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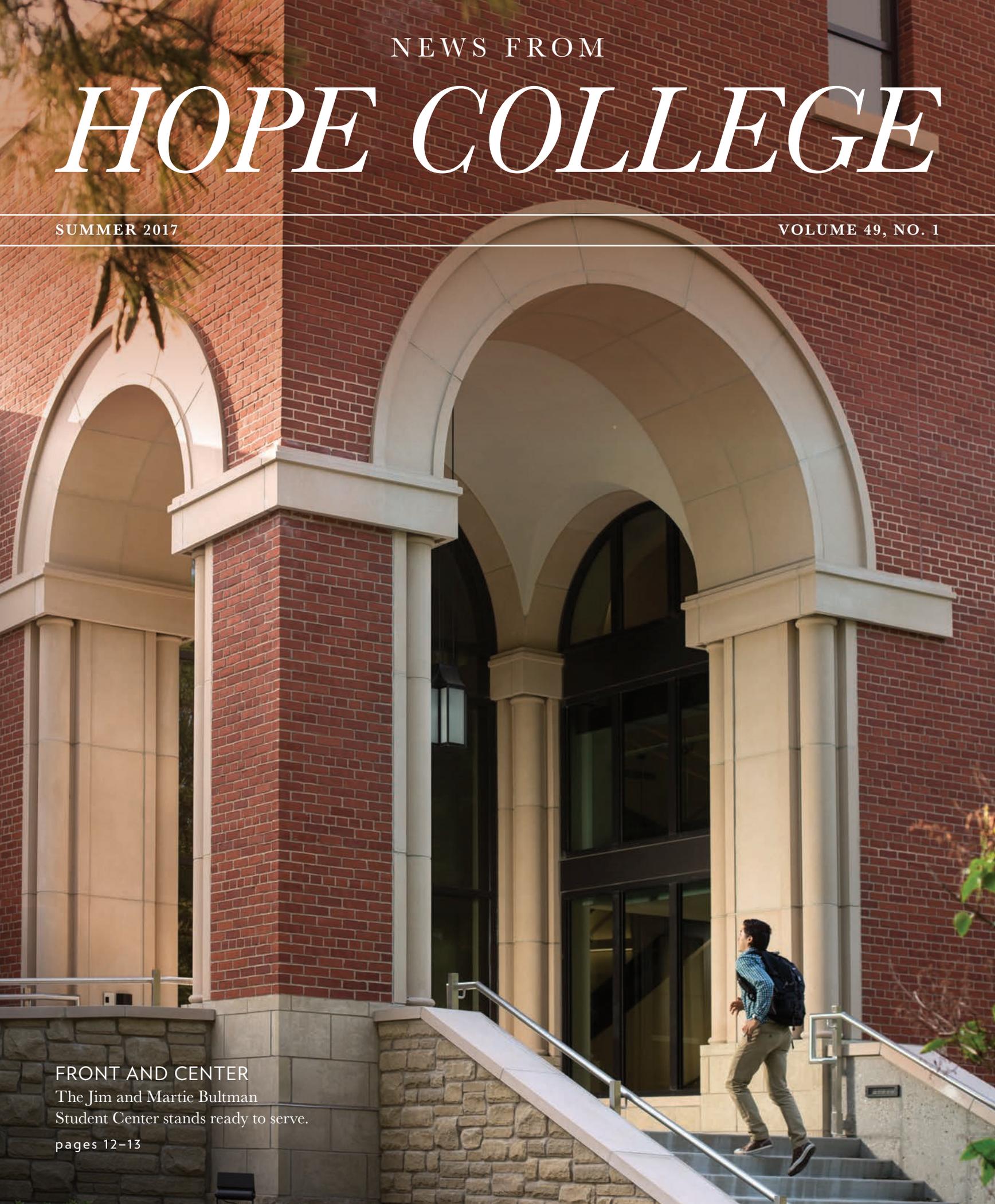
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## FRONT AND CENTER

The Jim and Martie Bultman  
Student Center stands ready to serve.

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## PRECISION WORK

The device itself is interesting. A new addition to the college's chemical engineering laboratory experiments, the packed column separator allows students to conduct experiments measuring flow of liquids and gases. It's the source, though, that's the real story. It was developed and built by a team of students in Hope's Senior Design engineering course, the results strong enough to warrant inclusion in the department's curriculum. Students in the course regularly tackle projects for real-world clients (in this case, their own program), gaining invaluable experience in the process.

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## ON THE COVER

*The Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center resides at the heart of campus, joining (and surrounded by) other landmarks ranging from the Pine Grove to Dimnent Memorial Chapel to the DeWitt Center. The image shows junior Roberto Escalante-Gonzalez of West Bloomfield, Michigan, visiting the new student home away from home, which opened earlier this month in anticipation of its true debut: the imminent arrival of the incoming Class of 2021.*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

During the summer of 1994, when I walked across the Pine Grove to assume the presidency of Western Theological Seminary, I could not have imagined that I would make another crossing to become the interim president of Hope College 23 years later. The campus has seen both continuity and change over the years, and through it all Hope has remained true to its long-standing character as a distinctive Christian liberal arts college.



Some of the changes on campus are obvious: more students and employees, beautiful modern buildings (including the brand-new Bultman Student Center), a vital Chapel program anchoring Hope's religious life, and greater racial and ethnic diversity in our campus community. Other changes are not as visible, though just as critical: a myriad of faculty/student mentorship programs, new faith and learning initiatives, the Center for Leadership and the Boerigter Institute. These changes reflect and enhance the mission of Hope, as does the college's long-standing commitment to high academic standards, faculty who are outstanding teachers and scholars, students who are active in research and writing, and a broad range of invitational co-curricular programs — all examples of Hope's remarkable continuity.

I invite you to enjoy evidence of the enduring and the new in the coming pages. In this issue of *News From Hope College*, you will learn about innovative programs and spaces, interdisciplinary initiatives and inspiring alumni.

Of special note: On pages 10-11, you will find a feature article on the highlights of John and Kelly Knapp's tenure at Hope. I join the students, faculty, staff and trustees in thanking them for their dedicated service to the college and in congratulating them upon John's appointment as the president of Washington & Jefferson College.

It is an honor to serve Hope College during this exciting season of transition, a time of continuity and change. Betty and I are deeply grateful for your prayers and expressions of support.

Spera in Deo,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dennis N. Voskuil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Dennis N. Voskuil, Ph.D.  
*Interim President and Professor*



# QUOTE UNQUOTE



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

*Enduring wisdom comes from many sources, and as the members of the graduating Class of 2017 prepared to cross the stage at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium during the college's 152nd Commencement on Sunday, May 7, they were encouraged to remember a children's Sunday school song.*

And also to sing it.

"Now I know we're all gussied up in our caps and gowns, and I know y'all are on the verge of becoming sophisticated college graduates. But I do not care," said featured speaker Dr. Charles Green, professor of psychology and former director of the college's Phelps Scholars Program. "We are going to sing 'Deep and Wide' right here at your commencement. That goes for the faculty, the families and everyone else."

The resulting impromptu choir included approximately 730 seniors. The class consisted of students from throughout the United States and foreign nations around the world.

Green titled his address "A Fountain Flowing Deep and Wide," from the song's lyrics. He noted that as the graduates embrace the reality of life today — how to thrive in an age with so many differences in background, perspective and opinion — the song's message provides a meaningful guide for people of faith.

"As we are all well aware, we live in a divided and divisive time. We've always had our differences, but in the U.S. today, and in many other countries, there is a polarization that cuts right through, leaving us fearful, angry, suspicious," he said.

"Underneath, many of our most divisive arguments are a disagreement about which is better — deep or wide?" Green said. "Should we hunker down with the people who look and think like we do? Or should we embrace the diversity and internationalization of the age?"

"Fortunately, the answer to this question is right here in this song," he said. "All we have to do is listen for the most important word. It's not 'deep.' But it's not 'wide,' either. It's 'and.' There's a fountain flowing deep 'and' wide. Not deep 'or' wide. Not deep 'but' wide. Certainly not deep 'versus' wide. A fountain flowing deep 'and' wide."

"For people of faith, this fountain represents the depth and breadth of God's love for us," Green said. "God's love is deep and wide because God is deep and wide. Scripture tells us we were created in the image of God, suggesting that we, too, were meant to be both deep and wide."

Deep engagement with faith and wide engagement with others are not only compatible but complementary, reinforcing each other, Green said.

"When our roots are truly deep, we have the confidence to reach out, to bring alongside, to invite, support, ask, welcome, to meet new people and learn new things," he said. At the same time, he said, going wide and new experiences "enable reflection and encourage commitment. New ideas offer a richer understanding of God and God's creation. New people teach us to see difference and similarity, and we learn more about ourselves as we learn more about others."

The Commencement ceremony was preceded by the college's Baccalaureate services, held in Dimnent Memorial Chapel in the morning. The address, "Equipped to Serve," was presented by Sandra Gaddy, who is chief executive officer of the Women's Resource Center in Grand Rapids as well as a member of the college's Board of Trustees and was concluding her final year as co-chair with her husband, Arlen, of Hope's Parents' Council.

Additional coverage of the day's events, including video of Commencement, the full text of each address and a gallery of photos, is available online. [hope.edu/commencement2017](https://www.hope.edu/commencement2017)



## CADY SHORT-THOMPSON APPOINTED PROVOST

Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, who was dean of Blue Ash College of the University of Cincinnati system since 2010, has become provost at Hope.

Selected through a nationwide search, she began in her new role at Hope on August 1. She has also been appointed a professor of communication at the college.

Short-Thompson's leadership responsibilities as dean at Blue Ash College were comparable to that of both president and chief academic officer at an independent college. She also held appointments as a professor of communication and affiliate professor of political science.

[hope.edu/short-thompson](http://hope.edu/short-thompson)



## HOPE IN PICTURES

Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope. Shown above is an image from the graduation activities on Sunday, May 7. In addition to multiple images from Baccalaureate and Commencement, content available online includes the text of the Baccalaureate sermon and of the Commencement address, and video of the ceremonies.

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



## ORIENTATION AND CONVOCATION TO OPEN SCHOOL YEAR

The college's 156th academic year will begin formally with the traditional Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 2 p.m. in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, provost and professor of communication at Hope (see story at left).

Residence halls for new students will open on Friday, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m., with New Student Orientation beginning later that day and continuing through Monday, Aug. 28. Residence halls for returning students will open on Sunday, Aug. 27, at noon. Fall semester classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 8 a.m.

[hope.edu/convocation2017](http://hope.edu/convocation2017)

## FIVE FACULTY APPOINTED TO ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

Hope has appointed five current members of the faculty to long-standing endowed professorships at the college.

Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger '79 has been appointed to a six-year term as the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Professor of Theology; Dr. Ernest Cole has been appointed to a 10-year term as the John Dirk Werkman Associate Professor of English; Dr. Greg Murray has been appointed to a 10-year term as the T. Elliot Weier Professor of Plant Science; Dr. David Ryden has been appointed to a 10-year term as the Peter C. and Emajean Cook Professor of Political Science; and Dr. Joanne Stewart has been appointed to a 10-year term as the Elmer E. Hartgerink Professor of Chemistry.

[hope.edu/professorships2017](http://hope.edu/professorships2017)



### FROM BLOGS.HOPE.EDU

*It's the second-leading commodity traded in the world after oil, with a worldwide consumption of 2.2 billion cups per day. And, the United States is its leading consumer at 400 million cups daily. Yet, few people are aware of the scientific, political, historical and cultural implications swirling inside their cup of morning joe.*

*This is not the case for Hope students who take Dr. Tom Bultman's new class, *The Science and Culture of Coffee*.*

Beyond its relatable premise, Dr. Tom Bultman '78's popular new course offers a holistic approach that shows how multiple disciplines together provide a rich basis for understanding and exploring questions. Please go online to learn more about a laboratory and classroom experience that one student described as "the definition of a liberal arts education."

Stories of Hope is one of three dozen blogs on the college's vibrant blog network, which shares accounts written by students, faculty and staff highlighting scholarship, off-campus study, individual academic and co-curricular programs, alumni activities and achievements — and more.

[blogs.hope.edu/stories-of-hope](https://blogs.hope.edu/stories-of-hope)

### SESQUICENTENNIAL ANTHEM PUBLISHED

The anthem commissioned for the college's sesquicentennial celebration has been published by the college's Van Raalte Press and is now available through the Hope-Geneva Bookstore.

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes (Psalm 121)" was composed for Hope by highly respected choral conductor Robert Shafer through a commission on behalf of the occasion of Hope's 150th by Thelma (Tommye) Leenhouts '66 of Washington, D.C. In the words of the composer, "a setting of Psalm 121 for full soprano, alto, tenor and bass choir and organ, this powerful, rhythmic and moving piece is immediately accessible to all audiences. It is particularly suited for fine high school, college, community and church choirs." The work had its West Michigan premiere at Hope in April 2016.

Copies of "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes (Psalm 121)" are available for \$2.50 and may be purchased online.

[hope.edu/150anthem](https://hope.edu/150anthem)



### LINDA LE FEVER DYKSTRA RETIRES FROM MUSIC FACULTY

The spring issue of *News from Hope College* announced that seven professors were retiring, but after the issue went to press we learned that Linda LeFever Dykstra, an associate professor of music who joined the faculty in 1997, also planned to retire at the end of the school year.

A biographical sketch and feature story about her are available online, along with stories about the others: Dr. Christopher Barney, the T. Elliot Weier Professor of Biology; Dr. Thomas Ludwig, the John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology; Dr. Anthony Perovich, professor of philosophy; Dr. James Piers '69, professor of sociology; Dr. Peter Schakel, the Peter C. and Emajean Cook Professor of English; Dr. Michael Seymour, professor of chemistry; and Vicki TenHaken '73, professor of management and Ruch Director of the Baker Scholars program.

[hope.edu/retirees2017](https://hope.edu/retirees2017)



## LINDSEY ROOT LUNA '03 RECEIVES H.O.P.E. AWARD

Dr. Lindsey Root Luna '03 of the psychology faculty was presented the 53rd “Hope Outstanding Professor Educator” (H.O.P.E.) Award by the graduating Class of 2017.

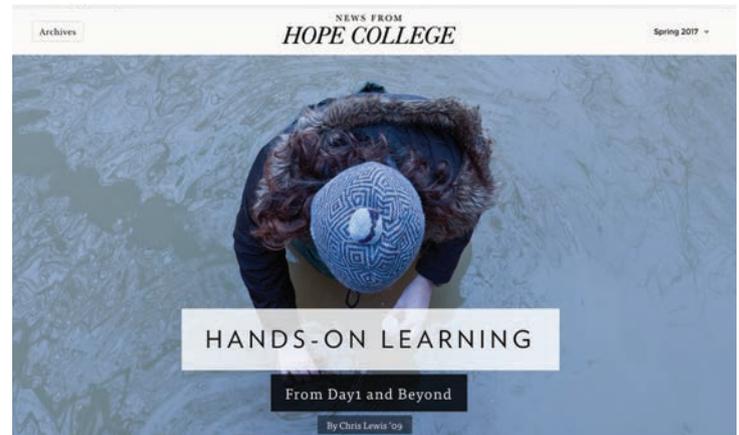
She garnered additional recognition later in the month, when she received the Regional Faculty Advisor Award for the Midwestern Region of Psi Chi – The International Honor Society in Psychology. She has been faculty advisor of Hope’s chapter of the society since 2014. An associate professor of psychology, she was named the recipient during the college’s Commencement ceremony, held at the Ray and Sue Smith Stadium on Sunday, May 7.

 [hope.edu/hopeaward2017](http://hope.edu/hopeaward2017)



## SCIENCE CAMPS CELEBRATE 20<sup>TH</sup>

They began in 1997 with one camp and 25-30 elementary-age participants. This June and July, the Summer Science Camps and Academies — named now in honor of program founder Tod Gugino '85, who died in 2013 — spent their 20th-anniversary year hosting some 1,000 children in more than 50 week-long STEM, art and music camps. Led by Hope students, the camps featured themes ranging from “Tykes Lego” to “Movie Making” to “Experimental Design,” all to help excite the children about science and learning, reflecting the college’s historic role as a resource not only for its students but the community.



