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2020 Vision

The future comes into focus as Hope's Class of 2020 celebrates the college journey ahead.

On the Cover

Campus brightens with the morning sun rising over Van Vleck Hall — Hope College's oldest building — in anticipation of the arrival of the Class of 2020. A new dawn and a new academic year are upon us in our 151st year. The generosity of our friends at Globe Design & Vision is gratefully acknowledged in our cover preparation. Photography by Junebug Photography.

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QUOTE UNQUOTE



QUOTE, UNQUOTE IS AN ECLECTIC
SAMPLING OF THINGS SAID AT AND
ABOUT HOPE COLLEGE.

Hope graduated the largest class in its history during the college's 151st Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 8.

Approximately 785 graduating seniors participated in the ceremony, held at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. The class consisted of students from throughout the United States as well as foreign nations including Brazil, China, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Honduras, India, Japan, Nigeria, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

The previous high was set the year before, with 766 graduating seniors participating.

Delivering the address "Remember Whose You Are," Dr. Wayne Brouwer, associate professor of religion, encouraged the graduates to stay grounded in their history, values and faith even as they enjoy the present and anticipate the future that will follow their time at Hope. He drew on Moses' instruction in Deuteronomy 32:7: "Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you."

First, Dr. Brouwer called on the graduates to remember those who have come before—the continuum of family and mentors who "have provided a platform on which to stand and walk and run and soar."

Second, he said, one's values are moored in the past, owed "to themes and traditions and values that have proven trustworthy over time" and are imparted in community.

Third, Dr. Brouwer said, faith is tied to the past, reflecting that, whatever one believes, whether Christian or not, "We have faith because we cannot find all of the answers to meaning entirely on our own or within our personal range of experiences."

"And Hope College lives and breathes with the idea that faith matters," he said. "Because faith links us to both the past and the future, while giving us meaning and purpose in the present. Especially as we have to make choices and establish goals and invest in our societies."

He reflected on Roy Drusky's 1970 song "Long Long Texas Road," which fondly remembers "childhood days... when the day stretched out before me like a long, long Texas road" and "there ain't no time but now."

As the graduates grow from their own present and into tomorrow, Dr. Brouwer said, "What I would like to encourage you today, as you launch into this wide-open future, is to enjoy the great, long, long Texas roads of the present, and live for all of those future expectations that pull and entice and call and beckon, but also to remember the past. Remember who you are, as you live and love and laugh. But also remember whose you are. Remember that you did not spring into this world by yourselves. Remember that you are shaped in a context. Remember that you are an accumulation of people and ideas and values that have been poured into you with love and hope."

The Commencement ceremony was preceded by the college's Baccalaureate service, held in Dimnent Memorial Chapel in the morning. The sermon, "The Adventure of a Lifetime," was presented by the Rev. Jeffrey S. Allen '85, who is senior pastor of Faith Community Church in Littleton, Colorado, and a member of the college's Board of Trustees. Additional coverage of the day's events, including video of both Commencement and Baccalaureate, the full text of each address and a gallery of photos, is available online.

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DISTINCTIVE HOPE

As a recognized leader in engaging students in inquiry-based learning such as collaborative student-faculty research, Hope has long been presented as a model for other institutions to follow. Most recently, Hope is one of only 11 colleges and universities nationwide highlighted in a website developed to help improve undergraduate science education. The website, “Supporting STEM Success in a Liberal Arts Context” (serc.carleton.edu/liberalarts) synthesizes the experiences of the 11 institutions, describing their experiences as well as the lessons learned on the way to help others aiming to adopt, adapt or create similar programs. The schools that are featured are the 11 institutions recognized as Capstone Institutions by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) for the maturity of their programming. HHMI had singled out the schools when awarding grants to 47 colleges and universities across the country in 2012, celebrating Hope and the other 10 as long-time recipients of funding from HHMI that were “collectively among the best in the country at producing graduates who go on to science careers.”

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CAMPUS SCENE



Welcome Back Students

The college's 155th academic year will begin formally with the traditional Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 28, at 2 p.m. in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Curtis Gruenler, who is a professor of English as well as director of general education at Hope.

Residence halls for new students will open on Friday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m., with New Student Orientation beginning later that day and continuing through Monday, Aug. 29. Residence halls for returning students will open on Sunday, Aug. 28, at noon. Fall semester classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 8 a.m.

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Hope Wins Team Leadership Award

The Hope College chapter of Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology, has won the society's 2015-16 Kay Wilson Officer Team Leadership Award, recognized from among about 1,100 collegiate and university chapters in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Ireland and New Zealand.

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Surprise Honors for Faculty

While the college's 151st Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 8, celebrated the Class of 2016, the event also provided an opportunity for the graduating seniors to honor two of their faculty mentors.

The class presented the annual "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award to **Dr. Wayne Brouwer**, associate professor of religion, who was also the scheduled speaker. In addition, the college's Alcor chapter of the national Mortar Board honorary society, which coordinates the H.O.P.E. Award, announced that the chapter was being renamed in honor of **Dr. Dianne Portfleet**, who was concluding her tenure as the group's advisor after 14 years of service. Dr. Portfleet, an associate professor of English, is not retiring from the faculty and will continue to teach at the college.

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New Director of Philadelphia Center

Dr. Annie Dandavati

Dr. Annie Dandavati, a professor of political science who has also held appointments as director of international studies and director of women's studies, has been appointed director of The Philadelphia Center, the college's East Coast site offering unique courses and high quality internships to students from Hope and other colleges and universities.

The Philadelphia Center provides experiential education programs for undergraduate students that put the liberal arts into practice by integrating multidisciplinary seminars, comprehensive advising and substantial internship opportunities in an urban environment. Nearly 7,000 students from almost 90 campuses and 50 countries have participated in the program since it was founded in 1967. More information about the center is available at tpc.edu.

Dr. Dandavati is based in Philadelphia and began her new role on July 1.

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Sandra Gaddy

Dr. David Paul '10

Matthew Scogin '02

Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown

Tim VandeBunte '83

New Board of Trustees Members

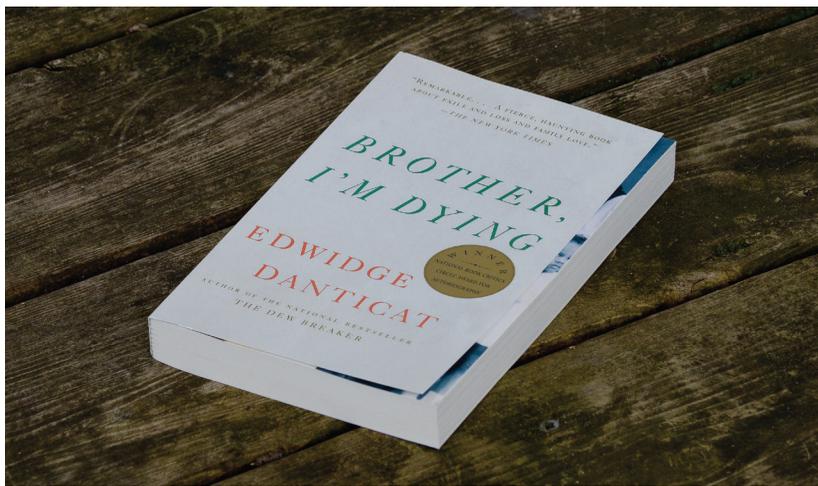
The Hope College Board of Trustees appointed five new members in addition to electing officers during its May 2016 meeting.

Newly elected to serve four-year terms on the board are Sandra Gaddy of Caledonia, Michigan; Dr. David A. Paul '10 of Rochester, New York; Matthew A. Scogin '02 of New York, New York; Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown of Holland, Michigan; and Tim VandeBunte '83 of Holland.

Karl Droppers '82 of Holland has been elected chairperson, succeeding Mary Van Dis '80 Bauman of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Nancy Dirkse '81 DeWitt of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been elected secretary, succeeding Dr. David W. Lowry '89 of Holland. Mark Van Genderen '90 of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, is continuing to serve as vice-chair.

Trustees concluding service on the board are Anthony Castillo of Holland; Dr. Annie G. Dandavati of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the Rev. Taylor W. Holbrook '80 of Hopewell Junction, New York; David L. Van Andel '83 of Grand Rapids; Emilie D. Wierda of Key Largo, Florida; and Dr. Leslie B. Wong of Grand Rapids.

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3rd Annual Big Read Kicks Off

The West Michigan community will have a new opportunity this fall to explore a literary work in-depth through events and discussion, thanks to a broad-based coalition of area organizations and a third consecutive award to Hope through “The Big Read,” a program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

Hope is one of 77 nonprofit organizations to receive a grant to host an NEA Big Read project between September 2016 and June 2017. This year’s program, running across the first three weeks in November, will focus on *Brother, I’m Dying*, Edwidge Danticat’s memoir telling the story of her uncle and father as they build a future for themselves and their families, one brother in Haiti and the other in America.

The 2016 event, which will run Nov. 1-17, follows successful Big Read Holland Area events in 2014 and 2015, which focused on Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Tim O’Brien’s *The Things They Carried* respectively.

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SPRING SPORTS REPORT

In Overview



Three All-American performances in track and field highlighted a successful spring in athletics. Erin Herrmann (pictured) finished second in NCAA Division III in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, while Jane Pearson placed sixth in the heptathlon. The men’s 4x100 relay of Dion Goliday, Justin Freeman, Matt Pelyhes and Boone Marois were eighth.

Boone Marois also was named a College Sports Information Directors of America Academic

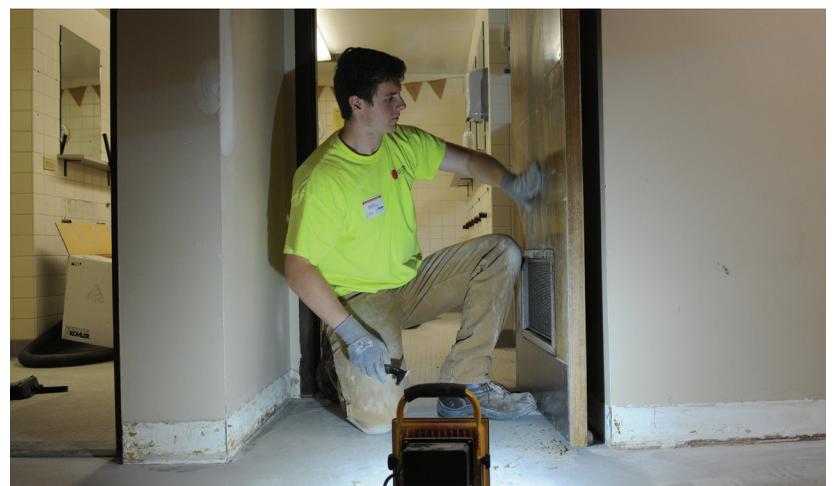
All-American and recipient of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association’s Albert L. Deal Male Scholar Award.

The women’s tennis team repeated as MIAA regular-season and tournament champions. Baseball coach Stu Fritz joined women’s basketball coach Brian Morehouse in reaching the 500-win plateau this year.

Hope finished 41st out of 323 teams who scored in the Learfield Sports Directors Cup all-sports standings and second in the MIAA’s Commissioner’s Cup all-sports standings.

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

athletics.hope.edu



Gilmore Hall Renovation

A major renovation of Gilmore Hall this summer has continued the college’s on-going emphasis on enhancing its family of residence halls, a mix that ranges from Van Vleck Hall, constructed in 1858, to the Tom and Ryan Cook Residential Village, completed in 2013.

Gilmore, which opened in 1963, houses primarily freshman and sophomore women, and the extensive remodeling will help make the building better than new when the incoming Class of 2020 arrives later this month. Among other work, the college has replaced the floors, ceilings and drywall; redone the bathrooms; repainted; and installed new dressers. The college had replaced the beds, desks and windows and remodeled the main-floor community spaces in recent years as well.

The updating attends to function and aesthetics as well as changing priorities. Families in years past, for example, were interested in seeing carpeting in individual rooms. In 2016, many are concerned with allergens—and so Gilmore will feature hypoallergenic luxury vinyl flooring.

“This is a way to make sure it’s as allergen-free as possible,” said Dr. John Jobson ’95, who is associate dean of students. “If students want to put carpet in, though, they may still do that.”

The college continuously updates its student residences, generally undertaking a major renovation each summer in addition to performing ongoing maintenance and pursuing smaller-scale projects. Across the past five years alone, Hope has invested more than \$3 million in remodeling its residence halls, as well as another \$1 million or so in maintaining the college’s 70-plus cottages.

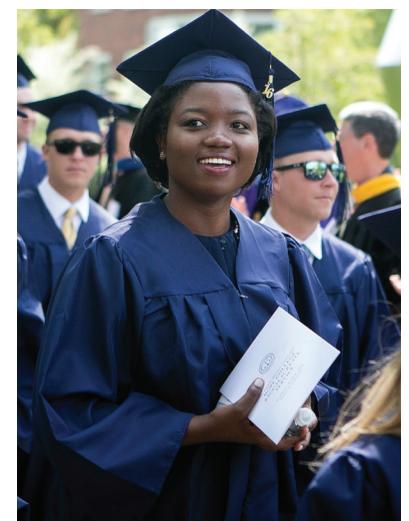
“Students and their families expect the best of Hope, and we also expect it of ourselves,” Dr. Jobson said. “We provide outstanding facilities in the athletic and academic spaces, and we feel a tremendous responsibility to provide living spaces of outstanding caliber as well.”

HOPE IN PICTURES

2016 Graduation

Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope. At right is an image from this past spring’s graduation activities on Sunday, May 8. Additional content includes the text of the Baccalaureate sermon and of the Commencement address, and video of the ceremonies.

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CAMPUS PROFILE

ADAM HOWARD

Submitted by JULIAN LUGO (far right)

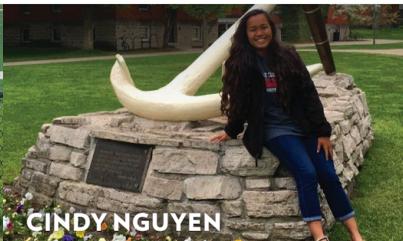


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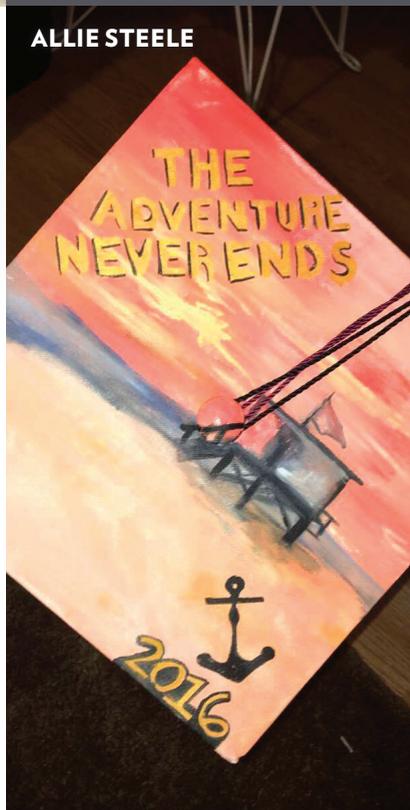
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THIS YEAR'S INCOMING CLASS IN FOCUS

Across the summer months, members of the incoming Class of 2020 took to social media in their own distinctive ways to introduce themselves and share their enthusiasm for the Hope experience they are about to begin.

They don't have long to wait for it to come into view. As noted in the story on page four, New Student Orientation starts on Friday, Aug. 26.

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"Happy to say I'm going to attend Hope College in the fall #hope2020"

@zacharyasaleh

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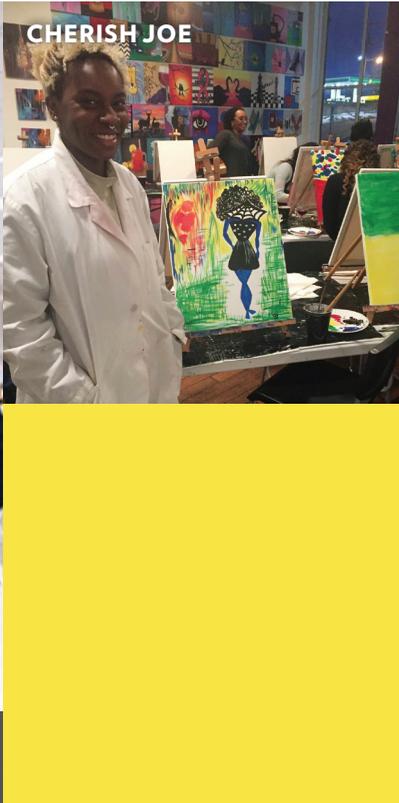


BRIT HENKIN



"The 675 miles between Hope and KU has got nothin' on us 💪"

CHERISH JOE



VICTORIA GARDNER



BRITTA JOHNSON



NATHANIEL HENTSCHEL



KATIE LUND-BREJCHA



"Do something rad every day 🏔️"

LOGAN BYLSMA



DAUREL TOLBERT



JASMINE & DESIREE LOVE



ELENA NORTUIS



YECHAN HWANG



AURORA WERNETTE



ISAIAH NAGURSKI



ALLY O'DONOHUE



"So I ordered a Hope College flag today with intentions to wear it as a cape and I have no regrets. #hope2020"

@Maxthecatlad

SAMANTHA TRACY



"Waiting for college like..."

CAMPUS PROFILE

A FORMULA FOR LEARNING

by Greg Olgers '87





THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO MEASURE SUCCESS.

Designing and building a car from the ground up, from frame to fuel intake to electrical systems to steering? That's not bad.

