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HOPE'S NEXT PRESIDENT

Matthew A. Scogin '02

A journey from Washington, D.C.,
to Wall Street, to 12th Street

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A photograph of a Spring Fling event. In the foreground, a student in a blue shirt is seen from behind, standing on a red inflatable cylinder. To the left, another student in a grey shirt is standing on a similar cylinder, holding a blue inflatable bar above their head. The background shows a crowd of students and trees under a clear sky. Pink cherry blossoms are visible in the top left corner.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPRING

Held on the last Friday of April prior to semester exams, Spring Fling serves on one level as an opportunity for students to relax before the intensity of finals week. More, though, the event reflects Hope as a community. Hundreds of students fill the central campus not just for a mix of activities and a picnic, but simply to enjoy time together, *because they enjoy being together*, before saying farewell—some for the summer, and some because their undergraduate days are soon to end with Commencement.

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ON THE COVER

Hope's next presidential era is soon to begin, with Matthew A. Scogin '02 named president-elect in December and scheduled to take office on July 1. Please see the feature story on pages 10–13.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

So, here we are, nearing the end of both another academic year and my two-year tenure as Hope's president.

As you have already seen on the cover, this issue highlights my successor, Matthew A. Scogin '02, who will take office this summer. I have enjoyed getting to know Matt, and I am certain that you will, too. He has deep love for Hope, whole-hearted dedication to working with the entire Hope community to sustain and build an even stronger Hope, and unique and significant leadership experience outside of higher education that will serve the college well.



This issue's introduction to Matt is just the first of multiple stories highlighting alumni who have connected to their *alma mater* in a variety of ways. You'll also meet Mpine Qakisa '90 Makoe, who returned and spoke of student activism in her homeland of South Africa; Kathy Button '78 Beauregard, Brett Bouma '86, John Moolenaar '83 and Lyn Curley '87 Walker, who have all been mentoring current students or recent graduates; author Matthew Baker '08, who met with students and read from his work through our Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series earlier this year; and, as a historical reflection, A.J. Muste, the 1905 graduate and often-controversial peace activist who is remembered at Hope through a lecture series, a study alcove and, as of this fall, a commissioned bust.

If there is a theme uniting all of those stories, it is surely commitment beyond self. It's an ideal well reflected, also, by this year's nine retiring faculty, who have given a combined 280 years of service to Hope students; and in the college's Phelps Scholars Program, which both engages students with the promise and challenges of our diverse world, and offers community within the Hope community. And it is, of course, embodied by so many others, some of whom will no doubt be featured in these pages in the future. Betty and I will continue to enjoy learning about them — about you — in the years ahead.

Spera in Deo,

A handwritten signature in black 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.



Through the magic of the Internet, readers and viewers around the world learned mere minutes after the decision had been made on December 7 that Matthew A. Scogin '02 had been named Hope's next president.

Members of the campus community, though, enjoyed a bonus: the opportunity to greet in person the president-elect; his spouse (and classmate), Sarah Dieter '02 Scogin; and the couple's three children during a reception in the college's Haworth Inn and Conference Center.

Elder daughter Sophie introduced herself and her two younger siblings, handling the limelight with aplomb and generating the event's biggest laughs.



First of all, all I want to say is that our family's excited about Hope College. My dad can't stop talking about it.

I know my dad is going to be a great president, probably the best ever. Also, my dad helped me write my speech.

My name is Sophie Scogin. I am 10 years old and in fifth grade. I play the flute, I do gymnastics and I love math.

My sister, Lucy, is eight years old and in third grade. She plays the violin, she's good at ballet and loves the Narnia books.

Oliver is my brother. We call him Ollie. He is six and in first grade. He likes Legos, Pokémon and more Legos.

That's our family, and we are excited to be part of Hope's family and we look forward to getting to know you.

When the Scogins arrive this summer, they'll be the first presidential family with one or more preteens since Dr. Gordon Van Wylen took office in 1972. More about Hope's soon-to-be 14th president can be found later in this issue, including a link to even more content online.

 hope.edu/president-elect

hope is... faithful

The college's board, faculty, administration and staff are committed to the historic Christian faith as expressed in the ecumenical creeds of the ancient church, especially the Nicene and Apostles' creeds, which Protestants, Catholics and Orthodox hold in common. The variety of expressions of the Christian faith we hold in common contributes to the vitality of Hope College.



Hope College is a Christian community that invites all its members into a holistic and robust engagement with the historic Christian faith and a personal encounter with the living Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are guided and challenged in mutual journey by three aspirations — to be faithful, to be welcoming and to be transformational — recognizing that living them fully, as with faith, is ever *a process and not a destination.*

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FROM BLOGS.HOPE.EDU

“While staring at a stone, I’ve witnessed a whole culture — gossip in Latin on the walls, pleas for remembrance during a plague, a whole host of animals and faces, staves of music carefully laid out, building plans and even reminders to pray.”

As she has shared in “The Accidental Archaeologist” on the Department of History’s blog, Crystal Hollis ’10 didn’t set out to become focused professionally on medieval graffiti, but found herself drawn to the work as a way of learning more about people whose stories aren’t usually told. “Graffiti became a doorway to understanding and connecting with the average person of late medieval and early modern society — the more marginalized and forgotten individuals who only show up as a blip on the historical records’ radar if they’re lucky,” she wrote.

She also notes that she has found her Hope liberal arts education (she graduated with a history major and computer science minor) solid preparation. “It turns out the blend of humanities and science education has been perfect for my career in archaeology,” she noted.

Please visit the college online for more about Crystal’s journey.

 blogs.hope.edu/history

SNOW DAYS

The cold, short days of January seem long past in April, but perhaps January 2019 will linger in memory a bit more than its kin for producing record lows, pounding winds and campus closings spread across an unprecedented four days.

Hope rarely cancels classes for weather, but the brutal polar vortex that afflicted much of the nation this year led the college to do so all day on Monday, Jan. 28, and from 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29, through 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31.

Hope had last canceled classes in 2015, from 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, through the entirety of Friday, Jan. 9. The use of partial days makes providing a precise historical count challenging, but the total through the years has been about 11 full days and 5 partial days.

MUSIC FACULTY RECEIVE AWARDS

Three members of the music faculty received awards from professional associations this semester.

Mike Norman, a part-time instructor in music and music-education coordinator, received an Award of Merit from the Michigan Music Education Association (MMEA).

Ingrid Dykeman ’85, also part-time instructor in music and music-education coordinator, has been named the MSBOA Orchestra Teacher of the Year 2018 by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, which also recently presented her with an Emeritus award.

Benjamin Krause, a visiting professor for music theory, was named Distinguished Composer of the Year for 2018 by the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA). He was honored for his composition *Taxonomies of Pulse*, which was commissioned by the Indiana Music Teachers Association and MTNA.



WINTER SPORTS REPORT

Swimmer Meg Peel and track and field’s Mitchel Achien’g represented Hope as the MIAA’s Most Valuable Athletes in their sports, as chosen by the league’s coaches. Peel helped the Flying Dutch give retiring co-head coach John Patnott his 22nd MIAA women’s team championship. She was also NCAA runner-up in the 200 backstroke while setting school-record times in that event and the 100 backstroke. Achien’g earned Most Valuable Field Athlete honors and won the MIAA triple jump title on her first try.

In other winter sports results: Men’s swimming and diving took fourth place; women’s basketball finished second (24-5 overall), with an NCAA appearance up to the second round, while the men’s basketball team tied for third place (15-11 overall); and, women’s and men’s indoor track and field claimed second and fourth places respectively. Among other individual athletic honors, Francesca Buchanan became the second-leading scorer all-time for the Flying Dutch in basketball with 1,476 points, and men’s diver Brian Simonich finished 12th in 3-meter diving at the NCAA Division III Championships.

 athletics.hope.edu



GRADUATION WILL BE MAY 5

The college's 154th Commencement, celebrating the graduating Class of 2019, will be held on Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m. at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Kristen Gray, who is the associate dean for health and counseling and directs the Counseling and Psychological Services office at the college. The Baccalaureate speaker will be Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger, who is the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Professor of Theology.

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

 hope.edu/commencement2019



CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Even across the winter months, construction continued on the Campus Ministries house, keeping the building on schedule for opening with the start of the new school year. Please visit the college online for a gallery of images chronicling the construction and for video showing 80-ton Fried Cottage being moved as part of the site preparation.

 hope.edu/ministries-center

A MAJOR ADDITION

It all started with a single course offering — Introduction to Neuroscience — in 2000. Then, due to that class' popularity, courses were added and, in 2002, a neuroscience minor was born. Next, Hope will offer a full-fledged neuroscience major starting with the 2019-20 academic year.

The new major will be rooted in two of Hope's greatest strengths: the liberal arts and undergraduate research. Neuroscience naturally blends the academic worlds of biology, chemistry and psychology. At Hope though, it's more than that. Students who major in neuroscience must also select from a list of offerings in computer science, engineering, mathematics, philosophy and physics. Research opportunities throughout will begin with Introduction to Neuroscience. In the neuroscience capstone, seniors will write an original grant proposal, conduct an original research study and write a complete journal-style manuscript.

 hope.edu/neuroscience-major



HOPE IN PICTURES

Hope students give of themselves through service in countless ways across the school year, ranging from individual volunteer activity to banding together through multiple campus organizations. It's been that way for generations.

One of the most prominent efforts, Dance Marathon, held on March 8–9, celebrated a milestone this year: its 20th annual installment. The event stayed true to tradition, with hundreds of students participating in fund- and awareness-raising on behalf of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital across the school year and for 24 consecutive hours in the Dow Center. The record-number 1,100 students raised a record-high \$340,172.20, bringing the 20-year total to more than \$2.67 million.

Please visit Hope online for more images from this year's Dance Marathon as well as photo galleries of a variety of other events in the life of the college.

 hope.edu/photos



“The perfect leader for Hope’s next chapter”:
MATTHEW A. SCOGIN ’02
NAMED 14TH PRESIDENT



By Greg Olgers '87

It is telling that when Matthew A. Scogin '02 spoke to the college's staff in November as a presidential candidate, the crowd that packed the room seemed ready to stand up and cheer.

His heartfelt understanding of, and appreciation for, Hope had that strong an effect.

“As a proud and grateful alumnus, I believe in what Hope stands for and its ability to change a life. It changed mine,” he said. “Hope’s faculty invested in me, mentored me and taught me how to learn. Hope’s academics prepared me for a rigorous graduate school program at Harvard and a research fellowship in Germany. Hope’s liberal arts curriculum gave me the broad-based skills to pursue an interdisciplinary career in government, business and the non-profit sector. And Hope’s Christian mission inspired me to view even my secular work as having a very sacred purpose.”

Scogin, subsequently elected the college's 14th president by the Board of Trustees in December, also readily acknowledged that in one obvious respect he was an unusual choice: His career hasn't been in higher education. He is currently chief administrative officer at the global financial advisory firm of Perella Weinberg Partners in New York City, and had previously held senior positions with both the New York Stock Exchange and the U.S. Treasury Department. That's not the trajectory through the academy that typically culminates in a college presidency.

“One of the things I said to the search committee while they were in this process is that I don't have an interest in being a college president,” said Scogin, who will take office on July 1. “What I'm interested in is being *Hope's* president. And for me this was really about a chance to come back and serve Hope College with the skills that I have developed through the career opportunities that my Hope education made possible in the first place.”

Scogin was selected following an international search that yielded applicants from around the country and abroad, including presidents and senior administrators at other colleges and universities as well as in other professional fields. His experience as an innovative leader, coupled with his passion and vision for the college, made him the clear choice. He also comes to the office familiar with the needs and challenges facing Hope and higher education, having served as a member of the board since 2016.

“As a strategic thinker who has worked on the most important economic and social issues facing our nation, Matt will bring intellectual depth and visionary leadership to Hope College,” said board chair Karl Droppers '82. “Matt personifies the mission of Hope, as he has led a life of leadership and service at the highest levels of business and government. He is also a passionate follower of Christ, brings a strong commitment to inclusive excellence and diversity,



and articulates the college's mission with contagious and inspiring enthusiasm. This makes him the perfect leader for Hope's next chapter."

Scogin has been with Perella Weinberg Partners since 2014. He oversees operations, strategy, corporate services, human resources and communications at the firm, which has 11 offices around the world.

Prior to his current position, he was at NYSE Euronext, where from 2009 to 2014 he served as the senior vice president and chief of staff at the 3,000-person company that ran the New York Stock Exchange and five exchanges in Europe. During 2008 and 2009, he was chief of staff and senior adviser to the CEO of Wachovia Bank, at the time the nation's fourth-largest commercial bank.

Before joining the corporate sector, Scogin occupied several senior roles in government. From 2006 to 2008, he was the senior adviser for domestic finance at the U.S. Department of Treasury, where he counseled the secretary of the treasury and undersecretary of the treasury on a broad range of economic and financial policy matters. In 2006, he served as a fiscal policy adviser to the governor of Massachusetts; from 2002 to 2003, he was the legislative director for a Michigan state representative; and during

2001, while participating in Hope College's Washington Honors Semester, he held an internship at the White House.