## ALWAYS ONLINE

Want to enjoy *News from Hope College* when the print edition isn’t at hand, or to share an article with a friend most easily reached online? The publication can be found 24/7 at [magazine.hope.edu](http://magazine.hope.edu).

Like the print edition, the website was extensively redesigned starting with the Winter 2016 issue. Also compatible with mobile devices, it features a sleek new look, bold use of photography and seamless user experience, as well as additional content that complements the material in the printed piece (and of course includes the “classnotes”). There’s also an archive featuring every issue since 2000.

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

## NEW TRUSTEES NAMED

The Hope College Board of Trustees appointed two new members in addition to electing a new vice-chair during its May 2017 meeting.

Newly elected to serve four-year terms on the board are Dr. Stephen Boerigter of Los Alamos, New Mexico, and the Rev. Dr. Nathan Hart '01 of Greenwich, Connecticut.

Timothy VandeBunte '83 of Holland, Michigan, has been elected vice-chair, succeeding Mark Van Genderen '90 of Cedarburg, Wisconsin. Karl Droppers '82 of Holland is continuing to serve as chairperson, and Nancy Dirkse '81 DeWitt of Cincinnati, Ohio, is continuing to serve as secretary.

Trustees re-elected to second four-year terms on the board are: the Rev. David M. Bast '73 of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dr. Gerald J. Pillay of Liverpool, England; Suzanne L. Shier of Chicago, Illinois; and Mark Van Genderen '90.

Trustees concluding service on the board are: the Rev. Dr. William R. Boersma '75 of Holland and James L. Jurries '63 of Holland.

 [hope.edu/trustees2017](http://hope.edu/trustees2017)

# PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

John C. Knapp Leaves Hope to Lead Washington & Jefferson College

By Greg Olgers '87



As noted by Interim President Dennis Voskuil on Page 5, John C. Knapp has left his position as president at Hope to lead Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania.

Washington & Jefferson College announced Knapp's appointment on Friday, April 21. Invited by Washington & Jefferson College to be considered for the presidency, he assumed his new role earlier this month. The search committee chair shared that Knapp emerged as the strongest, most qualified finalist among 150 individuals in a "very distinguished pool of candidates."

Hope is conducting a national search for his successor while Voskuil serves as interim president (please see the sidebar at right).

Knapp became Hope's 12th president on July 1, 2013, and also held appointments as a professor of religion and professor of management. In a message to the campus community in conjunction with the April 21 announcement, he noted, "This was not an easy decision, for Kelly and I cherish our relationships with each member of this very special community."

"Leading Hope College is a tremendous privilege, and I am deeply grateful for your support, dedication and collaborative spirit over these last four years," he continued.

Karl Droppers '82, chair of the Board of Trustees, praised Knapp's impact and service across his four years helming the college.

"I am thankful for the four years of service John has dedicated

to Hope College. As president, he has worked hard to implement many positive initiatives and programs, and Hope is a stronger and more successful college as a result."

Knapp and his wife, Kelly, also received appreciation during the college's Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 7. As he began his address to the Class of 2017, speaker Dr. Chuck Green of the psychology faculty said, "John, we thank you and Kelly for your service to Hope, and for the way that you modeled for us how to be a Christ-centered community in a winsome, open and loving way. We will miss you both."

Knapp led the development and implementation of *Hope for the World: 2025*, a 10-year strategic plan to enhance the college's distinctiveness as a place of academic excellence, faith development, inclusiveness and global engagement. The college is also completing the first comprehensive campus master plan in more than 30 years.

Milestones during the recent 2016-17 school year included creation of the Boerigter Institute, which is a cross-functional and integrated program designed to ensure that every student is robustly prepared for career success and professional growth; and of the Mellon Grand Challenges Initiative to develop linked courses and research opportunities exploring large-scale, relevant themes. Knapp established the Presidential Colloquium lecture series in 2014 to bring noted speakers to campus to address issues

of national and global significance, and the college joined the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan as an educational partner in 2016 to bring international experts to campus through the council's Great Decisions Global Discussion Series.

Also during Knapp's tenure, Hope reorganized its domestic and international off-campus study programs within its new Fried Center for Global Engagement to strengthen emphasis on connecting students with the world beyond campus; restructured its multicultural life programs in a new Center for Diversity and Inclusion; raised new support and re-engaged alumni through a restructured Division of Development and Alumni Engagement; and unified and expanded its community-relations



and awareness-building efforts through a new Public Affairs and Marketing Division.

Among other highlights during his years at the college, the women's volleyball team won the NCAA Division III national championship for the first time in history in 2014, two Hope athletes won national championships this spring, and Hope celebrated its 150th anniversary with a variety of activities during 2016.

In 2015, Hope successfully completed the *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign, which was started during the presidency of his predecessor, Dr. James E. Bultman '63. The largest and most successful fundraising effort in the college's history, the campaign raised more than \$203 million for undergraduate research and innovation, student scholarships, faculty support and 10 major capital projects. Among the facilities initiated earlier during the campaign and completed during Knapp's presidency are the Haworth Engineering Center (2013), Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts (2015), Kruiuzenga Art Museum (2015), and Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center (opened earlier this month).

The Knapps connected with students in a variety of ways, from attending campus events and taking their meals in the Phelps Dining Hall, to inviting students to their home, to establishing a new tradition of lighting a campus Christmas tree with students in 2013. They will also continue to have a Hope student of their own, with son Ron beginning his sophomore year this month.



## Interim President Dennis Voskuil an Experienced Leader

Interim President Rev. Dr. Dennis N. Voskuil brings to his new role extensive leadership and teaching experience at both Hope and Western Theological Seminary.

Voskuil was a member of Hope's religion faculty from 1977 to 1994, and has been director of the college's A.C. Van Raalte Institute since 2015. He was president of Western Theological Seminary from 1994 to 2008, and continued to teach as the Marvin and Jerene DeWitt Professor of Church History until 2014, when he became a senior research fellow with the Van Raalte Institute.

He received the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator Award in 1981, and delivered the college's Baccalaureate sermon in 1980, Commencement address in 1985 and Opening Convocation address in 1993. He and his wife, Betty, jointly delivered the 2008 Baccalaureate sermon, when Hope presented them with honorary degrees in recognition of their service to the Reformed Church in America.

The college's Board of Trustees approved his appointment on May 31 for up to two years. With Dr. John C. Knapp's tenure as president concluding at the end of July, Voskuil started on July 1 to help provide a seamless leadership transition. He will serve while Hope conducts a national search for a successor to Knapp.

"Dennis's love for Hope College is boundless," said Karl Droppers '82, chair of Hope's Board of Trustees. "A servant-leader at heart, Dennis has a history of leading with candor, collaboration and compassion. He is especially enthusiastic about Hope's commitment to academic excellence, global engagement and ecumenical invitation into the Christian faith. Dennis will be a thoughtful and attentive steward of Hope College."

Knapp expressed support for the appointment as well, saying, "Dennis has been a great friend to Hope College and the Holland community. With his guidance, the college will continue to thrive and build momentum in every area."



# MADE FOR STUDENTS

THE JIM AND MARTIE BULTMAN STUDENT CENTER, NOW OPEN, IS A HOME AWAY FROM HOME, A PLACE TO GATHER OR TAKE A BREAK, AT THE CENTER OF CAMPUS.

- 1 | Designed as the students' family room on campus, the lounge features comfortable seating, a fireplace and floor-to-ceiling windows that offer views of the Pine Grove and Van Raalte Commons.
- 2 | Hallways and walkways are open and airy.
- 3 | The building's primary program space on the main floor is designed to be flexible so that it can host a variety of activities. Informal seating will make the space available for relaxing — and enjoying the south-facing windows — when it's not otherwise in use.





- 4 | Open work space on the main floor, which has already been hosting preparation for New Student Orientation, will support multiple campus groups simultaneously, encouraging interaction. The offices of Diversity and Inclusion and Student Life are adjacent, with Counseling and Psychological Services on the second floor.
- 5 | The Harvey Prayer Chapel, not quite completed in this image, faces northeast toward the Pine Grove. Stained glass will fill the circular window. The wall at right is paneled with wood from campus trees felled by storms or age — all a part of students' experience for decades, some older than the college itself.
- 6 | The exterior reflects features of nearby campus landmarks while containing contemporary elements all its own. Note also the outdoor fireplace near the lower right.



To learn more about the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center, please visit [hope.edu/studentcenter](http://hope.edu/studentcenter)

# How on Earth?

## *Challenging Borders for the Good of Hope in the World*

*By Eva Dean Folkert '83*

To look at the Earth from above, as a bird sees it or from an astronaut's stratospheric view, is to see a gloriously blue-green-white sphere as one splendid whole. Rivers and mountains cross expanses unabated; oceans flow uninhibitedly from one shore to the next; clouds drift wherever they wish, whenever they wish. From on high, it can be imagined, the world appears the way God created it to be: a planet devoid of multinational borders and boundaries.



But, of course, it is not. Not for those down here on Earth. A close-up worldview is one with a plethora of arbitrary, human-made lines drawn in the sand to separate us from them, mine from theirs. This is the way of the world and has been for millennia, but undoubtedly the past few years have brought cartographic dividing lines into sharper focus due to years-long wars, a refugee crisis, evolving immigration policies, global economic inequalities and climate change. For today's college students, all of these international issues make this messy, mapped-out world feel even more complicated than it already is.

So what, then, is to be done with them, those global separators of nationalities, races, ethnicities, religions and cultures? Border issues are many and complex. Where does one even start?

The answer was plain, though not entirely simple, for Dr. Dede Johnston, professor of communication and Hope's Global Crossroads director. The best place to tackle any expansive and tangled matter is on a college campus, especially a liberal arts campus where holistic learning and collaborative teaching is paramount to a pressing world issue. But not just in one discipline; several would be needed. And not just in one place; many locations would be necessary. That is the only way for students and faculty to challenge borders, Johnston thought. Numerous academic disciplines all around campus had to converge and cross borders, too.

*"[Displacement] is a critical issue that has tremendous implications for our foreign policy, immigration policy, economic policies and, perhaps most importantly for Hope, how we live out our faith by answering the question, 'Who is our neighbor?' Almost every academic discipline has something to contribute to our understanding of displaced-person challenges."*

So the interdisciplinary project, "Challenging Borders: Displaced Peoples," was born on and for Hope's campus during the 2016-17 academic year thanks to Johnston with the help of project co-coordinators, Dr. Berta Carrasco Miguel, assistant professor of Spanish, and Dr. Heidi Kraus, assistant professor of art history, as well as several other Hope faculty members with international faculty partners from liberal arts colleges in Pakistan, Egypt, Japan, Greece, France and Hong Kong.

Funded by a Global Liberal Arts/Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) Global Challenge grant, "Challenging Borders: Displaced Peoples" was first engaged by nine Hope professors in art, English, Spanish, First-Year Seminar, Senior Seminar, science and communication classrooms in the fall of 2016. It was then delivered campus-wide in the spring of 2017 via an interactive, audio-visual diaspora. A broader audience could walk to various locations around campus to scan QR codes found on the thematic Challenging Borders poster. The codes instantaneously sent videos, story maps or infographics to users' smartphones to display impressive faculty/student collaborations, a delivery method packed with interdisciplinary sensory and factual uploading on a global scale.

"I believe that this generation of students will be engaging a world with more displaced persons than we have experienced in recent history," Johnston explains. "Displacement has numerous causes, including disease, war, economic deprivation and climate change. This is a critical issue that has tremendous implications for our foreign policy, immigration policy, economic policies and, perhaps most importantly for Hope, how we live out our faith by answering the question, 'Who is our neighbor?' Almost every academic discipline has something to contribute to our understanding of the displaced-person challenges. The study of food, water, environment, health, arts, literature, history, sociology, psychology, communication, politics, religion and ethics are all connected to how we address the global increase in displaced persons."

The diaspora idea was Johnston's. She wanted Hope residents and visitors to experience the inconvenience of moving from one campus site to another and another and another, about 3,000 steps worth of movement meant to conjure feelings of displacement, albeit minor and temporary comparatively speaking. As participants traipse to every poster on campus, crossing streets, opening doors, entering rooms and searching hallways to challenge borders, Johnston's intent becomes clear: peripatetic life stories are best learned on foot.

So it is then on the Challenging Borders route, participants feel safely encompassed inside Hope's finely groomed green areas and well-kept buildings, an uneasy juxtaposition given the images and stories of marginalization to be encountered. As one of the nine faculty-student collaborative project pops up on a smartphone to depict the emotional stories of those who have been displaced in this beautiful but fractured world, a much-needed unrest settles in and with it comes the most needed emotion: empathy.

For Dr. Jayson Dibble, associate professor of communication, that was one of the best lessons of all. Sure, the students in his Communication 360 class — "Persuasion" — learned his extensive lessons on persuasive theories and concepts directed at counterbalancing negative rhetoric about the refugee crisis, but they also acquired the know-how to apply those theories to a real-life issue immediately, a major goal Dibble was bound and determined to achieve. And while he acknowledged that not all agreed on the refugee issue politically, each student did reach concurrence empathically.

"This project was an opportunity for students to use what they were learning in the classroom now to address something that is important now," Dibble recalls. "They were not just sitting on the sidelines waiting to graduate and waiting to do something about an issue. I wanted them to know they have skills and ideas and energy right now to use. That's what I was hoping for. But what I also think they got out of (the class and project) was caring. They started to care and realize the world is big and difficult and different and in need of help if even from a classroom on persuasion."

When senior James Fixx took Dr. Joanne Stewart's class called "Abrupt Climate Change," he, too, encountered empathy but also a way of knowing how to talk to others about his own feelings on refugees, especially those who have been displaced due to rising sea levels or glacial melting or extreme drought. Stewart created her class — part of Hope's general education mathematics and

science curriculum in which many of the students are non-science majors — not to bang the drum loudly for one particular scientific point of view but to insist that students come to know how science works and then let them make their own decisions on climate change based on empirical facts. As a result, Fixx now sees another way that this conjoined world goes 'round.

“My developed understanding of this subject has come up often in my daily life,” explains Fixx, a recording arts composite major from Oberlin, Ohio. “I find it difficult to take any polarized perspective on climate change or refugee ethics at face value, because most of the people in power making statements about the subject have political motives. If anything, I became less settled in my perspectives on climate change, which I am absolutely fine with. So many people believe their perspective strongly, whether informed or not, that I’m glad to be a mediating voice.”

From scientific fact exploration, Challenging Borders moves to fictional stories investigation, all in its quest to stretch students and viewers to consider how they approach the truth of this matter. In English 454, or “Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction,” Dr. Susanna Childress challenged her students to read the works of Haitian-American author and immigrant Edwidge Danticat and Pakistani writer Saaed Ur-Rehman to discover that “real” stories reside in fiction while “official” stories come from mainstream, partisan voices which purport to tell non-fiction narratives. That distinction between real and official, first espoused by writer Junot Díaz, makes a world of difference to those who are living and learning it. Childress wanted her students and Challenging Borders participants to know that, too.

*Each story in the project is indeed a human story — real and official. On this marbled Earth where borders continue to divide, perhaps the best way toward human unity is moving the boundaries of empathetic understanding.*

“The ‘official’ story is what gets told in the news, often influenced or outright manipulated by institutions and ‘official’ voices,” explains Childress. “But the ‘real’ story is what happens to people who are experiencing it. And their stories are often not heard. The first border to cross — the real versus the official — just seemed like a good way to begin to think about how fiction tells the truth because it tells the ‘real’ story. And that is the human story.”

Each story in the project is indeed a human story — real and official. On this marbled Earth where borders continue to divide, perhaps the best way toward human unity is moving the boundaries of empathetic understanding. It’s the most Challenging Borders hopes for... and the least walk toward.

## EXPERIENCE THE JOURNEY

“Challenging Borders: Displaced Peoples” literally and figuratively crossed borders campus-wide. To view the nine faculty/student collaborative works from across Hope’s academic divisions comprising the project, please visit [hopechallengingborders.com](http://hopechallengingborders.com).