Entering that car into Formula SAE, a multi-day and multi-faceted international competition at Michigan International Speedway featuring teams from elite programs around the world, and finishing every event when nearly half of the others don't? That's not bad, either.

Better, though, and more enduring, are the lessons that the students who participate learn along the way—and not only about the technical requirements and skills involved.

“Formula SAE is a perfect showcase for a balanced Hope College education,” said Carl Heideman '88, who is the Hope team's adviser as well as director of process and innovation at the college. “It's more than engineering and fabrication. The students probably learn more about teamwork and project management and how doing something on the computer or on paper doesn't always translate to how it works out in the world.”

The concept behind Formula SAE, which is organized by SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) International, is that a fictional manufacturing company has contracted a design team to develop a small Formula-style race car that is to be evaluated for its potential as a production item. Each student team designs, builds and tests a prototype based on a series of rules whose purpose is to provide standards while promoting clever problem solving. (Weighing in at some 300 pages, the rules are so exacting that they even specify by how many threads a bolt must extend past a nut.)

The Formula SAE competition is not a race. Instead, the teams are evaluated in a series of static and dynamic events, including presentation, design, cost analysis, acceleration, cornering ability, maneuverability and handling, fuel economy and endurance.

Hope previously entered the event in 2010, finishing 76th out of 102 entries and earning the William C. Mitchell Rookie Award. This year's team, one of only 65 to complete all of the events, finished 77th overall out of 115 entries, ahead of teams including Brown University, Michigan Tech and the United States Air Force Academy (Hope was one of only two four-year liberal arts colleges to field a team). The plan going forward is that Hope will participate every other year.

Formula SAE is a co-curricular activity at Hope, a student-run organization that is independent of any single department. Most of the participants have been engineering majors, but the group is open to any student and other majors have included communication, management and religion.



While a significant amount of the work is done by students on their own time and initiative, some of the team members have designed subsystems for the car through their participation in the college's Engineering Design capstone course, a two-semester sequence which features design teams comprised of senior engineering students.

"Formula SAE is a tremendous benefit to engineering students in many ways," said Dr. Roger Veldman '89, professor of engineering and chairperson of the department. "Clearly, designing a fully functioning vehicle from scratch requires the students to gain a vast degree of technical competence. From skills in computer-aided design, material selection, dynamic systems design, machining, welding, fabrication and engine tuning, the required knowledge base can appear overwhelming."

"Given the scope of this endeavor, it is vital that a large number of students participate to sub-divide the tasks in order to achieve the overall objective," he said. "In this way, in addition to technical expertise, FSAE offers students invaluable opportunities to gain skills in leadership, communication and project management. The comprehensive nature of the FSAE experience provides students with an excellent springboard for the types of challenges that they will face in their future engineering careers."

The team has a garage on campus but relies especially on the college's Haworth Engineering Center, which Dr. Veldman noted "has provided a highly functional and necessary space for the teams to conduct their design work."

"It is clear that this facility has contributed greatly to the success of the team since the building opened in the fall of 2013 and we are grateful to the many donors who have supported the engineering department and students at Hope College," he said.

Team co-captain Ryan McConnell '16 of Cadillac, Michigan, reflected in a story by Patti Engineering, one of the team's many external sponsors, on the impact of his experience: "Hope College Formula SAE is more to me than just a club, or an on-campus organization. This team is a set of friends, and it shows through all the work that we do. If it were not for this team, I would not have the practical experience of engineering that I need to truly be a successful engineer. This team has taught me how to handle success, but also has taught me to be able to admit and move past failure. I believe this is the greatest quality about this team. We all have learned to tell others that we are wrong, and we have now developed the skills to move on and fix those mistakes and failures."



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CARL HEIDEMAN '88, HOPE'S FORMULA SAE ADVISER**

McConnell is starting out his post-Hope career as a mechanical design engineer with JR Automation Technologies. His perspective is shared—with the benefit of additional experience—by Ben Barkel '10, who was a member of the college's premiere Formula SAE team six years ago, subsequently conducted graduate work in engineering and now works in body structure engineering with Chrysler. Barkel was one of multiple alumni who took time to visit the 2016 team during its appearance at MIS.

"Formula SAE is by far the most important experience I had in terms of doing engineering at Hope," he said. "It really gives you a leg up when you graduate."

"It gives you really good experience in actually applying what you learn in a way that not many other programs do," Barkel said. "It's great for Hope College to have a team and give their students that actual practical experience."



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Visit to the Vatican

by Greg Olgers '87



A papal audience in June has added alumni art to the Vatican's acclaimed collection.

When his delegation from the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) had an audience with Pope Francis on Friday, June 10, Secretary General Rev. Chris Ferguson presented the pope with a print of “Baring Fruit” by Joel Schoon-Tanis ’89 of Holland, Michigan.

The WCRC team was meeting with a variety of representatives of the Roman Catholic Church to explore ways that the two organizations might work together in developing the global Christian community as an agent for justice. The group included Phil Tanis ’87, who is the WCRC’s executive secretary for communication as well as Joel’s brother. It was through the family connection that the WCRC obtained Joel’s painting and has been sharing prints as gifts both at the WCRC’s headquarters in Hannover, Germany, and abroad.

“This is a picture that we’re using in a lot of areas,” Phil said. “We’re giving smaller versions out when people visit, and it’s being distributed around the world.” Other recent recipients have included the first vice president of Cuba and a delegation of the Colombian FARC revolutionary movement while in Havana for peace talks.

Joel is a celebrated painter who has shown his work around the United States—from Michigan to Florida to Colorado to Washington, D.C., and as far away as Kenya. His murals can be found in many schools, children’s hospitals and churches (including murals in both Kenya and Zambia).

As described by Joel, “‘Baring Fruit’ was inspired by Romans 12:2: ‘Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect’ (NRSV). It also has a nod to Psalm 1.”

“What was most important to me was to show the active nature of the movement of God and the Church,” he said. “Active meditation and prayer and service show as the ‘fruit’ bared is brought to the world.”

The WCRC consists of denominations from the Reformed tradition, including Hope’s parent denomination, the Reformed Church in America (RCA). It represents 80 million individual members from some 230 churches spread across 100 countries.

“We provide a means to be in communion with each other,” explained Phil, who has been with the WCRC since 2014, following 16 years in a variety of roles in communication and operations as a member of the RCA’s staff. “We facilitate partnerships, take on roles and responsibilities like dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church and promote justice issues that we have general common agreement on. For example, we promote economic and ecological justice. We provide dialogue on gender justice. We campaigned against human trafficking in the past year.”

The WCRC has engaged in formal dialogue with the Catholic Church for about 40 years. The leadership previously had a papal audience 10 years ago, with Pope Benedict XVI. In addition to the visit with Pope Francis, during which both the pope and Ferguson presented formal remarks, the delegation also met with members of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity and the Pontifical Council for Peace and Justice.

Having an opportunity to meet with the pope in the Vatican was understandably a highlight, but in the event the audience became the WCRC team’s second opportunity to see him. As it happened, June was a busy month in Vatican City, and most every place to stay was full. And so the delegation was quartered at the *Domus Sanctae Marthae* (Saint Martha’s House), the guesthouse in which the pope has chosen to live instead of the Apostolic Palace.

“To have a bishop who’s lived on the grounds for 30 years guide you and tell you what’s what and what’s going on was just fascinating. And to have meals throughout the day with these folks who live in and around Vatican City was pretty amazing.”

—Phil Tanis ’87

Executive secretary for communication with the World Communion of Reformed Churches

“His room is on the second floor. I was on the third floor and made sure that I didn’t jump around too much and disturb him,” Phil joked.

When the WCRC members made their way to the dining hall early on the morning of their audience, they found Pope Francis already there—but left him to dine in peace, since their scheduled appointment was later.

“We came down for breakfast, and there he was,” Phil said. “He eats the same food as everyone else. From what we could see, he lives a very simple life and stays with that.”

Phil found such behind-the-scenes moments a particular treat and privilege.

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At top left, Phil Tanis ’87 meets Pope Francis. At lower left is “Baring Fruit” by Joel Schoon-Tanis ’89. At lower right, Secretary General Rev. Chris Ferguson of the World Communion of Reformed Churches presents the painting to the pope.

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A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY, A LIFE OF CHANGE

by Eva Dean Folkert '83

Their mega-miles traveled, and copious memories made, are tread-marked by high achievement and higher affection. From the rolling hills of Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa, to the Old World streets of Prague, to the vast aquatic beauty of the Great Barrier Reef; from the desert mining region in Chile, to the noisy streets of New Delhi, on the crowded public transit system of Buenos Aires, and to the majestic Katmandu Valley, the Hope students who lived on five continents in 2015 as part of the School of International Training (SIT) study-abroad program often arrived without knowing another soul but were grounded to their various lands by a common, enduring dream. They traveled and studied to discover as much about themselves as about these new (to them) countries.

Three-and-a-half months later, they returned to the U.S. and Hope deeply and permanently transformed by embraced adventure and expanded worldviews, by befriended locals and despised prejudice. Coursework and original, independent research—resulting in 40-60 page papers, a trademark of the SIT experience—also coupled to give each student extensive, specialized knowledge about their “second” national home. That’s a lot to cram into a semester, but like the contents of their battered luggage, those lessons were powerfully stowed, toted, and unpacked for use back home.

“SIT programs are highly experiential and field-based,” says Amy Otis-DeGrau ’96, director of international education. “They are

non-traditional in nature (due to the research aspect) so students who are both self-motivated and self-guided are drawn to these programs. They are immersed in the culture, have extended home stays, and often learn a new language intensively. SIT programs are very community-based.”

SIT has been a part of Hope’s myriad study-abroad opportunities for 25 years now, and it offers students over 50 programs in 32 countries. In all, Hope students have access to more than 300 international programs in over 60 countries via more than 20 consortia agreements and global partners. With so many choices, some 525 students studied abroad in 2015-16. Altogether, about 33 percent of a typical Hope graduating class spends a semester away from campus domestically or internationally; about 50 percent do so when counting May and June Terms. In its new strategic plan, *Hope for the World: 2025*, the college will work to grow those numbers toward 75 percent.

But it will be varied remembrances, like the seven SIT reflections here, that will help to send more Hope students where, as Cesare Pavese says, “Nothing is yours except the essential things—air, sleep, dreams, the sea, the sky—all things tending towards the eternal or what we imagine of it.”



MARIANA THOMAS '16
Chicago, Illinois

South Africa: Social and Political Transformation

Research Title: *A Legacy of Hope: An Exploration of Emmanuel Cathedral's Engagement with the Anti-Apartheid Struggle from 1984 to 1994*

"I think studying abroad gave me a deeper sense of the world and my place in it. Because of the diversity of people, places and languages in Southern Africa, I saw myself as an African American within the African Diaspora. In addition, doing research on a local Catholic cathedral in Durban helped garner my love and appreciation for the universal Church. Because of my research, I want to work within the Church and eventually pursue pastoral ministry as a career."



CASSIE VANWYNEN '16
Fowlerville, Michigan

Australia: Rainforest Reef and Cultural Ecology

Research Title: *Satiation Limits and Prey-Preference of Damselfish Feeding on Crown-of-Thorns Starfish (Acanthaster planci)*

"I am more aware of the people around me now, their opinions and ideas, and have developed a greater respect for having an open mind. I also think that I have figured out the type of person I want to become, based on the experiences I've had abroad and the people who were a positive influence while I was there."



MICAH GARGALA '16
Holland, Michigan

Chile: Community Development, Cultural Identity and Social Justice

Research Title: *Copper and Blood: New Family Structures in the Copper Mining Industry of Chile*

"You can read about cultures and other countries all you want, but it's nothing like actually being there, meeting people, hearing their stories, and making personal connections. That's when it means the most. For two weeks, I lived in rural southern Chile. I went from living in a city (Valparaiso) to living in the country with a family who is trying to maintain their indigenous culture in modern times. It was a fascinating couple of weeks and a rich learning experience."



ANNA KREMER '16
Zeeland, Michigan

Argentina: Regional Integration, Development and Social Change

Research Title: *The Challenges and Achievements of the Trans Community in Paraguay: Panambi and Escalando as Agents of Change for Trans Women*

"One of the best reasons to go abroad is to learn more about yourself. I grew very much in Argentina, and a big part of that was because I was in a place where nobody knew me at all and I had the freedom to define myself in a new context. It's hard to think of very tangible ways that studying abroad has changed me—I guess the obvious ways are adapting to life in a major city and communicating in Spanish—but beyond that, I've also learned to be more empathetic, compassionate and responsible."



WESLEY WRIGHT '17
DeWitt, Michigan

Nepal: Development and Social Change

Research Title: *The Challenge of Representing Community: Designing Content in Radio Sagarmatha and Community Madanpokhara*

"In Nepal, there are more than 48 indigenous groups recognized by their government—and more who are not recognized by the government. And in many cases, they are very marginalized people. So they are using community radio to talk about their ideas and preserve their culture. I wanted to see how they represented their native communities through their content. In the end, I sent my studies to each station, and I felt good that I could provide them with something they could use as a check-up for future content. But overall from my semester abroad, I realize that the world is extremely complicated, and there are no simple solutions. Trying to bring positive social change and development is more easily said than done."



TRACY BULTHUIS '16
Crestwood, Illinois

Czech Republic: Arts and Social Change

Research Title: *The Refugee Crisis: A Look into the Czech Volunteer Presence*

"The theme of my program focused on art and social change, and I got an in-depth look into the country's communist past. Some of my teachers were individuals who had been dissidents or were directly involved and impacted by the communist regime. I felt incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to work with such individuals. Additionally, I loved the experiential learning aspect of my program. The regional excursions brought me to regions of the Czech Republic and surrounding countries I otherwise wouldn't have been familiar with. I felt like a human sponge, constantly taking in new information about the people, places, and things around me."



BETH BOUWKAMP '16
Hudsonville, Michigan

India: Public Health, Policy Advocacy and Community

Research Title: *How Standard Models of Accessibility are Inaccessible to the Differently Able: A Case Study of the Approach of the Kiran Model*

"One of my favorite parts of studying abroad was the fact that there was so much learning that happened outside of the classroom. SIT programs give students the opportunity to learn through experiencing things rather than just having a lecture. I really enjoyed this approach to learning because every day was different. One day I was walking through a garden with a medicine man as he taught us about herbal medication. The next day I was sitting with a family in their front yard asking them about their access to healthcare."

ALL THE STAGE A WORLD, EVERY DAY A LESSON

by Greg Chandler

For the past 45 years, theatre enthusiasts have flocked to the Hope campus to see one of this country's top summer theatrical companies: the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre.

This summer, more than 100 actors, costume and set designers, lighting and sound technicians and others worked on six productions at DeWitt Theatre, all presented in a repertory format where there is a different show every day. While HSRT attracts professional actors from around the country, it is also a valuable training ground for Hope students who aspire to careers in the theatre—as well as for students from other colleges and universities who travel to Holland just for the opportunity to participate.

For Dr. Daina Robins, professor of theatre and chairperson of the department, HSRT provides an opportunity to experience the full range of theatre—the kind that has begun to fade in recent years as there are fewer companies still offering a repertory format. It's a benefit to audience and student participants alike.

"HSRT is committed to producing a diverse season for its audiences. It crosses all genres and usually includes a big musical, a small musical, a classical piece and contemporary piece," she said.

"That range of material gives our students an incredible opportunity to juggle several productions simultaneously and to live in the theatre world full-time. That is terrific training," Robins said. "Our audiences also obviously benefit from that same spectrum of plays and musicals."

This summer's lineup included *Hairspray!*, a musical set in the early 1960s; *Oedipus*, a Greek tragedy; *The Fantasticks*, a musical;

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, a Tony Award-winning comedy; and two children's productions, *Dr. Seuss' The Cat In the Hat and Go, Dog. Go!*

Aaron McEachran, a senior from Golden, Colorado, served as an intern at HSRT for the second straight summer, working as an assistant stage manager for three productions. He notes that he especially enjoyed that his role involved him in each stage of the production, from rehearsal to performance.

"During the rehearsal process, I help prepare the rehearsal space every day, making sure we have everything we need for rehearsal that day. I also create paperwork to keep track of the movements of the actors and props, both on and off stage," McEachran said. "I also work in coordination with the rest of the stage management team to ensure that each department is well-informed on any decisions or changes that may be made during rehearsals. Once we get into tech and performances, I move backstage to create a line of communication between backstage and the stage manager in the booth, as well as making sure things run smoothly backstage and the show goes on without a hitch."

Akia Smith, a junior from Grand Rapids, Michigan, was in her first year as an acting intern. She says being part of HSRT has challenged her in a number of ways, including time management as well as managing her various responsibilities as part of the production team.

"I have three different scripts in my head, and [I have to make sure] none of the lines are mixed up, or I don't mix up the characters," said Smith, who portrayed

Lorraine in *Hairspray!* and Sally in *Cat in the Hat*, and was part of the Greek chorus in *Oedipus*. She also has assisted in the costume department, drawing upon the sewing skills that she developed as a child.

Smith adds that her experience this summer will help her take on more of a leadership role within Hope's theatre program in the fall in welcoming new members. "I feel it makes me a vessel to help others," she said.

Among the professional talent that came to HSRT for the summer, was Noah Bridgestock, who had been an intern last year while he was still a student at Wagner University in New York City. Bridgestock is amazed at the strong level of support for HSRT in the Holland area.