Scogin majored in political science and economics at Hope, where he was Student Congress president during his senior year, and has a master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. After finishing graduate school, he spent a year in Germany as a fellow with the Robert Bosch Foundation studying unemployment and labor market policy. He has published several articles on issues related to public policy and finance.

He received the U.S. Treasury Department Exceptional Service Award in 2008, and was one of 19 leaders in New York City to be named a David Rockefeller Fellow by the Partnership for New York City in 2013. Hope recognized him with a Young Alumni Award in 2014.

Scogin is active in many community organizations. He serves on the Board of Directors for Restore NYC, a Christian non-profit dedicated to ending sex trafficking in New York City, and on the Board of Directors of the SIFMA Foundation for Financial Education. He also volunteers as the CFO and as a lay pastor at Lower Manhattan Community Church in New York City.

He is married to Sarah Dieter '02 Scogin, who majored in music and computer science at Hope and subsequently completed a master's degree focused on artificial intelligence from the engineering school at the University of Illinois. She worked for 10 years at BAE Systems (formerly British Aerospace) and then in cybersecurity for Goldman Sachs. For the past two years, she has been at home full-time with the couple's three young children, Sophie (10), Lucy (8) and Oliver (6).

Looking ahead to when he assumes his new role in a few months, Scogin is looking forward to working with the Hope community in developing specific plans for his tenure. But there are two needs that already lead the list.

"One is diversity. I'm committed to making that a top priority," he said. "Hope has work to do in terms of diversity and inclusion. We have a responsibility to be a community that is welcoming to all students, and to prepare our students to be global citizens. We also need to recognize that if we want to have a strong national and international reputation, we cannot be an institution that is 82.5% white. That is not an accurate representation of God's kingdom."

"Another thing I want to focus on is the economic model of Hope College," he said. "When Sarah and I were students at Hope 20 years ago, the full sticker price including room and board was \$20,000. Today the full price is \$44,000, and if you fast forward to 10 years from now when our daughter Sophie will be a junior at Hope, the projected full price will be around \$60,000. And that means that the price will have tripled, *tripled*, in one generation. And that's not sustainable."

Hope, he emphasizes, is not alone in navigating difficult waters.

"I think we're at a pivotal moment in higher education," Scogin said. "Higher education in the United States is really a 380-year-old project that began in 1636 when Harvard was founded. And for 380 consecutive years, higher education has grown in stature, size and influence without interruption. What we're experiencing now, arguably for the first time in the history of that project, are real questions about it. People are wondering whether it's worth the money to send their son or daughter to a traditional college. Donors are wondering whether it's worth their philanthropic efforts to give to their *alma mater*. There's also enormous public-policy pressure to make public universities free."

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Matthew A. Scogin '02, president-elect of Hope College

It was the larger context in particular that guided the board in looking outside higher education when making its selection. Scogin, in turn, is eager to apply his unique combination of experiences on Hope's behalf.

"I think we're at a moment when higher education needs to step back and start to think differently about how to address the challenges we're facing," he said. "I think the fact that my career has been in areas outside of higher education will allow me to ask some questions that haven't been asked before and maybe look at things with a slightly different perspective."

Hope has an advantage, he noted, in itself serving students and society as no other college or university does.

"I believe with all my heart that what Hope College offers is not only worthwhile but essential," he said. "We have this beautifully aspirational name that says so much about who we are and what we offer the world."

"True hope is the thing that's lacking in the world today," Scogin said. "We live in a divided country, a divided culture. We cannot figure out how to have civil discourse. There is suffering and injustice of all kinds on the front page of every newspaper every day, and that means that the world today is in dire need of God's hope. And here we are at Hope College, this small school in this small corner of the world, and we have exactly what the world is looking for."

*Please see the "Quote, unquote" column on page six for Sophie Scogin's introduction of herself and her two siblings during a campus reception for the family in December. Please look in the Summer issue of **News from Hope College**, which will be published in August, for details about the presidential inauguration, scheduled for Friday, Sept. 13. For more about Matthew A. Scogin '02, including his video greeting to the Hope family, please visit:*

 hope.edu/president-elect

280 YEARS, UNQUANTIFIABLE COMMITMENT

Hope is in the final weeks of its 157th academic year. Add together the years 2018-19's nine retiring faculty have been at the college, and they have that beat by more than a century. Their combined service, from 21 to 41, totals 280 years, representing thousands of days, countless hours and unquantifiable commitment to providing the best for their students.



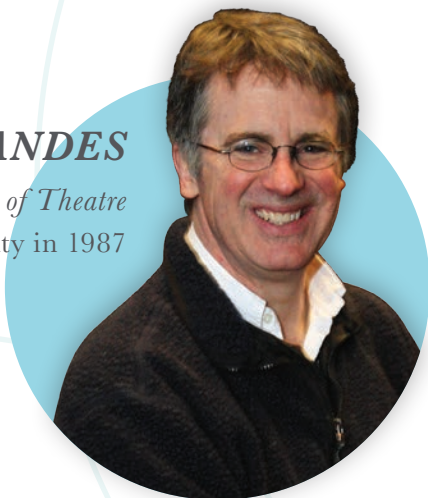
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MEYER EVERTS**

Associate Professor of Religion
Joined the faculty in 1985



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the Dorothy Wiley DeLong
Professor of Dance
Joined the faculty in 1983



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Associate Professor of Theatre
Joined the faculty in 1987



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PATNOTT**

Professor of Kinesiology and
Swimming and Diving Coach
Joined the faculty in 1978

**DR. DIANNE
PORTFLEET**

Associate Professor of English
Joined the faculty in 1988



**DR. BRAD
RICHMOND**

Professor of Music
Joined the faculty in 1998



DR. STEVEN SMITH

Professor of Kinesiology
Joined the faculty in 1990



**DR. ELIZABETH
TREMBLEY '85**

Associate Professor of English
Joined the faculty in 1988



JOHN YELDING

*the Susan M. and Glenn G.
Cherup Associate Professor of
Education and Department Chair*
Joined the faculty in 1994



Please visit the college online for
biographical sketches of each of the retirees.

hope.edu/retirees2019




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**YEARS OF
BUILDING
COMMUNITY**

By Ann Sierks Smith





Caryn Dannah pulled up to Scott Hall last fall ready to launch into something really new. Not only was she moving away from home for the first time — she'd opted into a living situation unlike anything that she'd experienced growing up in Grand Rapids.

As a Phelps Scholar, Caryn “does life” with 95 other freshmen who are part of Hope College’s year-long program focused on diversity. They live together, mostly in Scott. They take a customized, team-taught First-Year Seminar together, visit places such as the Holocaust Museum near Detroit, and build relationships the ways all college students do. (Pizza, pool table — you know the drill.)

Her Hope friends include students from Kenya and Tanganyika. “A lot of my friends are from all over the place. We all come from different backgrounds, believe different things, but I feel like we all came together and formed good bonds,” Dannah says.

Students entering the program view it through forward-looking eyes: it’s a mind expander, a connection maker, an adventure.

Looking back, the view seems to be quite similar: It’s a mind expander. It’s a connection maker.

And for two decades, it’s an educational adventure.

As the program celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2019, Phelps Scholars staff are assessing its long-term impact by interviewing alumni and gathering data. Here’s what program director Yolanda (Yoli) De Leon ’88 Vega is hearing again and again from Phelps Scholars from the past two decades:

The program changed how they view other people. It changed their awareness of their own biases and privilege. They appreciate more now why it matters to know what happened in the past. They remember breakthrough conversations late at night. They feel open to travel and

new ideas. (Dannah signed up for a Hope spring break project in Jamaica. First passport! First flight!) They can navigate difficult conversations about volatile issues; they welcome them. They are less quick to judge and more inclined to listen and understand.

“What makes a difference is the academic component, as well as the cultural experiences they can share in. It’s not just coming back to a place where there’s people they know,” Vega says. “It gives students an opportunity to truly learn from each other if they’re willing. Most are.”

“Living and learning communities” like the Phelps Scholars program are common now at American colleges. Hope has three. In Day 1, freshmen plunge into developing real-world research and design skills with faculty and student mentors as a part of their first semester courses — and a bunch of them opt to live near one another in Lichty Hall. The Emmaus Scholars, mostly sophomores and juniors, share Hope cottages and explore issues of social justice and faith.

But programs like this were a new idea in the 1990s when Dr. Steve Spencer ’88, who taught at Hope at that time, got the ball rolling for the Phelps Scholars along with education faculty member John Yelding. (Yelding has remained involved throughout the program’s 20 years, including as a frequent teacher of its First-Year Seminar.) Professor of Psychology Dr. Charles Green, who led the program from 1999 to 2013 as the founding director, notes that then-provost Dr. Jacob Nyenhuis championed the idea with college faculty, staff and trustees, who were all considering how to encourage students of color to join the Hope community.

“As we were developing the nuts and bolts of this program, it was very clear that if you want to have a genuine impact on a college student, catch them in their first year, create a community of people they can get to know and trust, and teach them important things,” Green says.



The program launched with 39 participants in 1999. One of its goals, then and now, is to make Hope more welcoming and appealing to students of color and those from other nations by providing an opportunity to find community among students sharing the experience of adjusting to a predominantly white American campus. Another is to offer all students an immersive, relationship-rich opportunity to learn together about culture, race, and various forms of discrimination, and develop their own views about diversity and inclusion.

A psychological concept that was on Dr. Spencer's mind when he suggested that Hope should create a program of this type was "stereotype threat," which Green sums up as a combination of the knowledge that there are stereotypes about the group you're part of, and the fear that in a broader group, you'll be treated more like those stereotypes than as the individual you are.

Connecting person to person can't erase that, but it makes a dent. The Phelps Scholars staff and faculty leverage events and class time to help that happen. On a visit to a Chinese church in Chicago, over Cuban empanadas in Detroit, in a class discussion of the book *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*, connections strengthen.

"In two months they say they feel like they've known each other well for a long time. They are taken aback by how quickly and deeply those relationships form," Vega says.

Phelps Scholars report that there's a misperception around campus that nearly every minority student is part of the program and lives in Scott Hall. Actually, no; the program is open to any student of any ethnicity, and while accepted international students and students of color are invited to become a Phelps Scholar, just a fraction do so. In a recent year, for instance, about 25 percent of the Hispanic students in an entering class joined the program. The proportion is higher for international students.

"LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITIES" LIKE THE PHELPS SCHOLARS PROGRAM ARE COMMON NOW AT AMERICAN COLLEGES, BUT PROGRAMS LIKE THIS WERE A NEW IDEA IN THE 1990S.



For some students, though, the safe zone that the program provides is a critical element as they navigate a campus that at about 82 percent Caucasian can be quite different from home.

“Students of color might otherwise, I think, find it difficult to imagine themselves at an overwhelmingly white school like Hope,” Green suggests, “but in the context of a pretty diverse residence hall can make that leap.”

That was the case, for instance, for Phelps Scholar alumnus Jesus Romero '16, who is now a talent recruiter for Herman Miller. Before college, his world had been a Hispanic neighborhood in Los Angeles. At Hope, “as soon as I stepped out of that building, I was in a sea of students who didn’t look like myself,” Romero recalls. The sense of home he found in Scott Hall helped him through the transition. “I could step outside for a bit, and come back and feel that safety.”

In a few short months, the Phelps Scholars program will provide a sense of home for a new group of students from around the globe. Continuing a tradition of two decades, they, too, will find a place, make friends and learn together about each other, themselves, and the challenges and rewards of living with others in a world of many races, cultures and perspectives.

READING LIST

Interested in exploring topics related to diversity and community? Here, recommended by founding director Chuck Green, is a sampling of books that the Phelps Scholars have read together in First-Year Seminars through the years.

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, 2009

Along with recent history of women’s and girls’ experiences around the world, this nonfiction best-seller “gives us a window into how marginalization works — how power works — how dominant narratives work to support the power system,” says Green.

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? by Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D., 1997 (rev. ed. 2017)

A classic exploration of race relations in America, written by a psychologist to help readers move beyond fear and anger to a new understanding of what racism is and what individuals can do about it.

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel, 2014

There’s little explicit about race in the 2018 Lakeshore “Big Read” novel, but themes of developing community spin out from the storyline about survivors of a worldwide calamity and their efforts to reestablish civilization.

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down by Ann Fadiman, 1997

A journalist reports on the complexity of providing Western health care to recent Hmong immigrants from Laos whose worldview is radically different.

My Name is Asher Lev by Chaim Potok, 1972

Readers of this novel learn about the Hasidic Jewish faith, how it plays out in a family and a New York neighborhood, and the tension between traditional culture and the modern, secular world.

A Memory of Hope,

A Message from South Africa

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

It could have been yesterday as much as it was 29 years ago. Memories of life-altering events are undaunted in their tendency to do that. The vivid details of place, people and emotions, though decades old, spring back to full life and their brilliance in memory are just as clear as the day they were born.

Dr. Mpine Qakisa '90 Makoe has one such memory. It not only changed her life, it changed a nation.