*“The days of us living in our disciplinary silos are over,” says Dr. Heidi Kraus, assistant professor of art history and co-coordinator of the project. “This project is a great example of disciplines converging. We have people from chemistry, from art, from English, from psychology, from communication all talking together. We are breaking down borders even between our own disciplines with this project.”*

### ON THE DIASPORA

#### The Complexities of the Immigration Experience

*Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts*  
Dr. Deb Van Duinen, associate professor of education

#### A Voice to Balance the Negative Rhetoric About Refugees

*Martha Miller Center*  
Dr. Jayson Dibble, associate professor of communication

#### What Is in a Name? Hispanic or Latino?

*Kruizenga Art Museum (Entry Area)*  
Dr. Berta Carrasco de Miguel, assistant professor of Spanish

#### Finding Truth in Fiction

*De Pree Art Center*  
Dr. Susanna Childress, assistant professor of English

#### Walking Gregory’s Neighborhood

*DeWitt Center (North Hallway)*  
Prof. Tori Pelz, assistant professor of art

#### It Takes a Village, But Will There Always Be One?

*Phelps Hall*  
Prof. Joshua Kraut, assistant professor of French

#### What Would You Do?

*Cook Hall*  
Dr. Scott VanderStoep '87, professor of psychology and dean for the social sciences

#### Fitting In: Our Quixotic Endeavors in a New Home

*Van Wylen Library*  
Dr. Tatevik Gyulamiryan, assistant professor of Spanish

#### Climate Change and Global Displacement

*Schaap Science Center*  
Dr. Joanne Stewart, the Elmer E. Hartgerink Professor of Chemistry

# Awakening

## A DEEPER FAITH

*By Greg Chandler*

Sixteen-year-old Sydney Mycroft expresses her Christian faith through playing the drums with a praise team at her home church in Orlando, Florida.

But Sydney learned far more than how to improve her musical skills during the recent Awakening summer institute at Hope College. She gained a deeper understanding of her faith and developed skills for leading worship.

At one point, Sydney led a group of her fellow teens during a 15-minute worship time that included music, Scripture and prayer. Jordan Dennen '15, one of the interns for the program and a group leader, marveled at Sydney's leadership skills.

"She's leading worship from the drum set. Who does that?" exclaimed Dennen, of Joliet, Illinois, who also taught dance during the weeklong institute that took place in mid-June. "She's back there, having fun. She is leading worship from the drum set because that's what she does. That's her gift."

Sydney was one of 40 teens who participated in Awakening, which just finished its second year. The program gives high school students an opportunity to deepen their faith and understanding of Christian theology, with the goal of helping them prepare to take on leadership roles within the church. Sydney says the experience expanded her vision of how people can express themselves in worship to God, pointing in particular to watching Dennen and a group of students performing liturgical dance.

"Seeing Jordan and her girls dancing was phenomenal. I'd never seen anything like that," Sydney said. "We lift our hands, and swing and sway back and forth in service, and we raise our voices, but I'd never seen anyone get up and just dance and worship God in that way."

Sydney said she was so inspired by watching Dennen and her students that she encouraged a friend of hers who was also part of Awakening, who had recently quit a school dance team, to use her gifts in worship at their church.





Awakening is funded by a four-year, \$500,000 grant through the Lilly Endowment Inc.'s High School Youth Theology Institutes initiative, an effort to identify and encourage future church leaders. The program combines opportunities to learn greater skills in the various arts — music, dance, visual arts — with the study of Scripture, both in personal and small-group settings, with the idea of giving students a vision of how they can serve others, according to James DeBoer, director of Awakening and an adjunct associate professor of music at Hope.

“What these students are finding out is church is more than a worship service,” DeBoer said. “Church is about community: having a relationship with God above all, and developing relationships with all of creation that is created in the image of God, no matter who we are, what our color is, what our race is, or what our gender is.”

DeBoer says Awakening is one of the few programs of its type in the U.S. that seeks to train high school students to deepen their faith and develop their skills as worship leaders. He also says the institute fits perfectly with Hope’s mission for helping students find their purpose in life.

“It fits hand in glove with what Hope’s mission is all about: students undergoing faith formation by finding a pathway for their purpose, goals and passions for life,” he said.

Jessica Cronau ’17, a program intern who graduated in May from Hope with a double major in political science and Christian theology history, says given the trend of young people leaving the church, a program such as Awakening is critical to developing the next generation of church leaders.

“The world needs this, because in our Western culture we’ve lost touch with the importance of what the arts do — for culture, for community — and it’s so important to church life,” said Cronau, of Columbus, Ohio, who will attend Princeton Theological Seminary this fall. “To see kids engaged with God, emptying themselves out, letting God come in and fill them through a medium such as the arts, music, dance and worship — it allows for God to enter their lives in ways that wouldn’t happen otherwise.”

Cronau, who led one of the small groups, was impressed with the spiritual growth she witnessed from the teen with whom she worked.

“We would often read Scripture, spent time in silence, time in prayer and meditation, we would journal, ‘then we’d come back together as a group and talk about what we discovered,’” she said. “Every day there was a different lesson or a different theme we were addressing — mind, soul, heart, strength. We would talk about what God was speaking to us in that time of silence, that time of solitude. We would talk about what’s going on in our





hearts, what was going on in our stories. The kids were so open, we created really incredible communities.”

Students who generally did not know each other when they arrived on campus on a Sunday formed close bonds by the time Awakening ended on a Friday. It also caused some participants to look at themselves and their relationship to God.

“It’s changed me and my opinion on so many different subjects,” said Micah Huisman, a 14-year-old from Hudsonville, Michigan. “It’s touched my soul and my heart in a way I never experienced before.”

*\* Awakening gives high school students an opportunity to deepen their faith and understanding of Christian theology, WITH THE GOAL OF HELPING THEM PREPARE TO TAKE ON LEADERSHIP ROLES WITHIN THE CHURCH. \**

Other highlights from the week included an opportunity for the students to visit several area churches and experience different types of worship settings, from a traditional liturgical base to more contemporary styles. On Tuesday of the week, some of the participants and interns led the opening worship at the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America at Hope.

“It was only 15 minutes, but that doesn’t matter,” said Justin Wolters, a 14-year-old from Holland, Michigan, who was part of the General Synod worship team. “It was so cool. It was really the first time I led worship like that.”

Justin, who has an interest in preaching, had a chance to study during the week with Dr. Timothy Brown ’73, president of Western Theological Seminary, longtime RCA pastor and former dean of the chapel at Hope. Brown was one of 18 staff members who taught various disciplines during Awakening.

“Students receive world-class instruction in worship, and the community they develop within their small group and with the group at large is quite amazing. They feel like a family,” DeBoer said.

DeBoer hopes that Awakening will continue after the Lilly grant expires in 2019, but making that happen will require additional funding.

“Our goal is that it lives in perpetuity, and we are able to find funding to support Awakening so it will continue to grow and develop this next generation of worship leaders,” he said.

*More about Awakening, including a video highlighting the program, is available at [hope.edu/awakening](http://hope.edu/awakening).*



# ROLE REVERSAL

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

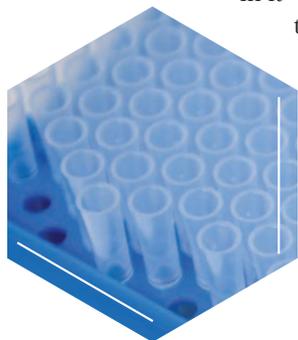


In Dr. Kenneth Brown's analytical chemistry laboratory, details are amenable obsessions. Precise measurements, exact reaction times, specific compound properties, meticulous journal notes — it all requires a special law and order of the chemical kind.

While the terms bantered about in Schaap Science Center lab 2116A would make any layperson's head spin with their particular minutiae (try these: redox mediation, organo-metallic complexes, monomers for oxidative electropolymerization feasibility for 3,4 ethylenedioxythiophene (EDOT), Fe(II) and Ru(II)-tris(5-amino-1,10 phenanthroline) and metal(II)-tetraaminophthalocyanine), Brown's rules of research have big-picture implications, too. They are not unlike the canons he learned in his mother's kitchen and go something like this (paraphrased a bit):

1. Always put things back where you found them.
2. Always clean up your mess.
3. Always take good notes if you change the recipe.
4. Always be careful.
5. Always work hard.
6. Always love on chemistry and each other.

That last rule — to love your work and the people in it — is more implied than written, and it is the rest of this detailed story.



Go back to 2004–05, and Brown is five years into his Hope career, having come to the college right after receiving his doctorate from Oklahoma State University. He excelled through six years of grad school on his strong intellect and the GI bill. A former sergeant in the U.S.

Army Reserve, Brown is a man given to affability but not pretension; orderliness but not compulsion; discipline but not impatience. Each attribute makes him an attractive magnet to Hope chemistry students who appreciate his creativity and enthusiasm. Get Brown going about those redox mediators and his voice takes on a gleeful lilt as his hands move about

complementing his every vocal inflection, exposing his penchant for using two more body parts to help his mouth do the talking.

Jill Pinter Berryman, Travis Ruch and Kathy Ewing Davis — all 2005 Hope graduates and all now with Ph.D.s in chemistry — were three such students who gravitated to Brown's way of thinking and working (and talking) back then. For two summers and two academic years, the threesome conducted research in Brown's lab in the field of electrochemistry. They all had been students in his class on "Analytical Chemistry," too. After spending so much time together, "we were a pretty close-knit group," confides Davis who is now an associate professor of chemistry at Manchester University.

So close that when the students noticed something was gravely amiss with Brown's health in the spring of 2005, the three undergraduates had the considerate audacity to step in and ask their professor why. It would be an extravagant display of courageous care for a faculty member by students, a role reversal of the magnanimous and unusual kind.



The autumn before, Brown was turning his research focus toward the use of organo-metallic compounds in bio-sensing devices such as glucose detection meters most often used by those with diabetes. As God and providence would have it, at that same time Brown began to notice changes in his body as well. His vision was blurring, he was constantly thirsty, he had high urine output, and he was losing weight though not even trying. He kept diving deeper into diabetes research literature. Was he being psychosomatic, or did he really need medical attention? "I was fortunate that at that time I was reading those research papers on diabetes," admits Brown, who is single. "As I'm reading them, I'm thinking, 'I have to get myself to a doctor.'"

When he did, his first blood sugar reading was over 500, more than three times above normal glucose range. He was immediately put on insulin and other medications but it took several weeks to regulate his glucose, and the struggle left him drained. Still, he worked. As severe as his diagnosis was, he took no time off from Hope. Brown researched, taught, advised and mentored. And he told no one of his newly detected disease.

But Berryman, Davis and Ruch caught the details of change in their professor, by now a friend as much as a mentor. Brown's sweaters were becoming baggy and his pants were looser. His teaching style had changed, too. It was erratic; sometimes he'd be full of his usual energy and sometimes it took all that he had to get through the day. Everything about Brown — his mannerisms, energy level and personality — was altered. Like his clothes, none of his normal characteristics seemed to fit. He was not himself, and his students were determined to find out why.

"So one day I was walking down the hall and they cornered me — all three of them — right outside my office door," Brown recalls. "They said, 'Okay, Dr. Brown, we want to know what's going on. We notice something is not right with you.'"

When faced with the order, the former military man had no option but to comply. Brown had been ambushed and now was surrounded, and the three students were not going to let him get away without an answer. The chemistry professor who was thinking about researching compounds to benefit the diabetic community admitted to his own recent diagnosis.

Now that the mystery had been addressed, the students offered assistance. "They said, 'If you need anything from us, we're here for you,'" says Brown. And they meant it, for the day after their confrontation the three came back bearing a gift for their weary prof. In its unwrapping, Brown uncovered a cookbook for individuals with diabetes.

"Then they said to me, 'Dr. Brown, look through this cookbook and pick out a couple recipes. We are going to come to your home, take over your kitchen, and cook for you. You must do this. You have no choice,'" recalls Brown. "So I chose some recipes and they cooked for me twice that semester. . . For them to take that interest in me told me that they appreciated me as their mentor, but more than that they cared about me as a person. It spoke volumes to me that they would go to that extent."

While one ultimatum delivered from students to a faculty member is rare, two are certainly unheard of. But Berryman, Davis and Ruch had no doubt then that repaying kindness with

kindness was as important a lesson learned in Brown's research lab as discovering the next new characterization of chemically modified electrodes (see Rule #6 again).

"To fully understand that situation, you have to know a couple of things about Ken," says Ruch, now a pharma consultant for BioTech in Westfield, New Jersey. "First, he's incredibly kind and generous with his time. Second, he has high expectations of his students and mentees. So when he was diagnosed with diabetes, we wanted to offer him support and kindness too and let him know that we expected him to attack the problem with the same vigor that a physical chemistry student attacks molecular orbital theory."

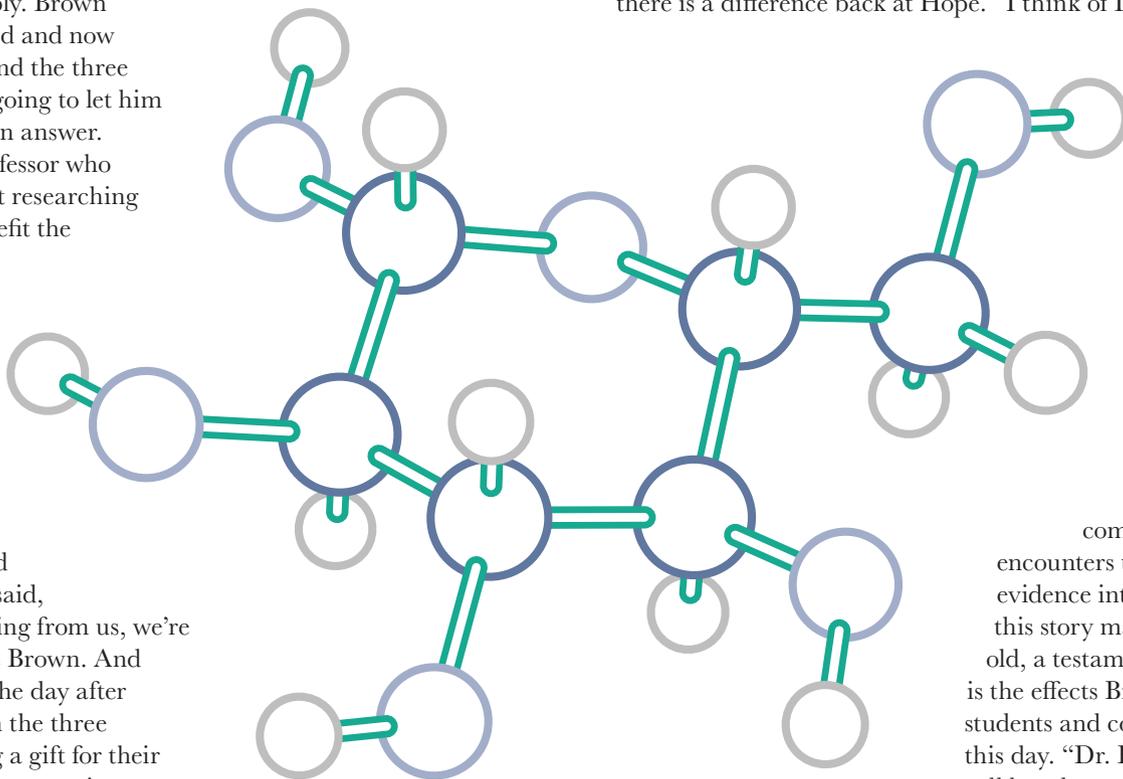
Berryman, now the manager for user relations at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at Michigan State University, concurs. She has witnessed the cutthroat nature of high-level, competitive research at larger institutions and knows there is a difference back at Hope. "I think of Dr. Brown's soft-

spoken nature, his patience in the lab with his students, his infinite kindness, and know that, yes, there were indeed other ways to be an academic," she says.

For as often as Hope is called a caring, Christian community, it is such encounters that turn anecdotal evidence into fact. And though this story may be 12 years old, a testament to its currency is the effects Brown has on his students and colleagues still to this day. "Dr. Brown is extremely well loved amongst students and deeply respected by his colleagues," confirms senior Isiaha Kyles who has conducted research in Dr. Brown's lab for

the past two years. "I'm at UC-Irvine this summer where I've happened to meet a couple of chemistry grads from Hope and they all ask me about Dr. Brown and how he's doing. He truly does touch the lives of each of his students."