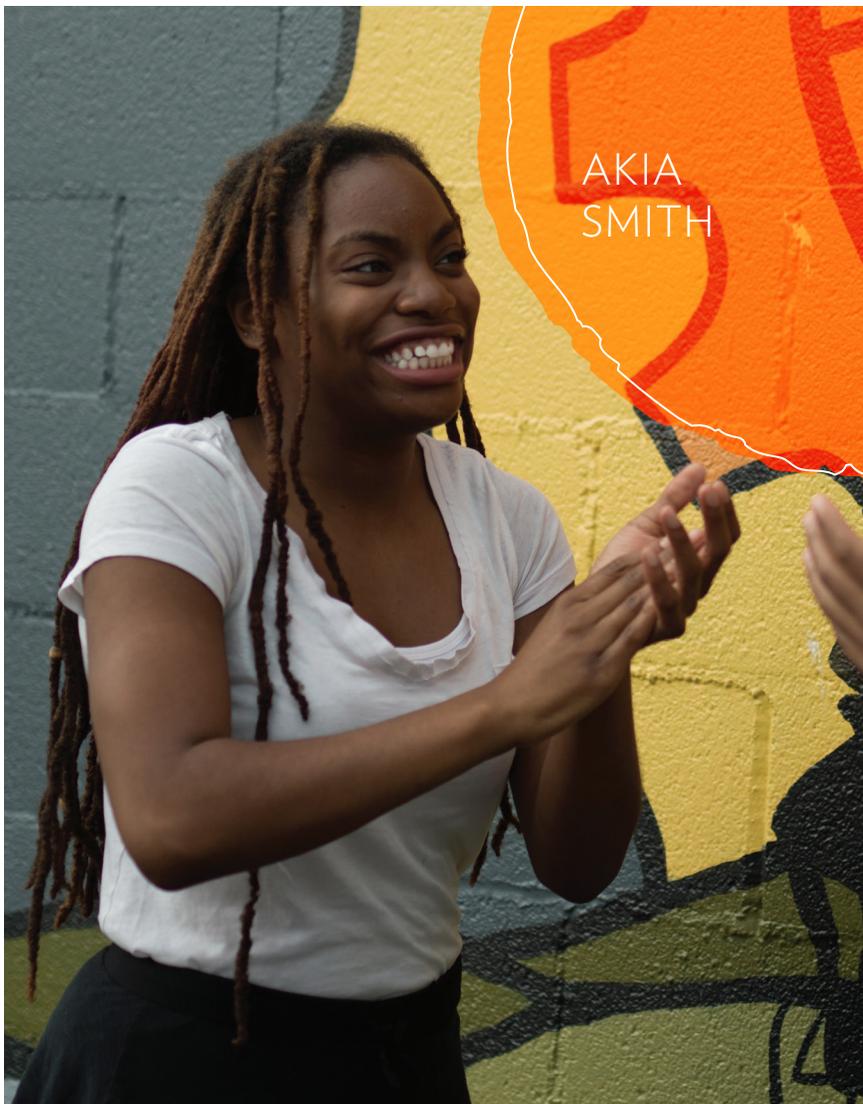
"They're HSRT superfans. They love connecting with the actors. They chat us up after the show," said Bridgestock, who portrayed Spike in *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* and was in the chorus for *Hairspray!* They want to know where we're going [with our careers]. You're treated like gold when you walk out of there. It shows me that what we do is important."

Robins says that perhaps the most important part of HSRT for its student participants is the opportunity to make connections that could lead to professional opportunities in the theatre upon graduation.

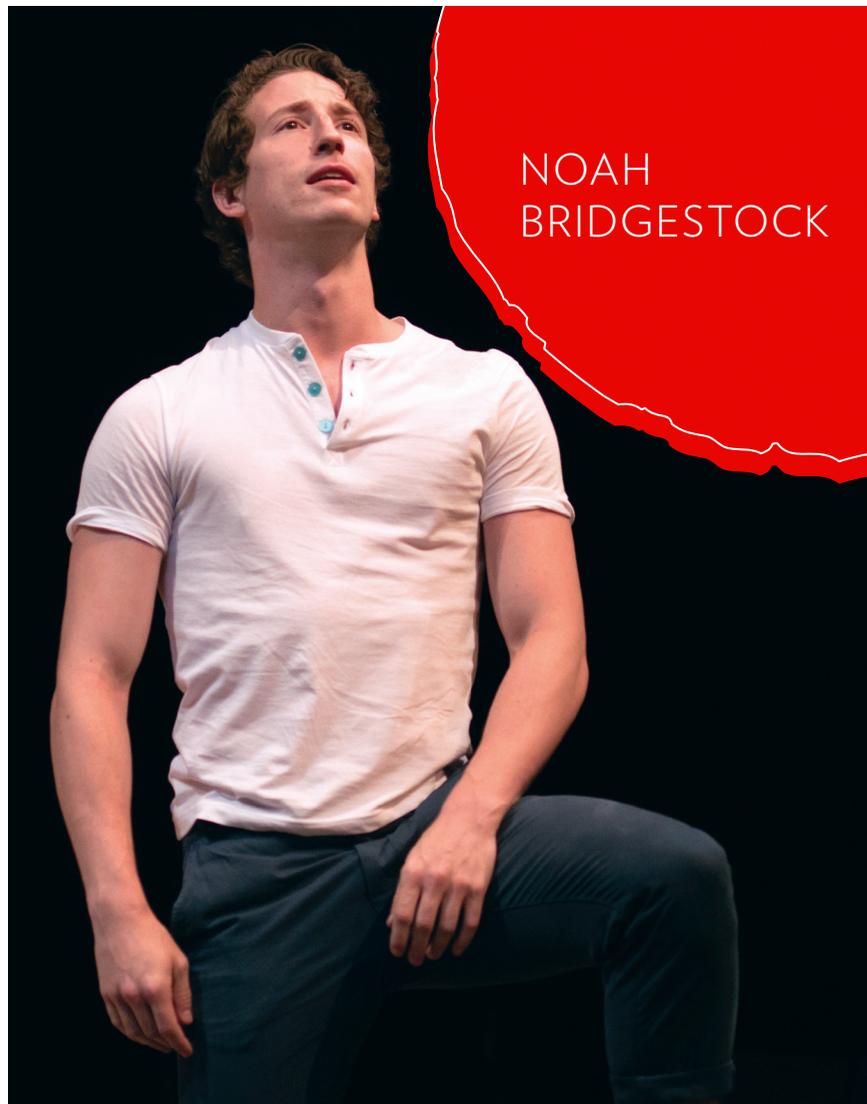
"It's amazing what kind of close long-term friendships and professional connections so many HSRT alums maintain with each other," she said. "There is no doubt that the summer theatre fosters an invaluable network for our students once they finish their education at Hope."



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*—Dr. Daina Robins,
professor of theatre and chairperson of the department*

Building Community

ON THE SHORES OF MACATAWA

As incoming freshmen and transfer students prepare to transition from Orientation Weekend to their first day of classes, they are typically introduced to Hope's wide selection of extracurriculars during the annual Student Activities and Volunteer Fair. While speaking to different group leaders throughout the Pine Grove, students will notice a prominent display near one of the tables—a sailboat. And then, once they start talking to the group's members, they will learn their prerequisites are a bit unusual, especially for a team sport. There aren't any.

Since 1983, the Hope College Sailing Club has welcomed students of all skill levels to join the team, enjoy Holland's natural resources and meet new friends. Originally interested in filling West Michigan's collegiate sailing void (at that time, no other college or university in the region had a competitive sailing program), the club's founder, Doug Ver Meulen '82 of San Diego, California, immediately had a large student turnout.

Throughout the ensuing years, membership has steadily risen, as the team has become more competitive. In fact, during the fall of 2015, the team was ranked fifth in *Sailing World's* rankings of Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (MCSA) members. Yet, in spite of the growth, the Sailing Club's mission has not changed.

"It continues to provide an enjoyable environment for sailors of all skill levels, so that they can learn the basics of sailing and compete with other colleges and universities," Ver Meulen explains.

Last fall, the Sailing Club taught more than a dozen students how to sail, as it achieved its top-five ranking, a distinction that is especially impressive considering that the MCSA consists of more than 30 schools, most of which are universities. The team is hoping to build on its success this coming season under the guidance of its new coach, Holland "Cappy" Capper, who also recently

became director of the Macatawa Bay Junior Association (MBJA), a non-profit that coordinates youth programs at the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC), the Sailing Club's main base since 1983. A nationally known Level 4 Certified Coach, Capper is one of only three U.S. Sailing Master Coach Trainers, as well as a former coach for the University of Minnesota.

"The team doesn't want to lose its entry-level frame, but, at the same time, I also want six to eight people who are interested in qualifying for nationals," Capper says.

From late August to November, the team will travel virtually every weekend to MCSA member schools to compete in several regattas. It will also host three regattas, starting with the annual alumni regatta on September 17 and 18. Alumni will sail with and against current members prior to enjoying a potluck dinner together.

The team will also co-host the annual Emma Biagioni Memorial Regatta with Grand Valley State University during the weekend of October 1 and 2, followed by the MCSA Fall Championship regatta, which it will also co-host with Grand Valley State University, from November 12 to 13.

"Unlike the other two regattas we are hosting, we had to apply to host this one," says Carrie Ritter, a junior from Glen Ellyn, Illinois, who will serve as the team's commodore this fall. "It is hosted by various schools within the conference every year. We're extremely proud that we were accepted to host it this year."

The club is also looking forward to enhancing its partnership with the Macatawa Bay Junior Association. Although the club has been involved with the MBJA for more than 30 years, it will now have a long-term strategic alliance with the non-profit as it prepares to build a comprehensive, community sailing program. Through the alliance, the Sailing Club and the MBJA

will better promote collegiate sailing in West Michigan and help Macatawa become a regional collegiate and high school sailing center.

Justin Edick, a sophomore from Traverse City, Michigan, worked for the MBJA this summer as a registration and communication coordinator. While primarily serving as a personal assistant to Capper, Edick was the MBJA's first on-hand responder to an injury, as well as a fill-in for absent instructors. Edick will also be serving the Sailing Club as its treasurer this fall. Considering his past sailing experiences prior to joining the team, it is apparent that the club not only improves beginners' skillsets, but also increases their passion for the sport.

"I made it very clear that I had zero sailing experience and the team seemed to take it as a challenge," Edick says. "They were eager to see someone who has a strong interest in the club, without ever having sailed before."

Aside from their involvement with the MBJA, Sailing Club members also have an opportunity to meet and sail with MBYC members.

"A highlight of our involvement with the MBYC is the networking and mentoring that occurs between the Hope sailors and the MBYC members," says Abby Reeg '86, advisor for the Sailing Club. "By racing with MBYC members, many Hope students have established their first career connections."

This sense of community—both within and outside of the team—will continue to increase as the Sailing Club recruits new members of all skill levels and prepares for its long-term alliance with the MBJA.

"As someone who hadn't sailed before, I am passionate about attracting new people to the sport," Edick adds. "I've met many new friends and made great connections, and it's a life skill I will use after I finish college."

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—Justin Edick '18
Traverse City, Michigan



STUDENT PROFILE



**THE WIT
AND WISDOM
OF WADE HOAG,
STUDENT-SURVIVOR**

by Eva Dean Folkert '83

“FREEDOM IS WHAT A MAN DOES WITH WHAT’S BEEN DONE TO HIM. THIS IS A STORY ABOUT WHAT A MAN DID WITH WHAT WAS DONE TO HIM. IT IS AN ETERNAL TESTAMENT TO THE FRAGILITY OF LIFE AND RESILIENCE OF HUMANKIND.”

- THE LAST LETTER, WADE HOAG

People were screaming, but he couldn’t hear them. A sharp-blue mountain sky, clear and pure, he couldn’t see or hardly breathe its air, either. The ground where he once firmly planted his feet, now where he lay in distorted pronation, it was there and it was not there. The earth was like ether.

One sensation filled every sense in Wade Hoag’s being, though. Just one. Pain. Unforgiving, indescribable, intense pain. A 100 on a scale of one-to-10 pain. He had never experienced a feeling of such force or magnitude in his 18-year-old life ever before. Over the top, the agony was too much. He quickly tried to stand up to get rid of it, but he fell instantly in an uncoordinated heap. He saw his legs, but why couldn’t he feel them?

“HIS BODY WAS LEAN AND STRONG. HE COULD RUN FAST AND FAR, HE COULD MOVE HUGE PIECES OF WOOD WITH HIS BARE HANDS AND DO MORE PUSHUPS THAN MOST MEN. HE ATE WELL AND SLEPT SOUNDLY, HE PRACTICED GOOD VIRTUE IN HIS DAILY LIFE AND TOOK CARE OF HIMSELF SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY. BUT HE WAS DYING.”

- DEATH BY HEARTBREAK, WADE HOAG

August 4, 2015, is a day Hope College sophomore Wade Hoag recalls like many Americans remember Pearl Harbor or 9/11. It was an acute turning point, a day when there would be no going back to the previous way of life, a day when a new version would have to be forged. Falling from three stories off a lifted but unsecured metal platform in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, the summer before he was to start his freshman year at Hope, Hoag broke his back when that metal platform slammed into his spine after he hit the ground. The fall landed him in a wheelchair.

Before August 4, 2015, Hoag had been a runner, a wrestler, a lacrosse player, an outdoorsman, an adventure-seeker, and a construction worker who could wield a hammer with equal ease in both hands.

Physicality and a tough-as-a-nine-inch nail reputation were immediate descriptors for the handsome, wavy-haired Eagle Scout who valued a full-body sweat achieved from a hard practice or long workday. And if there was a physical limit to be pushed, Hoag was the guy who wanted to try it.

But Hoag, muscular and self-assured, was not pushing any boundaries or limits on the job site at the time of his accident. He had simply stepped onto a platform to be lifted to install a window, like he had dozens of times before, and a freak accident occurred. If only life—like first drafts or failed inventions—could have do-overs, Hoag has thought repeatedly. “There are so many what-if’s, you know, but there is only one what-is,” he says in his quintessential, philosophical way. “No one else can live my life for me.”

Now the native of Hartville, Ohio, relives that horrific moment every time he recounts his story for others—as he did at this year’s Hope Awards, Hope athletics’ version of the ESPYs—when he received the Karen Page Courage Award which honors beloved former Hope women’s tennis coach Karen Page, who lost her brave, five-year battle to breast cancer in the summer of 2009. The award recognizes student-athletes who, like Page, demonstrate courage in their lives. Hoag, though not officially a Hope student-athlete but number 34 on the lacrosse team roster, has given its meaning a good deal of thought.

“I’ve been asked a lot about courage lately, and I think one aspect of courage is being upfront and honest with what is going on inside your own head, not just with your body,” says Hoag. Then with his trademark candor and openness to plainly show what he means, he taps his wheelchair and, reflecting on his injury, says, “I hate it. And sometimes being me is like the worst thing, and I don’t even want to do it. But that’s okay and it’s all right to feel that way. But only sometimes, right? It’s not good to get stuck in that, but it’s okay to acknowledge that it’s there. You can’t be tough or strong or courageous all the time. No one is capable of that.”

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- SPINNING INTO CONTROL, WADE HOAG



The jock has a way with words. He always has, says his best friend from Kiski Prep in Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. “Wade has an excellent vocabulary and has an appropriate, intelligent response for almost every comment someone makes... He was just known around campus as the wittiest, wisest, youngest, oldest dude you could probably know,” opines Chase Edgar, also a Hope sophomore.

Sometimes the sagacity in the phrases that come out of Hoag’s mouth—often then written down for a novel or short stories he

hopes to publish someday—is so wise and mature, you want to peel back his eyelids to see if a 59-year-old man is living in this teenager’s head. Like Ernest Hemingway, his favorite author, Hoag likes short sentences packed with vigor and direct meaning. And like Hemingway, he is a one-syllable man who has a lot to say in few words. “I’ve worked around a lot of lumberyards with guys like that,” laughs Hoag. “But I think I connect with Hemingway more as a person than as a writer.”

“Wade is a very good writer with great potential,” affirms Bill Moreau ’76, assistant professor of English, from whom Hoag took freshman expository writing. “He is thoughtful and well read. I’d tell him, ‘What you have here is a great rough draft but now you have to craft it just like you do with your wood-working. Finish it.’”

For as eloquent as Hoag is and for as prolific as he has become in writing stories loosely based on his experiences titled “The Last Letter,” “Spinning Into Control,” and “South of Heaven,” he does not actually aspire to a career in journalism or publishing. He plans to major in economics and physics instead and “go into the business of the theory of everything,” he chuckles. He interned with Parker Hannifin, a leader in motion and control technologies, in Ohio this summer plus he started a venture capital firm, Tree Capital and Strategy LLC, with Hope alum Jay Williams ’16 that flips houses and develops commercial space. Eventually the two plan to also launch a business called Equikment that specializes in rehabbing used restaurant equipment, and they hope to raise capital to try their hands at oil recycling as well. “My mind moves a lot faster than my body can,” Hoag says, and his Hemingway-esque wit and wisdom are revealed once more.

“WHEN WE ARE FACED WITH A SITUATION THAT CANNOT BE CHANGED OR A FORCE THAT CANNOT BE STOPPED, ALL THAT IS LEFT FOR US TO DO IS CHANGE OURSELVES. WHEN THE UNSTOPPABLE FORCES OF LIFE COME DOWN ON US, IT IS WHAT IS INSIDE US THAT WILL MAKE US THE UNMOVABLE OBJECTS.”