A native of Soweto, South Africa, Makoe remembers how, on Feb. 11, 1990, when she was a senior at Hope, she and her friends awoke at 2 a.m. to gather around a television set in College East Apartments to watch the release of Nelson Mandela from his 27-year imprisonment for opposing apartheid. Absorbed in the historical moment, the women watched and wept and cheered for hours, shunning sleep once the coverage ended and their classes started. Carried forward on coffee and adrenaline, Makoe's elation continued throughout the day.

If her clarity of life and educational purpose was not firmly affixed in her mind prior to Mandela's release, it certainly became a clear-as-a-bell vocational calling that day. She would return to South Africa to make a difference, she knew, first as a journalist to teach others about her renewed nation's rising and then, as it happened, as a university educator to do the same but in a different way.

And it all started with her hope for a new future, in a new nation, with a college education in 1987.

And to Hope, she and her husband, Abbey, returned in October 2018, to impart experience and wisdom to a campus community each had longed to see — Mpine for the second time since graduation and Abbey for his first-time ever.

"We came back to Hope as a package deal so I could show Abbey what I rave about all the time," Mpine laughed, which is often her cheerful way.

"Hope and Holland are very important part of her history in terms of her development as a person and her academic achievements," Abbey said. "You can say this is where it all began for her and now she's coming back as a professor to this school to give back to Hope students. And I'm just privileged to be part of it, to accompany her and see her retrace her steps."

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, at the height of anti-apartheid tensions both in South Africa and in the international community, more than a dozen South African students enrolled at Hope as the college offered scholarships to them in partnership with the unifying church of South Africa, of which the Reformed Church in America played a part. Makoe arrived at Hope, after a year at Concordia College in New York City, as result of her home church's connection. She double-majored in communication and English, graduated in 1990 and then promptly went on to earn a master's degree in journalism from the University of Michigan in 1991. "I was so excited to get back [to South Africa] that I sped up my program and finished in a year," she says.

For four years, Makoe indeed worked as a journalist for *The Star* newspaper headquartered in Johannesburg, but when she and Abbey started a family, she became a teacher, thinking maybe it would be a temporary career shift for her. "But as I went along I thought, 'Here I can make an impact on people, too.' Students who come in with their glassy eyes, full of hope, and then they walk away with something because you helped them see it, you made a difference. That is the beauty of education. And so many beautiful people did that for me, I just wanted to do that, too," she reflected.



Another master's degree and a doctorate, both in educational technology from The Open University in Milton Keynes, United Kingdom, sealed her future in higher education. Today, she is head of the Institute of Open Distance Learning at the University of South Africa in Pretoria.

"She has always been a leader. So many people knew her across the campus," recalled Dr. Jane Dickie, whom Makoe fondly names as her mother figure while at Hope. "Mpine was teaching even then. It's not surprising she became a teacher because in campus discussions, she would offer her thoughts and others would become silent because she's wise, very wise. To a large extent, many of the students who came from South Africa during that time did step up and were in leadership roles on campus. So, whereas we might have thought we were doing a good deed for South African students, they left us with so much more, so much richness. Mpine was surely one of them."

The Makoes' recent return to Hope came at the invitation of Dr. Deirdre Johnston, professor of communication and interim associate dean of global education who met the couple in 2016 while she was teaching a June Term for Hope and international students on peace and reconciliation in South Africa. Both charming and engaging, but with the ability to cut to the quick of weighty matters, the Makoes spoke during a special presentation at Hope. Mpine discussed recent student activism and the #rhodesmustfall movement on campuses in post-apartheid South Africa; and Abbey, who is a political editor for the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation and CEO of Mpine Media (yes, he named his company after his wife), addressed the role of journalists in transforming South Africa after Mandela's release to present day, an era when he reported from the townships and rose to prominence as one of South Africa's most revered and sought-after political analysts.

Even though their October visit was during an unusual cold snap that required the unexpected purchase of new coats in downtown Holland to bear up under the unruly Michigan weather, the Makoes "just exuded a joy to be here," said Johnston. "To reunite with her *alma mater* and former faculty here, to talk with today's international students and address other students in communication classes, I could tell it was so invigorating and rejuvenating for them."

The Makoes agree. With affirming smiles, they looked out on the western stretch of campus from the second-floor rotunda of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication and watched intently as students walked to classes bundled up in freshly unpacked jackets. Mpine tugged on her new outerwear and thought of her work on her own campus in Pretoria, South Africa, where she leads and teaches and writes journal articles and books on open-distance and online learning. Surely it is warmer there, she thought, but only weather-wise. The glad welcome she and Abbey received at Hope, the emotions that emanated from her reminiscing and dreaming, from her teaching and meeting — those warm feelings made up for the temperature difference. Later at her address, she boldly proclaimed what she hoped for all institutions of higher learning, a nod to her current specialty and her Hope history.

"The university of the future is digital, global, equitable and lifelong," she said. "Information is everywhere, and if you have technology, you have the power to learn. But access to that technology is not equal. And I know what it is like not to have access to things."

"Hope gave me access to an education in a lifelong way," she explained earlier. "It gave me people who contributed to my life without fully knowing who I am, taking a risk on me. And it gave me a desire to do the same for others."

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GIVING BACK WHILE PAYING IT FORWARD

That old saying — “It’s not what you know but who you know” — is not only cynical: It uses the wrong conjunction. It is actually what **AND** who you know that make a difference in calling and career. Deep knowledge of “what” and giving connections from “whom” are the perfect combination to move a life along.

Examples abound within Hope’s 35,000-plus alumni network of ways that older alums have given back to younger alums and students by being gracious supporters of dreams and ventures and career pursuits. The mentees’ aspirations are informed, affirmed and enlivened and, in return, mentors receive the personal satisfaction of supporting others by paying it forward.

On the pages that follow, four stories of mentors and mentees reveal how people of Hope become, and remain, connected by fields of study and employment as broad and deep as the liberal arts.

Alumni interested in mentoring current students or recent graduates can learn more at:
hope.edu/alumni/get-involved





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A SHARED CALL FOR MUSIC AND MINISTRY

By Josh Bishop

“I’m going to be a classical pianist, and I’m going to go to grad school for piano after Hope, and then either tour the world or teach at a college,” Hope College junior Kennadi Hawes said, giving voice to her academic and career plans when she arrived in 2016.

God had other plans, though.

In 2017, Hawes joined a Campus Ministries worship team. There, “I had my eyes opened to the beauty of working with other people and making music for a different purpose other than just performing solo,” Hawes said. She’s still a piano performance major in the Department of Music, but she’s traded in her plans for graduate school to focus instead on ministry and worship leadership.

And to help her through the whiplash of shifting from one trajectory to another, God gave her the ideal mentor: Lyn Curley ’87 Walker.

Walker, who is the women’s ministry director at Community Reformed Church in Zeeland, Michigan, says she was also an “unconventional” music major during her time at Hope. As a self-taught songwriter who would rather play by ear than read sheet music, she never really fit the description of a typical piano performance or music education major. In the end, she graduated with a degree in music composition.

“Kennadi’s a music major and she’s part of the chapel worship band, so we had a lot of obvious interests in common,” Walker said. Before her current role at Community Reformed, Walker spent more than a decade leading worship at Harderwyk Ministries’ Watershed service and continues to practice a longstanding passion for writing worship music.

Because of Walker’s experiences both at and after Hope, “we’ve been able to sympathize with each other in a lot of ways,” Hawes said.

Hawes knew she wanted to combine her gifts in music with her growing passion for ministry, but she had no clue what that might actually look like. Still, the freedom to ask difficult questions, to respond to subtle nudges, to follow hard paths is one that Hawes said was uniquely fostered at Hope.

“I’m really grateful that I am at a liberal arts school and not a conservatory, because I’ve had the freedom to step back and say, ‘Okay, where else can I dive in?’” Hawes said. “I have these passions and giftings, and how can I use them?” I don’t think I would have had the freedom to do that if I’d gone to a conservatory or a bigger university.”

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She answered those questions with a renewed focus on the worship leadership track of her studies in ministry minor through Hope's Center for Ministry Studies.

Walker didn't encourage Hawes to make the switch — she had already made up her mind when they first met — but she did help Hawes figure out what it might look like, in part because that's the life she's lived.

"She's coming from a piano performance major and then she's trying to incorporate this worship leadership, which is a different thing," Walker said. "We talk about what I've learned organizing and managing bands and musicians."

While their shared interests, skills and unique experiences brought them together, those aren't the only things the two women talk about during their mentoring sessions — typically 2.5 hours of conversation over coffee at Lemonjello's or Ferris. They also talk about stress, about relationships, about, in Hawes' words, "all the things that impact the way that you do life and how well you do life."

There's a mutual respect that comes out in conversation with each of them. Here, for example, is what Hawes has to say about Walker's faith: "Her relationship with the Lord is so inspiring, like she knows Him personally, and it's just a beautiful vision of what I want for myself."

Ask Walker about Hawes, and you'll hear a similar admiration: "Her desire and pursuit of the Lord is contagious," Walker said.

Walker is quick to point out that her relationship with the younger Hawes isn't just a one-way transaction. "There is definitely a benefit to me," she said. "Her curiosity, energy and teachability are contagious. Mentoring is a privilege, but it's also such a gift to me."

Another, perhaps unexpected, gift is the experience of making music together. Every so often, Walker and Hawes forego the coffeeshop and instead gather around a piano.

"We like to meet in the Jack and get a practice room and she plays some stuff that she is working on and I play stuff that I'm working on and we just kind of collaborate and brainstorm a little bit," Walker said.

It's in the practice room of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts that Kennadi Hawes' story comes right back to where she started — though, thanks in no small part to Lyn Walker, in a very different way than she could've dreamed.



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MODELING A LIFE OF SERVICE

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If someone from Michigan's 4th congressional district — a vast area of more than 13 counties in the central part of the state's Lower Peninsula — recently called the office of their representative in Washington, D.C., there's a good chance that they talked to Robert Ruiter.

Ruiter, a Hope College junior from DeWitt, Michigan, has spent the spring 2019 semester as an intern in the office of Congressman John Moolenaar '83, the district's representative since 2015. Moolenaar previously served as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives from 2003 to 2008 and the Michigan Senate from 2011 to 2014.

For both Moolenaar and Ruiter, working in the nation's capital is all about serving the public.

“Everything we do in our office is to serve constituents,” Moolenaar said. “We're trying to model a life of service.”

When they describe their mentoring relationship, that phrase — “a life of service” — keeps surfacing for both Moolenaar and Ruiter. It's an ethos that's modeled in every interaction at the office, no matter how mundane. There's no item on Ruiter's internship task list that says, “Learn how to model a life of service,” but he's picking it up anyway.

“I'm learning to emulate the characteristics of being a great congressperson,” Ruiter said. “I'm learning a lot to take with me after being able to see it first-hand at a place like Capitol Hill.”

“He's learning things even when he doesn't realize that he's learning things,” Moolenaar said. “He'll hopefully integrate that into his own way of leading.”

Ruiter has been in Washington, D.C., through the college's Washington Honors Semester program. This program combines academic learning with a weekly internship at an organization in D.C., giving Hope students of any major or interest hands-on experience living, working and studying in the nation's capital. Previous internships have placed Hope students in locations such as the White House, National Museum of Art, World Bank, American Bar Association and Naval Medical Research Center.

Ruiter seized on the opportunity to intern with Moolenaar, applying for the competitive position and earning his spot in the congressman's office.

"He was my first option. I'm from his district, and he's my congressman," Ruiter said. Besides, he added, "an internship is the first step you have to take to get involved in the political process."

The shared Hope connection didn't hurt, either: "It's fun to have someone from Hope College in the office," Moolenaar said. In addition to Ruiter's initiative and background, he said, "Hope was a special bonus."

Moolenaar's own path to public service was less traditional: He graduated from Hope with a degree in chemistry. "I only took one political science class, and I was out of college before I experienced some of the things Robert is experiencing," he said.

The Washington Honors Semester gave Ruiter the flexibility to do something that's relatively rare for college students: to intern in D.C. during the academic year, when most students are bound to the lecture hall.

"A lot of people can only do it in the summertime, when the legislative calendar is not as active and there are a lot of students. Robert was able to make a commitment during a busy time when there aren't a lot of people," Moolenaar said.

Ruiter spends at least 32 hours each week (more when Congress is in session) at Moolenaar's office, where he responds to phone calls and letters from constituents in Michigan's 4th District, follows up with them as their concerns are resolved, helps other staffers with their work, and generally gets an up-close, congressional experience.

"It's encouraging to see someone jump in and get this hands-on learning and experience. To see Robert grow through that has been great," Moolenaar said.