"My research would not be made possible without the support of my research students," Brown concludes. "And the biggest influences on my life during my time at Hope have been my mom (Helen Brown) and best friend (Becky Pearson). They all have inspired me."



WHEN THE STUDENTS NOTICED SOMETHING WAS GRAVELY AMISS WITH BROWN'S HEALTH IN THE SPRING OF 2005, THE THREE UNDERGRADUATES HAD THE CONSIDERATE AUDACITY TO STEP IN AND ASK THEIR PROFESSOR WHY.



So you see, not much has changed about Brown since the Great Role Reversal of 2005, well, except the management of his diabetes. He's doing fine now, stabilizing his weight mostly through diet and the execution of more than 100 pushups daily, dropping to pump out at least 10 every hour even in his office. He and his research students continue to find ways to make glucose test strips more efficient (multi-use and less blood sample needed) and cheaper (paper instead of plastic). And Brown is still warm, wise and humble. From his small chemic details to his big-hearted kindnesses, Rule #6 long lives.



*SOMETHING IN THE*  
**WATER**

*By Josh Bishop*



**T**wo of Michigan's best-known breweries — New Holland and Founders — are celebrating their 20th anniversaries this year, but that isn't all they have in common. They both brew high-quality, unique beer. They're both known, at least in part, for their bourbon barrel-aged stouts (Dragon's Milk and KBS, respectively). And they were both founded by Hope College alumni.

Turns out there are more than a handful of craft breweries owned by Hope College alumni. Our latest count? Seven of them.\* There must be something in Hope's water — and it isn't malted barley, yeast and hops.

First to open and closest to campus was New Holland Brewing Company. Founded in 1997 by Brett VanderKamp '94 and Jason Spaulding '94, the brewery has grown from its modest beginnings by the soccer field on Fairbanks to a regional powerhouse. Hope alumnus David White '98, New Holland's first employee, is now a partner in the company and vice president of retail operations.

"We had been talking about starting a brewery since sophomore or junior year at Hope," VanderKamp said. Back then, "Holland was a beer desert. People didn't have any idea what we were doing."

"The Midwest has always been behind," said Mike Stevens '91, who cofounded Founders Brewing Company with Dave Engbers '93 in nearby Grand Rapids, also in 1997. When they started, "nobody cared about craft beer," Stevens said.

Even today, after decades of growth and with more than 5,000 craft breweries in the United States, craft beer is still a small share of the total American beer market. In 2016, craft beer sales totaled 22 percent by dollars and only 12 percent by volume. Twenty years ago, those numbers were far smaller.

"There was an allure to the fact that it wasn't very popular," Engbers said. "We were trying to push this boulder up a hill." Founders limped along for more than a decade before making a profit, and the company flirted with bankruptcy more than once, sticking with it only because there was no way out.

Things didn't start to change until the mid-2000s. "The light switch just came on with consumers," said Stevens. "Oh-eight's when the world woke up and decided craft beer was cool."

Now, 20 years after New Holland and Founders poured their first cold ones, West Michigan is front-and-center in the national craft beer scene. Grand Rapids was voted Beer City U.S.A. (2012 and 2013) and earned both Best Beer Town (2014) and Best Beer Scene (2016) in *USA Today* Reader's Choice polls.

New Holland and Founders did a remarkable job of clearing the way for other Hope alumni to enter the brewing scene. Following hard on their success is a host of breweries: Saugatuck Brewing Co. in 2005, Brewery Vivant in 2010, Osgood in 2013, Beaver Brewing Co. in 2015 and Bière de Mac in 2016.

"Founders and New Holland went for it before it was trendy. Everyone else is in their wake," said Mindy Chamberlain '01 Denning, co-owner with her husband, Ron, of Osgood Brewing in Grandville, Michigan. They opened their brewery in no small part because of their love for Grandville. "We have a personal connection to the community," she said.

This community focus is a common refrain for many brewers.

"The great thing about craft brewing is its impact on the community," said George Ranville '78, president of Bière de Mac Brew Works in Mackinaw City. Opening in late 2016, Bière de Mac is already having a local influence. "When you drink our





JASON SPAULDING '94  
BREWERY VIVANT



beer, the money stays in the community,” Ranville said.

Jason Spaulding is similarly proud of making a difference. Spaulding founded Brewery Vivant with his wife, Kris, in 2010, five years after he left New Holland. “My wife and I partnered on this together so it was really a co-dream,” he said. “We continue to focus on being better stewards of our neighborhood and giving better things to our employees.”

Brewery Vivant is the first LEED-certified brewery in the country and the first brewery in Michigan certified as a B Corporation, which measures positive business practices. It specializes in brewing Southern Belgian-style saisons or farmhouse beers, which are based on the types of beer Spaulding drank while touring French-speaking Belgium.

The Belgian tour wasn’t Spaulding’s first time experiencing Europe’s positive beer culture. A Hope trip with VanderKamp “was really influential, just seeing how proud people were of beer

in Europe and coming back to the United States where it was so much more commercialized,” Spaulding said.

Hope College’s commitment to global education also shaped George Ranville while behind the Iron Curtain on a May Term to Yugoslavia with history professor Mike Petrovich. “The sort of free market stuff we’re doing right now is a good thing,” he said. “I know Petrovich would love what we’re doing.”

Dave Engbers remembers Vienna Summer School as pivotal in shaping Founders’ approach to beer. He traveled to Austria and throughout Europe, where he saw beer as a normal part of daily life. “It was community. There were men and women and children and dogs, and it was just part of their culture,” he said.

When Founders opened its new taproom in 2007, some customers grumbled about seeing kids in the pub. Engbers was firm. “It was really because of my experience during Vienna Summer School. I said, ‘No, I want kids here. I want to be part of our community.’”

If a distinctly European approach to beer culture influenced several of Hope’s alumni-owned establishments, a distinctly American approach to beer-making is starting to have an impact on European breweries in return.

“They’re actually importing American hops to make IPAs and traditionally that never would have happened,” Spaulding said.

David Beaver ’98 is bringing the craft scene back to Europe in the most literal sense. In 2015, he opened Beaver Brewing Company in Vienna, Austria, to provide American-style ales and food. “We focus on craft beer styles, fresh and cold and at a good price,” Beaver said. “You might say ‘nontraditional,’ but they’re all traditional beer varieties that just haven’t been made here in Europe for a while.”

Founders is bringing its beer to an international market, too. In 2014, 125-year-old, seventh-generation Spanish brewery Mahou San Miguel bought a 30 percent share of the company — in part to help with international distribution (Founders beer is currently sold in 26 countries) but primarily because of Mahou San Miguel’s knowledge base and skill set.

In a less formal sense, partnerships among breweries are common. The craft industry has a reputation for being less competitive than is typically expected among industries fighting for the same market share. It’s understandable when you consider that craft brewers aren’t exactly fighting each other for market share, they’re still fighting Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors.

“We’ll certainly help any brewery that wants help or needs something, and they with us,” said Ric Gillette ’76, president and CEO of Saugatuck Brewing Company in Saugatuck, Michigan.

“There’s an overall friendly community of breweries and

brewers because someone else's success doesn't mean another person's failure. If somebody does well, everyone does well," Denning said.

Still, there's a sense that things are starting to change.

"There's starting to be some tension between breweries just because there are so many now," Spaulding said.

It's not an easy industry, but many of Hope's alumni brewers credit an unexpected element for their success: a broad knowledge base and their experiences at a small liberal arts college.

"Liberal arts education opens you up to everything," said Gillette, who was one of the first investors when Saugatuck Brewing Company opened in 2005. In 2009, he took over management. "I invested in the company and ended up running it," he said.

"The liberal arts background certainly gave me an advantage," said New Holland's VanderKamp.

Mike Stevens identifies Hope's size as another factor. "It really allows you to become a leader and it breeds leadership," he said. "It builds confidence at a very critical point in your life."

"Hope College in general, for whatever reason, has a really good entrepreneurial mindset," Spaulding said. "It just so happens that it also coincided with this rise of craft beer. That's probably the practical reason why there are so many breweries owned by Hope alumni."

That, and the determination, grit and character of the school's students and graduates.

"Hope College is a difficult college," said George Ranville at Bière de Mac. "You have to work hard. We successfully get through Hope and translate that diligence to whatever we're doing."

Osgood's Mindy Denning sees it the same way. "When I was at Hope, my character and my resilience were strengthened. I became tougher," she said. Part of it was her experience as a moraler in the Pull: "You can't give up. You don't quit. There would be every opportunity to say, 'This is way too hard and it's not worth it, let's throw in the towel,' but that's just not an option."

*Find an expanded version of this story, additional photos and more information about alumni-owned craft breweries at [hope.edu/breweries](http://hope.edu/breweries).*



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**MIKE STEVENS '91  
DAVE ENGBERS '93**

**FOUNDERS  
BREWING COMPANY**

# INTO AFRICA





The destinations themselves are memorable, but it's the focus and sense of family that make the Alumni Travel Program magical. Always led or co-led by a faculty member with expertise in the region, the tours are not simply sight-seeing expeditions but educational opportunities with a global emphasis, reflecting the college's ongoing commitment not only to international engagement but life-long learning. And, every participant — whether alum, spouse or friend of the college — shares a connection to Hope that creates a bond of fellowship from the start.

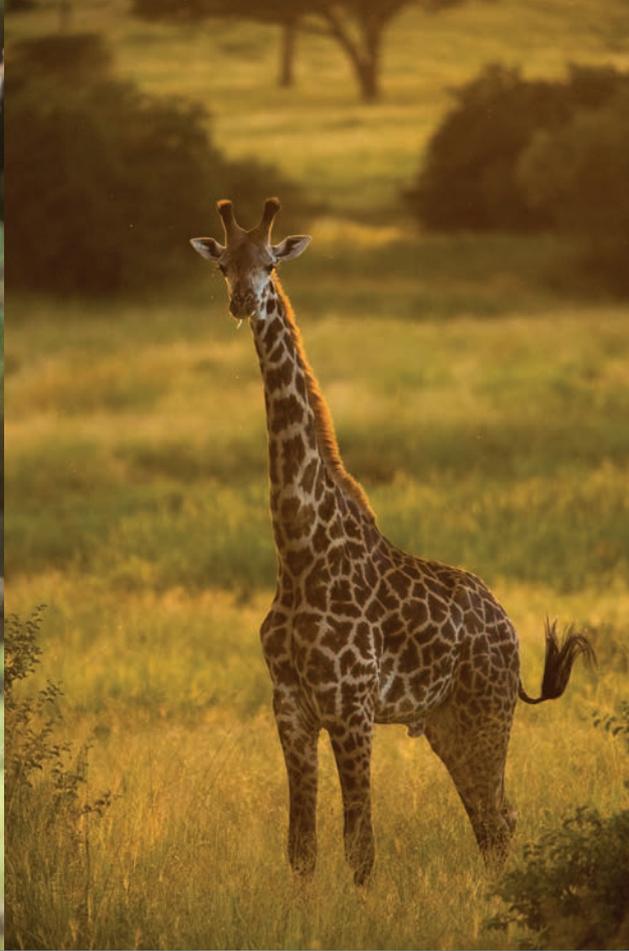
This year's trip was a 14-day adventure on the northern safari circuit of Tanzania that featured flora, fauna and engagement with the region's people. It was led by Dr. Eldon Greij, a professor emeritus of biology and respected ornithologist who previously led a Hope May Term to the area, and Dr. Tim Laman '83, a field biologist and award-winning wildlife photographer who had conducted research with Dr. Greij during his student days and has since been a regular contributor to *National Geographic* as well as a research associate at Harvard in the Ornithology Department. Considering the setting, amazing photos were probably a given, but everyone's experience behind the lens was enhanced by Tim's generously shared expertise.

The photos on this and the previous spread are not all of the images that we have to share. For more by Tim Laman '83 (pictured at upper left) as well as a gallery of favorites from the tour's participants, please visit the college online. The website also includes reflections on the trip and a feature about Tim by staff member Lynne Powe '86.

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



*Photos on previous spread and next page by Tim Laman '83.  
Photo on this page by Scott Travis '06.*





**JOSH GIBSON**

**NCAA DIVISION III**

**GOLF  
CHAMPION**

# NATIONAL CALIBER

*By Alan Babbitt*

Hope College welcomed two more national champions to the fold this spring as track & field runner Erin Herrmann and golfer Josh Gibson both claimed NCAA Division III titles in their respective events.

Herrmann, a senior from Wheaton, Illinois, won the 3,000-meter steeplechase on May 27 in Geneva, Ohio, with a school-record time of 10 minutes, 21.08 seconds that was the ninth-fastest time in Division III women's history. She joined Hope's Nora Kuiper, the 100-meter national champ in 2009.

Gibson, a sophomore from Grandville, Michigan, became Hope's first national champion in golf by winning a one-hole playoff on May 20 in Howie-in-the-Hills, Florida. He recorded a par-four on the playoff hole and finished 73 holes and four days of play at 1-under par. Hope finished a program-best sixth place as a team at nationals, capping an outstanding year for long-time coach Bob Ebels, who retired this summer after guiding the team for 26 seasons.

A successful end for the 2016-17 school year saw Hope Athletics finish 19th in the national Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings for Division III — the college's second-highest finish ever. Hope also finished runner-up in the MIAA Commissioner's Cup after winning seven MIAA team championships.

For highlights in athletics from across the 2016-17 school year, including of all of the college's sports, please visit Hope online at [hope.edu/1617athletics](http://hope.edu/1617athletics)



**ERIN HERRMANN**

**NCAA DIVISION III**

**TRACK  
CHAMPION**

# New Perspective Old Testament

By Greg Olgers '87

So, who was the Medium at Endor, and why might that matter?

Those familiar with the *Star Wars* films might be forgiven for guessing she's a bit player from the forest moon inhabited by the Ewoks, but she's actually a figure from the Bible — one that Dr. Lynn Winkels '81 Japinga of the religion faculty is hoping to rescue from obscurity and misunderstanding.

A new book by Japinga explores the stories of more than 40 women featured in the Old Testament, from those well-known like Eve and Ruth, to others not even named, like the medium. *Preaching the Women of the Old Testament*, published earlier this year by Westminster John Knox Press of Louisville, Kentucky, is designed as a resource for pastors who want to know more about the many women of the Old Testament and how better to incorporate them into their sermons, but is also accessible to the layperson seeking new insight into individuals who Japinga notes haven't always been fully or fairly considered.

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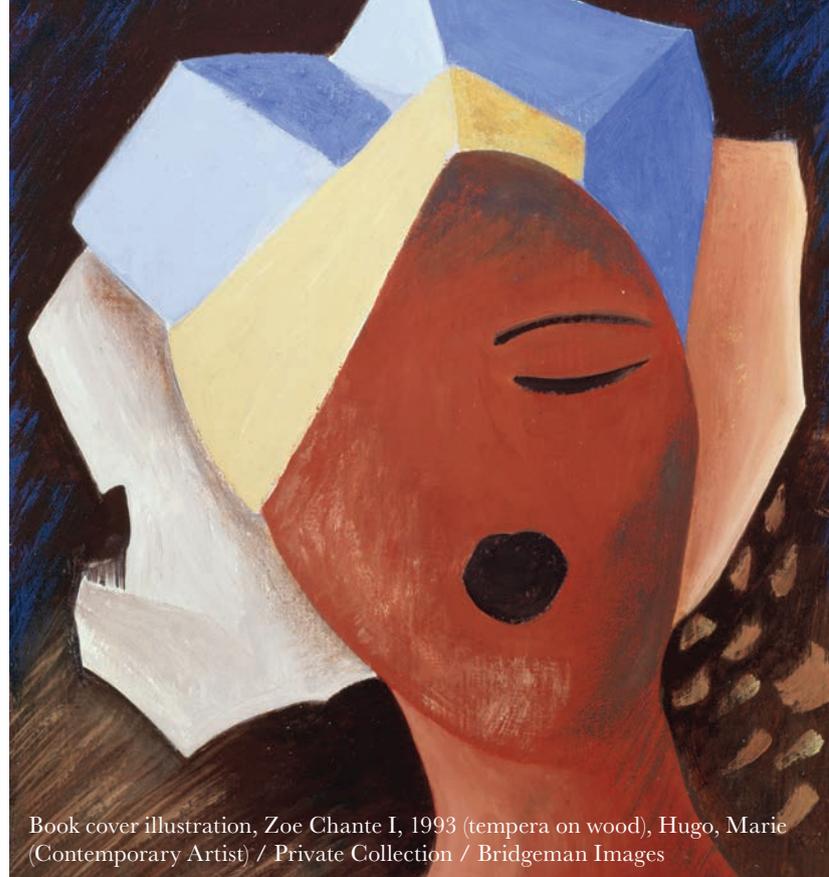
"The preacher who chooses to explore these texts faces some significant challenges," said Japinga, a professor of religion at Hope who is also an ordained minister in the Reformed Church of America and a specialist in the history of American religion and feminist theology.