- SOUTH OF HEAVEN, WADE HOAG

After his accident, Hoag was first hospitalized in Lake Tahoe and then transferred to a hospital with a myriad of paraplegia specialists in Atlanta, Georgia. His parents, Mike and Susan, and his sisters,

Amy ’17, Kim and Megan, rarely left his side. Rehab was excruciating and grief-filled. He hated the odor and the food and the metal implants in his back. He was anxious and depressed and impatient.

But then Hope showed up. Daily emails and texts of best wishes and encouragement from numerous unknown Hope College faculty, staff and students filled in his inbox, much to his surprise and joy. An entire accounting class sent him get-well notes. Head lacrosse coach Mike Schanhals ’90 began a running dialogue with him about all things Hope lacrosse and Hemingway. (Schanhals also is a high school English teacher for North Muskegon public schools.) The men’s lacrosse team rallied around him, too, talking team culture and strategy and classes and campus life. All the personal contact buoyed him. Three months after his accident, the day before Thanksgiving 2015, Hoag left the hospital in Georgia. The day after Thanksgiving 2015, he matriculated to Hope.

“The lax guys have carried me in more ways than one,” Hoag says with deep gratitude. “There are days I need to be pushed, and not just in my wheelchair, and they’ve been there for me. And I think I’ve been there for them, too.”

“Wade’s story has changed my perspective on life,” Edgar introspects. “I have become more grateful for the simple things in life, such as walking and being able to do everyday basic activities. He has helped me and the team see what is truly important in life and reminds us to not take anything for granted.”

Beyond his Hopey’s acceptance speech—10 minutes of inspiration for which he slowly, painfully walked unassisted, but with spotters and a walker, to stand at a podium during a standing ovation—Hoag has also been telling his story to high school students, allowing his own circumstances to open his eyes to different challenges other people face. Charismatic, engaging, and, of course, well spoken, he connects with his audience quickly, like a magnet meant to

attach for a strong bond. “Wade is only a year older than our seniors, but he inspired each of them with a variety of wise words,” says Schanhals, who invited Hoag to speak at his school. “Eventually we termed them Wadeisms, and they ended up in the majority of their senior capstone writing assignments.”

“It’s the best, worst opportunity to be able to do that,” Hoag says about offering his unique life perspective to groups. “It means a lot when someone stops me and says, ‘Hey, I heard about your story and it’s pretty incredible.’ Most of the time when people say that, I’m curious about them, too. I want to know their stories because they have them.”

Driven by his resilience and resolve, encouraged by his family in Ohio and at Hope, the most candid, introspective 19-year-old man you’ll ever meet sits in a wheelchair he may never leave. But if he doesn’t, he realizes this: In life, there are a number of different ways to run or walk or stand tall.

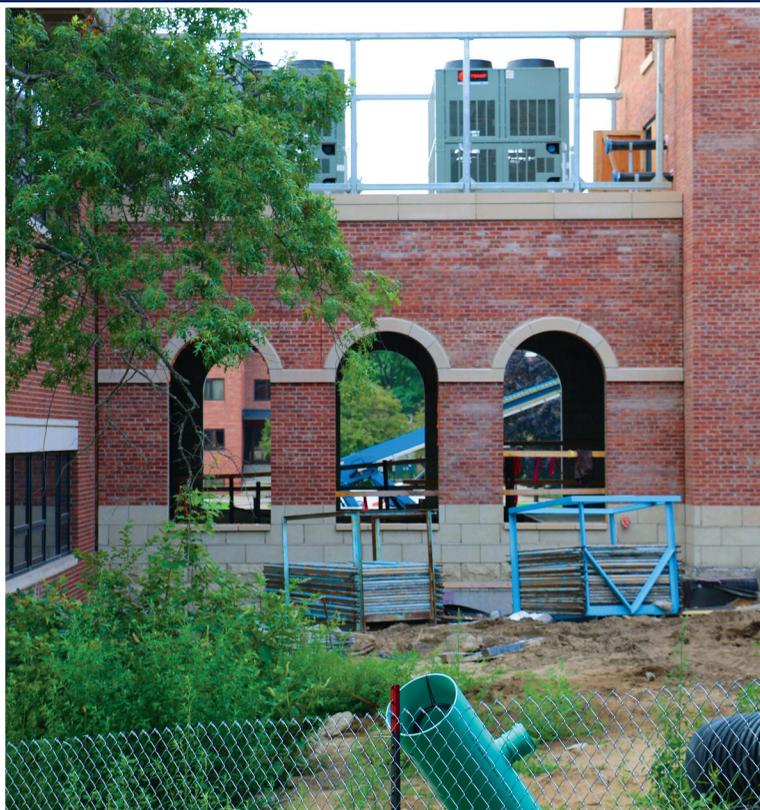


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- MAKE US MINIATURE, WADE HOAG

HOME CONSTRUCTION

Whirlwind progress since the school year ended has brought the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center solidly from footprint to presence. The change across the coming months may be less apparent as framing becomes succeeded by infrastructure and finishing, but the pace will be no less intense. The building, its location at the literal center of campus mirroring its role as a home within Hope for students, is scheduled to open in time for the start of the 2017-18 school year.



CAMPUS SCENE

An Elegant Creature

FROM A MORE CIVILIZED ERA

by Greg Olgers '87

Prelude

From *The Holland City News*:

Aug. 7, 1913: "Board to Build a Home for Little Animals [Squirrels] in Centennial Park"

Aug. 28, 1913: "Cunning Little Animals Are Making Friends With Holland People"

Oct. 22, 1913: "Centennial Park Squirrels Escape"



Why on Earth...

Icons of campus and by many widely loved, the squirrels of Hope—and of surrounding Holland—in the 21st century are plentiful beyond counting. From local accounts, however, it seems that it was not always so.

In fact, that first story, which chronicled the Holland park board's plan "to make the parks in this city a habitation for squirrels," reported thus: "The board has started out with one squirrel which was donated by School Commissioner N.R. Stanton. But the members of the board are anxious to secure a number more. Anyone who has squirrels or who knows where they can be found is requested to get in touch with the board."

The well-intentioned effort is described with touching gentleness. As the initial article shared, "Those who have ever been in Ann Arbor or who have lived there will remember the squirrels in that city. The city is in fact known for its squirrels and seldom or never does any harm befall the little animals. They confidently pick at a peanut from the hand of anyone who cares to offer one and they are a source of much innocent amusement on the part of the youngsters. The Holland park board plans to make the squirrels at home in Centennial Park in the same way."

Eager to provide a good habitat, the city even installed an enclosure some 20 feet long.

Anyone who's watched *Jurassic Park* has seen the subsequent scenario play out. Well, not exactly like in the film, but the squirrels were not to be contained.

In the event, the great escape of October 1913 wasn't a disaster. The city had planned to release the squirrels in the spring of 1914 anyway, so the animals were simply advancing the timetable on their terms.

They did well, as per the Dec. 30, 1915, *Holland City News*: "Squirrels are becoming numerous in city... City started with seven and it is said that more than 100 are now in the city." The article also noted, "Hope College Campus, Lincoln Park and Prospect Park have several of them besides many of the shady streets in the city."

National Context

It could be easy to dismiss the city's squirrel-origin saga as local eccentricity, but Holland's experience wasn't unique. Indeed, it reflected a national trend during which communities across the country added squirrels.

In "The Urbanization of the Eastern Gray Squirrel in the United States," published in the December 2013 edition of the *Journal of*

American History, Dr. Etienne Benson of the University of Pennsylvania noted, "Given the present ubiquity of gray squirrels, it may be difficult to believe that they have not always been common in American cities. In fact, they seem to have been entirely absent during the first half of the nineteenth century."

Although squirrels are native to North America, as explained by Dr. Benson they had been driven away by human development. Beginning in the 1870s, however, societal sensibilities turned toward developing landscape parks where communities had formerly maintained public squares and commons.

"For urban reformers of the time, squirrels and other animals helped enliven urban green spaces and contributed to a bucolic atmosphere that was entertaining, enlightening, and salubrious," he wrote. "The gray squirrel was seen as a particularly desirable park resident, since it was understood to be, as the naturalist John Burroughs would later write, an 'elegant creature, so cleanly in its habits, so graceful in its carriage, so nimble and daring in its movements...'"

"Once landscape parks had been constructed in New York, Boston, the District of Columbia, Chicago, and other cities, it was only natural to populate them with squirrels," Dr. Benson explained. "These populations ultimately served as the foundation for the dissemination of squirrels throughout the urban landscape."

Casebook: Hope

The *Holland City News* accounts from 1913, which were collected by writer Paul Van Kolken '58 for a June 2012 Holland Area Historical Society presentation about the history of Centennial Park and are preserved at the Joint Archives of Holland, don't describe the squirrels that the city acquired, but most of those around town and on campus today are eastern gray squirrels. Red squirrels and fox squirrels are also local species.

The distinctive black squirrels are a melanistic subgroup of the eastern grays, owing their jet-black coats to a specific pigment gene. While some new to campus express surprise at seeing squirrels of that hue, they are found in concentrations in numerous areas across the United States.

It's unlikely that every squirrel in the greater Holland area is descended from the initial Centennial Park horde, even if squirrels were absent from the central city itself circa a century ago.

"You can go anywhere in pristine habitats around here and find eastern gray squirrels," said Dr. Kathy Winnett-Murray, professor of

biology. "It's likely that the campus squirrels include ancestors from those that were brought in and local squirrels."

That's something that could be measured, although no one's yet taken on the project.

"Even without any genes from the original seven, we could be able to confirm if there was a genetic bottleneck from that period," she said. "I think that would be an interesting genetics problem to do."

As to why black squirrels seem more prevalent in city and campus contexts than in the wilderness, one possibility is that the black squirrels' greater visibility is less of a liability where there are fewer natural predators (although hawks do sometimes prey on Hope's squirrels). "Even if it's not favoring the black ones for any reason, it's not weeding them out," Dr. Winnett-Murray said.

Dr. Winnett-Murray regularly engages the students in her upper-level Animal Behavior class in observing Hope's squirrels. In one experiment, the students test the campus squirrels' relative lack of fear of humans, with whom they of course they co-exist nearly constantly, and whether or not there are differences based on location ("The campus squirrels are even more acclimated to people than the Centennial Park squirrels," she said). In another, they study whether or not the squirrels differentiate between perishable food and food that can be stored, finding through the years that the squirrels will indeed immediately eat food that won't last and save food that will.

"It's really cool, and it's so cool for students to actually see this play out," she said.

The occasions for the two studies aren't necessarily mutually exclusive, in a way that the park planners of a century ago might have appreciated.

First, it must be stressed here that, despite the intentions of 1913, no one should try to engage with the squirrels, because they are wild animals and can bite. It can happen, though, that the squirrels have other ideas. For the food study, the students set stations around campus that they refill with pecans—a schedule the squirrels quickly learn. And so it happened one year that the "cunning little animals," well at ease among humans, weren't even a little shy about making friends when one of the students arrived to replenish the supply.

"They were physically coming up to her in anticipation of the experiment," Dr. Winnett-Murray said. "It was both delightful and a little alarming."

Do you have a favorite Hope squirrel story or photo? Please let us know by writing to stories@hope.edu. You could even become a contributor to campus squirrel lore!

ALUMNI NEWS

Recently we asked for alumni feedback via a comprehensive survey. We had great participation with 4,100 responses across 48 states and 45 countries. The study serves three primary functions. First, it provides those working at the college a chance to listen to those we serve. Second, it evokes discussion and gives alumni an additional opportunity to have an important voice. Third, it allows us to make decisions regarding the Alumni Association with objective information and alumni insight.



Scott Travis '06
*Executive Director of
Alumni Engagement*

We are grateful for those who shared their opinions and are fortunate to have a loyal alumni base. In fact, 76 percent rated their loyalty to Hope as a seven or higher on a 10-point scale. Moving forward, we are planning to connect more alumni to the mission of Hope based on what we heard.

Online and Career Connections

Alumni shared that relevant connections today should be made more around region and career and less around traditional class year. The benefits in which alumni are most interested are an improved online alumni directory, discounted merchandise, regional connections, online lifelong learning and career networking. Initial discussions and specific plans for improvement are taking place in all of these areas. During its latest meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors prioritized these improvements.

Student Scholarships and Designated Giving

While there are many ways for alumni to make a difference, philanthropic support remains crucial. Alumni shared that directly supporting students and the ability to designate gifts are the clearest ways to increase support. Based on this feedback and continued reflection on priorities, 100 percent of your gifts made to the Hope Fund will now support student scholarships. We are also working to develop priority designations and special affinity projects, and will be sharing new opportunities this year.

Identifying Important Trends

One of the most insightful aspects of this study was an analysis comparing importance and performance in key areas. Under-invested areas, where performance falls below importance, include: identifying job opportunities for graduates, providing feedback to the college, serving as ambassadors, mentoring students and providing leadership opportunities for alumni.

As we continue to use this information, every alumni voice matters to fulfill Hope's unique mission and vision each day. Thank you for your continued involvement and support of Hope students. If you have questions, please contact us at alumni@hope.edu or 616.395.7250. More information about the survey, including detailed results, is available at blogs.hope.edu/alumni.

WINDOW TO HOPE'S HISTORY



It's most important that no one was injured when Van Raalte hall burned in the early morning on April 28, 1980. That having been said first of all, the fire that consumed the college's central-administration building had a significant and lasting impact, from the initial effort to recover crucial records that had been within, to the eventual integration of its site behind Dimnent Memorial Chapel into the park-like central campus that generations of students have enjoyed since. The history of the 1903-era building and the fire and its aftermath are now chronicled lastingly as well, in the award-winning documentary "Shaped by Flames" by Noah Jurik '16 and Tony Byrne '16. Developed for a class at Hope last fall, the 40-minute program won in the Mini-Documentary category in the 2016 Michigan Student Broadcast Awards sponsored by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation in May. It's available on YouTube by searching for "Shaped by Flames."

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New Alumni Board Members



Victoria Chapman '18



Dr. Jon Soderstrom '76



Dr. Carl Toren '79

During its May meeting, the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors appointed three new members and elected one new officer.

The board's new members are: Victoria Chapman, a Hope junior from Canton, Michigan; Dr. Jon Soderstrom '76 of Madison,

Connecticut; and Dr. Carl Toren '79 of Lynwood, Illinois.

Newly elected to serve as vice president is Katie Bauman '03 Schubert of Frankfort, Illinois, succeeding Nancy Clair '78 Otterstrom of Bethel, Connecticut, whose term with the board has ended. Victoria Brunn '84 of Santa

Monica, California, will continue to serve as president. Bradley Norden '04 of Christiansburg, Virginia, is continuing to serve as secretary.

Alison Claucherty '16 of Haslett, Michigan, formerly Senior Class Representative, was appointed representative of the most recent graduating class. Josh Augustine of Maple Grove, Minnesota, formerly Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

In addition to Otterstrom, the board members who have concluded their service are: Connor Brady '15 of Walker, Michigan; Tom Kyros '89 of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Jodi Kurtze '01 Wickersheimer of Chicago, Illinois.

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Evelyn Albers '66 Timmins of Friendswood, Texas, reports that her new granddaughter, Avery, was born on her 48th wedding anniversary on June 16, 2015. She and her husband took their 1907 cartercar to Minnesota that August and then flew to California for a niece's wedding. Her husband passed away two months later from brain tumors.

Linda Tiezzi '66 Waldera of Fox Point, Wisconsin, retired from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Dec. 31, 2015.

Robert Donia '67 of La Jolla, California, is author of the book, *Radovan Karadzic: Architect of the Bosnian Genocide*, and was featured in a story about Karadzic in the *Sunday Times* of London in March.

Jon Smoker '69 lifted in the 2016 powerlifting single event Nationals at Lansing Community College on Tuesday, March 15, sanctioned by the ADFPA (American Drug Free Powerlifting Association). At 69 and 170 weight, he set records for this association in the 181, 65+ class; 236 in the bench press and 419 in the deadlift.

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 or provided to hope.edu/alumni/update.

All submissions received by Public Affairs and Marketing by Tuesday, May 31, 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, Sept. 27.

50s

Kenneth Kleis '50 and **Margaret Wolffensperger '50 Kleis** of Holland, Michigan, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in June. They also recently moved to the Warm Friend where they join many other Hope graduates, including four of their classmates. **Paul Elzinga '59** of Holland, Michigan, was named the 2016 Engineer of the Year by the Western Chapter of the Michigan

Society of Professional Engineers. He serves as chairman emeritus of Elzinga & Volkers and is currently working as an independent consultant.

60s

Sharon Dykstra '64 LeBlanc of Holland, Michigan, and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary in December.

Marti Lootens '65 Sligh graduated from the certified fellows program at the International Psychotherapy Institute in Chevy Chase, Maryland, in April.

John Buteyn Jr. '66 of Plano, Texas, retired in 2014.

Patricia Gabbey '66 Gensel of Durham, North Carolina, is still teaching and doing research at the University of North Carolina. She received the Botanical Society of America Distinguished Fellows Award in 2012 and the Paleobotanical Award in 2013.

Mary Groenewoud '66 Hale retired in 2007 as a teacher and reading specialist. She reports that she and her husband deliver Meals on Wheels, are in an adult book club, play bridge and teach Sunday school. They take cruises and visit family and friends.

Philip Harmelink '66 has been selected as the 2016 Business Professional of the Year in the education category by Beta Alpha Psi, the international honor organization for financial information. He is the Ernst & Young Professor of Accounting and

has been chair of the department of accounting at the University of New Orleans (UNO) since 1990 and a faculty member there since 1979. He was recognized in 2015 for serving as chair of the department of accounting at the University of New Orleans for 25 years. He has served as organist at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Metairie, Louisiana, for 36 years.