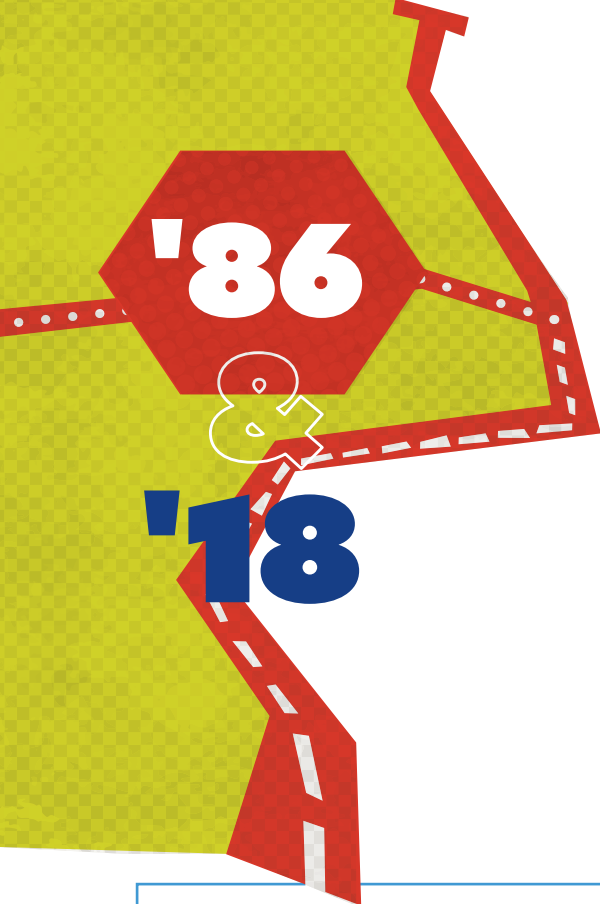
The growth isn't just preparing Ruiter for a job in politics, it's preparing him for (here comes that phrase again) a life of service, whatever career path he chooses.

"My plans are up in the air," he said. He might pursue politics, sure, but he's also thinking about law school.

"If I want to pursue a political career, now I know what it's going to be like. I have a taste for it, and it will help me discern my career," Ruiter said. And if he picks law school, "working on Capitol Hill is giving me the front-row seat to witness the legislation process."

If anything, Moolenaar's unlikely career preparation at Hope — from chemistry major to the halls of Congress — shows that Ruiter doesn't have to make up his mind quite yet. Whatever he picks, he'll be ready.





EAST OF HOPE, A SCIENTIFIC CONNECTION

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

In Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Brett Bouma '86 and Yong-Chul Yoon '18 weave together highly technical knowledge from two scientific worlds. Between the fields of medicine and physics, from the campuses of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the two Hope alumni — one for more than two decades, one newly inaugurated — go about the work of developing new technologies for specific medical advances.

And their Hope connection played a role in where they each are today.

Bouma has held a joint appointment at both Harvard Medical School and MIT since 1997, while Yoon is a nascent graduate student at both. The unique, prestigious and competitive program to which they belong educates students toward doctorates in engineering or physics from MIT while also providing dual enrollment in med-school classes for two years at Harvard. The goal is to train students for technical depth in engineering or physics while at the same time giving them a fuller understanding of the facts, language and practice of medicine. After six years in the dual program, students like Yoon emerge with the ability to transform human health in a myriad of different ways.

"The students who we bring into the program are amazing, just astounding," says Bouma. "I chair the Ph.D. admissions committee, and it just freaks me out how good these students are."

Bouma was actually familiar with Yoon's application and freakish credentials (*summa cum laude* with five academic-department awards) long before they even hit his desk. Hope's Dr. Stephen Remillard, professor of physics and department chair, had encouraged Yoon to reach out to a few alums who worked at the rare intersection of technology development and medicine, a place the Hope undergrad wanted his future to be.

So, during his junior year, Yoon sent several emails, especially noticing Bouma's impressive titles: professor of dermatology and health sciences and technology at Harvard Medical School; physicist at Massachusetts General Hospital; director of the Center for Biomedical Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) Research and Translation.

That man must be crazy busy, Yoon thought. And of course, the Bostonian was. Who wouldn't be with three different appointments? But as it turned out, the Harvard/MIT prof was the first person to reply to Yoon's inquiry.

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– Yong-Chul Yoon '18

“He wrote back that he was receptive of the idea that I was interested in medicine and technology development,” Yoon remembers. “After that, we set up a Skype meeting, and that’s how we met: virtually.”

“He double majored at Hope in demanding fields [chemistry and physics] and persevered,” Bouma adds. “That really impressed me from the start.”

A summer research institute at MIT, for which Bouma encouraged the Hope student to apply, was actually where their mentor-mentee relationship started. “He came into that summer program [in 2017] and worked in my lab for eight weeks, went back to Hope for his senior year, and then got excited about returning to the graduate program,” Bouma says. “Honestly, he was a shoe-in.”

Though his formal training is in physics, Bouma’s specialty is fiber optics and medical imaging. (His research has led to over 300 issued/allowed patents, with over 100 additional patent applications pending.) Recently, he’s focused on discovering imaging modalities to better “see” lesions in coronary arteries that cause heart attacks. He and his research team are developing methods that allow them to capture images from inside a living heart to better understand what distinguishes an asymptomatic patient from one with symptoms of heart disease.

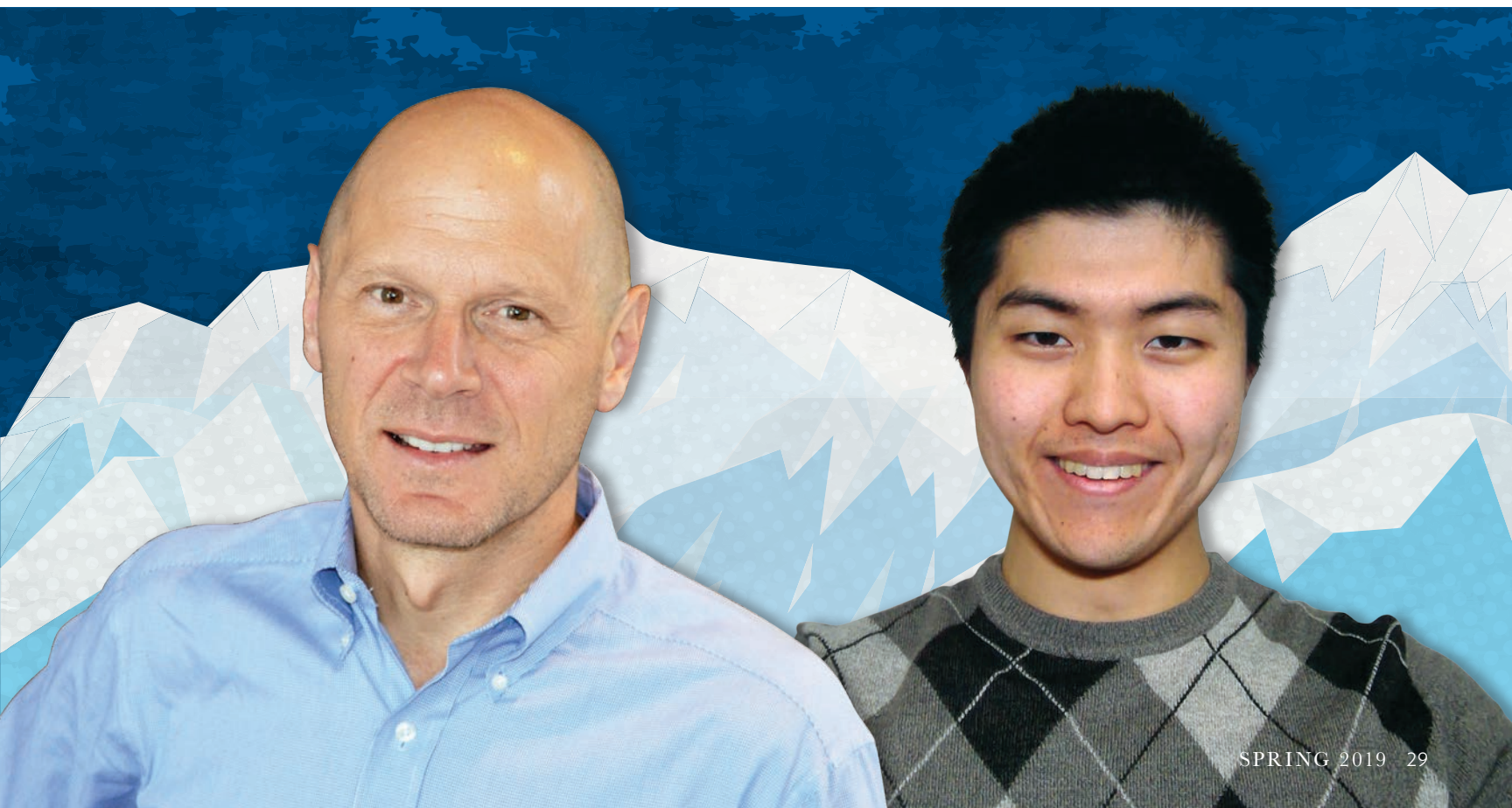
Yoon hopes one day to do much of the same, to discover the ways light’s depolarization process can be used to image the surface of other biological issues. This noble and intricate research fascinates him even as the work ahead may inundate. But he’s getting by with a little help from his advisor.

“People really want to work their butts off here,” Yoon proclaims emphatically. “I feel that pressure, but it’s a good kind of pressure. At the same time, it’s nice to have a mentor like Dr. Bouma who understands the transition from Hope to Harvard and MIT. Whenever I set up a meeting with him, he’s always asking how I like Boston or how classes are treating me. He really cares and gives very good guidance, and I appreciate his honest feedback.”

“Yoon is a practical, unpretentious, down-to-earth person,” Bouma describes. “In the first year, students who come in are a little bit intimidated by Harvard and MIT, yet it doesn’t take them long to realize that all of their peers are like them. They’re just everyday people who happen to be scientifically outstanding.”

That kind of mentoring wisdom which he imparts is something Bouma saw modeled with sincerity and regularity at Hope. To this day, he still remains in frequent contact with Dr. Peter Gonthier, professor of physics and his Hope faculty mentor who “not only taught me physics and included me in his research but showed me how and why caring about students’ growth as people is important.”

“I never had anything but good professors at Hope,” he continues, “but there were several people like Peter who really transformed my life, and I have a great sense of gratitude. Because of that, that first email from Yong-Chul couldn’t go unnoticed.”





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THE FORWARD PASS OF WISDOM THROUGH EXPERIENCE

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

When Angelique Gaddy '17 sits in a graduate classroom for a sports management degree at Western Michigan University (WMU) and sees that she's one of the few — if not *the* only — women among many men in that space, she does not let herself get discouraged. Instead, Gaddy recalls the words of her mentor who experienced similar gender differences in her studies and career, and the young woman bucks up. She knows the trail, once rarely trod by females in the field of intercollegiate athletic administration, is getting a bit more recognizable now. The way has been blazed because of women with staying power like Kathy Button '78 Beauregard, who has been walking it well for 22 years.

"It's really about just being able to hold your own because you know what that looks like when you do," says Gaddy, who was a basketball student-athlete at Hope while double-majoring in business and communication. "You know that being yourself like Kathy was, and is, got her where she is today. Being able to actually see a woman in her position has allowed me to hold strong to what I want and not get discouraged when I am in a setting or applicant pool that's disproportionate."

Though the number of women serving as athletic directors at colleges in the NCAA has almost doubled over three decades (19.5% in 2018, vs. 11% in 1990), it still lags far behind men in the same positions. Beauregard has felt the heft of that disparity since 1997, when she was appointed athletic director at NCAA Division I WMU. Today, she is the longest-serving athletic director in the Mid-American Conference but still only one of nine female athletic directors at the 130 Football Bowl Subdivision schools.

"It sure was an honor to have [Angelique] look at my career and think, 'Well, maybe that's what I want to do some day,'" says Beauregard, "because, honestly, I did not have the opportunity to grow up and think that I could ever be an athletic director at this level because there were hardly any. Nor did I really even know what that job was like in [Division I]."

Of course, after more than three decades at WMU, first as a coach (of women's gymnastics for nine years) and then as an administrator, Beauregard has more than a good handle on what the work entails. And because she does, she has forward-passed along her wisdom to Gaddy in one-on-one meetings and in extending her

network. “Kathy took me through Western’s entire facilities and introduced me to a whole bunch of people there,” Gaddy remembers. “That was eye-opening coming from Hope to see everything that goes into athletics at Western.”

“What I really wanted to do for her was give her an idea of the differences between Division III and Division I,” explains Beauregard. “Hope has all the things that we have; we just have a lot more people doing it.”

The two Hope grads, separated by almost 40 years between grad dates, then sat down and talked about their Hope experiences — the similarities (such as their shared love for the marriage of academics and athletics at the Division III level) and the differences (time’s steadfast advance makes those too many to recount here). “It all was actually really cool to hear because it allowed me to get a grasp on how she ended up where she is now,” Gaddy says. “For her, it had to be very strategic. She felt she couldn’t ask for too much as a woman back then. So, Kathy really did challenge me. She said, ‘Don’t feel like you’re overstepping your bounds. There may be a lot of times where you might feel like you shouldn’t be pushing for this, or asking that, or even applying for a certain position. But you have to push ahead and ask and apply.’ I really appreciated hearing that.”

The experienced AD also connected the up-and-comer with a unique opportunity that few sports management students have — the chance to have national exposure on ESPN. Well, not initially but eventually. Through Beauregard’s introduction of Gaddy to WMU’s associate athletic director for media, Robin Hook, the freshly-enrolled grad-school student landed the role of color analyst for Bronco women’s basketball games on radio and television for the entire 2017-18 season, even appearing once on ESPN3. “That was a crazy, fun opportunity,” declares Gaddy, who will graduate with her master’s degree this June. “I’m grateful for that, but, really, I’m grateful for everything Kathy has shown and taught me.”