"First, people know very little about women in the Old Testament, and what they think they know is often wrong. The preacher often needs to deconstruct what people think they know about the text, particularly the stories about Eve, Bathsheba, Delilah and Jezebel," she said. "Second, preachers and commentators throughout history and down to today have read their own assumptions (and, often, their own prejudices) into the text."

Each of the women receives a chapter, which begins by sharing where in the Bible her story is found and whether or not it's included in the lectionary that provides a guide for readings to use in preaching. Japinga then presents a synopsis of the story, reflecting also on previous commentary about it, and concludes by suggesting possible sermon themes.

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"The biblical stories function as a mirror to say something true about human experience, both in the ancient world and in the 21st



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century," Japinga said. "They can be horrifying and depressing. People dominate, hurt and abuse each other, both then and now. The stories also show people being courageous and graceful and resisting evil."

Japinga outlines the story of the Medium of Endor — named simply for the village in which she lived in Lower Galilee in ancient Israel — as an example of the latter. As depicted in 1 Samuel 28, the medium was capable of summoning spirits, and brought the deceased prophet Samuel at the request of Israel's King Saul, who sought advice for a battle with the Philistines the next day. God had stopped communicating with Saul, and Samuel's angry spirit confirmed that Saul had fallen from God's favor and would die in the fight. Saul was distraught and hadn't eaten all day, and the woman, seeing that he was terrified, insisted that he rest while she fixed a meal for him and his servants.

The story isn't in the lectionary, and commentators, Japinga said, have frequently dismissed the medium "as either sinful or inconsequential" — or even suggested that her power came from demons or Satan.

The biblical text, Japinga said, doesn't criticize the medium at all. Instead, she said, the woman modeled compassion and might be interpreted as a source of grace, even when God seems absent.

"Saul received genuine compassion and hospitality and communion from an unlikely source," Japinga said. "The woman saw his exhaustion and confusion and offered understanding, sympathy and food. She chose to be gracious and caring, not because she was commanded to do so, but because she saw Saul's pain and responded to it. God is mostly absent from the story, even though Saul desperately sought God's advice and approval. But perhaps God was present in this 'last supper' between the two of them."

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## WINDOW TO HOPE'S HISTORY

### STRIKE!

Just as the new Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center has been designed to serve the needs and interests of today's students, so, too, was the DeWitt Student and Cultural Center built to serve the needs and interests of the students of 1971, and thus DeWitt resounded with the distinctive clatter of 10 pins courtesy of a bowling alley. There were even tournaments, but enthusiasm for the activity eventually faded and the lanes, located on the building's ground level, were removed and the space repurposed in the early 1980s.



# CLASSNOTES!

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## 50s

**Barry Whitsitt '54** of Oxford, Georgia, and his wife, Maryann celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

## 60s

**Sue Utzinger '67 Buchan** of Muskegon, Michigan, reports that she is a retired educator, grandmother and clinical social worker with a private practice in North Muskegon, Michigan. She does some volunteer work at summer camp and stays active watching her grandchildren's sporting events. She is enjoying West Michigan and planning some landscape painting and fishing.

**Peter Walther '69** of Rome, New York, was the director of music and organist at the First Baptist Church until 2016. He rewarded himself by spending all last summer in Vienna, where he reconnected with Hope professors Stephen Hemenway and Janis Gibbs. He reports that the memories of Dr. Paul Fried '46 and Professor Molzer were looming over him on a daily basis. Last August he reconnected with a Viennese baritone, Daniel Gutmann, that he had heard during a performance of Don Giovanni and persuaded him to tour with him in New York. They presented four concerts in February, the final one at the Austrian Embassy in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

**Wesley Granberg-Michaelson '67** of Santa Fe, New Mexico, had *From Times Square to Timbuktu: The Post Christian West Meets the Non-Western Church* published. He is also a member of the Global Christian Forum Steering Committee which met in Havana, Cuba, in March 2017.

**John Killmaster '67** of Boise, Idaho, and Shelley Sinquefield were married and he gained two step-children. He is publishing a book on his career as an artist and university professor. He was honored with an Albert Nelson Marquis Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Judy Tanis '67 Parr** of Holland, Michigan, has been elected to a one-year term as president of the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP). The organization, which promotes lifelong learning, was founded at Hope in 1988 by Dr. John Hollenbach, professor emeritus of English. Since then, it has grown from 38 to 750 members.

**Laurie Taylor '67 Rossi** of Fairview, New Mexico, will be conducting the Performance Santa Fe Symphony in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on December 24 and 31 at the Lensic Theatre. On Tuesday, July 4, she conducted the Santa Fe Concert Band on the Plaza.

**Lois Dykema '67 Sharpe** of Saint Mary's, Ohio, reports that she and her husband, George, have four children, eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren and feel very blessed.

**Beppy Albers '69 Michel** of San Pedro, California, reports that she is humbled by the realization of grace in her life and those of her clients, which supersedes all difficulties and so inspires us. She is a "trauma therapist" (PTSD) in private practice in Palos Verdes, California. Her newly published book *Art Psychotherapy Experiential Workbook for the Professional* was

featured in the May-June issue of *Psychology Today* magazine.

## 70s

**Dorothy Breen '72** of Carrabasset Valley, Maine, is an associate professor emerita from the University of Maine and is a licensed psychologist in private practice.

**Nancy Cooper '72** of Clifton, New Jersey, reports that she continues to be very active in the Reformed Church presently serving as elder delegate to classis as well as serving on two classis committees. In June, she attended the General Synod. She continues to serve as treasurer of her church, which she has done for more than 25 years, teaches an adult Sunday school class, chairs a women's ministries group, and plays in the hand bell choir and sings in the senior choir. In her "spare time" she reads, cross stitches and gardens (her late husband used to love to garden, so she hasn't had to garden in 30-plus years).

**Johanna Willems '72 George** of New Era, Michigan, has retired from Shelby Public Schools and spends seven months a year in The Villages, Florida.

**Rick Hine '72** and his wife, Linda, report that they are blissfully retired in Coronado, California. They are just as busy in retirement as they were during their work and family years. Their motto is simple: "Every day is a great day, some days are better."

**Laurel Dekker '72 VanHaitsma Kempkers** reports that after her husband's passing, she married Gord Kempkers and moved from Ludington, to Hamilton, Michigan. Combined they have 14 grandchildren, with number 15 due in August.

# CLASSNOTES



**Dawn Van Ark '71** has retired after 46 years at Hope College, where she was library acquisitions specialist. She was honored with a reception at the Van Wylen Library on Thursday, July 20.

**William Strader '74** presented at the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22.

**Sue Poppink '75** of Portage, Michigan, has received the Teaching Excellence Award from the College of Education and Human Development at Western Michigan University. She has been a professor of educational leadership at WMU for the past 16 years.

**Mike Carpenter '76** retired in April 2017 after 35 years with American Blue Ribbon Holdings (Village Inn and Bakers Square restaurants) and reports that he looks forward to traveling and relaxing in their new home in Marysville, Washington.

**Barbara Wrigley '76** reports that after retiring in 2012 and the death of her wife in 2014, she moved from Berkeley, California to Durham, North Carolina. On Monday, April 24, she completed the competency development program for coach certification at the Gestalt International Study Center in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, and has launched a business, Heart's Harvest. Barbara serves a nation-wide group of clients as a life transitions coach, providing guidance for those undergoing major transitions such as retirement, moving, changing jobs, divorce or the loss of a loved one.

**Philip Bosch '77** of Fallbrook, California, is the attending physician at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center. He is in the Department of Urology, where he runs the

interstitial cystitis clinic. He has also published articles and has done research on interstitial cystitis.

**Philip De Jong '77** of Charlottesville, Virginia, has been appointed president of Uppermost Press LLC with offices in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Uppermost Press publishes inflight magazines including *Selamata*, the inflight magazine of Ethiopian Airlines. He was the former president and co-founder of Journey Group Inc. in Charlottesville.

**Leslie Pett '77 Johnson** is currently working for ACSI Europe as an educational consultant, coming alongside new and growing Christian schools in Europe, especially the Czech/Slovakia/Poland region. In talking about what it means to be a teacher who is a Christian (how one's faith makes a difference), she has traveled as far as China and spoke in Albania in April.

**Thomas Johnson '77** of Prague, Czech Republic, represented the World Evangelical Alliance and the 600 million members of its churches in relation to the Vatican. This includes interacting with multiple departments of the Vatican. In February he began representing evangelicals in a multi-year series of Vatican-led consultations with about 40 scholars, diplomats and religious leaders (including several non-Christian leaders) to try to find new solutions to the complex set of problems surrounding what they see as the highest levels ever of religiously motivated violence, terrorism and religious persecution. In addition to top Catholic officials and scholars, it includes representatives from the UN, the Nobel Committee, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and top NGOs specialized in this set of topics. The first edition of his book, *Human Rights: A Christian Primer*, was published in 2008 by the World Evangelical Alliance. The second edition was published in 2016, jointly on behalf of the WEA and a Vatican-based think tank; it is now distributed by both Evangelical and Roman Catholic institutions.

**Lynn Raffety '77 Kennedy** is an employee of the City of Virginia Beach Public Libraries. She is on the management team of the Tidewater Community College Joint-Use Library, a partnership serving both students and the community. She reports that she and her husband, **Kevin Kennedy '80**, spend time with their children in California, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., and actively participate in the life of their Episcopal Church. In the past

few years, they have traveled to Israel, Istanbul, Italy and Budapest.

**Brenda Heath '77 Vander Meulen** of Holland, Michigan, is part of the Center for Leadership at Hope, teaching The Trusted Advisor and coaching CFL student consultants. She is a member of the board of directors for Good Samaritan Ministries in Holland, working to end poverty and homelessness in the community, all while still having her own consulting practice.

**Sylvia Haug '77 Verdonk** of South Haven, Michigan, retired from teaching high school mathematics for Coloma Schools in Coloma, Michigan, in 2010 after 32 years. She has since taught mathematic classes for Lake Michigan College and has taken on duties as director of religious education at St. Basil Catholic Church in South Haven, Michigan.

**Bob Niedt '78** of Fairfax, Virginia, is an online editor at Kiplinger Washington Editors, the renowned Washington, D.C., based publisher of print and online business forecasts and personal finance advice, including the monthly magazine *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, on newsstands nationwide. Bob lives in Northern Virginia with his wife, Linda. He reports that they explore the historic sites of D.C. and Virginia, and may occasionally stop at a Virginia winery or two.

## 80s

**Kathryn Lawrence '82** of San Jose, California, reports enjoying the scenery and weather of Northern California while tackling the challenges of a continuously growing business.

**Karen Heikema '82 Terpstra** of El Cajon, California, works for the Public Library Foundation that supports 36 public libraries raising funds for many outstanding programs. This foundation raised funds to build the nine-story Central Library in downtown San Diego, California, as well as 11 new branch libraries since its inception 13 years ago. She reports that her passion for non-profit accounting started while she attended Hope working as a student for advancement and alumni relations.

**John Fanthorpe '83** of Zeeland, Michigan, is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the John Fanthorpe Farm Bureau Insurance Agency located in Hudsonville, Michigan. He also serves as an ambassador for the Hudsonville Area

Chamber of Commerce. John recently relocated his personal residence to Zeeland, Michigan, where he is taking on the challenges of his 113-year old home. He joined the Second Reformed Church where he enjoys the sermons of Hope alumnus **Rev. Karsten Rumohr-Voskuil '96**.

**Mike Spitters '84** reports that he is experiencing the joys and challenges of planting a new Disciples of Christ church in the fastest growing city in America, Frisco, Texas. The church is called "Expedition Church," and embodies a community-centered approach to doing ministry. His article, "Do What You Love to Grow A Church," was featured in the latest issue of *New Results*. He has three children at Texas Christian University, two of whom will be graduating this year. He is active in Theatre Frisco and is currently in the musical *Evita*.

**Betsy Buurma '87 Berkey** of Fenton, Michigan, reports that she is still singing after all these years. She has been directing her church choir for four years. Her highlight last fall was singing with the alumni Hope Chapel Choir in the new music hall.

**Robin Beckett '87 VanderHart** of Caledonia, Michigan, received her CMA (certified management accountant) certification in

December 2016. She is currently working as director of accounting for Emergency Care Specialists (a medical practice of physicians and physician assistants that staff emergency rooms throughout western and northern Michigan) and Medical Management Specialists (a medical billing company).

**Christopher Habben '88** of Shawnee, Kansas, began a two-year term on Jan. 1, 2017, as president of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. AAMFT is the professional association for the field of marriage and family therapy, and represents the professional interests of more than 50,000 marriage and family therapists throughout the United States, Canada and abroad. He also spoke at a TEDx event in Overland Park, Kansas, on Thursday, March 2, presenting "Navigating Relational Systems."

**David Kuiper '88** of Zeeland, Michigan, who is the vice president with Northpointe Bank, has earned the certified military home specialist designation. Earning this designation indicates a commitment and significant knowledge base that active duty service members and veterans can rely on for prompt and accurate service and advice.

**M. Lynn Massey '90 Breyfogle** and **Jim Breyfogle '90** report that they are excited for their identical twin daughters, Jamie and Kimberly, to join Hope's Class of 2021 this fall.

**Todd Adams '91** of Tallahassee, Florida, was elected president of the faculty senate at Florida State University. He also serves as a member of the FSU Board of Trustees and the FSU Foundation Board.

**Kathleen Kelly '91 Hayduck** of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, is co-founder and producer at her own production company, Turtlebox Productions, with her husband. Turtlebox is focused on creating meaningful media for children. Clients have included Sesame Workshop, CBC Kids and WGBH/PBS Kids. Her company's first iOS app, "Run Salmon Run," an educational storybook app about the lifecycle of salmon, is available on iTunes.

**Melissa O'Connor '96 Meuzelaar** and Tom Meuzelaar announce the birth of Elise Audrey on Sept. 15, 2016.

**Amy Moeckel '96 Peterson** of St. Joseph, Michigan, is a school counselor at Upton Middle School and St. Joseph High School, both of which she and her husband attended, as do/will their two children.

**Gail Messing '96 Schramek** of Lake Orion, Michigan, is an orthopedic nurse practitioner at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. She and her husband have a son, Robert, who just finished first grade.

**Ben Krombeen '97** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, joined Baruch Senior Ministries as the vice president of finance in March. Baruch is based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is a faith-based non-profit organization providing senior living services across Michigan.

**Becky Hollenbeck '98 Dykhuis** of Grandville, Michigan, is the coordinator of connection and engagement at Trinity Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She and her husband, **Brian Dykhuis '98**, live in Grandville, Michigan, with their four children.

**Matthew Kuiper '98** of South Bend, Indiana, has been awarded the University of Notre Dame's 2017 Shaheen Graduate Award, given annually to the university's outstanding Ph.D. graduate in the humanities. He was recently appointed assistant professor of Islamic Studies

## Giving Beyond



**Blaine '86 and Kathy Newhouse**

Blaine '86 and Kathy Newhouse have found through giving, they receive. Support of the Hope Fund, their family scholarships and including Hope College in their estate plan is part of modeling a God-honoring standard of living for their children, a model that Kathy's parents started when she was young.

Through the inspiration of their parents and by creating a scholarship fund, the Newhouses have a positive impact on students' ability to attend Hope.

By planning a gift to support Hope's future, you can join Blaine and Kathy in helping the college carry forward its mission of educating students for lives of leadership and service.

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at Missouri State University. His book, *Da'wa and Other Religions: Indian Muslims and the Modern Resurgence of Global Islamic Activism*, will be published by Routledge this fall.