Cheryl Richardson '66 Peterson of Chicago, Illinois, and her husband spent a week during August 2015 in Durham, England. He served as organist for Christ Church Choir, Winnetka, Illinois, during their weeklong residency at Durham Cathedral.



70s

Jim Buter '71 of Holland, Michigan, after nearly two years of research and development, introduced a new product line of ergonomic products for commercial interior application, featuring electrically height adjustable table-desks. These products are marketed under the brand name ERGOLIFT, and marketed by Compatico Inc. of Grand Rapids. The product line began selling in 2015, and according to Jim is growing exponentially because it offers the best value combination of moderate price, high quality, and extensive features in the U.S. market. Most recently it was

Hope. **Gary '62** and **May Sisson '62** of St. Joseph, Michigan, and **Karel '62** and **Joyce Dalebout '62 Vander Lugt** of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, enjoyed a "small world" experience as they traveled from Valparaiso, Chile, to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

A continent away, **Matt Hughes '15** and **Chris Waechter '15** went on a long-distance backpacking trip in California. On the trail they came upon another hiker, **Mary Kate Hart '15**, who was hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, (Mexico to Canada), when she stopped them because Matt was wearing a Hope t-shirt.

Hope alumni seem to find each other everywhere and we often receive notes that discuss how alumni happen upon each other.

Two couples were sitting next to each other in the dining room of the Norwegian Sun and discussing the day's events when they discovered that they graduated in the same year at

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chosen for a multi-million dollar hospital administration project in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

J. Patrick Carrigan '71 of Syracuse, New York, reports that he is enjoying retirement and his new granddaughter, Adleigh.

Betty Lou Tanis '71 Cordray of Butler, Pennsylvania, retired from PNC Bank and reports that she is enjoying her two grandsons.

Robert Eckrich '71 of Germantown, Maryland, reports that his voice-acting business keeps chugging along. He has narrated 16 books for Audible.com. He also came out of retirement to work for the Montgomery County, Maryland, board of elections. He is a trainer, teaching election judges the new procedures that will be used in Maryland for the 2016 elections.

Sharon Slager '71 Heart of Palatine, Illinois, retired in July after 19 years as registrar at Buffalo Grove High School in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. She and her husband are looking forward to traveling and staying out of the cold midwestern winters.

Marcia Tiezzi '71 Hyma of Carpentersville, Illinois, retired as of June 2015 as principal of West Elementary School in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Sue Acus '71 Miller of Erie, Pennsylvania, continues playing the French horn in retirement, most recently performing in the pit orchestra for *Nice Work If You Can Get It* for three weeks in February with the Erie Pennsylvania Playhouse.

Joyce Newell '71 of Lansing, Michigan, retired from the Michigan Department of Transportation in

January after more than 42 years.

Joyce Van Houzen-Stacy '71 of Shepherd, Michigan, reports that she has added making charity quilts to her list of volunteer projects. They go to nursing homes, woman's aid, hospice house, etc.

Mark Wildman '72 and his wife are enjoying retirement in Bluffton, South Carolina.

Donald Troast '74 recently retired from active duty naval service after a 24-year career serving with numerous U.S. Navy and Marine Corps commands.

During his career, at sea, he served on amphibious assault ships, submarine squadrons and as command chaplain on the aircraft carrier *USS Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75). With the U.S. Marine Corps, he served with a Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) in Afghanistan and numerous aviation and ground units in the Pacific Theater. On shore he served as flag aide to the Navy chief of chaplains in Washington, D.C., and as force chaplain for several senior staffs and flag-level commanders stateside and in Europe. He recently completed his final tour as fleet chaplain for Commander U.S. Sixth Fleet, stationed, in Naples, Italy. His career has had many highlights. Three of the most meaningful were "going in" with the first Marines in Afghanistan after 9/11, supporting relief operations after Hurricane Katrina and conducting the Burial at Sea Ceremony for Astronaut Neil Armstrong. He and his wife, Norma, reside in Ford's Colony, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Alfred V. Fedak '75 of Albany, New York, composed the prelude featured during the Baccalaureate services at

Hope College on Sunday, May 8:

"Sonata for Worship" (I. Prelude; II. Aria and III. Carillon on Psalm 42), performed by organist Dr. Huw Lewis of the Hope music faculty.

Robert Ambrose '76 retired from the Bloomfield Hills School District in June 2015 following 38-and-a-half-years of teaching music, 30 of which were in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. When not playing golf or watching the Golf Channel he is busy as an adjudicator and clinician, and presented to the Hope Chapter of NAFME in February 2016.

Ilene Crysler '76 Bosscher of Prospect, Kentucky, is currently working on a Ph.D. in marriage and family therapy at Amridge University. She is also the president of the Kentucky Association for Play Therapy.

Robert Depke II '76 and his wife are now retired and spend time between their homes in Grayslake, Illinois; Cozumel, Mexico; and Durango, Colorado. When not serving financially-handicapped children through the RWD foundation, they scuba-dive in Cozumel.

Eric "Rick" Endean '76 of Lexington, Kentucky, is president-elect of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery.

Diane McCabe '76 Grappone of Bethpage, New York, is a teacher assistant working with special needs children. She also works for Mill Neck Services for the deaf.

Timothy Mulder '76 of Gladstone, New Jersey, will join his choir from Christ Church in Short Hills, New Jersey, to be in the choir-in-residence at Bristol Cathedral in England this summer.

John Verheul '75 of North Chesterfield, Virginia, recorded a new version of the Tulip Time Dutch Dance song for Holland's 2016 Tulip Time Festival. He was born in the Netherlands and grew up in Holland, Michigan, and has been playing music since he was five. He is now a physician in Richmond, Virginia, where he also owns a recording studio.

Linda VandenBerg '76 Schrier of Manistee, Michigan, recently had her batik watercolors displayed at the Healing Arts Gallery in Manistee.

Mary Ellen Pifer '76 Sobers of Rutherford, New Jersey, is writing a book, *U 87: Common Lot*.

Nancy Bennett '76 Staal of Holland, Michigan, and her husband are going to Japan to teach at Tokyo International School. Tim will be the school librarian and Nancy will teach fourth grade.

Richard Wheeler '76 reports that he and his wife are new grandparents.

Charita Ford-Russell '78 of Arlington, Texas, is co-authoring a book on women's spirituality with **Carolyn Walburn-Metzler '77** and had a publication printed in *Sojourner* in March 2014.

John Schrier '78 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.

Renze Hoeksema '79 is the vice



Allix Hutchison '17

Endowed Scholarships Making a Difference

Allix Hutchison '17 is grateful and recognizes all gifts to Hope help make the Hope College experience and education a reality for her. She has benefited from David '65 and Elizabeth (King) '66 Stavenger and many others' generosity.

Allix, an elementary education major, feels she is thriving at Hope and continues to become more passionate about family, children and her own faith. Outside of the classroom, Allix is involved in residential life, curriculum development and undergraduate research.

Hope is grateful to all of the 700-plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting students like Allix. Learn more about creating an endowed scholarship today and make a difference in a student's life on campus.

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president of government affairs for DTE Energy. He has been with the company for 30 years.

David Jurgensen '79 is the owner of The Curragh and is now the franchise partner for Giordano's in Holland, Michigan.

John Voorhorst '79 of Hammond, Louisiana, has been appointed to The World Trade Center of New Orleans board of directors. He is a director of global business and economic development services for Entergy Services, Inc.

80s

Todd Erickson '81 of Farmington Hills, Michigan, had his sculptures displayed at Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham, Michigan, in March and April.

Dennis Griffin '81 of Alma, Michigan, earned a doctorate degree in education leadership in December 2015 from Central Michigan University. He won his 800th softball game at Alma College during the 2015 season.

Nicholas Marcelletti '81 of Royal Oak, Michigan, is currently part-time faculty at Schoolcraft College in geology and Macomb Community College in natural and earth sciences.

Edward Tiesenga '81 of Oak Brook, Illinois, has been elected as an Oak Brook Village Trustee. He is with Tiesenga Reinsma & De Boer LLP.

Sue Boeve '81 Uden of Parker, Arizona, recently purchased a home in a retirement community in Tucson, Arizona. She reports that moving and downsizing has been an adventure after 30 years in the same home. She and her husband also just finished a Panama Canal Cruise with stops in South America and many countries in Central America.

Dan Gundersen '82 is Virginia Economic Development Partnership's interim president and CEO. He has been with the company since 2014.

David Rhem '82 has taken a general counsel position with North Ottawa Community Healthcare System in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Annette Piethe '82 Vahratian of Mill Creek, Washington, is the vice president of quality for Alder BioPharmaceuticals Inc.

Brian Schipper '83 is the chief people officer for Yext, a New York technology company.

Mark Werley '84 of Zeeland, Michigan, is working a combined role as athletic director and dean of students. He has been the athletic director for Zeeland West High School.

Jeff Allen '85 of Littleton, Colorado, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon

“The Adventure of a Lifetime” at Hope College on Sunday, May 8. He is senior pastor of Faith Community Church in Littleton and a member of the college's Board of Trustees.

John Hendrickson '85 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the chief executive officer of Perrigo Company.

Walter Avis '86 of Red Hook, New York, is the human resource director of The Carmelite Systems Inc., supporting nursing homes around the country.

Gwen Miller '86 of Browning, Montana, is living on the Blackfeet Reservation with her fiancé, Maynard Kicking Woman. They often attend Native American events, especially pow wows. They also enjoy photography, including photographing Glacier Park wildlife and landscapes.

Michael Percy '86 of West Palm Beach, Florida, is completing his term as chairman of the executive committee of Crowe Horwath, the eighth-largest CPA firm. He continues as the partner in charge of Crowe's financial service practice. He also reports that most importantly he is happily married to

Mary “Meg” Garver '88 Percy. **Kristine Schindler '86** of Solana Beach, California, reports that after years working in the biotech/pharmaceutical industry focused on clinical drug development and disease treatment, she has switched her career focus to prevention at the intersection of health, community and the environment, especially safe routes to school and injury prevention

program work. She loves life in the San Diego area through community service, such as Meals on Wheels, Torrey Pines Docent Society and more. She is also replacing car trips with active transportation such as transit, walking and biking.

Jeanne Schmidt '86 Snide of Byron Center, Michigan, published a short story this fall in an anthology titled *Grand Writers: Prose and Poetry of the Grand Rapids Writers Exchange*.

Todd Wehrmeyer '86 of Holland, Michigan, reports that he maintains constant contact with his Arcadian brothers, especially his brothers from Cooper Street Pier. His son, John, will be attending Hope in the fall.

Scott Carpenter '87 is the managing director of Jigsaw. He oversees the entire product portfolio of the Jigsaw team on a day-to-day basis, which includes running the product management team while liaising with the head of engineering as well as cross-functional teams within Google and in other subsidiaries of Alphabet. His role is to help set and maintain team priorities while determining new product opportunities. Consistent with his past experience, he also maintains responsibilities for building and maintaining internal and external partnerships in support of Jigsaw's mission.

Sue Ellen Christian '88 of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was named one of three Michigan Distinguished Professors of the Year by the Michigan Association of State Universities. She

is a professor of communication with a dual appointment in Western Michigan University's School of Communication and Department of Gender and Women's Studies.

Kimberly Platte '88 Orcutt of Hyde Park, New York, was appointed Andrew W. Mellon Curator of American Art at Brooklyn Museum. She has been the Mellon curator-at-large at Indianapolis Museum of Art and the former curator of American Art at the New York Historical Society.

Doug Bixby '89 published his third book, *Navigating the Nonsense: Church Conflict and Triangulation*. The book is built on the premise that “it is better to talk to people than it is to talk about them.” It encourages pastors and church leaders to improve communication and conflict management by encouraging direct communication and avoiding triangulation.

Brian Breen '89 joined the marketing and public affairs department at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan.

90s

Tim Ritsema '90 of Zeeland, Michigan, is working a combined role as athletic director and dean of students with Zeeland Public Schools.

Kristen Lambrides '91 again served as sign interpreter during the Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies at Hope College, held this



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year on Sunday, May 8.

William Charles Crowley '92 taught Graham Technique master classes and intensives at Florida State College in Jacksonville, Florida, Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, University of North Carolina – Greensboro in Greensboro, North Carolina, Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, and East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, during October and November 2015. He also taught a series of master classes at Broward College in Fort Lauderdale and Miami Arts Charter School in Miami, Florida, in February. William returned to his *alma mater*, the University of Michigan, where he set an ensemble work on the Dance Department's Freshman Touring Company in late February. He also returned to Hope College as a visiting professor and taught technique classes and set his work "Surrender" on the pre-professional dance company, H2, in the spring of 2016. In addition, William choreographed the Opera Grand Rapids production of "Orpheus and Eurydice" in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in April.

Greg Eding '93 of Hamilton, Michigan, is the new principal of Zeeland West. He was the principal at Creekside Middle School for the past 12 years.

Julie Jaasma '96 Slezak and **Scott Slezak '97** and their three children are now back in West Michigan after living on Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan for two years. They are very busy operating their seed company, Annie's Heirloom Seeds, now in its very successful fifth year. Scott is also the director of product management at Farmers Specialty Insurance Company in Caledonia, Michigan.

Daniel Styf '97 of Atlanta, Georgia, is the new senior vice president and CEO of Memorial Hermann Health Plans.

David Beaver '98 opened a microbrewery, Beaver Brewing Company, in Vienna, Austria, serving craft beer and American food.

Lara Plewka '98 MacGregor of Louisville, Kentucky, was named to The 100 Everyday Amazing. The program recognizes 100 individuals and groups who inspires others to take action with the fight against cancer. Lara started Hope Scarves, now an international non-profit organization, hopescarves.org.

Heather Maas '98 Roden of Zeeland, Michigan, who is events and business operations manager at Hope, received the Patrick Peretto Volunteer of the Year Award from The Association of Collegiate Conference and Events Directors-International (ACCED-I) during the group's annual conference in

Brian Roth '94 has been working in the music industry in Los Angeles, California, for the past two decades. He has produced sound for many shows, commercials and documentaries. Among the many examples: he created music played during *Grey's Anatomy* and *American Idol*; recorded the voices of Tom Hanks and John Lithgow; and also produced sound for commercials for clients including Kraft, Panera Bread and Burger King. In 2014, he and his family moved to Grand Ledge, Michigan, where he continues to produce and create music for networks and commercials. He also opened up The Roth Academy of Music, a 2,200-square-foot studio that offers lessons in 10 instruments.

Portland, Oregon, in March. Heather has been employed at Hope since 1999 and is a member of the Events and Conferences Office. She has been involved with ACCED-I since 2001, including as a regional director and member of the board of directors.

Robert Brandt '99 of Ada, Michigan, published *The Road to Grandeur*, a fast paced, young-adult fantasy novel.

Bonnie Nannenga-Combs '99 of Washington, D.C., was named partner of Sterne Kessler Goldstein Fox. She is a director in the Biotechnology/Chemical Group.

00s

Carrie Tonn '00 Demske and Mark Demske announce the birth of Crew Joseph on March 8, 2016.

Benjamin Kapenga '00 of Zeeland, Michigan, started Total Focus Driving School in November 2015. His business model aims to refocus the driver's training experience on education.

Lori Knudsen '00 Matthews and Brian Matthews announce the birth of Reece Norman on Jan. 18, 2016.

Renee Nicholas '00 of Chicago, Illinois, was a panelist on Hope's campus on Thursday, April 14, for "In Hope: Faith, Working and Calling." She is the area director for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Paul Bush '01 and **Amy Zwart '04 Bush** announce the birth of Sophia Christine on March 3, 2016.

Kristin Brondyke '01 DeJarnatt and Anthony DeJarnatt announce the birth of Emerson Grace on Jan. 27, 2016.

Anne Houseworth '01 Gray and James Gray announce the birth of Magnus John on Dec. 30, 2015.

Stephanie Schaap '02 Bauman of Holland, Michigan, is one of the authors of *Life on the Lakeshore: The Cottage Experience*, a book that tells the story of building a home on the lakeshore, by chronicling the stories of nine families and their journey to owning their own place on the Big Lake.

Miriam Takish '02 Dery and Charlie Dery announce the birth of Henry Phillip on Jan. 8, 2016. He joins brothers, Luke (five) and Oliver (two and-a-half).

Patrick Kinne '02 of Syracuse, New York, was named acting principal of Bishop Grimes Junior and Senior High School in Syracuse, New York, for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year. Patrick has served as assistant principal at Bishop Grimes, his high school *alma mater*, for the past two years and has been on the faculty since 2004.

Andrew Riker '02 of Kalamazoo, Michigan, is the new vice president, wealth management adviser at Greenleaf Trust. He has been with the company since 2002.

Mark Simonson '02 of Holland, Michigan, was recognized by the Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association with its "40 Under 40 Award." He is a Consumer Lakeshore Mortgage loan officer.

Josh Bauman '03 of Holland, Michigan, is the director of facilities at Holland Hospital.

Karissa DeYoung '03 DuPuis of Jenison, Michigan, and her husband, **Dan DuPuis '03**, moved from Holland to Jenison in December 2015. Karissa received a Master of Education degree from Grand Valley State University on April 30, 2016.



Heather Verbeke '03 worked as an assistant director on the fourth season of Netflix's *Orange is the New Black* and has also worked on CBS's new television show *Brain Dead*.

Sarah Klooster '04 David of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is teaching third-grade at Godwin Heights Public Schools.

Cara Tarantino '04 Guerrero and Carlos Guerrero announce the birth of Sofia Susan on June 21, 2015.