As for Beauregard, the chance to get to know and help a fellow Hope alumna has been both satisfying, refreshing and necessary. She’s been inspired by Gaddy’s energy and professional potential, she says, because she totally knows whence Gaddy has come.

“Working with student-athletes or grad students, that’s why I do what I do. It’s really all about them. And this time, on top of that, it’s been nice to be able to connect with someone from my *alma mater*. . . I have no doubt that it won’t take Angeliq long to find a career,” the DI AD predicts.





Tell me you've heard of him: Abraham Johannes Muste (1885-1967), labor leader, world-renowned pacifist and probably Hope's most famous alumnus.

Born in the Netherlands, Muste immigrated to Grand Rapids with his family in 1891; he graduated from Hope College in 1905, valedictorian, captain of the basketball team, president of his fraternity (the Fraters, of course), and already an acclaimed orator. He studied at New Brunswick Seminary and was ordained as a pastor in the Reformed Church in America in 1909. He served the Fort Washington Collegiate Church in New York City (close to Union Seminary, where he continued his education), but found himself increasingly uncomfortable with the doctrines of Calvinism and moved on to a Congregational Church near Boston. The year 1917, when the United States declared war on Germany, was a dramatic watershed for the young man: Despite social pressures around him, he adopted a position of radical pacifism.

By Kathleen Verduin '65

LABOR LEADER PACIFIST HOPE ALUM

Muste had already joined over 60 fellow pacifists to found the American wing of the international Fellowship of Reconciliation, and abandoning his pulpit he turned toward labor organization as a theater where his commitment to issues of peace and justice could find expression. In 1921, he became educational director of the Brookwood Labor College in New York and laid foundations for the Conference for Progressive Labor Action. Frustrated with the church, he was drawn for a time to communism, even visiting the noted Marxist Leon Trotsky in 1936. "What could one say to the unemployed and the unorganized who were betrayed and shot down when they protested," he asked himself. "What did one point out to them? Well, not the Church... you saw that it was the radicals, the Left-wingers, the people who had adopted some form of Marxian philosophy, who were doing *something* about the situation."

And yet A.J. didn't have it in him to stay away from Christianity for very long. That same year he wandered into the Church of St. Sulpice in Paris and experienced a reconversion. "Without the slightest premonition of what was going to happen, I was saying to myself: 'This is where you belong.'" On his return to the United States, Muste headed the Presbyterian Labor Temple in New York and then became executive secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. In 1949, a very young Martin Luther King, Jr., then at student at Crozer Seminary, heard Muste lecture on non-violent resistance: it is fair to say that King would not have achieved his ambitions had he not had Muste as an example. [See sidebar on next page for what King wrote about Muste.]

In his years of "retirement," Muste was more vigorous than ever, participating in a string of activities: the Polaris Action anti-nuclear protest; the anti-nuclear walk to Mead Air Force Base, where the 75-year-old climbed over the fence into the grounds; the San Francisco to Moscow Walk for Peace; the Quebec-Guantanamo Peace Walk; the Nashville-Washington Walk; and the Sahara Project to oppose nuclear testing in Africa. In 1966, in the heat of the Vietnam War, he led a group to Saigon, where he was immediately deported, but shortly thereafter flew to Hanoi to meet Ho Chi Minh. Less than a month later, Muste died of an aneurysm. The great American linguist, philosopher and social critic Noam Chomsky has called Muste "one of the most significant 20th-century figures, an unsung hero."

News from Hope College had been planning for about a year to develop a story about A.J. Muste for this issue, occasioned by the dedication of the bust discussed elsewhere on these pages, when we saw an article about him by Dr. Kathleen Verduin '65 of the English faculty on her department's blog this past fall. We immediately sought to reprint it, not only because we appreciated the high quality of her writing but because she has a unique and informed perspective as chair of the college's A.J. Muste Memorial Lecture Committee. The latter role and her faculty status also provided an irresistible parallel. A story about Muste that was in this magazine in April 1985 was written by the committee's first chair, biologist Dr. Donald Cronkite, who had been a leader in building campus and local awareness of Muste's work.

During the summer of 2017, I had the great privilege of accompanying prize-winning film-maker David Schock on a series of cross-country trips to interview and record the memories of people who knew A.J. or had written about him. It was an unforgettable experience, and the footage — nearly 40 feet of it now — is priceless. We heard the stories — often expressed in tears — of working with Muste, observing his deft administration and wondering at his dedication. What is the cost of a life like Muste's, a life that so realizes the *imitatio Christi*? Surely Muste paid a price: his family's finances were chronically precarious, he was often away from home and he endured the suspicion of many with whom he had grown up. One person we interviewed estimated that Muste had probably owned no more than four suits in his entire life, and his shoes often revealed patches in the soles. Yet Muste was a happy man. I love this story from his co-worker Barbara Deming, who was with him when he was arrested in Vietnam. "None of us had any idea how rough they might be," she recalled, "and A.J. looked so very frail..." "I looked across the room at A.J. to see how he was doing," she went on. "He looked back with a sparkling smile and with that sudden light in his eyes which so many of his friends will remember, he said, 'It's a good life!'"

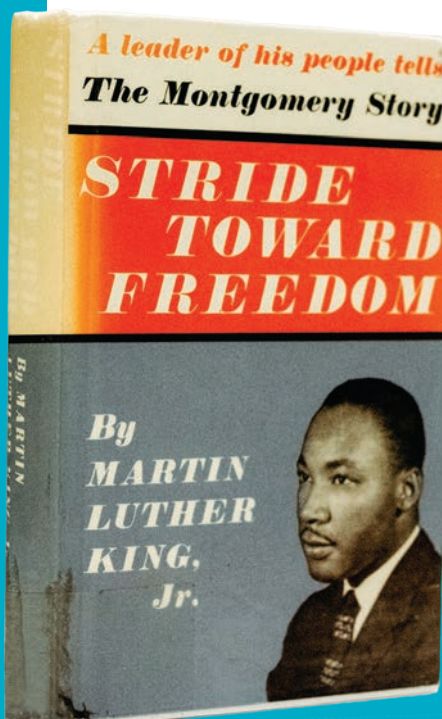
Muste wasn't an English major. But he loved poetry, and it inspired him. One of his favorites was "The Hound of Heaven," by Francis Thompson:

"I fled Him, down the nights and down the days;
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways
Of my own mind, and in the mist of tears..."

And this one, which was read at his memorial service, Stephen Spender's "The Truly Great":

"I think continually of those who were truly great.
Who, from the womb, remembered the soul's history
Through corridors of life, where the hours are suns,
Endless and singing."

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MUSTE AND KING

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was among those inspired by A.J. Muste. King was a student in the audience when Muste spoke at Crozer Theological Seminary in 1949, and later recalled the encounter's significance in his book *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*.

Writing in the chapter "Pilgrimage to Nonviolence," King said, "During my stay at Crozer, I was also exposed for the first time to the pacifist position in a lecture by Dr. A.J. Muste. I was deeply moved by Dr. Muste's talk, but far from convinced of the practicability of his position." (King went on to explain that his subsequent study of Gandhi revised his view on the viability: "It was in [the] Gandhian emphasis on love and nonviolence that I discovered the method for social reform that I had been seeking for so many months.")

King and Muste — who has been called "the American Gandhi" — remained in contact through the years. They corresponded in the 1950s and 1960s, and King was the featured speaker during a 1959 War Resisters League dinner held to honor Muste. Following Muste's death, King noted, "the whole world should mourn the death of this peacemaker, for we desperately need his sane and sober spirit in our time."

REMEMBERED ON CAMPUS

A commissioned bust installed at Hope this fall adds a new dimension to a space that has quietly honored A.J. Muste for more than 30 years.

Dedicated on Nov. 13, the bust and a plaque with a biographical sketch have been placed in the A.J. Muste Alcove on the second floor of the Van Wylen Library. The study alcove was named in 1988, the year that the library opened, and was labeled with signs but lacked information about him.

The effort to have the bust created — and to increase campus awareness of Muste and his work — was led by Dr. Jonathan Cox '67, who is retired from Hope as the DuMez Professor Emeritus of English. It was sculpted by Dr. Ryan Dodde '89, who is a plastic surgeon in Holland, Michigan, and had been recommended for the project by the late Billy Mayer of the Hope art faculty.

The dedication followed other recent remembrances that included a panel discussion about Muste in November 2017, which helped mark the 50th year since his death; a historical display at the library in the fall of 2017; and a lecture in March 2018 by Dr. Leilah Danielson, author of *American Gandhi: A.J. Muste and the History of Radicalism in the Twentieth Century*.

Muste is being honored this spring through an even longer-standing commemorative event: the annual A.J. Muste Memorial Lecture series, established in 1985. This year's lecture, "What Would A.J. Muste Do Today?" will be delivered on April 17 by Mary Neznok '70, who is an award-winning disabilities advocate and lobbyist working on nonviolent conflict resolution positions in Middle East conflict zones. In addition, the documentary *A.J. Muste: Radical for Peace/ Finding True North* by filmmaker David Schock will be shown in advance of the lecture, on Tuesday, April 16.



THE SECRET IS PERSISTENCE

By Jim McFarlin '74

Matthew Baker '08 dreamed of becoming a professional writer since the fourth grade, when he entered a “When I Grow Up” speech competition. “My speech was all about how I wanted to be Brian Jacques, the British guy who wrote the *Redwall* books,” Baker recalls.

He wrote throughout high school in Grand Rapids but readily admits, “I didn’t actually start learning how to write until Hope.” However, his first foray into the publishing world, also at Hope, wasn’t exactly encouraging.

“The first time I submitted to *Opus*, the campus literary magazine, all my poems were rejected,” Baker winces. “I was crushed. I was like, ‘Oh, I must not be very good.’”

Oh, but he is. And the literary and entertainment worlds are thankful he persevered.

Baker, featured author last September for the annual Tom Andrews Memorial Reading of the college’s Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series (JRVWS), recently saw four of his short stories optioned as Hollywood screenplays after intense bidding wars. “Transition” ultimately was sold to Amazon, “Life Sentence” went to Netflix, the new independent studio Makeready outbid three others for “The Appearance” and “To Be Read Backward” was purchased by Fox. His latest collection, *Hybrid Creatures* (LSU Press), was released last year, and *If You Find This*, his first children’s novel, was nominated for an Edgar Award (as in Edgar Allan Poe) in the Best Juvenile category.

The rangy Baker, cloaked in a secondhand topcoat at the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication prior to a Q&A session with students, seems mildly overwhelmed by it all. “It’s very surreal,” he concedes. “Before this I was very poor for a long time, living in low-income housing and subsisting on bananas, rice and lentils because those were the cheapest foods.

“When I wrote these stories, the best possible outcome for me was maybe a literary magazine would publish one and send me a check for \$100. So to see Netflix and Amazon, obviously that dramatically exceeded my wildest expectations.”

Susanna Childress, Hope associate professor of creative writing and JRVWS director, invited Baker to return to campus from his New York City home because she believed students needed to hear his story. “Selfishly, I wanted him to come because I teach a linked short stories class and advanced fiction course, and his new book is right in that vein,” Childress says. “But the other element is, we want not just talented writers, but ones willing to engage students. We knew Matt would be generous with his time and energy.”



“A LOT OF YOUNG WRITERS QUESTION, ‘WHEN DO I BECOME A WRITER?’ I THINK IF YOU WRITE THINGS, YOU ALREADY ARE A WRITER. GETTING A STORY OR A NOVEL REJECTED ISN’T REALLY FAILURE TO ME BECAUSE YOU CAN ALWAYS TRY AGAIN, WITH THAT STORY OR ANOTHER ONE. THE ONLY FAILURE IS IF YOU GIVE UP.”

Baker's Hope connections run deep: his mother, Dr. Susan Dunn, is a former associate professor and chair of the nursing department. His talent is unique, individual and arresting: *Hybrid Creatures* literally creates a new form of communication, mixing his prose with HTML, music dynamics, math notations and propositional logic.

"I was really jealous of the moves filmmakers can do in their medium, like switching back and forth between color and black and white in *Memento*," Baker explains. "I started thinking, 'What's the something only writers can do? Is there a way to incorporate artificial languages like HTML or math notations to tell a story?' That's how I ended up doing this very strange project."

Baker's two-day appearance for the JRVWS, which included classroom discussions and one-on-one sessions with fiction writers, was a momentous, full-circle occasion on multiple levels. It marked



the first event in the 25th anniversary of the series established by Ridl, professor emeritus of English, who was a visible presence throughout the affair. Baker was one of the last Hope students taught by Ridl, who retired in 2006. And other featured participants included Ridl's own daughter, Meridith, who illustrated the poem-tale *Lake Michigan Mermaid* co-authored by Anne-Marie Oomen and Linda Nemec Foster.

There is warm, mutual admiration between the two men. "I took three poetry workshops and three fiction workshops with Jack, and that was where I really learned the basics," says Baker. "Before that I was trying to write novels, but they were just really bad stories about pirates. I like to write experimental stories, and the last piece of advice Jack gave me was, 'If you're going to do a weird thing, only do one weird thing.'"