**Kara McGillicuddy '98** and Steve Landstrom were married on July 19, 2014. They also announce the birth of Millie Rose on April 1, 2017.

**Sara Meengs '98 Monty** and **Jeremy Monty '96** announce the birth of James Elwood on March 21, 2016.

**Jessica Owens '98** and Sean Hennessey were married on April 22, 2017, in Baltimore, Maryland, where they now reside.

**Darcy Smith '99 Carmichael** and Chad Carmichael announce the birth of Bella on Feb. 1, 2017. She is their 12th child.

**Mike Farmer '99** of Raleigh, North Carolina, was promoted to senior vice president, human resources at BMC Stock Holdings.

## 00s

**Nathan Hart '01** successfully defended his doctoral thesis at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts.



**Jim Boerkoel '05**, assistant professor of computer science at Harvey Mudd College, was awarded a Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) grant by The National Science Foundation (NSF) for his project "CAREER: Robust and Reliable Multiagent Scheduling Under Uncertainty." The CAREER grant will fund five years of new research that builds on previous work. He specializes in human-robot interaction, artificial intelligence and interaction design. Please visit [cs.hmc.edu/HEAT/](http://cs.hmc.edu/HEAT/) for more about his award and work and see the class notes above for more on Jim and his wife, Liz Otton '06 Boerkoel.

**Erin Wysocki '02 Kostun** and Michael Kostun announce the birth of Andrew Michael on March 2, 2017. He joins big sister Claire, who they report is over-the-moon in love.

**Charlene Kan '03** and Eric Yeh were married on Sept. 3, 2016, in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Bryant Loomis '03** received the 2016 NASA Robert H. Goddard Exceptional Achievement for Science Award for innovative improvements, advancements and science applications of time-variable gravity mascon solutions from Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) data.

**Cynthia Bachhuber '04** accepted a position as North American history librarian at the Wisconsin Historical Society

**Jake Taber '04** and **Kelly Kraft '04 Taber** announce the birth of Sloane Cora on March 8, 2017. She joins Tessa and Colby.

**Jim Boerkoel '05** and **Liz Otton '06 Boerkoel** announce the birth of Jacob William on Sept. 3, 2016. Jim is an assistant professor of computer science at Harvey Mudd College and was awarded a prestigious NSF Early Faculty Development CAREER Award. Please see highlighted classnote below.

**Lindsey Kuipers '05 Compton** and James

Compton announce the birth of Iyla Marie on Dec. 31, 2016.

**Amy Lubbers '05 DePotty** and **Bryan DePotty '04** announce the birth of Samuel Wilder in October 2016.

**Brett Schlender '06** has joined Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC Attorneys litigation group in the Holland, Michigan office. He also serves on the board of directors for Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity and AT53, Inc.

**Stephanie Van Stee '06** and Stuart Hamilton announce the birth of Lucia Renee on Feb. 10, 2017.

**Heidi Lam '06 Winkler** and Shawn Winkler announce the birth of Juliana Leigh on March 20, 2017.

**Emily Timmons '07 Elliott** successfully defended her doctoral thesis at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

**Amy Dopita '07 Grossman** and **Matthew Grossman '07** announce the birth of Henrik Matthew on Feb. 7, 2017.

**Aaron Raatjes '07** received a Ed.D. degree in educational administration and supervision from Loyola University Chicago.

**Kari Soderstrom '07 Ricigliano** and Michael Ricigliano announce the birth of Finn Warren on April 20, 2017.

**Cara Lawton '08 Bowen** and **Chris Bowen '08** announce the birth of Brady on Feb. 11 2017.

**Jordan Hoyer '08** joined the Grand Rapids, Michigan, office of Kotz Sangster. She is focusing her practice on commercial litigation and financial services litigation.

**Rachel Maiga '09** and Ibrahim Maurer announce the birth of Isolde Lindsay on Jan. 25, 2017.

**Allison Taber '09 Ray** and **Matt Ray '10** announce the birth of Kennedy Grace on July 5, 2016.

**Christopher Sikkema '09** is the coordinator for digital evangelism for The Episcopal Church. His efforts mainly focus on sharing faith and stories digitally among young adults and providing theological resources for parishes and individuals.

**Lauren Reus '09 Unger** and Braden Unger announce the birth of Ynes Arden on Nov. 30, 2016.



Tish Carr '82 Boerigter



Tom Doran '97



Lenora (Norie)  
Vandenberg '64 Koelbel



Alec Nelson '19



Scott Watson '86

## NEW ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS NAMED

During its May meeting, the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors appointed five new members and elected two new officers.

The board's new members are: Tish Carr '82 Boerigter of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Tom Doran '97 of Smyrna, Georgia; Lenora (Norie) Vandenberg '64 Koelbel of Chapala, Mexico; Alec Nelson, a Hope junior from Richmond, Virginia; and Scott Watson '86 of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Newly elected to serve as president is Bradley Norden '04 of Holland, Michigan, who was previously secretary. He succeeds Victoria Brunn '84 of Santa Monica, California, who will continue to serve on the board for a year as immediate past-president. Leslie Schoon '93 Monday of Kirkland, Washington, succeeds Norden

as secretary. Katie Bauman '03 Schubert of Frankfort, Illinois, will continue to serve as vice president.

Josh Augustine '17 of Maple Grove, Minnesota, formerly Senior Class Representative, was appointed representative of the most recent graduating class. Victoria Chapman of Canton, formerly Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

The board members who have concluded their service are: Alison Claucherty '16 of Haslett, Michigan; Holly Anderson '90 DeYoung of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; Todd Houtman '90 of Indianapolis; Garry Kempker '74 of Holland, Michigan; and Juan Carlo Muñoz '00 of Holland.

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## 10s

**Derek Bradley '10** and Melody Johnson were married on April 8, 2017, on St. Simons Island, Georgia.

**Stephanie Dykema '10** received her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Akron this month. Following graduation she is beginning a postdoctoral fellowship at the School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Counseling Services Center and moving to Chicago, Illinois, with her fiancé.

**Rachelle Victory '10 Nauta** and Mark Nauta announce the birth of Levi Alan on March 21, 2017.

**Christopher Nelis '10** and **Lauren Geerlings '10 Nelis** announce the birth of Bennett Christian on April 18, 2017.

**Jeff DeYoung '11** graduated in the top fifth percentile of his class from Detroit Mercy School

of Dentistry in May 2017. He was presented with the 2017 American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Student award for outstanding performance in undergraduate oral and maxillofacial surgery. He has accepted an oral surgery fellowship at the University of Missouri Kansas City to continue his studies.

**Courtney Vellmure '11 Hierlihy** received a Master of Social Work degree from Eastern Michigan University on April 22, 2017.

**Andrew Schofield '11** of Ann Arbor, Michigan, is an oncology representative selling IV chemotherapy products indicated for metastatic breast cancer throughout the Midwest. He reports that a key aspect of his job is the ability to build relationships and understanding his customers, and much of the success that he has had is a direct result of the education he received from Hope as a communication major.

**Peter Clifton '12** and **Amy Stauffer '14 Clifton** announce the birth of Lorelei Jean on April 19, 2017.

**Rebecca Danforth '12** received her Ph.D. in chemistry on the ultrafast photochemistry of aqueous iron (III) complexes from Montana State University in May 2017.

**Michael Dirksen '12** received a Master of Arts degree in international peace and conflict resolution from American University in Washington, D.C. He also received a Master of Arts degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago, studying political parties and the politics of water in the Middle East.

**Dean Hazle '12** of Brookline, Massachusetts, is the permitting compliance officer for Keolis Commuter Services, the operator of the commuter railroad in Boston.

**Cory Lakatos '12** and **MacKenzie Anderson '13 Lakatos** announce the birth of John Elwin Reuel on Feb. 24, 2017.

**Eric Spytma '12** and **Julie Powers '12** were



## MULTIPLE GRADUATES RECEIVE NSF RECOGNITION

Hope graduates have once again fared well in the prestigious Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation (NSF), with four receiving awards this year.

**David Lunderberg '17, Lisa McLellan '15, Monica Ohnsorg '16 and Julia Slopsema '15** all received fellowships this year. McLellan had received honorable mention in both 2015 and 2016, and Ohnsorg had 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 10th 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 1,753 applicants with honorable mention. There were more than 13,000 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 to the graduate institution.

Lunderberg will be pursuing graduate study in physical chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. McLellan is pursuing graduate study in microbial biology at Washington University in St. Louis. Ohnsorg is pursuing graduate study in macromolecular chemistry, supramolecular chemistry and nanochemistry at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Slopsema is pursuing graduate study in biomedical engineering at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

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Group in Leawood, Kansas.

**Jeff Zita '16** received an Emmy Award nomination for his drone photography company, Z Drones.

## Class of 2017

**Ivan Akansiima '17** will pursue a master's degree in jazz performance and composition at Western Michigan University.

**Evan Altman '17** is a software developer for SolidCircle in Holland, Michigan.

**Jordan Amsbury '17** accepted a first-second-third-grade teaching position at North Park Montessori in the Grand Rapids Public Schools district.

**Margaret Apostoleris '17** is working for Dow Chemical in their commercial development program.

**Maddie Auriemma '17** and Dylan Lambert were married on July 21, 2017, in Holland, Michigan.

**Alexandria Barbu '17** will start an internship with International Justice Mission UK in Witham, England, in September.

**Madelyn Bellew '17** is a resident director at Fort Lewis College.

**Drew Bennett '17** is pursuing a Master of Science degree in public health in global disease epidemiology and control from The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

**William Bennick '17** is a staff auditor with Crowe Horwath in San Francisco, California.

**Mikaila Bisson '17** is interning at *Our Daily Bread*.

**Megan Bisson '17** is a residence hall director for St. Mary's University as she pursues a master's degree in higher education.

**McKenna Bland '17** is the administrative assistant at Westwind in Grand Haven, Michigan.

**Owen Bogolin '17** is in a teaching residency program with Project Inspire in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He will gain a certification to teach sixth-12th grade chemistry and will pursue a Master's of Education degree from Lee University.

married on Aug. 5, 2017, in North Muskegon, Michigan.

**Jack Bush '13** is an eCommerce marketing analyst at Herman Miller in Holland, Michigan.

**Erik Durham '13** and Lourdes Pagan were married on June 25, 2016, in Holland, Michigan. They have twin daughters, Olivia and Gabriella Brooks.

**Troy Meiners '13** and **Amanda Klavas '14** were married on Oct. 8, 2016, in Valparaiso, Indiana.

**Madalyn Muncy '13** and Joshua Piens were married on April 22, 2017, at the Detroit Beer Company in Detroit, Michigan.

**Cory Schmidt '13** and **Jayne Vroon '13** **Schmidt** announce the birth of Eleanor Louise on April 1, 2017.

**Sarah Nammack '14** graduated from Duke University's School of Nursing with a degree as an adult-gerontology nurse practitioner with cardiology specialty in May 2017.

**Steven Skawski '14** and **Molly Greenfield '15** were married on June 24, 2017, in Holland, Michigan.

**Amber Prins '15** and **John Dood '17** were married on July 29, 2017 in Holland, Michigan. They are moving to Tampa, where Amber will be attending graduate school.

**Rachel Lundstrom '15** received her master's degree in educational policy, organization and leadership from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May 2017. Rachel continues to teach at Zeeland East High School in the special education department

**Eva Sagastume '15** is a quality assurance coordinator for Pepperdine in their eLearning department.

**Dani Nowicki '16** moved to Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, and is pursuing a K-8 physical education and health teaching position at Saipan Community School.

**Karina Winkelman '16** of Kansas City, Missouri, is the marketing manager at The DVS

**Gabriel Boss '17** is a talent engineer for Disher in Zeeland, Michigan.

**Christopher Bosscher '17** is a purchasing and sales trainee with Universal Forest Products and will split his time between Atlanta, Georgia, and Colorado.

**Christin Bothe '17** will pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Duke Divinity School.

**Claire Bouwkamp '17** has been a scenic designer and scenic artist for the Bayview Music Festival this summer and next will pursue work in Chicago or New York as a theatre scenic artist.

**Rebecca Brumels '17** will pursue a master's degree at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell in educational administration with the higher education and student affairs track. She will also have a graduate assistantship in student conduct this fall.

**Emily Buck '17** is a graphic designer for 24G in Troy, Michigan.

**Bridgitt Buikema '17** will be pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at Erikson Institute in downtown Chicago, taking the clinical route in mental health focusing on adolescence.

**Caitlyn Campbell '17** will pursue a Master of

Public Health degree in nutritional sciences with a concentration in dietetics at the University of Michigan.

**Sarah Carpenter '17** will be teaching seventh-10th grade English language arts at Abundant Life Christian School in Gracias Lempira, Honduras.

**Madeline Cole '17** is a district manager at Aldi.

**Michael Combs '17** is a full-time supervisor for Creative Dining Services at Hope College.

**Matthew Commet '17** is attending medical school at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Emily Cook '17** will pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree at Central Michigan University.

**Jessica Cronau '17** will pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Princeton Seminary.

**Hannah Dauber '17** is a registered nurse at Spectrum Health Hospital on the GI/GU unit.

**Kendall Dice '17** is a project manager at Highland Group in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Stanna Dorn '17** will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at Indiana University.

**Amanda Dort '17** is a visitor experience specialist at Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena, Michigan.

**Stephanie Eiler '17** is a marketing coordinator at GMB Architecture + Engineering.

**Brandon Ellsworth '17** is currently applying to medical schools.

**Elizabeth Ensink '17** will be working as a visiting English tutor at Lingnan University in Hong Kong for the 2017-18 school year.

**Marie Fata '17** will be participating in the Charlotte Fellows graduate program for business and ministry in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Morgan Feldpausch '17** is an administrative assistant at Holland Free Health Clinic during her gap year before dental school.

**Grace Fowler '17** is working at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids as a graduate nurse.

**Angelique Gaddy '17** will pursue a sports management degree at Western Michigan University.

**Madison Geib '17** is a nurse at Bronson Hospital and will be attending the University of Michigan next year in a program called Medprep.

**Savannah Girmscheid '17** will be working at Eagle Crest Charter Academy in Holland, Michigan.

**Bella Goodsir '17** is a media associate for Mediavest Spark in Chicago, Illinois.

**Jessica Granger '17** is working at Herman Miller.

**Ethan Groothuis '17** is a credit analyst at First National Bank of Michigan.

**Catherine Hagenbush '17** is a cooking matters coordinator at Care & Share Foodbank of Southwest Colorado in Colorado Springs.

**Britta Hageness '17** will pursue a master's degree in nursing at the University of Minnesota.

**Joel Haler '17** will pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Bethel Seminary in California.

**Laurel Hall '17** is a marketing associate for Highland Group in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and owns a greeting card company called Ordinary Card Co.

**Lindsay Hall '17** will pursue a Master of Social Work degree in interpersonal practice and mental health at the University of Michigan.

**Elizabeth Hasseld '17** is working at Holland Hospital and pursuing a nursing degree at Lake Michigan College.

**Andrew Haverdink '17** is a quality engineer and consultant at Diverse Dimensions in Zeeland, Michigan.

**David Heinze '17** will pursue a Master of Music degree at University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. He will be a graduate organ scholar at Selwyn College.

**Robert Henry '17** will pursue a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at the University of Utah.

**Jessie Hermann '17** and Peter Schuett were married on May 19, 2017, in Minnetrista, Minnesota.

**Rachel Herman '17** is a foster care specialist for Catholic Charities West Michigan.

**Kim Hodgson '17** will pursue a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Graham Hoppstock '17** will pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Asbury Theological Seminary.

**Emily Hoizan '17** will be interning with Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru) at Kansas

## FULBRIGHT PROGRAM HONORS ALUMNI

A total of four recent graduates have received recognition through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

**Colin Whitehead '17** has received an English teaching assistantship to teach in Lima, Peru, through June 2018.

**Lucas Wiles '17** was named an alternate for a research grant to Estonia.

**Crystal Hollis '10** was recognized as a semi-finalist for a research grant to the United Kingdom.

**Colin Rensch '16** was recognized as a semi-finalist for a research grant to Austria.

# CLASSNOTES

State University in Manhattan, Kansas.