Kayleen Vannette '04 Whitmer and Mark Whitmer announce the birth of Rowan Allen on Feb. 18, 2016.

S. Elizabeth Briggs '05 DeBacker and **Jared DeBacker '05** announce the birth of Micah John on April 30, 2016.

Jonas Heirman '05 received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in international development at the University of Oxford this spring. In June he became the UK adviser of the African Development Bank, Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Emily Llewellyn '05 Lauritzen and Steven Lauritzen announce the birth of Meredith Eloise on March 29, 2016.

Rand Arwady '03 and Erin Arwady announce the birth of Alexandra Lynn on May 8, 2015.

Kathryn Hoenecke '05 LeClair and Christopher LeClair announce the birth of Ames Donovan on March 27, 2016.

Ashley Williams '05 Potts and Matthew Potts announce the birth of Andersyn Kristie on April 7, 2016.

Amanda Schafer '05 Stephenson and Kim Stephenson announce the birth of Quinn Monroe on Feb. 7, 2016.

Michael Howes '06 joined the Hope College staff as the event and ticket manager for the Events and Conferences Office.

Lynnae Ruberg '06 Day has been living and working in Boston, Massachusetts, for six years, working for Oxfam America in data, IT, and monitoring and evaluation. She married Brian Day in August 2014 and they welcomed their first child in May.

Christian Piers '07 is currently serving as immediate past president of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) and is serving with **Sarah Fodor '14**. Sarah is currently an associate on the ASDA's Council on Membership. ASDA has 40 national leaders and is the largest student group in the country with 22,000 members. The accompanying photo shows Christian and Sarah at the spring council meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday-Sunday, April 16-17.



Chris Dekker '08 has been accepted into Notre Dame's doctoral program in organ studies. He will be one of the first two people ever to graduate with this degree from Notre Dame. The accompanying photo shows Professor Craig Cramer, teacher and advisor, Chris Dekker and Dr. Huw Lewis.

Amy Schuster '06 Deur and **Brandon Deur '07** announce the birth of Cora Grace on April 25, 2016. **Corrie Smith '06 Donovan** and Ross Donovan were married in 2011. She received a Master of Fine Arts degree in 2012 from Murray State University. Corrie and Ross have two boys: Clive, born in 2012; and Gilbert, born in 2015. They currently live in Lombard, Illinois. **Jenny Slager '06 Emlet** and Jonathan Emlet announce the birth of Linay Ruth on Aug. 21, 2015. **Gabriel Kalmbacher '06** and **Anna Marshall '07 Kalmbacher** recently

adopted Eden Ruth, born on Feb. 25, 2012; and Lydia Anne, born on March 14, 2012. The girls arrived home from China on April 27, 2016. Gabe and Anna reside with their six children in Saltillo, Mexico, where Gabriel is employed as a finance controller in the manufacturing industry. **Kylee Tamminga '06 LaDuke** and Matthew LaDuke announce the birth of Parker Annamarie on Feb. 13, 2016. **Johanna Swanson '06** married Jeffrey Stearns on June 11, 2016, in Ann Arbor. The couple then moved to Grand Rapids where he will work at PineRest Christian Mental Health and she will work in student affairs at a local college or university. **Jill Bramos '06 Wolf** and Nathan Wolf announce the birth of Emily Jane on March 15, 2016. **Kala Cohen '07** and **Sarah Shaheen '07 Cohen** announce the birth of Maya Grace on May 17, 2016. **Elizabeth Brichacek '07 DeYoung** and **Nathaniel DeYoung '07** announce the birth of Jameson Jay on Jan. 20, 2016. **Libby Klooster '07** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is teaching first grade at Godwin Heights Public Schools. **Amanda Huck '07 Lantz** and Matthew Lantz announce the birth of Gracelyn Elizabeth, on March 28, 2016. **Cassandra Peterson '07 Loveland** and Gregory Loveland announce the birth of Jaxson LeRoy on March 29, 2016. **Kayla Katterheinrich '08 Germann** and Philip Germann announce the birth of Barrett Edward on Jan. 6, 2016. He joins big brother, Marshall. **Emily Griffin '08** is the vice president of marketing for the Detroit Lions. She

has been the digital media and corporate partnership strategist since 2014. **Timothy Haines '08** and **Anne Hoekstra '08** were married on July 16, 2016. **Jordyn Boles '08 Solberg** and **Brent Solberg '09** announce the birth of Jones Harper on March 18, 2016. **Brian Clay '09** and Kailyn Clay announce the birth of Thea Brielle on May 8, 2016. **Sarah Dean '09** received her Ph.D. in earth science from Rice University in December 2014 and is now working for Shell. **Rachel Bakken '09 Romero** is a building systems engineer at the Energy Department's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and has been named a 2016 New Faces of Engineering recipient by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). She joined NREL in May 2010 and is only the second person at the laboratory to be so honored. A building systems engineer, she has been working with the Department of Homeland Security to increase the federal agency's use of electricity from renewable sources. She separately has been named recipient of the Young Engineer in ASHRAE (YEA) Award of Individual Excellence to recognize her contributions to the association. She is co-chair of YEA for the organization's Rocky Mountain chapter. **Laura Van Tassell '09** and M. Craig Getting were married on April 9, 2016, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. **Melyn Tank '09 Vanden Berg** and Jay Vanden Berg announce the birth of Emma Shay on March 2, 2016.

Christian Damon '11 of Chicago, Illinois has joined the Chicago office of Jones Day. He is working in the intellectual property group. **Julie Anne Gruenhagen '11** defended her master's thesis, "I Know We Should Be Running but the Song Plays On: A Theory of Ascribed Persona," at Wake Forest University, and will begin Ph.D. work at Temple University in the fall semester. **Curtis Merrick '11** is moving to Pullman, Washington, to pursue a master's degree in food science with an emphasis in winemaking. **Molly Schab '11** of Grand Blanc, Michigan, is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the University of Michigan-Flint. **Min Skivington '11** serves as the program manager for The Epilepsy Foundation of Arizona, which employs only two people (including Min), and provides: epilepsy-related support, advocacy/awareness, education programs, and more-covering the entire state of Arizona. She was also recently elected to the position of vice chair of web and social media for the Junior League of Phoenix. **Leah Hottel '11 Templeton** and Sean Templeton were married on Sept. 19, 2015, in Lakewood, Ohio. Huw Lewis of the Hope music faculty played the organ at their ceremony. **Nathan Erber '12** of Westerville, Ohio, is a geologist with the Ohio DNR Geological Survey. **Katelyn Hemmeke '12** received a Fulbright grant for research in South Korea to examine transnational adoptees' searches for their birth families. **Colleen Kolba '12** received honorable mention for outstanding teaching at University of South Florida. She is a graduate teaching assistant in English. **Ingrid Slette '12** presented "Climate change impacts on below ground carbon cycling and storage in grasslands" on Friday, April 1, at Hope College. **Hanna Varner '12** of Johns Island, South Carolina, is the product designer for Brackish Bow Ties. **Gretchen Baldwin '13** is enrolled in Columbia University's Master of International Affairs program, Class of 2018. She will be pursuing a concentration in human rights policy and a specialization in international conflict resolution. **Adrienne Brown '13** received a Master of Education degree in technology and learning. **Bri Burking '13** of Holland, Michigan, has joined the Hope College staff as office manager in the Events and Conferences Office. She and **Brian Lynn '13** were married on May 27, 2016, in Holland, Michigan.

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Mike Bertrand '10 spoke on Hope's campus on Tuesday, March 1, during the Philosophy Department Speaker Series. His presentation was on "Metaphysical Explanation by Constraint." He is currently working on his doctorate at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. **Nathan Dekker '10** and Ellie Dekker announce the birth of Charlie James on Feb. 18, 2016. **Amanda Thelen '10 Lelkes** and Ladislav Lelkes were married in August 2015. They reside in North Carolina. **Jeffrey Meyers '10** recently published *The Way of Peace: A. J. Muste's Writings for the Church*, a collection of works by Rev. Abraham J. Muste (Class of 1905). **Kristin Stefan '11 Compagner** and Ryan Compagner announce the birth of Quinn Ryan on May 9, 2016.

CLASS NOTES

Caroline Haley '13 earned her Master of Arts degree in literature from Western Michigan University in April. She also won three teaching awards: a Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award, English department; The Norma J. VanRheenen Award for Excellence in Teaching College Writing; and a Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award, All-University. She is the vice president of outreach and operations at Milldam Public Relations.

Brooke Nienhuis '13 is the new girls' varsity basketball coach for Zeeland West High School.

Lauren Ezzo '14 is a full-time audio book narrator, winning an Earphones Award for the book *Girls Like Us*.

Susan Haigh '14 spoke on Hope's campus on "Life after Hope College" through the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and its global French Cultural Studies program. She is a Future Europe Initiative program assistant at the Atlantic Council, a foreign policy think tank that seeks to foster the leadership and strategies to secure the international liberal order.

Phil Haywood '14 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be pursuing a J.D. degree at Indiana University Maurer School of Law in the fall.

Annalise Klein '14 received a Master of Science in Education degree from Johns Hopkins University. She is a summer instructor for Kamehameha School's Kilohana STEAM Academy and will start her third year teaching science at Konawaena Middle School in Kealahou, Hawaii, this fall.

Josh Kranz '14 and **Chloe Nykamp '16** were married on May 28, 2016. Josh worked for Stryker in Kalamazoo, Michigan, but recently was promoted and they are now living in northern Colorado.

Odille Parker '14 of Holland, Michigan, has joined the Hope College staff as an Events and Conferences manager.

Miranda Orlando '14 Ulaszek will pursue a master's degree in physician assistant studies at Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Jared Duimstra '15 and **Erica Simpson '15** were married on April 9, 2016.

Megan Groh '15 returned to her roots as wardrobe supervisor for Mason Street Warehouse Theater at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts in 2014 and 2015. She then joined the wardrobe staff on the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Xtreme Red Show, touring 17 cities in the eastern U.S. in 2015 before joining Goodman Theater, Chicago, Illinois, on productions which included *Twist Your Dickens* and *2666*. She was also with Wichita Grand Opera as wardrobe

supervisor in spring 2016 on *Pirates of Penzance* and returned to Goodman Theater for *War Paint*.

Class of 2016

Levi Adrianson '16 is an assurance staff member at Plante Moran.

Erin Alenciks '16 will pursue a health administration masters degree at the University of Kentucky.

Kyle Anderson '16 will pursue a Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine.

Emily Ause '16 is an entry-level civil engineer at Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc. in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Samuel Barthel '16 will pursue a master's and Ph.D. in exercise physiology at Michigan State University. He and **Sandra Garcia '16** were married on May 22, 2016.

Scott Batson '16 is an inside sales representative for Ryerson Inc.

Kelli Battistone '16 is a third grade teacher at Lakeshore Public Schools.

Hannah Bauersfeld '16 and **Noah Litwiller '16** were married on June 11, 2016.

Kathryn Beary '16 will be a third-grade teacher at Paseo Pointe in Laveen, Arizona. She and Joshua Suggate were married on July 2, 2016.

Kyle Bernaciak '16 is a police officer with the Chicago Police Department.

Ethan Beswick '16 will pursue a law degree at Notre Dame Law School.

Emilie Bickel '16 is working at Camp Fowler this summer and then pursuing an immersion program with Double Edge Theatre in Massachusetts.

Trevor Billingham '16 is an accounts receivable specialist for Advance Central Service in Walker, Michigan.

Katie Bird '16 is a registered nurse at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital on the cardiology and nephrology progressive unit in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Allie Boeve '16 and **David Brown '16** were married on June 18, 2016.

Jared Bollaert '16 is a staff member in Plante Moran LLC tax solutions group in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Emma Bomeli '16 will pursue a Master of Social Work degree at Western Michigan University in the advanced-standing program. She will also be working at CTAC (Southwest Michigan Children's Trauma Assessment Center) in Kalamazoo, Michigan as the training coordinator.

Brandon Bowser '16 and Sarah Robison were married on June 11, 2016. He will also be pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at Duke University.

Austin Bremer '16 is working for

Abraham and Gaffney P.C., CPAs in East Lansing, Michigan.

Jaclyn Brett '16 will pursue a Ph.D. in nuclear physics at Western Michigan University.

Tu Bui '16 is an assurance associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Detroit, Michigan.

Ian Bussan '16 will pursue a Ph.D. in British intellectual history at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.

Sarah Carollo '16 will pursue a Master of Social Work degree at Loyola University Chicago.

Abigale Cassella '16 will be moving to the Dominican Republic to work as a second grade teacher at Santiago Christian School.

Gwendolyn Casper '16 will pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree at Bellarmine University.

Maxwell Castillo '16 is a client sales representative for Echo Global Logistics in Chicago, Illinois.

Scott Cathey '16 is an engineering technician for Driesenga & Associates in Holland, Michigan.

Kristen Coffman '16 will pursue a doctorate in physical therapy.

Korey Cook '16 will pursue a master's degree in environmental engineering at Michigan Tech.

Ginny Cotterall '16 is a third grade teacher at Griffin Elementary School in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Monica Czechowicz '16 and Heath Taylor were married on July 23, 2016.

Elaina Damon '16 is an acute rehab registered nurse with Blodgett Hospital, Spectrum Health.

Katarina Dasbach '16 will pursue

a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at Marquette School of Dentistry.

Jenna De Jongh '16 is a family resource coordinator for Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Joseph DeVinney '16 is working for BDO, a public accounting firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jeremy Diller '16 and Lindsey Williams were married on July 8, 2016. Jeremy is a staff accountant with Dominos Corporation in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Max Elder '16 will pursue a Master of Science degree with a concentration in athletic training and will be working as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Michigan State University.

Carolyn Ellis '16 is a management trainee at Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Abigail Emerson '16 and **Cameron Fox '16** were married on June 5, 2016. She will be living and working in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sarah Fallon '16 is working for BDO, a public accounting firm in Troy, Michigan.

Katherine Fann '16 will pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

Kelly Feiten '16 will be moving to Australia to work as an au pair.

Emma Forlow '16 is attending Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Kierstynn Foster '16 is a special projects associate at Make-A-Wish Michigan.

Rebecca Fox '16 will pursue a master's degree at the Medieval Institute at Western Michigan University.

Emily Gaddis '16 will be attending GIAL (Graduate Institute of Applied



Mary Elizabeth Winther '15 of Canton, Michigan, is one of only 10 young scholars nationwide to receive an award through the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program for graduate studies while she concurrently pursues an MFA in costume design at Wayne State University beginning this fall.

The Lilly Graduate Fellows Program is a part of the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts that supports outstanding students who want to explore the connections among Christianity, higher education, and the vocation of the teacher-scholar as they pursue graduate degrees in humanities and the arts. Lilly Graduate Fellows participate in a three-year program in which they meet regularly with a mentor, attend four conferences, participate in a long-distance colloquium, and receive three annual stipends to use at their discretion. Mary Elizabeth ultimately hopes to work in a theatre department at a school like Hope. A feature with more is available on the college's website.

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Linguistics) in Texas.

Ben Gardner '16 was named to the 2016 Allstate NABC and WBCA Good Works Teams. He co-founded the Jesse G. Clothing line and sends a portion of its proceeds toward helping youth in Ethiopia.

Micah Gargala '16 will be applying for a Fulbright scholarship in the fall.

Victoria Gonda '16 is a software developer at Collective Idea.

Anna Goodling '16 will pursue a Master of Arts degree in medieval studies at the Medieval Institute at Western Michigan University.

Amber Goodyke '16 is in the Grand Valley State University speech and language pathology graduate program.

Austin Goodyke '16 will pursue a dental degree from the University of Michigan Dental School.

Sarah Gould '16 and **Christian Subdon '15** were married on June 24, 2016.

Caroline Gregerson '16 will pursue a Master of Arts degree in education degree for secondary education in chemistry at Purdue University through the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship.

Sophie Guetzko '16 will pursue a Master of Science degree in communication and information sciences at Ball State University.

Hope Hancock '16 is a communications

Multiple Graduates Receive NSF Recognition

A total of five graduating seniors or recent graduates received recognition this past spring through the prestigious Graduate Research Fellowship program of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Lisa Savagian '16 of Bloomfield, Michigan, received a fellowship through the program, and **Monica Ohnsorg '16** of Chanhassen, Minnesota, received honorable mention.

In addition, **Caitlin Kozack '15** received a fellowship, and both **Lisa McLellan '15** and **Ingrid Slette '12** received honorable mention. McLellan and Slette had also each received honorable

mention last year.

Hope students or graduates have received fellowships or honorable mention through the program every year for more than 20 years, and this is the ninth year in a row that multiple graduating seniors or recent alumni have been recognized. The NSF awarded 2,000 of the fellowships nationwide this year, and recognized another 2,997 applicants with honorable mention. There were nearly 17,000 applicants.

The awards are for students pursuing a research-based master's or doctoral degree in science or engineering. The fellowships are for up to three years, and pay a \$34,000 annual stipend

and a \$12,000 cost-of-education allowance.

Savagian intends to pursue graduate study in materials science and engineering with an emphasis on polymers and nanomaterials. Ohnsorg intends to pursue graduate study in polymer chemistry and biomaterials. Kozack is pursuing graduate study in chemical catalysis at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. McLellan is pursuing graduate study in microbial biology at Washington University in St. Louis. Slette is pursuing graduate study in ecology at Colorado State University.

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associate for Northwoods Community Church in Peoria, Illinois.

Brianne Hemmeke '16 will be a second-grade Spanish immersion teacher in Holland Public Schools. She and **Randy Roux '16** were married on June 25, 2016.

