

**Donald Van Ingen '51** of Novi, Michigan, died on Friday, Dec. 18, 2015. He was 86.

He taught in the Northville Public School District and was a school administrator until his retirement.

Survivors include his children, Mark (Patricia) Van Ingen and Lisa Van Ingen; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Mary Olert '52 Boyd** of Nashville, Tennessee, died on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015. She was 85.

She was the associate general counsel for the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Joseph Boyd Jr.; son, David (Sabrina) Boyd; daughter, Martha



(Richard Littlehale) Boyd; three grandchildren; sisters, Grace Dailey and Susan Dowell; and brother, Frederick Olert Jr.

**John Nyitray Sr. '52** of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015. He was 89.

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

He served as pastor in Fruitport and Kalamazoo, Michigan; Little Falls, New Jersey; and Marion, New York.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Marie Nyitray; daughters, Julia (John) McHugh, Beth (George) Miller and Mary Sue Nyitray; son, John (Maria) Nyitray; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Grace Augustine; and sister-in-law, June Klanderman.

**Constance Ferguson '53 Klaasen** of Tucson, Arizona, died on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015. She was 83.

She was a professor.

Survivors include her son, Robert (Candice) Klaasen; daughters, Kathryn (Mark) Burchess, Hilarie Klaasen '83 (late, Peter) Ganas and Cynthia Klaasen '80 (Dave) Powell; two sisters, MaryAlice Ferguson '57 (Robert '57) Ritsema and Revell Rayne; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Darlyne DeTuncq '55 Neff** of Iowa City, Iowa, died on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015. She was 81.

She taught speech at both the junior high and community college level, and at-risk preschool children.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, John Neff; sons, Paul (Mary) Neff and James (Stephanie) Neff; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brother, Edward (Jackie) DeTuncq; and sister-in-law, Pat DeTuncq.

**Joan Pyle '55 VanderKolk** of Hamilton, Michigan, died on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015. She was 82.

She taught physical education at Hamilton Elementary School.

Survivors include her children, Martha VanderKolk '87, Bruce (Susan VanderLaan '88) VanderKolk '90; and in-laws, Doris (Don) Vanden Berg, Mary Jane Pyle, Ivan (Mary) VanderKolk and Dora Mae (Gary) Meendering.

**Maurice Witteveen '55** of Traverse City, Michigan, died on Monday, Jan. 25, 2016. He was 82.

He was the head of the maintenance division of MDOT.

Survivors include his children, Lori (David) Stewart, Guven Peter (Lesley) Witteveen, Ellen Witteveen '86 (William) Teisman and Sarah (David) Boynton; nine grandchildren; brother, Gerald (Phyllis) Witteveen; and sisters-in-law, Edna Witteveen and Phillis Witteveen.

**Harold Molenaar '56** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. He was 81.

He was the vice president of operations at USF Holland.

He served in the U. S. Army.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel (Susan Kuipers '81) Molenaar '81 and William (Astrida) Molenaar; four grandchildren; brother, Roger (Judy) Molenaar; and sister-in-law, Betty (Vern) Lewis.

**Donald Pangburn '56** of Altamont, New York, died on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015. He was 81.

He served as pastor at churches in New York and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. He provided pro bono legal services for more than 100 nonprofit organizations after retirement.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Demitra Pangburn; children, Melisa Delessio, Paul (Bonnie) Pangburn and Maria (Herb) Tedford; brother, John Pangburn; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**James De Witt '58** of Walker, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015. He was 78.

He most recently ministered at Heron Woods for eight years.

Survivors include his wife, Carle LaRicca '68 De Witt; six children; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brothers, John Richard De Witt and Mark (Viv) De Witt.

**Nancy Kamphuis '58 Kolk** of Fulton, Illinois, died on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. She was 79.

She was an educator at Clinton Community College for 17 years.

Survivors include her husband, Ed Kolk; daughters, Gina Kolk and Heidi Kolk; sister, Judy Zuidema; sister-in-law, Carol Kolk; and three grandchildren.

**William Meengs Jr. '58** of Newaygo, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016. He was 79.

Survivors include his son, Mike Meengs; daughter, Robin (Mike) Neeley; five grandchildren; and sister, Margo Meengs '62 (Douglas '62) Johnson.