"That was really useful to me, because I realized I was throwing in a bunch of weird things in my poems and stories because I was excited about them, but I was overwhelming the reader. That's just one example of something Jack told me that had a dramatic effect on the way I thought about writing."

At the Andrews reading, named for the late, prolific poet and '84 Hope alum, Ridl praised, "In Matt's case, it was mostly just getting out of his way. I'm not sure he ever said a word in class. He would sit there, and I knew he was taking it in. He wasn't going to feed it back, but I could tell he was probably doing something with it in his head. He got it."

Baker, who teaches "one class a year" at New York University, earned his master's degree from Vanderbilt University, where he was founding editor of the *Nashville Review*, a sort of nationally-focused version of *Opus*. After *Opus* rejected his initial submissions, he later volunteered to work on the publication. "It was a revelation," he remembers. "I mean, this should have been obvious, but sitting in meetings I realized, 'Wait, these are just random people who have their particular tastes as readers.' It was entirely subjective."

"I figured out, there isn't really good or bad. You just have to get your story into the hands of someone who will understand it and be excited about it. A lot of young writers question, 'When do I become a writer?' I think if you write things, you already are a writer. Getting a story or a novel rejected isn't really failure to me because you can always try again, with that story or another one. The only failure is if you give up. The secret is persistence."

Remarkably, Baker also volunteered with the JRVWS while attending Hope, where one could say he left a colorful impression.

"One year I somehow talked them into giving me enough budget to have 1,000 temporary tattoos made of Jack's face," Baker says, laughing. "He was shocked, and for months after you could walk around campus and see somebody with Jack's face on their neck or forehead. It became like this weird cult. I think they should still have them on the merchandise table. It was the highlight of my Hope career."

CAUGHT IN THE RAIN

Where is the dividing line, if indeed there is one, between cliché and timeless truth? For example, while the aphorism “April showers bring May flowers” gains no marks for originality, it at least might — in 2019 as in this moment previously depicted in the 1964 *Milestone* yearbook — make for a comforting mantra on those days when the umbrellas bloom instead.

WINDOW TO HOPE'S HISTORY





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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS



The Hope College Alumni Association will present Distinguished Alumni Awards to **Jim McFarlin '74** and **Dr. Douglas Van Wieren '88**, on Saturday, April 27, during the Annual Alumni Banquet.

McFarlin is an author and freelance journalist who has had his work published in multiple national publications and has written or edited more than a dozen books (and has an article elsewhere in this issue). He also maintains two blogs, the award-winning “JK — Just Kidneying,” based on his experience as a kidney transplant recipient and advocate for renal awareness and organ donation, and “Big Glowing Box,” reflecting his interest in pop culture criticism and commentary. His prior career experience includes serving as a reporter, critic and columnist at *The Grand Rapids Press*, *The Flint Journal* and *The Detroit News*; editorial supervisor for a national advertising agency; information officer for the Wayne State University College of Nursing in Detroit; radio and television host; and voice talent.



Van Wieren has been a site-reliability engineer with Google since 2017, and previously spent several years in higher education — in administration, teaching and research — in the United States and abroad. He was the founding dean of the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology in Bosnia, which opened in 2004, and was involved in every aspect of the school, including writing the original curricula, recruiting faculty, establishing class schedules, and setting up and maintaining the first computer laboratories. As a research fellow at Harvard University, he was part of a group focused on enhancing science instruction. On the faculty of the New York Institute of Technology's campus in Nanjing, Jiangsu, China, he taught programming courses of all levels, coached academic teams and served in other capacities.

Additional information about Alumni Weekend and more extensive biographical sketches of both alumni are available online.

 hope.edu/alumniweekend

NAMED TO ALUMNI BOARD



Andrew Ohm '00 of Seattle, Washington, has been appointed as the newest member of the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

He works in global whitespace innovation for Starbucks Coffee Company, where he leads design strategy for new cold coffee concepts and applied futures thinking. He is also responsible for scaling human-centered design within his organization.

He enjoys helping students and young professionals in navigating careers in business and in achieving stronger creative confidence. He's cherished spending time with Hope students across the past two decades and is thrilled to have the opportunity to spend more time on campus in the upcoming years.

He welcomes all opportunities to meet with Hope students and alumni visiting the Pacific Northwest; please don't hesitate to reach out to him if you're in the area.

 hope.edu/andrew-ohm

60s

Dennis DeWitt '63 taught Spanish for 10 years, was a school social worker for 20 years and an associate pastor for 20 years, and is author of two books, *It's Time to Clean the Basement Again* and *Zoe Died, What Now? Finding Hope in Times of Loss*.

Marion Hoekstra '65 of Laurel, Maryland, was recently honored by her church, Laurel Presbyterian, for her 50-year commitment to the church choir. She was given a plaque by the choir followed by a special fellowship hour. She continues to travel both in the U.S. and abroad, her most recent trip being to the Galapagos Islands, off the coast of Ecuador, in May 2018 to see the flora and fauna and to use her Spanish education. A future trip to New Orleans to visit the WWII Museum will hopefully allow her the opportunity to reconnect with a fellow classmate. She is the proud great aunt of a recent Hope graduate and of a new Hope student, and a recent graduate in drone aviation from another Michigan college.

Marilyn Koman-Crace '68 was featured in the December issue of *ECHO* by her daughter, Jacquelyn Crace-Murray, a writer for the magazine. The article, titled "#2 Salmon Drive," tells of her early teaching in Bush Alaska in the '70s, a picture of what life was like in a rural village.

70s

Susan Klaner '71 Madden is traveling this month with Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild a home for a family in Braga, Portugal. Currently the family rents a very small home with no indoor plumbing and little protection from the cold. The house to be renovated has been inherited by the family but is unlivable in its current state. In November, she will also take advantage of an opportunity to build with Habitat in the Salima District of Malawi, Africa, to provide decent and durable housing.

William Hill-Alto '72 retired from his career as a minister in the Reformed Church of America having served congregations nationally and internationally for 43 years and as a special education teacher for 20 years. He relocated from Vermont to Atlanta, Georgia, to be near his children and grandchildren in July 2018. As a kidney-transplanted person, he emphasized



Robert Kisken '59 traveled years ago around United States photographing structures built by Finnish settlers in states including Michigan, Wisconsin, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Minnesota. He has given the photos to the Emigration Department in Turku, Finland. The photos have been on exhibit in Turku and the Emigration Museum in Seinajoki for years.

the importance of organ donation; in his case, he received a kidney from his brother 22 years ago.

Louise Hughes '72 Davies reports that she received a stem cell transplant in September 2018. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007, non-Hodgkins lymphoma in 2014 and another blood cancer in 2017. She is currently recovering at home. She retired in June 2015 after 21 years of teaching high school English.

Elizabeth Newton '72 has retired after 39 years as principal planner for Passaic County, New Jersey.

Mark de Roo '73 will be joining three other Holland area residents on climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania in June to raise funds for research and an eventual cure for early-onset Alzheimer's, the disease that took his wife of 41 years, Roxanne, in early 2018. The summit is 19,321 feet and will take seven to eight days to reach.

Linda Plunkett '75 published a book, *Supernatural Rescue*, which chronicles true life interventions by God, including a supernatural rescue after a seven-hour brain surgery. Since Linda is a psychologist, in the second part of the book she gives hope for people going through similar devastating experiences.

80s

Mark Ennis '80 has had his first book published. *Circle of Seven: When His Servants Are Weak* collects real pastoral-care stories that can challenge one's faith, yet find healing in Christ and community.

Lynn Forth '82 received the Top Women in Law from the Excellence in Law, 2018 Award. She is a partner at Buckner and Kourofsky LLP and works in the field of workers' compensation.

Heidi Cope '83 Roy received a Master of Social Work degree, advanced clinical practice, from Saint Leo University in August 2018 and she passed her LMSW exam (Georgia) in September 2018.

Rhonda Hermance '84 retired in June 2018 from Troy City School District in New York after 33 years of service.

Robert Bergstrom '86 received a master's degree in information systems and technology management in December 2018.

John Conser '86 was selected as the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Civilian Aviation Instructor of the Year at the 1st Aviation Brigade, Fort Rucker, Alabama. John

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Steve Norden '74 was selected to serve as the Grand Leprechaun for the Dublin, Ohio, St. Patrick's Day Parade. Approximately 20,000 people attended what is promoted as central Ohio's greenest, grandest St. Patrick's Day parade. His selection was in recognition of 35 years of service to the Dublin community that includes his involvement with Dublin City Schools and serving as chaplain for the Dublin Police Department. Pictured with Steve are (from left to right): Amy Alvine '12 Norden, Pieter Norden '11, Jean Boven '75 Norden, grandsons Bear and Arie, and Billy Norden '04.

has served the Army at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, as a primary flight instructor for the Shadow RQ-7B and the Hunter MQ-5B as well as an FAA certified Advanced Ground Instructor. He currently teaches aviation ground school to all Army and Marine students entering unmanned aviation careers.

Tammy Lovell '87 Frost, the second totally blind individual to graduate from Hope, published her first book, *Fay and the Rainy Day*, a Christian children's book.

Karen Van Hoven '88 Hooker retired in June 2018 from the Zeeland Public Schools after 30 years of teaching.

90s

Rebecca Collins '91 is the president of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Chicago Chapter. The ACC is the world's largest community of in-house counsel, and the Chicago chapter serves more than 2,200 in-house attorneys in the Chicago area.

Daniel Combs '93 and **Shelli Rottschafer '96** have published a collaborative chapbook through SwEP, a small publishing house out of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The work includes

Daniel's photography, Shelli's narrative and student poetry. Shelli is an associate professor of Spanish at Aquinas College who teaches Latino/a literature, film and gender studies. Daniel is a freelance photographer. The text, *La Diáspora de un Aztlán norteño: MiChicanidad Creativity as Witnessed in Bilingual Ethno-Poetry and Photography*, reflects upon the creativity coming out of Southwest Detroit's ethnic enclave "Mexicantown," which is near the Ambassador Bridge to Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Craig Maloney '93 reports that he is still working with computers.

Kristin Sikkenga '93 Northrop reports that in addition to a full-time position as a special education teacher and department chair for Ann Arbor Public Schools, she is also venturing into two part-time careers. In 2017, she earned her STOTT Pilates Instructor Certification, and she teaches Pilates part time for a local Pilates studio and YMCA. In 2018, she wrote her first children's book with her husband, Brad. The colorfully illustrated book, *Akeina the Crocodile*, was published by Fifth Avenue Press and can be purchased online through the Seattle Book Company. The children's book is about an adventurous crocodile named Akeina who discovers the world using all of her senses on a journey to visit her friend, Tiger.

Bill Boerman '94 received a check from the Michigan Lottery through the Excellence in Education Award program. The award is given to educators in the community who demonstrate excellence, dedication, inspiration, leadership and effectiveness in and out of the classroom. He is a sixth- and-eighth grade STEM teacher at Holland Middle School.

Heidi Aronson '96 Kolk is an assistant professor in the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts and assistant vice provost of academic assessment at Washington University in St. Louis. Her new book, *Taking Possession*, will be published this May.

Becky Ponka-Lokey '98 reports that after taking a nine-year hiatus to stay home with her boys, she is thrilled to be teaching full-time again. She taught third grade last year, but has switched to fifth grade for the 2018-19 school year in the St. Joseph Public Schools.

Michael Brya '99 is the athletic director at DeWitt High School, where he has taught since graduating from Hope. He has also been officiating college basketball for the last 12 years, five of which were at the Division I level.

00s

Kathryn Mulder '00 DeJonge and Dan DeJonge announce the birth of Pierce Jordan on Dec. 12, 2018.

Susan Hinman '00 left the United States Naval Hospital in Naples, Italy, and reported to James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center. Susan is the endodontics division officer for *USS Osborne* at the Naval Recruiting Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Alicia Stojic '00 Smrha and Adam Smrha announce the birth of Caleb Matthew on May 29, 2018. He joins siblings Ella, Aaron and Mae.

Anne Houseworth '01 Gray and James Gray announce the birth of Vera Evelina on May 30, 2018.

Cheri Stibitz '01 Rozell was elected via general election as the Fourth Ward councilor for the City of Ludington in November.

Benjamin Wing '01 and **Heather Dustin '02 Wing** announce the adoption of Edison Mikhie Lewis on Nov. 21, 2018. He was born on Nov. 12, 2017, and joins siblings Eleanor and Evan.



Former roommates from the Class of '75 recently gathered at the home of Mark Johnson in Sarasota, Florida. After a 43-year absence, Kollen Hall buddies — John Caven (Rochester, New York), Dave Cluley (Ada, Michigan), and Mark Convoy (Glen Rock, New Jersey) — took Mark up on his invitation and enjoyed the sights and activities of the Florida Gulf. Pictured are the four horsemen of the apocalypse as they appeared at graduation on May 11, 1975. All are honorably retired. Next reunion: Holland, Michigan.

David Cochrane '02 is the vice president for information technology at Member First Mortgage in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Betty Ann Daniels '02 Kittle and **Kevin Kittle '03** announce the birth of Isla Jane on Feb. 16, 2018. She joins big sisters Evelyn (8) and Marielle (4). They reside in Rochester, Michigan.