Whitney Holmes '16 will be a first-grade teacher at Hudsonville Christian

Schools and married Nick Beukema on July 29, 2016.

Jacob Iceberg '16 will pursue a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree at Des Moines University.

Hannah Jacobsma '16 will be working at 7D Ranch, a dude ranch in Cody, Wyoming.

Kylie Jacobs '16 will pursue a Ph.D.

in medical and molecular genetics at Indiana University School of Medicine. **Nicole Jahlas '16** is taking a gap year and then will pursue a master's in higher education.

Clarissa Johnston '16 will be a special education teacher at the Alum Rock School District.

Michelle Kerr '16 is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Jayne Kessel '16 will pursue a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at the University of Michigan Dental School.

Allison Kleppinger '16 will pursue a Master of Science degree in speech language pathology at Northwestern University.

Samantha Klokkert '16 will be teaching English to Spanish-speaking high school students in Columbia.

Kayla Kowalski '16 is an administrative assistant for a non-profit called Street's Hope in Denver, Colorado.

Amanda Krause '16 will be working for Disney Corporation.

Anna Kremer '16 is working for Ferris Coffee & Nut in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Matthew Kroll '16 will join Deloitte in Grand Rapids, Michigan as a tax accountant in October.

Haley Krommendyk '16 is a cost analyst at Gordon Food Service in Wyoming, Michigan.

Anna Krueger '16 will pursue a master's degree in urban education and will be part of the Memphis teacher residency, where she will be teaching for three years after her first year of residency.

Abigail LaBarge '16 will be teaching 11th grade ELA at Intrinsic Schools in



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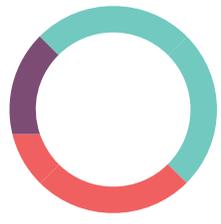
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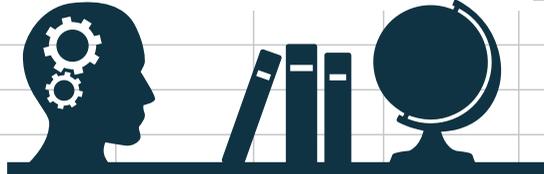


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Six Graduating Seniors Recognized through Fulbright Program

Six graduating seniors received recognition this past spring through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Andrew Harrison '16 of Wayzata, Minnesota, received a research award, and **Emma Ropski '16** of Park Ridge, Illinois, and **Hania (Hanna) Szymczak '16** of Southfield, Michigan, each received English teaching assistantships.

Cameron Fox '16 of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, was named an alternate for an English teaching assistantship.

Andrea Antenan '16 of Springfield, Illinois, and **Emily Oliver '16** of Springfield, Virginia, were both recognized as semi-finalists for a research award and English teaching assistantship

respectively.

Since 2008, a total of 27 Hope students or recent graduates have received awards; in addition, several others have been named alternates or semifinalists.

Harrison will spend the coming academic year in Denmark, where he and a mentor at the Technical University of Denmark will be conducting research on the public acceptance of wind energy, specifically concerning the issue of turbine noise. Ropski will be teaching English in South Korea from the fall of 2016 through the spring of 2017. Szymczak will be teaching English in Germany from the fall of 2016 through the spring of 2017.

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Chicago, Illinois.

Nicole Ladd '16 will pursue a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biophysics at the University of Chicago.

Seth Layman '16 is an exterior plastics engineer for Nissan.

Kathryn Lee '16 will pursue a Ph.D. in nursing at the University of Pennsylvania.

Claire Leitzen '16 will study student affairs in higher education at Miami University of Ohio.

Courtney Lohman '16 is a large-animal toxicology research assistant at MPI Research in Mattawan, Michigan.

Megan Lohman '16 is a tax associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Nathan Longfield '16 will pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary.

Kaitlan Manning '16 will pursue a master's in urban education in the Memphis teacher residency at Union University.

Morgan Marinelli '16 will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree through the accelerated program at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois.

Boone Marois '16 will be attending the University of Michigan for medical school.

Kelley McKeon '16 is working at Plante Moran, a public accounting firm in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sam McNulty '16 will be doing a gap year in Argentina and was accepted into the Word of Life Bible Institute program

called the Bilingual Bible Program.

He will be there for two semesters and then be fluent in Spanish and will have earned a minor in religion. The program is located in San Miguel del Monte, which is an hour south of Buenos Aires. He is planning on attending dental school when he returns.

Kirsten Monson '16 is a software engineer I at Learning A-Z and will be moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Justine Mucinski '16 is taking a gap year and will be working as a rehabilitation aide at Hope Network therapeutic recreation in the neuro department. She plans to pursue a master's and Ph.D. in exercise physiology in 2017.

Christina Mulder '16 is a registered nurse at Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital.

Leah Murray '16 is an admission counselor for Syracuse's Master of Business Administration program at 2U Inc. in Denver, Colorado.

Allison Muskat '16 is a corps member and teacher for Teach for America.

Megan Nawrot '16 is registered nurse in the surgical intensive care unit at Meijer Heart Center with Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Madeline Nelson '16 will pursue a Master of Social Work degree with an emphasis in trauma and interpersonal violence at Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts.

Emily Oliver '16 will be an English

conversation teacher for Hello!

Associates. She will be working with all age groups. Hello! is a Japanese program, and she will be moving to Japan for a year.

Baylie O'Neill '16 is a Caribbean logistics coordinator for Bradreach in St. Martin (Island).

Kathryn Osborne '16 is enrolled in the nurse residency program at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Claire Pabst '16 is a youth pastor at Mt. Etna United Methodist Church in Huntington, Indiana. She and Mason Miller were married on Aug. 12, 2016.

Chelsea Payne '16 is working as the Day 1: Watershed lab coordinator at Hope College.

Gabrielle Plaep '16 is a group exercise instructor and personal trainer with the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities.

Faith Potgiesser '16 is working at Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park as a lead zookeeper. She and Nathan Timmer were married on May 20, 2016.

Alexa Rencis '16 will pursue a master's in occupational therapy at Western Michigan University.

Erin Rhodes '16 and **Lucas Johnson '16** were married on July 30, 2016. Erin will be finishing her student teaching in the fall.

Chelsea Root '16 is in the physical therapy school at Rosalind Franklin School of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, Illinois.

Jared Ropp '16 is an associate claims representative with Auto Owners.

Elizabeth Roskamp '16 is a nurse on the Boven Birth Center Unit at Holland Hospital.

Addison Ross '16 will pursue a Master of Social Work degree at the Loyola University Chicago's advanced-standing program.

Randy Roux '16 is a mechanical engineer at Innotec in Zeeland, Michigan.

Daniel Rozema '16 is an engineer with Servinsky Engineering.

Christina Sarosiek '16 will pursue a Ph.D. in physics at Western Michigan University.

Cara Schipper '16 will pursue a Master of Science degree in occupational therapy at Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Erika Schlenker '16 is participating in the Disney College Program as an attractions cast member for Walt Disney Company.

Jordan Scholten '16 and Roy Petit were married on May 27, 2016. Jordan will be teaching fourth grade at Heritage Christian School in Hudsonville, Michigan.

Mackenzie Schumborg '16 will pursue a dental degree from the University of Louisville.

Madeline Scott '16 is an ALEX

project management apprentice at Jellyvision located in Chicago, Illinois.

Beth Sitterley '16 will pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine.

Tyler Spaulding '16 is an audit associate for Capin Crouse in Wheaton, Illinois.

Thomas Stevenson '16 will pursue a Master of Science degree in information and communication sciences at Ball State University.

Sarah Stewart '16 will be working for Teach for America.

Laurel Sutherin '16 will pursue a Master of Social Work degree with a health specialization at Case Western Reserve University.

Alexander Swain '16 will pursue a Ph.D. in integrative systems biology at University of Pittsburgh.

Lucas Tans '16 is a nurse technician in the NICU of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. He will also pursue a second degree in nursing (BSN) at Grand Valley State University.

Brandon Tarallo '16 is an admissions advisor at Colorado Technical University.

Chelsey TerHaar '16 is an engineer for Innotec in Zeeland, Michigan.

Caroline Toren '16 will be studying and taking all four parts of the CPA exam and will be working as an assurance associate at PwC in Chicago, Illinois.

Allison Urban '16 is a technical recruiter for Per Se Group in Wheaton, Illinois.

Josie Vandermolen '16 will be a fifth-grade teacher in the Cartwright School District in Phoenix, Arizona.

Jaclyn Van Dyk '16 is a merchandise associate at Meijer's corporate office.

Emily Veenbaas '16 will pursue a Master of Arts degree in women and gender studies at DePaul University.

Will VerDuin '16 will be working for Dow Chemical in the commercial development program for six months and then will be an account manager for the company.

Kelsey Vredevelde '16 is a digital and social marketing specialist at Murdoch Marketing.

Stephen Walterdorf '16 will pursue a master's degree in kinesiology with a concentration in athletic training at Michigan State University.

Jorgie Watson '16 will be returning to Hope to finish her nursing degree.

Morgan Weaver '16 is a tax associate in public accounting for Deloitte.

Kaylie Wierda '16 is a client service assistant at Edify North in Holland, Michigan.

Jay Williams '16 will pursue a Master of Business Administration degree at Grand Valley State University. He



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has already started two businesses: a real estate investment business called FutureVestments, and a restaurant equipment business call Equickment. He is also working on starting a large real estate developing and forward-thinking business strategy company. He also works full time doing sales for CertaPro Painters. **Matt Wright '16** and **Brianna Roegner '16** were married on June 11, 2016. Matt will be pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at University of Michigan.

Xavier Wu '16 will pursue a MSc degree in interactive arts and technology at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Canada.

Tingxuan Zhang '16 will pursue a master's in education at Columbia University in New York City.

Ethan Zimmerman '16 will pursue a Doctor of Optometry degree at the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University.

Emily Zoller '16 is a registered nurse at Holland Hospital on the medical-surgical unit.

the Meritorious Service Award for Innovative Contributions in the Extraction Process of Gold from Ores and the Outstanding Service to the Mining Industry award. He consulted after retirement all over the world.

Survivors include his brother, Eugene Heinen; three children, Shirley (Carter) Mosher, Richard (Christy) Heinen and Ronald (Ardea) Heinen; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Katharine VanRaalte '39 Davis of Alexandria, Virginia, died on Friday, April 22, 2016. She was 98.

She was a middle school teacher.

Her great-grandfather was Albertus Christiaan VanRaalte, founder of Holland and co-founder of Hope College.

Survivors include her seven children, Steven Pleune, Martha Pleune Gramlich, Timothy Pleune '71, Timothy Davis, Susie Davis, Laurie Davis Oliver and Mark Davis; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Henrietta "Jo" Oppeneer '43 Naberhuis of Decatur, Georgia, died on Monday, Feb. 8, 2016. She was 93.

She was a bookkeeper for Donald Bacon CPA in Illinois.

Survivors include her sister, Ruth Cornelius; daughter, Pam (George) Russell; son, Steve (Chris) Naberhuis; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Helen Thompson '45 Voogd of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, July 16, 2016. She was 92.

She was employed for 18 years in the Office of Admissions at Hope College.

She and her husband, Henry "Cy" Voogd '41, received the Meritorious Service Award from Hope College in 1994.

Survivors include her four children, Jan Voogd '69 (Glenn '68) Kooiker, Judy Voogd, Jane Voogd '75 (Glenn '71)

Lowe and Jim (Laurie) Voogd; brother, Neil Thompson; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Myra Kleis '45 Berry of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. She was 92.

She held various part-time jobs and many volunteer positions.

Survivors include her children, Steve Berry '72, Jill Berry '76 (Bill '76) Te Winkle and Lynn '78 (Scott) VanLente-Hoover; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Leona Bouwens '45 Plasman of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Sunday, March 6, 2016. She was 92.

She worked at Hope College for more than 25 years in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

Survivors include her daughter, Jan (Arthur) Dirkse; stepson, Phillip (Jan) Plasman; stepdaughter, Pennie Tomlinson; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and brother and sister-in-laws, Howard (Mary) Bouwens and Lila Bouwens.

Carol Jean Meppelink '45 Van Lente of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, April 18, 2016. She was 92.

She was a teacher and high school counselor in the Holland Public Schools.

Survivors include her children, Michael Van Lente '72 and Janice Van Lente; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Gordon Brewer '48 of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 17, 2016. He was 92.

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

He taught and coached at Hope from 1956 until retiring in 1988. He was Hope's athletic director from 1960 to 1980. He also chaired the Department of Kinesiology from 1980 to 1985.

He coached the men's track team throughout his years on the faculty. He was also assistant football and basketball coach at Hope.

He wrote two histories of Hope athletics: *...But How You Played the Game! A History of Intercollegiate Athletics at Hope College*, covering through 1955 and published in 1992; and *Journey of Hope: Names and Games Remembered, A History of Intercollegiate Athletics at Hope College—1955-1970*, published in 2002. His publication credits also included contributing to the 2008 book *Hope at the Crossroads: The War Years*, which examined the Hope of the 1940s.

He received the "Hope for Humanity Award" from the alumni H-Club in 2001 and a "Meritorious Service Award" from the Hope College Alumni Association in May of 1996, and

Hope named its track and field facility in his honor in April of 1991.

Survivors include his children, Robert Brewer '73, Lawrence Brewer '75, Daniel (Donna) Brewer, Susan (Thomas) Harrier; and three grandchildren.

John DeVries '49 of Evanston, Illinois, died on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. He was 88.

He was a minister for more than 50 years serving in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. He became an interim minister serving in New Jersey, Florida, Wyoming and Michigan.

Survivors include his sons, John DeVries and Mark (Susan) DeVries; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two siblings, Lorenz (Heather) DeVries and Mary DeVries; sister- and brother-in-law, Jean Beach and Hiel Rockwell Jr.; and two stepsons, Bruce Mardon and Larry Mardon.

Richard Hoebeke '49 of Dallas, Texas, died on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016. He was 89.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946, trained as an engineer in the Army special training program at Stanford University and helped close two stateside German P.O.W. camps at the end of World War II.

He had a 35-year career as an engineer at Eastman Kodak in Chicago, Illinois and Dallas, Texas, followed by a 20-year career as a home remodeler.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Mary Young '47 Hoebeke; sister, Alice Carlson; daughter, Sara Hoebeke '75 (Duane '76) Cowall; son, Robert (Molly McDonald) Hoebeke; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Paul Boerigter '50 of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. He was 88.

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

He retired in 1988 after serving many years as the executive vice president and general manager of Afco Industries, a subsidiary of Temple-Inland Inc.

Survivors include his four children, Joan (John) Dayton, MaryJo (Jack) Voss, Karen (David) Westrate and William (Maureen Rowe) Boerigter; and two brothers, David (Barbara) Boerigter and George (Sibilla) Boerigter.

Lucille Riekse '50 Claus of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Thursday, May 5, 2016. She was 87.

She taught grade school in the Holland area.

Survivors include her three sons, Henry (Karen) Claus, Thomas (Nancy) Claus and Timothy (Terry) Claus; nine grandchildren; and five great-granddaughters.

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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Harold Heinen '37 of Reno, Nevada, died on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. He was 100.

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

He worked for the U.S. Bureau of Mines for 40 years. He received

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Shirley Ann Hill '50 of Wyoming, Michigan, died on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. She was 86.

She was a life-long educator who taught in the Byron Center schools for 20 years and then Wyoming schools for 17 years.

Survivors include her cat, Pepper; and many cousins.

Lynne Van Weelden '51

Ihrman of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. She was 86.

She tutored for the Good Samaritan Center and the Community Education Literacy Program in Holland.

Survivors include her children, Laurel Ihrman, David (Lindy) Ihrman and Claire Ihrman '84 (Tim) Vogelzang; two grandchildren; and sister, Phyllis (Kirke) Harrington.

John Naber '51 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016.

He served in the Michigan National Guard Company D, 126th Infantry from 1948 to 1961.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Naber; children, Pamela (John) Knox, Steven (Marcie) Naber and Thomas (Lisa) Naber; brothers, Gerald (Rosemary) Naber and Roger (Myrna) Naber; sister-in-law, Myra (Raymond) Naber; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Allen Sauder '51 of Cloverdale, California, died on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016. He was 87.

He was a teacher for 20 years at Healdsburg Junior High School, a basketball and football referee, a summer employee at Sunsweet Prunes, and a bed-and-breakfast operator in Cloverdale.

Survivors include his brother, John (Sussanne) Pennell; sons, Douglas (Patricia) Sauder, Scot (Carol) Sauder, Gary Sauder and Randall (Renee) Sauder; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

John Du Mez '52 of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, March 24, 2016. He was 85.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean conflict.

He was a firefighter for most of his life. He became deputy fire chief in 1973 and fire chief in 1982, retiring in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Du Mez; children, Bill (Robin) Du Mez, David Du Mez; step-children, Jim (Patricia), Ruth (David) Cooper, and Mary Sue (Tom) Van Dyke; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and brother, Ted (Anne) Du Mez '59.

We received word that **Henry Melvedt '52** of Eagan, Minnesota, died on March 8, 2016.

Ruth Slotsema '52 Nieuwma of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Saturday, April 23, 2016. She was 86.

She taught English to students of all ages and served as an elementary school teacher for missionary children in South Korea.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Dick Nieuwma Jr. '52; children, Paul (Holly) Nieuwma and Mary (Dany) Sakr; and four grandchildren.

Richard Ruch '52 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, April 22, 2016. He was 86.

He worked for Herman Miller for 45 years, starting out as an accountant and working his way up to president and CEO and the board chairman.