**Lara Iaderosa '17** will be teaching sixth grade at Charles Hay World School in Englewood, Colorado.

**Michelle Jager '17** will be starting in September on the assurance staff at Ernst & Young in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She and Duncan Bocks '17 were married on Aug. 11, 2017, in Holland, Michigan.

**Jamie Johnson '17** and **Gabriel Robinson '15** were married on May 19, 2017, in Dayton, Ohio.

**Emily Johnson '17** is working part-time as an editor for Winning at Home in Zeeland, Michigan.

**Emily Joosse '17** is a high school mathematics teacher at Ogden High School in Ogden, Utah.

**Scott Keith '17** is a product marketing associate at Haworth in Holland, Michigan.

**Joel Klopfenstein '17** will pursue business at Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry in Redding, California.

**Jacob Knol '17** is working an interim job in the shipping department at Superior Text.

**Janna Kollen '17** is a counselor and blogger with Concordia Language Villages, teaching Japanese in Minnesota.

**Samuel Kreps '17** will pursue a business and management degree at Liverpool Hope University in Liverpool, England.

**Kathryn Krieger '17** is the contemporary worship director at Hinsdale Covenant Church in Hinsdale, Illinois, and married Larry Spencer on July 1, 2017, in Princeton, Illinois.

**Madeline Lacy '17** is a teacher's assistant at Gilden Woods Early Learning Center.

**Robert Lampen '17** is pursuing a master's degree in humanities at the University of Chicago.

**Brooke Ledsworth '17** is a developmental care specialist at Wedgwood Christian Services in Grand Rapids, Michigan, working in the department for kids with autism and developmental disabilities.

**Nathan Long '17** is a marketing coordinator for FlexPost Inc.

**David Lunderberg '17** will pursue a doctorate in chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Kate Mader '17** is taking a gap year this year while working at the Holland Free Health Clinic

as an administrative assistant while applying to dental schools.

**Aleksandra Masiak '17** will pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree at Northwestern University.

**Ricky May '17** will pursue a master's degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics at Eastern Michigan University School of Orthotics and Prosthetics.

**Audrey McKenzie '17** is a fifth grade mathematics teacher at Santiago Christian School in the Dominican Republic.

**Richard Medina '17** will pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree at Bradley University.

**Logan Meeker '17** is a sales representative for Smithfield Foods.

**Tyler Melby '17** is working for Monroe, Sweeris & Tromp, a CPA firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He and Maressa Toomire were married on July 21, 2017, in St. Charles, Illinois.

**Haley Menzies '17** is a sales associate for her third-generation family business, Standard Die International.

**Brenden Merriman '17** is a project manager for Epic Systems in Madison, Wisconsin.

**Madison Mertz '17** will pursue a Doctorate in Physical Therapy degree at Central Michigan University.

**Allison Middleton '17** is a behavior health worker for Children's Crisis Treatment Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Lyndsy Miller '17** will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at Purdue University.

**Taylor Mills '17** is a digital fellow in the Mellon Scholars Program at Hope, in which she will design and co-teach the Mellon Seminar. She is also interning at Lighthouse Immigration Advocates law firm in Holland, Michigan.

**Elena Moore '17** will pursue a master's degree in materials science and engineering at the University of Michigan.

**Brenda Mora '17** is teaching kindergarten Spanish immersion at Holland Public Schools (Holland Language Academy) starting this fall 2017.

**Nathan Morales '17** is a financial advisor for Principal Financial in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Erica Nurenberg '17** will pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree at Central Michigan University.

**Kelsie Nyhuis '17** is a full-time ministry coordinator with Pillar Church in Holland, Michigan.

**Laura O'Connor '17** will pursue a Doctorate in Physical Therapy degree at the University of Delaware.

**Aaron O'Meara '17** will pursue a master's degree in physician assistant studies at Central Michigan University's Physician Assistant School.

**Alexandra Orel '17** will be an auditor at Crowe Horwath LLC in Oak Brook, Illinois, starting in October.

**Carly Parker '17** is a digital marketing account manager at The Day Publishing Company in New London, Connecticut.

**Camryn Peterson '17** is working for AmeriCorps as a volunteer through City Year, working in a Chicago Public School for a year helping students stay and succeed in school.

**Alexander Piper '17** is a public programs facilitator at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

**Laurel Post '17** will pursue a Master of Science degree in library and information science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**Hannah Potter '17** and Jacob Grinwis were married on June 24, 2017, in Whitehall, Michigan.

**Mikayla Pouliot '17** is a behavior analysis technician at Pioneer Resources in Muskegon, Michigan.

**Lauren Rechenbach-Chapman '17** will pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy.

**Bethany Redeker '17** will be teaching middle school history and English at Holland Christian for the HC2 program.

**Ruth Reeve '17** is a second-grade teacher at Sunrise Elementary School (Widefield District 3) in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Alex Riley '17** is a registered nurse at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

**Hadley Roy '17** is an associate strategist with Commonwealth//McCann.

**Erika Ryan '17** will work for International Justice Mission in Manila, Philippines, for a year.

**Terah Ryan '17** will pursue a Master of Social Work degree at Michigan State University.

**Benjamin Schroeder '17** will enter Officer Candidate School to become an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps in January 2018.

**Hayley Schultz '17** is an advocacy fellow for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

**Delaney Seeburger '17** will pursue a master's degree in fire protection engineering at California Polytechnic State University.

**Sonya Shaw '17** will pursue a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at Atlantic Veterinary College at University of Prince Edward Island.

**Amanda Shepherd '17** is a recruiter at Insight Global in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Emily Simmons '17** will pursue a Master of Science degree in speech-language pathology at Bowling Green State University.

**Garrett Sims '17** will pursue a Master of Education degree in higher education administration and student affairs and is a resident director at North Carolina State University.

**Tyra Smith '17** will pursue a degree in speech and language pathology from Grand Valley

State University and will be working at Pine Rest Christian Homes throughout the summer and the school year.

**Elizabeth Smoker '17** is a media associate at Starcom in Chicago, Illinois.

**Carlie Snoap '17** will pursue a Master of Social Work degree in interpersonal social work at the University of Michigan.

**Hope Stamas '17** is an executive assistant at Holland Free Health Clinic in Holland, Michigan.

**Sarah Stanicek '17** is a kindergarten teacher at Webster Elementary (Widefield District) in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Samantha Sterkenburg '17** is a human resources specialist at Sunset Retirement Communities and Services in Jenison, Michigan.

**Elizabeth Tally '17** is a special education teacher at Oxford Middle School in the Blue Valley School District in Overland Park, Kansas.

**Bryce Talsma '17** will pursue a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Cailyn TenHoeve '17** is a registered nurse in the pediatric emergency department at Helen

DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Alexis Thompson '17** is a trauma sales associate for Stryker.

**Bailey Towns '17** is in a special education teaching position in Honduras at the International School of Tegucigalpa.

**Kathryn Trentadue '17** will pursue a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at the University of Notre Dame.

**Courtney Tuinier '17** will pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree at Grand Valley State University.

**Sydney Van Hulle '17** is the event manager at Eminence Management in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a graphics design intern for Ring Cam in Holland, Michigan.

**Anikka Van Eyl '17** will pursue Master of Social Work and Master of Urban Planning degrees at the University of Michigan.

**Jessica Vlisides '17** will pursue a Master of Science degree in athletic training program at Weber State in Utah.

**Trevor Wagoner '17** is a design engineer with Jacobs Technology in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

**Chandler Warren '17** is a consumer and industrial products and services technology consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

**Cole Watson '17** and Sierra Schultz were married on July 15, 2017, in Holland, Michigan. Cole is working for SolidCircle, a software company, in Holland.

**Zachary Weber '17** is a quality engineer with Tram Inc. in Plymouth, Michigan.

**Chloe Werkema '17** is an assistant teacher at Ada Christian School.

**Spencer Westley '17** is a space management analyst at The Kellogg Company.

**Colin Whitehead '17** is an English teaching assistant in Lima, Peru, through the Fulbright Program from August 2017 until June 2018.

**Abbie Zuiderveen '17** will pursue a master's degree in athletic training at Western Michigan University. She also has a graduate assistant position working in WMU's sports medicine clinic.



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## IN MEMORIAM

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**Julia Bruischat '32 Drost** of Fillmore, Michigan, died on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. She was 103. Survivors include her children, Wes (Betty) Drost, Deanna (Paul) Payne, Bill (Marla) Drost and Alyce (Paul) Groenvelt; son-in-law, Pete Hartsuiker; 12 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; many great-great-grandchildren; and brother, Jay (Dorothy) Bruischat.

**Ruth Muilenburg '36 Jeffery** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Saturday, April 1, 2017. She was 102. She taught third grade for 23 years. Survivors include her daughter, Sue (Dean); son, Bill (Susan); six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

**James Hinkamp '40** of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, March 20, 2017. He was 98. He was employed by Ethyl Corporation for his entire career. Survivors include his daughter, Joan Hinkamp '71 (George) Trimble; son, William "Bill" (Louise) Hinkamp; daughter-in-law, Leigh Montgomery Hinkamp; sister and brother-in-law, Lois Hinkamp '44 (Vern '44) Boersma; sister-in-law, Joan Hinkamp; sister-in-law, Nancy Meulendyke; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; stepchildren, Harvey (Alice) White, Laurence (Carole) White, Margaret (Graham) Teall and Carolyn White; and eight step-grandchildren.

**Harold Van Heuvelen '40** of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. He was 98. He was a World War II veteran. He was the chairman of the music and fine arts department of the Bismarck Public Schools. He was a lay preacher with the First Presbyterian Church and served 33 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, reaching the rank of colonel. *Van's Symphony No. 1*, which he began composing 67 years earlier, was premiered by the U.S. Army Band at Fort Myer, Virginia. Survivors

include his sons, John and Bob; three step-daughters; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Hulda Rigterink '41 Folkert** of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, April 3, 2017. She was 97. Survivors include her children, David (Jane) Folkert, Alan (Judi) Folkert, and Carl (Barbara Koop '74) Folkert '74; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law, Wayne Folkert.

**June Baker '42 Heasley** of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Friday, April 28, 2017. She was 95. Survivors include husband of almost 72 years, Robert Heasley '43; sons, Rob (Karen) and Charles (Lorraine); three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Kenneth Geelhood '43** of Fort Myers, Florida, died on Monday, March 6, 2017. He was 96. He was a fighter pilot in the Pacific during World War II. Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Alice (Vandenberg) Geelhood; and children, Judy (Jeff) Sabin, Greg (Lindsay) Geelhood and Lisa (Nigel Marshall) Geelhood.

**Elsie Piersma '43 Weeber** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, March 17, 2017. She was 96. She was a registered nurse, spending most of her career at Holland Hospital. Survivors include her children, Nicholas (Barb) Weeber, Phyllis (Gary) Scholten, David (Mary) Weeber, Grace (Bruce) Pommerening and Margaret Weeber; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Anna Mae Piersma.

**Vivian Tardiff '44 Cook** of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. She was 95. She was an English teacher at Zeeland High School for more than 20 years. Survivors include her son, Robert Cook '72; and two grandchildren.

**N. Ione Strick '44 Lemmen** of Muskegon, Michigan, died on Saturday, April 15, 2017. She was 94. Survivors include her son, L. James (Darlene DeHudy) Lemmen '76; daughters, Kathleen (Neil Lewinski) Lemmen '74, Mileah (Roger) Brink and Lauri Lemmen '85 (Dennis) Atkinson; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Richard Hine '45** of Gilbert, Arizona, died on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016. He was 92. He served Reformed churches in Walkill, Schenectady and West Sayville in New York; Clifton, New Jersey; and Muskegon and Jenison in Michigan. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Tazelaar '45 Hine; children, Judy Hine '71 (William) Strom, Rick (Linda) Hine '72 and Beth Hine '77 (David) Frost; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Vivian Moncton '45 Raftery** of Litchfield, Connecticut, on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. She was 93.

**Harriet Stegeman '46 Van Donkelaar** of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017. She was a teacher for Muskegon Heights and Mona Shores Schools for 23 years before retiring. Survivors include four children, David (Monica) Van Donkelaar '72, Ken (Linda) Van Donkelaar, Charles (Sandra) Van Donkelaar and Debra Conyers; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brother, James (Nancy) Stegeman '49.

**Lowell Heneveld '47** of Lakeland, Florida, died on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017. He was 93. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps on the USS Mississippi during World War II. He was a chemist, salesman of color pigments and in real estate. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Harriet Hains '47 Heneveld; children, Elaine (Richard) Carden, Linda (Jay) Crum, Larry

Heneveld and Brian (Terry) Heneveld; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Earl Holkeboer '48** of New York City, New York, died on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. He was 93. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, including at Okinawa. He served churches at Middleville CRC and as church planters for the Christian Reformed Church in Denver, Colorado; Toledo, Ohio; and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Survivors include his son, David Holkeboer.

**Gerald Boerman '50** of Green Valley, Arizona, died on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017. He was 87. He served three years in the U.S. Army as a high-speed radio operator in the Korean War. He opened his dentist office in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Survivors include children Robert (Shelly) Boerman, Julie (Steven) Graham and Amy (Steven) Slater; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and his sister, Jackie Stark '48.

**Albert Cronheim '50** of Norton Shores, Michigan, died on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016. He was 94. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served during World War II. Survivors include his children, Paula (David) Lickfeldt, Tamara (Michael) Fleckenstein, Rebecca (Peter) Cronheim and Pete (Miranda) Cronheim; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and sister, Phyllis Cronheim.

**Clair DeMull '50** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Nov. 25, 2016. He was 90. He taught and coached at the Allegan and West Ottawa high schools. Survivors include his children, Joan DeMull, Ross DeMull and Jackie (Butch) Myers; four grandchildren; step-children, Sheryl (Tom) Driesenga, Nancy (Nick) Dykhuis, Laurie (Ed) Schierbeek and Jeanne Huisman; seven step-grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; sister, Ann Tolis; and sister-in-law, Pearl Schippa.

**Lorraine Drake '50 Gramm** of Saint Petersburg, Florida, died on Thursday, March 16, 2017. She was 88. Survivors include her two sons, Robert (Ginny) Gramm and Jeffrey (Amanda) Gramm; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Donald Lee '50** of Aquebogue, New York, died on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. He was 89. He served in the U.S. Army for two years. He was a corporate banker for Irving Trust in New York City. Survivors include his daughter, Tina (Tom) Ruschin; and two grandchildren.

**Howard Millard '50** of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Monday, April 17, 2017. He was 88. He was a senior safety engineer for Herman Miller. Survivors include his children, Dale (Cathy) Millard, Steven (Linda) Millard and Barbara (David) Timmer; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and brother Wayne (Jutta) Millard.

**Duane Clark Sutfin '50** of Littleton, Colorado, died on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017. He was 87. Survivors include his daughters, Pamela (Mike) Guthrie and Cynthia Sutfin; sons, Mark (Roberto) Sutfin and Paul Sutfin; five grandchildren; and brothers, Roger and Frank Sutfin.

**Norma Hungerink '50 Westerhoff** of Largo, Florida, died on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. She was 88. Survivors include her husband, Robert Westerhoff '50; and sister, Helen Hungerink '59 Koepke.

**William Hinga '51** of Pella, Iowa, died on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. He was 88. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He was the dean of students at Central College in Pella, Iowa, and was the head coach of the men's outdoor track and field team. Survivors include his sister, Connie Hinga '49 Boersma; children, Cathy Hinga (Bruce) Haustein, Lynn Hinga (Nick) Branderhorst, Ann Hinga (Perry) Klein and Tom (Melissa) Hinga; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Edward Kerle '51** of Granville, Ohio, died on Saturday, June 3, 2017. He was 87. He was a polymer chemist with Owens Corning Technical Center. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Jean Kerle; children, Kevin Kerle and Elizabeth (Tom Denison) Kerle; and two grandsons.

**Howard Van Dahm '52** of Schaumburg, Illinois, died on Monday, Feb. 20, 2017. He was 86. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for Shaw Walker for more than 40 years before retiring. Survivors include his son, Gregory (Sara) Van Dahm; two grandchildren; brother, Thomas (Lois Stanton '50) Van Dahm '48; and sister, Eleanor Hoffman '50.