Jeff Nelson '02 and his wife, Abbie, are missionaries to Guatemala. He is a clinical psychologist and will be caring for pastors and ministry leaders in Guatemala City while his wife is a family nurse practitioner and will be opening a much-needed medical clinic in Zona 3 (a red zone and the city dump of Guatemala City). They are working under national leadership and thankful to be serving.

Jessica Zimbelman '02 and Alex Rossman announce the birth of twin daughters, Arla and Zadie, in May 2018.

Abby Vollmer '03 Kowaczyk and Michael Kowaczyk announce the birth of Benjamin Gerald on June 9, 2018.

Anne Stevens '04 is a sourcing manager, corporate services at Mondelez International. She is also pursuing an evening MBA program at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business with an anticipated graduation date of fall 2020.

Dyan Couch '04 Westropp and Charlie Westropp announce the birth of fraternal twins, Claire and Cameron, on Aug. 28, 2018.

Meaghan Elliott '05 Dittrich and Brad Dittrich announce the birth of their daughter, Elliott Anastasia, on Nov. 29, 2018.

Dawn Flandermeyer '05 Kopp and John Kopp announce the birth of Jasper Riese on Dec. 31, 2018. He joins big sister Juniper (2).

Matt Waterstone '05 and **Sarah Diekevers '05 Waterstone**, along with their sons, Willem and Bram, have relocated to Bronxville, New York. Matt is the senior pastor at the Reformed Church of Bronxville.

Jessica Bodtke '06 Hammer announces the creation of Taste of Toulouse, the first company in Toulouse, France, that offers English-speaking food tours and other delicious experiences that help visitors and expats connect with French culture, explore the cuisine of southwest France and support talented local artisans and small businesses.

Gabriel Kalmbacher '06 and **Anna Marshall '07 Kalmbacher** announce the birth of Peter Gabriel on Nov. 26, 2018. He joins siblings

Micah, Judah, Julia, Caleb, Eden and Lydia.

Emily Timmons '07 Elliott and Mark Elliott announce the birth of triplets Caroline, Jack and Micah in May 2018. They join siblings Grace and Jacob. Emily was recently upgraded in her position at the University of Alabama from a postdoctoral researcher to a research-scientist position in the Department of Geography and currently teaches as an adjunct in the Department of Geological Sciences on campus. She will be teaching marine geology at Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL) this summer, which recalls her summers at Hope working as an undergraduate researcher in the Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences working with Dr. Edward Hansen, who inspired her career path in coastal/marine geology and paleochronology.

Sara Henry '07 Samuel and Brian Samuel announce the birth of Hannah Faith on Sept. 25, 2018.

Jeff Shriner '07 received a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Colorado Boulder in May 2018.

Kyle Waterstone '07 and Ashley Waterstone announce the birth of Hazel Eden on Oct. 10, 2018. Kyle is with the University of Southern California as the director of athletic compliance. They reside in Redondo Beach, California.

Jake Droppers '08 has been elected a partner at Varnum LLP in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Dennis and Betty Voskuil

Dennis and Betty Voskuil strive to encourage and support the students, faculty, staff, trustees and members of the Hope community at large. As president and first lady of the college, they have welcomed thousands of students into their home on campus and continue to support the college philanthropically.

They created a scholarship to encourage students whose parents are pastors to attend Hope College and continue the tradition of excellence in the liberal arts and in the context of the historic Christian faith.

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Having attended the same *alma mater* and accomplished careers in medicine aren't the only connections shared by **Dr. Dara Spearman-Wardlow '99** (left) and **Dr. David Paul '10** (right), who each received awards during the Black Excellence Dinner hosted by Hope's Black Student Union during Homecoming Weekend. (They are pictured with fellow honoree Dr. Vicki-Lynn Holmes, associate professor of mathematics and education.) David's family attended the church pastored by Dara's parents. They helped guide him as he decided between a career in either business or medicine and where he would pursue his undergraduate degree, as did conversations with Dara, who was herself pre-med at Hope.

Heather Esfandiari '09 Dutton and Jason Dutton announce the birth of Molly Kate on Dec. 12, 2018.

Lauren Graham '09 is the senior accountant for Kako'o Services LLC, a Native Hawaiian organization located in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dan Guy '09 and **Kara Dornbusch '12 Guy** announce the birth of Joseph "JD" Daniel Guy on Nov. 7, 2018.

Gregory Hertz '09 and Christina Hertz announce the birth of Grayson Wayne on Dec. 28, 2018.

Jill Immink '09 Knaus and Andy Knaus announce the birth of Hudson Andrew on April 12, 2018.

Christopher Sikkema '09 serves the Episcopal Church as manager for special projects, overseeing communication strategy and implementation for several church-wide initiatives.

10s

Emily Sicard '10 Nickerson joined Whirlpool Corporation in Benton Harbor, Michigan, as copywriter for the in-house KitchenAid brand creative team.

Sarah VanderMeer '10 graduated from Western Michigan University in April 2018 with a Ph.D. in geosciences. Her research involved mapping the surficial geology of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and then interpreting the former glacial history of the region. Her map won the "Best Student Geologic Map Competition" at the 2017 Geological Society of America meeting. Among other awards earned as part of her graduate education, she was presented the All-University Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award for outstanding teaching contributions at Western Michigan University. The All-

University Awards, Teaching and Research, are the highest awards a graduate student can achieve at WMU and require faculty nomination.

Madelyn Clark '11 and Steven Filimon were married on Aug. 11, 2018, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

James Colten '11 and Jennifer Walton were married on Nov. 10, 2018, in Washington, D.C. (Their officiant was **Caleb Schut '11**). James was also promoted to associate director, fellow recruitment and admissions, at Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT).

Peter Luzzi '11 graduated from Midwestern University's Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2018. He is a first-year resident physician in internal medicine at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois.

Austin Brancheau '12 and **Reanna Janisse '13** were married on Sept. 22, 2018, in Detroit, Michigan.

Eden Collins '12 received her M.F.A. degree in studio art from the University of Texas at San Antonio in December 2018. Following graduation, she is teaching undergraduate courses at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Dean Hazle '12 and **Mia Savagian '12** were married in August 2018 in Redondo Beach, California.

Maggie Blaich '12 Myers and Michael Myers announce the birth of Joseph Dante on July 13, 2018.

Danielle Northuis '12 and Ben Uzarski were married on Sept. 22, 2018, in West Olive, Michigan. They are currently residing in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Carter Piers '12 of Honolulu, Hawaii, is a certified substance-abuse preventionist and was recently hired by the Hawaii Department of Education to serve as a behavior health specialist at President William McKinley High School of Honolulu. He was also recognized by the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium as the 2018 International Prevention Professional of the Year.

Kalli Shades '12 continues to work at the University of Minnesota as a physician assistant in orthopedics. Her husband, **Jeffrey Corajod '12**, is in his final year of emergency medicine residency at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. They just celebrated their daughter Vivian's first birthday on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Brent Smith '12 made his debut with Opera Philadelphia in February as Peter Quince in Benjamin Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, based on the Shakespeare play. In March, he sang Don Alfonso in the Academy of Vocal Arts' production of *Così fan tutte* by Mozart. He recently won the Sachi Liebergesell Award from the Opera Index Competition, placed second in the Great Lakes Regional Finals of the Metropolitan National Council Auditions and took second place at the Giargiari Bel Canto Competition.

Kathryn Ristau '13 Stocker and Ben Stocker were married on Nov. 3, 2018, in Barrington, Illinois. They reside in Oak Park, Illinois. Kathryn is a sales project manager for the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA).

Allison Webster '14 Dickson received a Doctorate in Optometry degree in May 2018 from the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University.

Rachel Rebhan '14 received a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree from the Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences in May.

Miranda Orlando '14 Ulaszek graduated with a Master of Medical Science degree in physician-assistant studies from Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois. She will be starting her career as an urgent-care physician assistant with Physicians Immediate Care in the western suburbs of Chicago.



The Boerigter-Hope connection is strong, as reflected in this photo of three generations of the family wearing shirts featuring the college's Boerigter Center for Calling and Career, which opened this past fall funded by a major gift from SoundOff Signal in honor of Founder and Chairman George Boerigter '61 and his wife, Sibilla. The couple's Hope children, children-in-law and grandchildren include 10 former, current and future students, and one Trustee.

Alexis Smith '15 Henderson and Caleb Henderson were married on Aug. 25, 2018, in Naperville, Illinois.

Gavin Donley '16 is currently in the third year of the Ph.D program in chemical and biomolecular engineering (ChBE) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He recently passed the preliminary exam to

advance to Ph.D candidate in ChBE.

Victoria Gonda '17 spoke during a computer science seminar at Hope on Thursday, Oct. 18, on "Exploring Functional Programming." She works remotely as an Android developer at Buffer. She is also an author for RayWenderlich.com, and is active in the Android community as a conference speaker.

Nathan Vance '17 spoke at a computer science seminar at Hope on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, on "Life As A Graduate Student in Computer Science at Notre Dame."

Annie Brucer '18 is a sixth- and-seventh-grade mathematics-enrichment teacher at the Denver School of Science and Technology.

Drew Bulson '18 is an Illinois-licensed real estate broker at NAI Hiffman in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

David Inman '18 is working as an onboarding engineer at Aquasight, an artificial-intelligence company specializing in water/wastewater management and optimization in Troy, Michigan.

Anthony Nguyen '18 is a controls engineer for JR Automation Technologies in Holland, Michigan.

Allison Ristau '18 is a client services coordinator at Choose Chicago, the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau.

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Donald DeKraker '40 of Orland Park, Illinois, formerly of Saugatuck and Holland, Michigan, has died. He was 100. Survivors include his children, Linda (Jack) Connors, Robert (Eileen) DeKraker and Laura (Morris) Threewitt; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law, Don Hoelle.

Marion VanDyke '43 Clark of Wheaton, Illinois, formerly of Arlington Heights and Mount Prospect, Illinois, died on Friday, Oct. 5, 2018. She was 96. Survivors include her children, Richard (Ursula) Clark and Mary (Gary) Burge; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Gradus Shoemaker '44 of Louisville, Kentucky, died on Monday, Dec. 24, 2018. He was 97. Survivors include his children, Robert (Tracy) Shoemaker and Elizabeth (Dennis) Dotson.

Constance Scholten '45 Bawinkel of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018. She was 95. Survivors include her husband, La Verne Bawinkel, son, Gordon Bawinkel; five grandchildren; brother, S. Thom Scholten '54; sister, Frances Scholten '52 Rinkus; and nine great-grandchildren.

Lorraine VerMeulen '45 Bisbee of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018. She was 95. Survivors include her sons, Robert and Richard Bisbee.

R. James Bos '46 of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 22, 2018. He was 92. Survivors include his wife, Genevieve Duizer '49 Bos; children, Mary Bos '73 (Robert '74) Van Voorst, Charlene Bos '75 Alexander and Robert Bos '80; and two grandchildren.

Maynard "Mike" DeYoung '46 of Livermore, Colorado, died on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018. He was 93. Survivors include his wife, Susan

De Young; children, Douglas DeYoung, Debbie (Barry) Denison, Sarah (David) Janzen and Cheryl (Wendell) Ellerman; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and siblings, Joan DeYoung '48 Hinkamp, Ken DeYoung '52 and Marcia DeYoung '48 Stegenga.

Edna VanTatenhove '47 Haworth of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019. She was 94. She and her husband Gerrard, who preceded her in death, established the Gerrard W. and Edna Haworth Endowed Scholarship Fund at Hope in 1990 for students who have demonstrated financial need and show promise of making a positive difference in the world. The college's Haworth Inn and Conference Center, which opened in January 1997, was named in honor of a combined corporate and family donation from Haworth Inc. and the Haworth family toward the college's endowment through the Hope in the Future campaign. Survivors include step-children, Lois (Jack) Lamb, Dick (Ethie) Haworth, Joan Abbett, Julie Falconer and Mary Schregardus; 19 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and sister-in-law, Ella Topp.

Donald Bocks '48 of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019. He was 96. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Bocks; children, Michael (Lisel) Bocks, Stephanie (Tim) Walter and Cynthia (Casey) Clift; step-children, Linda (Dave) Vizithum, Tim (Deb) Locker and Nancy (Scott) Bruursema; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert Boelkins '48 of Muskegon, Michigan, died on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018. He was 91. Survivors include his wife, Ingeborg Boelkins; children, Ann Boelkins '77 (Rick) Raley, Mark (Peggy) Boelkins '79 and Eric (Melissa) Boelkins; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother, William Boelkins.

Raymond Miller '48 of Jamestown, New York, died on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018. He was 95. Survivors include his children, Linda Kent, Roy (Valarie) Miller, Janet (Roger) Wright and Gerald (Amy) Miller; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Geraldine Scheerens '48** of Battle Creek, Michigan on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018. She was 91.

Joyce Sibley '48 Van Ry of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018. She was 93. Survivors include her daughters, Jody (David) Young and Bobbi (George) Wagner; two grandchildren; one step-granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren.