**Carl Poit '60** of Lapeer, Michigan, died on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015. He was 77.

He was a psychologist at the Regional Detention Center.

Survivors include his wife of more than 55 years, Mary Jane Adams '60 Poit; children, Thomas Poit and Susan (William) Miller, James (Melinda) Poit '87, Janet Poit '89, Karen (Jeffery) Nichols and Kathryn (Dean) Dennis; and 12 grandchildren.

**Jane Wezeman '61 Smit** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Nov.

27, 2015. She was 75.

She was a teacher, junior college career counselor and church choir piano accompanist.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Smit '66; children, Karen Smith '84 (Joel '81) Russcher, Daniel Smith '87 and Kristen (Suzzette Deaux) Smith '88; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; stepchildren, Matthew (Kelly) Smit '93 and Amy Smit '95 (Gary) Kirk; eight step-grandchildren; brother, Fred Wezeman '64; and in-laws, Larry (Clare) Smith, Cornie Dykstra and Jennie Staat.

**Neil Goodrich '64** of Arnold, Maryland, died on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015. He was 74.

He served in Vietnam as a dentist.

He practiced at Chambers & Goodrich and later Dental One.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Joan Diephuis '63 Goodrich; daughters, Jenny (John) Crabtree, Susan (Charlie) Priola and Elizabeth (Brian) Wycall; sister, Charlotte Goodrich '67 Henry; and five grandchildren.

**Gayle Ruisard '64** of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015. She was 73.

Most of her 33-year career in education was teaching first and second grade in Zeeland Public Schools.

Survivors include her sister, Joan Dobin.

**John deVelder '65** of Hillsborough, New Jersey, died on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015. He was 71.

He was the director of pastoral care at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Walvoord '64 deVelder; brother, David (Joyce Borgman '72) deVelder '68; sister, Margaret deVelder '63 (Edward) Hougén; son, David (Amanda) deVelder; daughter, Rebecca deVelder '99 (Sidney) Fein; stepson, Aaron Girard; and five grandchildren.

**James Dykstra '66** of Alanson, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015. He was 71.

He had careers at Parke Davis, candle carvings and Varian Instruments.

Survivors include brothers, Tom Dykstra '64, Tim (Nancy Culver '68) Dykstra '68 and Russ Dykstra '83.

**Judyth Thomas '66** of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016. She was 72.

She worked at Hope College for 20 years retiring in 2008 as the executive assistant for the Department of Theatre.

Survivors include her daughter, Rachel Miller; two grandchildren; and siblings, James (Karen) Thomas, John (Deborah) Thomas and Janet (Jerome) Thomas-Kobes.

**Jean DeGraff '70 Tischler** of New Rochelle, New York, died on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016. She was 67.

She was the director of Christian education and youth ministry at Huguenot Memorial Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce Tischler; children, Anna (Chris Reid) Tischler and James (Emily) Tischler; one granddaughter; and siblings, Grace DeGraff '67 Hillers and Garrett (Michele Jewell '70) DeGraff '71.

**Mary Katt '71 Bolt** of Spring Lake, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015. She was 66.

She taught at the elementary level for 36 years at Spring Lake Public Schools.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur Bolt '69; children, Ann Marie (Jon) Kaemingk and James Bolt '05; mother, Margaret Katt; mother-in-law, Aberdeen Bolt; and siblings; Mark (Candace Wheaton) Katt, Sara (Phil) Rhodes, Leah Katt '76 (Ned) Junor '74, Jesse (Keith) VanDyke and Sam (Beth) Katt.

**Richard DeFouw '72** of Kentwood, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015. He was 65.

He worked as a contract engineer for Log Plan in Denver, Colorado.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Deb Karle '72 DeFouw; mother, Eleanor DeFouw; children, Megan (Jeff) Kaiser and Emily (Matt) VanVliet; six grandchildren; and sisters, Susan (Del) Hawkins and Julie (Jeff) Payne.

**Peter DeYoung '78** of Friesland, Wisconsin, died on Monday, Jan. 11, 2016. He was 59.

He worked for 37 years in the family trucking/warehousing business.

Survivors include his step-mother, Betty DeYoung; sister, Mary DeYoung '81; and brother, Jim (Holly Anderson '90) DeYoung '88.