Survivors include his sons, Richard (Renee House) Ruch, Michael Ruch '75 and Douglas (Linda) Ruch '81; and brother-in-law, Lee (Jana) Overbeek.

Nella Pyle '53 Burton of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016. She was 84.

She was on the board of Opera Grand Rapids and co-chaired the Artist-in-Residence Program and served as president.

Survivors include her children, Mary (Todd Nelp) Burton, Bob (Julie Yen) Burton and Jim (Anne Murphy) Burton; six grandchildren; brother, Donald Pyle; and brother-in-law, Virgil Janssen.

Reva Pickitt '53 Miller of Marco Island, Florida, died on Monday, May 2, 2016. She was 84.

Survivors include her children, Mike (Pam) Miller, Cindy (Craig) Cunningham, Sara Miller and Sally (Bill) Miller; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Peter Markey '55 of Marinette, Wisconsin, died on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. He was 90.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Navy in the Pacific Theatre.

He served in Presbyterian churches in the Midwest.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Winifred (Alan) Grace.

Willard Rink '55 of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. He was 81.

He worked for Old Kent Bank, Cedar Springs Schools and was vice president of finance for Western Theological Seminary. He retired from Five Star Real Estate.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Joyce Vanderborgh '55 Rink; children, Jonathan (Noel) Rink, Jillian (Geoff) Staal, Peter (Merriam Crooks '83) Rink '81, Dan (Cathy VanderKuy '83) Rink '82, Carolyn Rink '88 (Chris '87) Van Wieren, and David (Susan

Rink '94; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Don (Kay) Rink; and in-laws, Jini (John) De Vries and Nick (Shelby) Vanderborgh.

Erwin Koop '56 of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, March 20, 2016. He was 84.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War.

Survivors include his daughters, Susan (Wayne) Vanderlaan and Barbara (Alan) Paris; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth Koop '49 Yeomans; and sister-in-law, Judy Koop.

Floyd Reimink '58 of West Olive, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016. He was 84.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He was a mathematics teacher for Grand Haven Public Schools for 20 years.

Survivors include his sons, Timothy (Lauri) Reimink, Thomas Reimink, Kendall Reimink, Kevin (Lisa) Reimink and Steven (Patty) Reimink; two grandchildren; brother, Don (Barb) Reimink; and brother- and sister-in-law, Ronald (Miki) Dirkse and Janice Wyma.

John Meyer '59 of Laceyville, Pennsylvania, died on Monday, May 9, 2016. He was 78.

He served on the Board of Trustees of Hope College.

He was a pastor at Community Church of Douglaston, New York, retiring in 2000.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Katherine Ashe '61 Meyer; daughters, Janet Meyer '84 Vincent and Jennifer Meyer (Frank) Sweedler; sons, Jonathan Thomas (Christine) Meyer and Jeffrey Meyer; sister, Janice Meyer (Spencer) Henning; brother, C. James (Laurel) Meyer; and five grandchildren.

Margaret Ten Haken '59 of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, died on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016. She was 79.

She taught junior high English in Redlands, California, for 29 years.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Robert Bonnette '61 of Muskegon, Michigan, died on Sunday, May 8, 2016. He was 76.

Survivors include his wife Sena Bonnette; and daughter, Nicole Bonnette '92 (Scott) Schuett.

Shari Busse '61 Lee of Niles, Michigan, died on Friday, May 6, 2016. She was 77.

She taught early elementary in Kalamazoo, Michigan and later was a substitute teacher and tutor for many years.

Survivors include her brothers, Fred (Linda Stanley) Busse and Bill Busse;

children, Christopher (Tia) Lee '89 and Robin Lee '90 (Reza) Emami; and three grandchildren.

William Vanderbilt '61 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, April 15, 2016. He was 76.

He taught in the Department of Kinesiology and coached at Hope from 1967 until leaving after more than two decades to become a founding partner and executive director of Freedom Village in Holland, but continued to serve as an adjunct professor at Hope through the 1995-96 school year. He was also the executive director of the Community Foundation of Holland and the Zeeland Community Foundation.

He was the college's head cross country coach, and Hope's season-opening cross country invitational is named in his honor. He received the Hope for Humanity Award from the alumni H-Club in 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Lantz Vanderbilt; children, Sandra Vanderbilt '85 (Christopher '85) Bajema, William (Abigail VanDuyne '91) Vanderbilt '88 and Susan Vanderbilt '92; step-children, David (Candace) Lantz and Matthew (Heidi Lantz '95) Baughman; and sisters, Virginia (Howie) Vande Guchte and Mary (Roy) Ackermann.

Elizabeth Swinehart '65 Frisbey of Scottsdale, Arizona, died on Thursday, March 3, 2016. She was 71.

She was a social worker in Michigan, California and Arizona.

Survivors include her brothers, Charles (Carol) Swinehart, David (Joyce) Swinehart and Mark Swinehart; brother-in-law, Bill (Gina) Frisbey; and sister-in-law, Phyllis Frisbey.

Donald Markle III '66 of Conyngham, Pennsylvania, died on Friday, May 20, 2016. He was 73.

He was an owner and operator of several small businesses.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Carolyn Markle; son, Donald (Colette) Markle IV, daughter, Megan (David) Corey; sister, Marguerite (John) Coates; and step-mother, Jane Markle.

Carol Shepherd '66 Welch of Scotia, New York, died on Thursday, March 17, 2016. She was 71.

She was a special education teacher in the Schenectady School District, retiring from Zoller School.

Survivors include her husband, Calvin Welch; children, Caroline and Christopher; and brother, Robert Shepherd.

Donna Leech '67 of Costa Mesa, California, died on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016. She was 70.

She was a technical writer.

Survivors include her sister, Loretta Leech.

Richard Smith '67 of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, died on Friday, May 20, 2016. He was 72.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1971.

He was a service manager for Bellavia Chevrolet.

Survivors include his son, Brad Smith; and sister, Carolyn Walden-Giatras.

Gene Koning '68 of Orange City, Iowa, died on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016. He was 69.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served as navigator on a guided missile destroyer, deployed in the Mediterranean Sea.

He worked in a variety of jobs until he retired in 2008.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Marla Koning; children, Gena (Todd) Bloemendaal, Kimberlee (Greg) Vegter, Krista (Brian) Krygsman and Kara (Alan) Miller; nine grandchildren; siblings, Lee (Bonnie) Koning, Ann Koning, Ginger Koning and Karl (Sue) Koning; and in-laws, Irwin (Judy) DeJong, Calvin De Jong, Lavonne De Jong and Paul De Jong.

Philip Rauwerdink '68 of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, died on Thursday, April 14, 2016. He was 71.

He was a minister at Glendale Reformed Church in Glendale, New York, for 10 years and then an interim minister across the country for 17 years for the Reformed Church in America.

Survivors include his sister, Sue Zeier; and brothers, Carl (Judy) Rauwerdink and Dale (Wendy) Rauwerdink.

Bruce Becker '69 of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, died on Friday, March 4, 2016. He was 69.

He served with the U.S. National Guard from 1970 to 1976.

He was the assistant vice president with Smith Barney, which became Citigroup in Manhattan, New York.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette Becker; and brother, Neil (Van) Becker '72.

Mary Ann Thorne '70 of Cape Coral, Florida, formerly of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016. She was 67.

She worked as a school teacher and in retail sales and was involved in educational testing throughout the country with Westat.

Survivors include her brother, Thomas Thorne; and sister-in-law, Sandra Hays Thorne.

Jeffrey Aldrich '72 of Key West, Florida, died on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

He was 66.

He owned Ocean Side Carpentry, LLC in Florida and Glenn Cottage Services in Michigan.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Gladys Aldrich; step-daughter, Mariana (Karlis) Austrins; mother, Judith Aldrich; brother, Russell (Anne) Aldrich; and sister, Laura (Carl) Kennett.

Richard "Dick" Hyde '76 of Tucson, Arizona, died on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2015. He was 62.

He was vice president of Iota Engineering.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Boelens '76 Hyde; two children, Charles (Johana) Hyde and Mackenzie Hyde; and one granddaughter.

Daniel Young '76 of Indianapolis, Indiana, died on Friday, March 4, 2016. He was 62.

He was employed with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Eli Lilly, Englewood Christian Church and Indianapolis Public Schools.

Survivors include his three sons, Daniel, David and Paul; mother, Charlotte Young; brothers, Darryl, Clifton and Bradford; and sisters, Darlene Thompson, Marsha Chandler, Emily Johnson and Melanie Logan.

Kenneth Lobb '77 of Hanover, Township, Pennsylvania, died on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. He was 62.

He served as pastor of the Annandale Reformed Church and was a telecommunications specialist for 27 years for Verizon.

Survivors include his wife, Wonna Lobb; stepsons, Channgeon (Helen Sobolik) Keum; Don (Yika) Keum; stepdaughter, Inju (Steve Schmitz) Keum; two step-grandchildren; adopted children, Seung Shin Lobb and Min Shin Lobb; father, William Lobb; brother, Welles (Theresa Oravec) Lobb; and sisters, Sally (David McCarty) Miller and Nancy Lobb Gulyas.

Jennifer Liggett '80 of Portage, Michigan, died on Saturday, April 16, 2016. She was 57.

She was a past president of the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors and received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1999.

She worked for State Farm Insurance.

Survivors include her brothers, Timothy (Barbara DeHaan '72) Liggett '70 and Christopher (Anne) Liggett '74.

E. Louise Wightman '87 Shumaker of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, April 4, 2016. She was 68.

She was director of disability services at Hope College for 29 years. She was a past advisor to the Sibylline sorority and delivered the college's commencement address in 1994.



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Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Vernon Shumaker; children, Bart (Gayle Veldboom '89) Shumaker '89 and Kimberly (Donald) Mulder; two grandchildren; brother, Daniel Wightman; sisters, Diane (Keith) Hayes and Mary (David) Ten Brink; and brother-in-law, Richard (Dawn) Shumaker.

DeeAnn Knoll '88 Amos of Lake Zurich, Illinois, died on Thursday, March 24, 2016. She was 49.

She worked for Hewitt Associates for 24 years.

Survivors include her husband, Chuck Amos; sons, Nathan and Matthew Amos; parents, Don (Dolores) Knoll '57; and sister, Denise Kroll '92 (Jim) Blunk.

Craig Gould '90 of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, May 28, 2016. He was 57.

He worked in sales at Doane Keys.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Stella Gould; children, Michael Gould and Rachael (Junior) Martinez; mother, Patricia Gould; mother-in-law, Julia Beltran; brothers, Mark (Cinny) Gould and Dave (Denise) Gould; and in-laws, Ricardo (Elizabeth) Beltran, Anita (Gualberto) Rodriguez, Margarita Beltran, Maria Elena and Jose Gonzales, Sixto Jr (Rita) Beltran, Carlos (Kathy) Beltran and Christina Guajardo.

Mary Schuett '93 of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, died on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016. She was 59.

She was the accompanist for City of Festival Men's Chorus for three years.

Survivors include her mother, Jeanne Schuett; and siblings, Scott (Lili) Schuett; Todd (Carol) Schuett and Amy Schuett.

Sympathy to

To the family of **Robert Bos** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Friday, May 13, 2016. He was 83.

He worked for 15 years in the mailroom at Hope College. He was also the model for Hope's mascot, "Dutch."

Survivors include his wife, Judy Bos; children, Joel Bos and Elizabeth Bos '92; daughter-in-law, Karla Kammeraad and son-in-law, Robert Ukeiley; one granddaughter; and three step-grandchildren.

To the family of **David Marker** of Holden, Massachusetts, who died on Sunday, May 1, 2016. He was 78.

He was a member of the Hope physics faculty from 1965 to 1984 and was Hope's provost from 1974 to 1984 until he left to become president of Cornell College from 1984 to 1993. His roles at Hope had also included serving as administrative director of the Computer Center; chairperson of the Department of Computer Science; and associate dean of academic affairs.

Hope presented him with an honorary degree in 1984. In 2003 he presented the college's opening convocation address.

Survivors include his two children, Paul (Lara Collier) Marker and Elizabeth (Kenneth) Patin; two grandchildren; former wife, Cynthia Thomas; and brother, Harry Marker.

The family of **Barbara Schipper** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. She was 79.

She was the conference services director at Hope, retiring in 2001.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, David Schipper; children, Janet (Scott) Underwood and Michael (Christine) Gethin; six grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

The family of **Martin Strang** of West Olive, Michigan, who died on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. He was 74.

He worked for 33 years as grounds superintendent at Hope College.

Survivors include his brother, Richard (Sheila) Strang.

FALL/WINTER EVENTS

ADMISSIONS

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

Visit Days: Visit days offer specific programs for prospective students.

Fri., Sept. 23	Fri., Oct. 28
Fri., Sept. 30	Fri., Nov. 4
Fri., Oct. 14	Fri., Nov. 11
Fri., Oct. 21	Fri., Nov. 18

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DANCE

Pride/Prejudice Balle—Friday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

H2 Dance Co.—Friday-Saturday, Oct. 28-29; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5; 7:30 p.m.

Fezziwig Christmas Balle—Friday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Student Dance Showcase—Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3, 7:30 p.m.

Student Dance Showcase—Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 5-6, 7:30 p.m.

HOPE COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES

Gallant with special guest—Saturday, Sept. 10

Wild Child with special guest—Friday, Sept. 16

All Sons and Daughters with special guest—Monday, Oct. 17

Ra Ra Riot—Saturday, Nov. 5

Judah and the Lion—Saturday, Nov. 12

All performances begin at 8 p.m.

ALUMNI, PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 3

Homecoming Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 21-23

Family Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 28-30

DE PREE ART CENTER AND GALLERY

Hateful Things—Friday, Aug. 26-Friday, Oct. 7

Chris Cox—Friday, Oct. 21-Friday, Nov. 18

Juried Student Show—Monday, Nov. 28-Friday, Dec. 9

JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Emily Henry—Tuesday, Sept. 20

Brian Barker and Nicky Beer—Thursday, Oct. 20

Edwidge Danticat—Tuesday, Nov. 15, in partnership with The Big Read Holland Area

All presentations begin at 7 p.m.

TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Opening Convocation—Sunday, Aug. 28, 2 p.m.

Critical Issues Symposium—Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 27-28
Topic: “Economic Inequality in a Democratic Society”

Pull Tug-of-War—Saturday, Oct. 1, 3 p.m.

Nykerk Cup Competition—Saturday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.

Christmas Vespers—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4

GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

Limón Dance Company—Friday, Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Trio Con Brio Copenhagen—Friday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.

St. Lawrence String Quartet—Saturday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.

KRUIZENGA ART MUSEUM

After the Rupture: New Directions in Mexican Art 1960s-1980s—Tuesday, Aug. 30-Saturday, Dec. 17

THEATRE

Listening for Grace—Thursday, Sept. 15

Roustabout—Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 5-7; Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 13-15

Jane Eyre: The Musical—Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12; Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 16-19

All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

GUEST ARTISTS

Mariachi Flor de Toloache—Wednesday, Sept. 14, in partnership with Tulipanes, 7 p.m.

John Mortensen, pianist—Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Lily Afshar, guitar—Friday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Folias Duo—Friday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.



MUSIC

Jazz Organ Summit—Friday-Saturday, Sept. 9-10, various times

FASCE Concert—Monday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Faculty Recital: Huw Lewis, organist—Thursday, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Arts Collective and Combos—Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Concert—Friday, Oct. 14, noon

The Music of Bill Monroe: Re-Imagined-Folk Ensembles—Saturday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Messiaen Quartet for the End of Time—Sunday, Oct. 16, 3 p.m.

Orchestra Concert—Friday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Alumni Choir Concert—Sunday, Oct. 23, time TBD

Donia Organ Recital—Friday, Oct. 28, time 7:30 p.m.

Family Weekend Distinguished Artist Awards Recital—Saturday, Oct. 29, 4 p.m.

Wind Ensemble Halloween Concert—Monday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Concert—Friday, Nov. 4, noon

The Big Read Holland Area Concert: Geraud Dimanche, master Haitian drummer—Friday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Faculty Recital: Gabe Southard, flutist—Sunday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Concert Band Concert—Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Combos—Monday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Liederabend—Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Vocal Jazz Concert—Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Arts collective and Combos featuring Michael Styker, jazz pianist—Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Folk Ensembles—Sunday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m.

Student Songwriters' Showcase—Sunday, Nov. 20, 4 p.m.

Women's Chamber Choir, 12th Street Harmony and Luminescence—Sunday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Concert—Friday, Dec. 2, noon

Christmas Vespers—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4. The services are on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4:30 p.m.

and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Wind Ensemble Concert—Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Madrigal Feast—Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please visit the Hope Athletics website to find schedules for the fall and winter seasons. Pocket schedules can be picked up at the Hope College ticket office in the Anderson-Werkman Financial Center.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

More information, including spring-summer admission to events and locations, is available online.

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150 AND COUNTING

Hope concluded its sesquicentennial year in appropriate style as grand marshal of Holland's Tulip Time GMB Architecture + Engineering Muziekparade. It wasn't appropriate only because the event took place on May 14, the anniversary to the day that Hope received its charter from the State of Michigan in 1866. Nor was it simply because a 150th merits exceptional commemoration. Rather, it was because Hope was bestowed the honor for the festival's culminating event by its cherished hometown of Holland, with which it has traveled in friendship and partnership since day one. And also because the college invited not just an individual to represent it during the parade, but all current and retired faculty and staff and their families: the people of Hope, ever the heart of the institution, past, present and future.

Hope also celebrated the 150th during Alumni Weekend on April 30. Please see hope.edu/150celebration for highlights.

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