**Mary Jo Geerlings '53 Bergstrom** of Bel Air, Maryland, died on Friday, March 17, 2017. She was 95. Survivors include her daughter, Ruth Ann Bergstrom; son, William (Sherry) Bergstrom '78; three grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**Stanley McClure '53** of Walhalla, Michigan, died on Saturday, April 1, 2017. He was 89. He served in the U.S. Army during World War

II. He was an auto body repairman. Survivors include his children, Lynda (Dave) Cierlak, William (Debbie) McClure, Kathleen (Earl) Standish, Robert (Therese) McClure and John McClure; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Edward Viening '53** of Jenison, Michigan, died on Saturday, May 13, 2017. He was 87. He was a pastor who served the Dunningville Reformed Church for many years and then at Zondervan Publishing Company until he retired.

**Carolyn Lange '54 VanderWoude** of Albert Lea, Minnesota, died on Friday, Oct. 8, 2016. She was 86. She was a special education teacher in District #241 from 1979 until she retired in 1992. Survivors include her children, Jon (Cindy) Matthews and Cathleen Sweetland; and one grandchild.

**Phyllis Wierenga '55 Muilenburg** of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, died on Sunday, April 2, 2017. She was 84. She was the director of Millbrook Nursery School. Survivors include her daughter, Pamela Dietz; son, Robert Muilenburg; and six grandchildren.

**William Bower '56** of Oostburg, Wisconsin, died on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017. He served as a dedicated pastor for the Reformed Church in America for more than 35 years. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Barbara Bower; four daughters, Jan (Larry) Wilterink, Mary (Tom) Katsma, Nancy (Kent) Hoskins and Cindy Bower; son, Bob (Laurie) Bower; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Flietstra and Norma (Arnold) Quakkelaar; and one brother-in-law, Donald Buist.

**Harvey Mulder '56** of Ashtabula, Ohio, died on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017. He was 85. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Germany during the Korean Conflict. He was employed for 40 years with the Social Security Administration, serving as district manager for Ashtabula and Lake counties. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Mulder; sons, Dirk and Eric Mulder; and sister, Bernadette.

**David Markusse '57** of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017. He was 81. He owned West Michigan Appraisal. Survivors include his three daughters, Sue Markusse '81 (Rob) Peterson, Judy (Paul) Paget and Kathy (Greg) Portolese; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Helen (Mike) Reynolds.

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**Lawrence Su '59** of Okemos, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2017. He was 80.

He taught table tennis and tai chi at Lansing Community College in Lansing, Michigan. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann Wolf Su; and sons, William (Mary) Su, John (Cindy) Su, Lawrence (Angela) Su and Robert (Laura) Su.

**Norma Wallace '60 Allen** of Little Silver, New Jersey, died on Friday, March 17, 2017. She was 78. Survivors include her three children, David, Drew (Melba) and Jennifer (Andrew); one granddaughter; and sister, Christine.

**Thomas Moore '60** of Swannanoa, North Carolina, died on Monday, March 6, 2017. He was 83. He served in the armed forces. He worked for 36 years at the State Department as a Foreign Service officer. Survivors include his children, Heather (Donato Sardella) Moore '86, Jennifer Moore '88 and Daniel (Faryl) Moore; and five grandchildren.

**Howard Plaggemars '60** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Feb. 17, 2017. He was 79. He served in the U.S. Army. He served as director, executive vice president and controller of Holland Furnace Company. Survivors include his son, Hansjoerg (Kathrin) Plaggemars; daughter, Elke Rodriguez; and four grandchildren.

**Lorraine Hellenga '60 Toji** of Woodbury, New Jersey, died on Friday, May 5, 2017. She was 78. She was a member of the chemistry faculty at Hope College from 1961 to 1965. She joined the staff at Coriell Institute for Medical Research until her retirement in 2013. Survivors include her sister, Diana Hellenga '64 (Edward '64) Marsilje.

**Edward Ericson Jr. '61** of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died on Saturday, April 29, 2017. He was 77. He was a professor of literature for many years at Calvin College. Survivors include his wife, Jan; sons, Edward (Melinda) Ericson III and William Ericson; five grandchildren; brothers, Terry Ericson and Randy Ericson; and sisters, Jerri Turner and Ruthie Claybaugh.

**Priscilla Estell '61** of Union, Connecticut, died on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. She was 88. Survivors include her children, Guy (Andrea) Estell Jr., Sally (Raymond) Chappel and Lura (William) Hanekamp.

**Carol Yonkers '61 Johnson** of San Tan Valley, Arizona, died on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. She was 77. She was a teacher for many years in Michigan, California, Oregon and Arizona. Survivors include her sons, Ronald and Michael

Johnson; daughter, Cyndee Johnson; five grandchildren; and one sister-in-law.

**Carl Benes '62** of Jackson, Michigan, died on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017. He was 76. He was the pastor at First Congregational Church in Jackson, Michigan. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Sandra Benes; brother, Jim (Randi) Benes; children, Andy (Deanna) Benes, Dan Benes and Sarah (John) Heed; four step-children, Kellie (Matt) Russell, Tricia (Jerry) Vinson, Mike (Lisa) Cavender and Betsy (Diane) Cavender; 18 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Carol Buteyn '62 Berberian** of Englewood, New Jersey, died on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017. She was 75. She taught English for more than 35 years at Bergenfield High School. Survivors include her children, Cath Berberian-Strandes (Peter) and Mark (Lauren) Berberian; brother, Jack (Linda Deurwaarder '68) Buteyn Jr. '66; four grandchildren; and fiancé, Paul Olsen.

Word has been received of the death of **Jack Elenbaas '62** of Litchfield, Connecticut, on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017.

**David Bringedahl '63** of Muskegon, Michigan, died on Monday, Feb. 20, 2017. He was 75. He served two years teaching English in the Peace Corps. He spent 33 years as a teacher at Fruitport High School. Survivors include his wife, Beverly Bringedahl; children, Benjamin (Annette) Bringedahl, Tom (Tammy) VanFossen and Tammy (Jeff) Kempker; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Tom (Dorly), Bob (Jackie), Dewey (Martha), Allen (Bonnie), Joe, Bill (Jean) and Steve (Judy); sister, Linda (Max); sister-in-law, Beverly Bringedahl; and brother-in-law, Ron (Kay) Jensen.

**Jack Cooper '63** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017. He served in the Naval Reserves. He served churches in Amsterdam and Glenmont, New York and Grand Rapids, Michigan. Survivors include his wife, Dolores Cooper; daughter, Kat (Jim) Scheltema; one granddaughter; and sister, Shirley Francis.

**Leonids "John" Ritters '63** of Fremont, Michigan, died on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017. He was 77. He served in World War II. He taught orchestra for 18 years at Muskegon High School and many years in North Carolina and Texas. Survivors include his wife, Denise Ritters; and children, Bradford (Brandi) Ritters, Steven (Julie)

Six, Shawn Mackey, Andrew (Darcy) Olsen, Steve (Krystal) Jacobi, Jonathan Ritters and Katrina Ritters.

**Carol Cronk '64 Dalman** of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Feb. 6, 2017. She was 74. She taught first grade in Warren, Michigan. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Paul Dalman '64; son, Alan (Lisa Bekius '94) Dalman '94; and one granddaughter.

**Gilbert Ogonji '64** of Silver Spring, Maryland, died on Monday, March 13, 2017. He was 77. He was a professor of biology and chair of Coppin State University's Department of Natural Sciences. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Jewel Ogonji; two daughters, Alisa Adhiambo Ogonji Wallace and Azella Akinyi Ogonji Dunams; three brothers, Matthew Shadrack Oluoch, Frederick Meshack Otieno and Gordo Willis Ochieng; seven sisters, Linnet Niver Otieno, Alice Joan Otieno, Macrine Rhoda Agola, Judith Ruth Awuor, Florence Millicent Awino, Dorothy Joy Achieng and Jane Anne Adhiambo; and four grandchildren.

**Mary Jo Suydam '66 Willis** of Fairview, Illinois, died on Monday, April 24, 2017. She was 72. She taught in Saudi Arabia and retired from Spoon River Valley in 2005. Survivors include her son, Benjamin (Isa Alfonso) Willis; daughter, Mariam Graff; one grandson; brother, Jerry (Kay) Suydam; and sisters, Marnie (John) Newman, Martha Suydam '77 (Jim) Orcutt and Marjie Suydam '78 (Gary) Shelby.

**Richard Wolters '66** of Lincoln, Nebraska, died on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017. He was 72. He was a professor of philosophy at Doane College in Crete and chair of the Division of Arts and Humanities and Department of Philosophy and Religion. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Taft Witman; brother, Douglas (Coriolana Simon) Wolters; daughter, Heather (Steve) Hart; son, Mark (Stephanie) Wolters; four grandchildren; four stepsons and their wives; 14 step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

**Judith Pell '67 Conn** of Fremont, Michigan, died on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017. She was 71. She served as an educator at various levels in the Fremont Public Schools for many years. Survivors include her husband, Michael Conn; three children; Nancy Conn '92 (Christopher '91) Collins, Mark Conn and Brian (Christi Diaz) Conn; seven grandchildren; brothers and sisters; Ken Pell, Sue (Tom) Tibbe, Peggy (Dan) McGrady, Betty (Mike) Warren and Kevin

(Dawn) Pell; and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Barbara (Russell) Read, Richard (Betty) Conn and David (Betty) Conn.

**Patricia Lang '69 Young** of Davidsonville, Maryland, died on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016. She was a mathematician with the Department of Defense. Survivors include children, Laurence Young and Thomas Young; and sister-in-law, Marcia (Francis) Cribbs.

**Cynthia Wray '70 Dannenberg** of Hiram, Georgia, formerly from Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, April 17, 2017. She was 68. She was serving as a missionary at Ripe for Harvest World Outreach. Survivors include her step-children, Rod (Trish) Dannenberg, Roxanne (Garry) Brower, Ross Dannenberg and Rob (Jeanne) Dannenberg; seven grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

**William Wolters '72** of Deland, Florida, died on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. He was 67. He was a naval flight officer and retired as a captain in 2000. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Pamela Wolters; daughters, Alicia (David Petry) and Linnea; seven grandchildren; sisters, Mary Jo (Brent) and Paula Wolters '67 (Alan '67) VanDuinen; and brother, Philip Wolters.

**Leigh Ann DeWolf '79 Eriks** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. She was 59. She taught science at Catholic Central High School and Hope College. Survivors include her husband of 37 years, Mark Eriks '79; children, Lauren Eriks '08 (Kyle), Martin Eriks and Matthew Eriks; brothers, John and Frederick DeWolf; and sister, Ivonne DeWolf '85.

**Jeffrey Krehbiel '82** of Chicago, Illinois, died on Thursday, April 27, 2017. He was 57. He was a Presbyterian Church pastor for 35 years. Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Kiel '83 Krehbiel; daughters, Andrea and Kelsey; mother, Martha; and siblings, Carol (JoAnn), Janet (Henry), Susan (Norman) and Doug (Maged).

**Lafon Joy Kortman '83** of Yale, Michigan, died on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. She was 56. Survivors include her children, Joshua Rutt and Kathryn Rutt; two brothers, Calvin and Mark; sister, Renee Kortman '85 (James) Kolean; and longtime companion, Ronald Giles.

**Dale Beukema '84** of San Mateo, California, died on Friday, April 7, 2017. He was 54. He worked for the State of Michigan as a disability examiner for 20 years. Survivors include his mother, Ramona Prince-Beukema; and siblings,

Glenda Cerna, Donna Echols, George Beukema '77 and Lorna Beukema.

**Bonita "Bonnie" Hopp '92 Postma** of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Saturday, March 25, 2017. She was 63. She was an EMT in Holland, Michigan. Survivors include her husband, David Postma; mother-in-law, LaDelle Postma; siblings, Norma Barendse, Arnell Hopp, Iris (Lee) Rozema, Letty (Rich) Looman and Lynn (Kurt) Schaafsma; and in-laws, Dan (Char) Postma, Doug (Marcy) Postma.

**Scott Werley '94** of Seguin, Texas, died on Friday, May 26, 2017. He was 51. He worked for JCI for more than 30 years. Survivors include his wife, Christina Werley; daughters, Danielle Werley '10 (Jordan) Venard and Jordan Werley; son, Tristan Werley; stepson, Dylan McCombs; mother, Joyce Werley; and brothers and sisters, Laurie Werley '96 Brock, Cheryl Werley TerHaar, Mark (Lisa DeVette '84) Werley, Michael (Barbara) Werley and Todd (Jennifer) Werley.

**Shannon Laursen '97** of Saline, Michigan, died on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017. She was 41. She was a nurse practitioner for the University of Michigan for more than nine years. Survivors include her husband, Travis Long '96; daughters, Vivian, Charlotte and Evelyn; and uncle, Norman Laursen.

**Ross Baldwin '00** of Okemos, Michigan, died on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. He was 39. He was a history teacher at Lansing Catholic High School. Survivors include his wife, Rachel; son, Patrick Scaparro; daughter, Fiona Freeman; brother, Dane (Michelle) Baldwin; sister, Carmen (Brad) Bollinger; mother-in-law, Sally Freeman; and brother-in-law, Al Freeman.

**Shannon Dykema '04 Schamback** of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Friday, March 3, 2017. She was 33. She was a family nurse practitioner at Lakewood Family Medicine in Holland, Michigan. Survivors include her husband of 10 years, Justin Schamback; daughter, Selah Schamback; parents, Michael (Mary) Dykema; siblings, Mark (Jennifer Stults '07) Dykema '07 and Stephanie (Benjamin Starett) Dykema '10; parents-in-law, Lee (Carolyn) Schamback; and sisters-in-law, Jodi (Kent) Andrzejewski, Tessa (Vince) Schlatter and Lori Schamback.

**Stephen Gonthier '06** of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017. He was 35. Survivors include his parents, Peter (Connie) Gonthier; and brother, Dave Gonthier.

**Andrew Carmody '11** of St. Joseph, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. He was 27. He was an accountant at JohnsonRauhoff Agency. Survivors include his wife, Julia La Bounty '14 Carmody; parents, Kevin (Mary) Carmody; parent-in-laws, Michael (Wendy) LaBounty; brother, Zachary (Nicole) Carmody; siblings-in-law, Phillip (Mary) La Bounty, Jacob (Sarah) La Bounty and Traci (Tim) Lancaster; grandfather, John Syswerda; and grandmother, Minnie Rincon.

**John Stathakis '14** died on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017. He was 25. He co-owned Hex Innovation, a software company in Chicago, Illinois. Survivors include his parents, Rick (Carol) Stathakis; brother, Karl (Tricia) and sister, Rachel; and grandmother, Marcia Stathakis.

## Sympathy to

The family of **Donald Cronkite** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. He was 72.

He was a member of the biology faculty from 1978 until retiring as professor emeritus in 2010. He was acclaimed both on campus and nationally for his excellence as a teacher, earning recognition ranging from co-receiving the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award in 1988 to the Honorary Membership Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers, the group's highest honor, in 2008. He delivered the college's Commencement address in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; son Ethan '00, daughter-in-law Amy, and grandchildren Ramona and Henry; son, Joel; daughter Emily '04, son-in-law Michael Coronado; and grandchild Lucy.

The family of **Norman James Norton** of Columbia, South Carolina, died on Friday, March 24, 2017. He was 84. He served for four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the biology faculty from 1964-74 and chaired the department at Hope, where he received the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award in 1969. Survivors include his wife, Bettie Norton; son, Matthew (Linda) Norton; daughter, Jane (John) Beach and four grandchildren.



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## ATHLETICS

**WOMEN'S SOCCER  
CALVIN AT HOPE**

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

## THEATRE

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NOVEMBER 3, 2017



## THE WAY OF TEA

Hope shared a unique opportunity to observe the Japanese Tea Ceremony on June 8 during a return visit by Ikuko Okada of Kawasaki, Japan, who attended the college in 1975-76 and during May Terms in 2006 and this spring. She has been trained and licensed in the centuries-long tradition by the Urasenke International Association of Tea, which seeks to build worldwide understanding and appreciation of the ceremony so that “the Way of Tea’s” spirit — symbolized by the ideals of harmony, respect, purity and tranquility — can help bring true peace to all.



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