**Christopher Brauning '81** of Dresden, Ohio, died on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. He was 57.

He owned and operated a dental practice.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Sarah DeWeese Brauning; children, Helen Brauning, Samuel Brauning and Peter Brauning; two sisters, Melanie (Ronald) Stas and Marcy Brauning '83 (Timothy '83) VanDyke; and brother, Darby Brauning '92; and their families.

**Heidi Trantow '96 Jostes** of Illinois, died on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016. She was 42.

She was an oncology nurse in an outpatient clinic in the Chicago, Illinois, area.

Survivors include her husband, Jerome Jostes; parents, Pete (Martha) Trantow; sister, Laura (John) Novotny; and brother, Tom (Thea) Trantow.



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**Lisa Filler '05** of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015. She was 33.

She was product manager at Herman Miller.

Survivors include her parents, Stephen (Ann) Filler; and sister, Laura Filler.

**Chelsea Schrotenboer '09 Overbeeke** of Bozeman, Montana, died on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016. She was 29.

She was an artist, adventurer, biologist and teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Anthony Overbeeke; parents, Craig (Sherry Meengs '74) Schrotenboer '72; siblings, Eric (Meredith Ter Haar '03) Schrotenboer '01, Lindsay Schrotenboer '01 (Chris) Zeller, Martha Schrotenboer and Ben Overway; mother- and father-in-law, Adriaan (Diana) Overbeeke; and sisters- and brother-in-law, Becky, Ashley, Amber and Stephen.

## Sympathy to

**Gordon Borg** of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Friday, Feb. 19, 2016. He was 70.

He served in the Navy from 1968 to 1973.

He worked as a groundskeeper at Hope College for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Borg; children, Gwen Borg '95 Rubio, Gretchen Borg '96 (Kevin) Harper and Karl (Jen) Borg; and six grandchildren.

The family of **Patrick Harrison** of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, who died on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015. He was 73.

He taught at Hope as an assistant professor of psychology from 1972 to 1977 and assistant professor of computer science from 1975 to 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Rentha Harrison; children, Robert (Stephanie)

Harrison, Kathleen (Wayne) King, Naomi (Grant) Fowler and Abi (Aaron) Osborne; step-son, Michael (Brittany) Lovelady; brothers Mike (Norma) Harrison and Thomas (Mona) Harrison; seven grandsons; and three granddaughters.

The family of **Barrie Richardson** of Shreveport, Louisiana, who died on Friday, Nov. 20, 2015. He was 81.

He was a member of the Hope economics and business faculty from 1973 – 1983.

Survivors include his wife, Janie; children, Craig (Cathy) Richardson, Jan (Allen) Richert, Pam (Henry) Rivers and David (Elin) Richardson; his first wife, Lucy Richardson; step-daughter, Millie (Jeffrey) Hamilton; sister, Laurel (Ernest Lockridge) Richardson; and nine grandchildren.

The family of **John Shaughnessy** of Holland, Michigan, who died on

Wednesday Dec. 16, 2015. He was 68.

He was on the Hope psychology facility from 1975 until retiring in 2015 as professor emeritus. He had returned to teach in the fall.

In April of 1992, Hope's graduating seniors selected him as the college's "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator," and in 2008 he received the "Janet L. Andersen Excellence in Teaching Award." He delivered the college's Opening Convocation address in the fall of 1992 and Hope's Commencement address in May of 1996, and was invited by the college's chapter of Mortar Board to speak through the Last Lecture Series in 2011.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Paula Nadeau '78 Shaughnessy; mother-in-law, Carol Lahti; and brothers-in-law, Michael Nadeau and Tomas Nadeau.



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Living traditions both endure and evolve. Such is the case with May Day, which has long since become Spring Fling. In earlier days—as shown in this image from the 1958-59 school year—the event included the crowning of a May Queen and a dance around a maypole, practices both ended decades ago. The event’s original name is also an artifact of earlier generations, since a shift in the academic year now typically places it in April, on the last Friday before final exams. The occasion, however, is still a celebration, albeit today focused on providing the student body a chance to gather together one last time, not yet for bittersweet farewells, but for fellowship and lighthearted fun that now includes a picnic, inflatables, a visiting band and a chance to cheer on the infamous “Push” shopping cart race.



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