Eunice Gross '49 Van Regenmorter of Fruitland Park, Florida, died on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018. She was 91. Survivors include her daughter, Beth (Lucky) Schwenneker; and one granddaughter.

Donald Boss '50 of Waupun, Wisconsin, died on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018. He was 92. Survivors include his children, Richard (Amy) Boss, Mary Boss and Rhoda (Christopher) Kerkes; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Alice Van Stedum.



Lamont Dirkse '50 of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019. He was 92. He was a member of the education faculty from 1964 until retiring in 1992. He chaired the

Department of Education from 1968 to 1975, and again from 1986 to 1991. He served as dean

of students from 1983 through the spring of 1986. Survivors include his wife, Ruth DeGraaf '50 Dirkse; a son, David Dirkse '73; two daughters, Susan Dirkse '77 (Bob '75) Carlson and Nancy Dirkse '81 (Scott '81) DeWitt; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Richard Downs '50 of Felton, California, died on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018. He was 92. Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Beverly "Jeane" Stout '48 Downs; daughter Susan (Nathaniel) and Mari (Edward); five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

M. Samuel Noordhoff '50 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Monday, Dec. 3, 2018. He was 91. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Lucille Brunsting '49 Noordhoff; children, Nancy (Robert) Lamberts, Samuel (Stacy Hall) Noordhoff '80, Anne (David) Lin and Dirck Noordhoff; 13 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Barbara Eilander '50 Stockman of Holland and Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019. Survivors include her daughter, Joan Klaasen; step-daughter, Gail (Beth Black) Stockman; and sister-in-law, Louise Eilander.

Word has been received of the death of **Ernest Haight '51** of New Smyrna, Florida. He was 93.

Dolores Freyling '51 Hertel of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019. She was 89. Survivors include her husband, James Hertel; children, Claire Campbell '75 (Bill '75) Boersma, Nancy Campbell '78 (Robert '77) Post and Mary Sue Campbell '83 (John '80) Beuker; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; step-children, Jack (Debbie) Hertel, Jane (Craig) Cooper and Carol (Dick) Dunning; six step-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Luella Rozeboom '51 Mulder of Holland, Michigan died on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018. She was 89. Survivors include her children, Tim (Linda) Mulder '76, Mary Mulder '77 (Jim '77) Martin, Mark (Melissa) and Betsy Mulder '75 (George); eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and siblings, Jim (Jackie) Rozeboom '61 and Marylee Rozeboom '56 (James '54) Van Hoeven '54.

John Staal '51 of Bradenton, Florida, died on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019. Survivors include his daughters, Debra (Thomas Schneider) Staal '74 and Mary Staal '77 (Jay) Bajwa; and sister, Theresa Staal '49.

Marcia VanDuzer '51 Van Skiver of Broomfield, Colorado, died on Monday, Aug.

27, 2018. She was 89. Survivors include her husband, Duane Van Skiver; children, Michael (Meta) Van Skiver and Amy (Pete) Blehinger; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Louise Van Bronkhorst '52 Bennett of Shelton, Washington died on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018. She was 89. Survivors include her five children and their spouses; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Van Harn '52 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018. She was 88. Survivors include longtime friend, Dale Boggs.

Cornelius Van Heest '52 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Nov. 23, 2018. He was 86. Survivors include his wife Mary Lou Richards '54 Van Heest; sons, Jim (Nancy) Van Heest '80, Wayne (Chantal) Van Heest, Paul Van Heest '82, Tom (Barb Good '86) VanHeest '85 and John (Joy) Van Heest; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and siblings, Gerard (Eloise Hinkamp '51) Van Heest '49 and Jacqueline Van Heest '52 (Donald '52), Lucille VanHeest '55 Schroeder, Harriet Van Heest '60 (Ted '57) Bechtel and Wilma Van Heest '62 (Lyn) Seaver.

David Wilson '52 of Pine Bush, New York, died on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018. He was 88. Survivors include his children, Victoria Wilson, Hall Mark (Susan) Wilson; brother-in-law, Glen Straatsma; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. An obituary for his wife, Alma Straatsma '57 Wilson, who died on Nov. 9, 2018, is on the next page.

Word has been received of the death of **Phyllis Luidens '53 Reed** of Montclair, New Jersey on Sunday, July 8, 2018. She was 86. Survivors include her sister, Marilyn Luidens '57 Timmer.

Constance VanZylen '53 Ryskamp Schipper of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018. She was 87. Survivors include her husband, Wayne Schipper; children, Cynthia (Michael) Mehallow, Carol Ryskamp '82 (Glenn) Anderson and Nancy (Michael) Maratea; daughter-in-law, Annemarieke (Van Gurp) Ryskamp; and 10 grandchildren.

John Roundhouse '54 of Schoolcraft, Michigan, died on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019. He was 88. Survivors include his children, Kirk Roundhouse and Kim Roundhouse '84 Kime and two granddaughters.

Norma Tabb '55 Hine of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, died on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018. She was 84. Survivors include her husband, Glenn

Hine '54; children, Laurie (Michael) Meyers and Jeffrey (Dolores) Hine; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Robert Nykamp '55 of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018. He was 85. Survivors include his wife, Erma Nykamp; son, Randy (Sharon) Nykamp; daughter-in-law, Cyndi Nykamp; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; siblings, Judy Bussis, Berne (Shari) Nykamp; and brother-in-law, Orwin (Thelma) Deters.

Ted De Vries '56 of Evansville, Indiana, died on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018. He was 84. Survivors include his children, Alison (Tony) Moore, Jennifer (Ed) Steckler, John (Amy) DeVries, Anthony (Jolie) DeVries and Laurie (Scott) Basham; and 14 grandchildren;

LaVerne Lampen '56 of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019. He was 89. Survivors include his wife, Esther Plumert '56 Lampen; children, Lowell (Trudy) Lampen, Andrea Ivarsson and Leslie Lampen; five grandchildren; brother, Neil (Marilyn) Lampen '49; and brothers-in-law, William (Mary) Plumert Jr. and Raymond (Linda) Plumert.

Jane Jarvis '56 Pettengill of Sarasota, Florida, died on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018. She was 84. Survivors include her husband, Charles Pettengill '57; children, Doty (Steve) Hall; Amy Pettengill and Todd (Carrie) Pettengill; five grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Dwight Riemersma '56 of St. Joseph, Michigan, died on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018. He was 83. Survivors include his special friend, Joan Bolman.

Gene Zoet '56 of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018. He was 86. Survivors include his sons, Tom Zoet and Jon Zoet '90; and one grandson.

Carl De Vree '57 of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018. He was 89. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Glupker '56 De Vree; children, Jeffrey (Janis Lundeen '80) De Vree '79 and Susan De Vree '83 (Brian) Kane; and two grandchildren.

John de Witt '57 of West Columbia, South Carolina, died on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018. Survivors include his sons, Robert (Kelli) de Witt and Frank (Sally) Brown; son-in-law, Duane (Lawton) Shuler; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and brother, Mark (Viv Kajdy '62) de Witt '61.

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Maurice Loomans '57 of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018. He was 85. Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Loomans; children, Gary (Jenny) Loomans, Julianne (Russell) Hohnroth and Daniel (Kimberly) Loomans; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

V. Dale Maxam '57 of Spring Lake, Michigan, died on Friday, Nov. 9, 2018. He was 83. Survivors include his wife, Alice Warren '58 Maxam; children, David (Lee Ann) Maxam and Linda Maxam '93 (Christopher '93) Turkstra; three grandchildren; and brother, Donald (Elsie) Maxam '55.

Alma Straatsma '57 Wilson of Pine Bush, New York, died on Friday, Nov. 9, 2018. She was 83. Survivors include her daughter, Victoria Wilson; son, Hall Mark (Susan) Wilson; brother, Glen Straatsma '54; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. An obituary for her husband, David Wilson '52, who died Oct. 11, 2018, is on the preceding page.

Anne DePree '59 Reisig of River Forest/Oak Park, Illinois, died on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018. She was 81. Survivors include her husband Carl Reisig '58; children, Laurie (Terry) Riss, Tyler Reisig and Tim (Jeana) Reisig; four grandchildren; and brother, Jack (Sally) De Pree '56.

John Van Dam '59 of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018. He was 81. Survivors include his wife, Jackie Van Dam; children, Sandy (William Clinton) Van Dam, Susan (Kinney Clark) Van Dam and Steven (Lisa) Van Dam; step-son, Mark (Jennifer) Weaver; five grandchildren; and brother, James (Nancy Rypma '64) Van Dam '64.

Leif Jacobsen Jr. '60 of Sarasota, Florida, died on Friday, Oct. 5, 2018. He was 82. Survivors include his wife, Anna-May Jacobsen; children, Kirsten (Patrick) Sibilia, Keely (Ralph) Loveys and Kim Hollenkamp; sisters, Greta Jacobsen and Karen Smith; and eight grandchildren.

Kenneth Baker '61 of Houston, Texas, died on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019. He was 79.

James Betke '61 of Melrose Park, Illinois, died on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018. He was 78. Survivors include his wife, Maryellen Betke; children, Todd (Michele Gelfand) Betke, Kevin (Kim) Betke, Kyle Betke and Kendra (Cory) Olson; five grandchildren; and siblings, Jan Ryder, Jon (Martha) Betke and Robin (Mark) Burford.

Ilene Pastoor '61 Magee of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018. She

was 79. Survivors include sisters-in-law, Vangi DeMaster and Evelyn Pastoor.

Ronald VanEenenaam '61 of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018. He was 79. Survivors include his children, Rick (Lisa) Van Eenenaam and Holly (Rick) DeVew; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Sandra Kragt '63 Elfring of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018. She was 77. Survivors include her children, Greg (Patty Smanik) Elfring and Monica (Michael Foley) Elfring '92; two granddaughters; and siblings, Carol Borg, Steve (Pam) Kragt and Mark (Lori) Kragt.

Margaret deVelder '63 Hougen of Northampton, Massachusetts, died on Friday, Feb. 22, 2019. She was 77. Survivors include her brother, David (Joyce Borgman '82) deVelder '68; daughter, Sarah Hougen; son, Edward (Sarah) Hougen IV; and three granddaughters.

James De Vries '64 of Monroe, Michigan, died on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018. He was 76. Survivors include his children, Adrienne Nelson, Christopher (Anne Feledy) De Vries, Derk De Vries, Corinne (Kevin Meoak) De Vries and Cassandra De Vries; brother, Ted De Vries '56; and eight grandchildren.

Kenneth Dulow '64 of Sarasota, Florida, died on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019. He was 76. He was a past member of the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors. Survivors include his wife, Andrea Dulow; sister, Jane (Jack) Martin; children, Jason (France) Dulow, Jeffrey Dulow and Cheryl Dulow '84 Herdman; three grandchildren; stepchildren, Thomas (Renee) Rudczynski, and Christian Rudczynski; and two step-grandchildren.

Virginia Huizenga '64 Jurries of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019. She was 76. Among other engagement with Hope through the years, she and her husband, James Jurries '64, who survives her, were among the co-chairs of the college's *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign and provided a lead gift for the Kenneth J. Weller Professorship in Management. In addition to her husband, survivors include her children, Kristin Jurries '92 (David '88) Allen and Steven Jurries; siblings, J.C. (Tammy) Huizenga '73 and Suzanne Huizenga '59 (Herman) Kanis; and in-laws, Heidi Huizenga, "Ginny" (Bob) Postma and Micki Jurries.

Glenn Pietenpol '64 of South Haven, Michigan, died on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019. He was 76. Survivors include his wife, Mary Pietenpol; children, Steven (Lisa) Pietenpol '94, David (Laura) Pietenpol; daughter-in-law, Jody (Troy) Jennings; three grandchildren; sister, Carol Debbink; brother Dale (Sarah) Pietenpol; and brother-in-law, Jack (Joan) Harmens.

Roger Smant '64 of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019. He was 79. Survivors include his wife, Gail DeBoer '65 Smant; children, Jodie (Jeff) Rose-Harness '90 and Amy Smant; grandchildren; and brother, Gerald (Suzanne) Smant.

Willard Rens '65 of Tucson, Arizona, has died. He was 76. Survivors include his wife, Everly Rens; sisters, Norma Rens '67 Greenfield and Edith Rens '71; sister-in-law, Kathy Rens; daughters, Rebecca (Bob) Small and Elizabeth Ingram; and three grandchildren.

Richard Shattuck '65 of Schoolcraft, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018. He was 76. Survivors include his wife, Cindy Shattuck; brother, Mark Shattuck; children, Richard Shattuck, Lenore (Dan) Ohlmann, Lisa (Jonathan) Witt and Marcy (Michael) Charvat; and five grandchildren.

Kay Larison '65 Szymanski of Grandville, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018. She was 75. Survivors include her children, Matt (Stacie) Szymanski, Teri (Mark) Beatty and Micki (Mike) Owens; ex-husband, Ken Szymanski; six grandchildren; and sister, Karen Nelson.

Daniel Bakker '67 of Camas, Washington, died on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018. He was 73. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Bakker; daughters, Rachel Bakker and Sarah Del Moral; and four grandchildren.

Cynthia Clark '67 of Belen, New Mexico, died on Sunday, June 24, 2018. She was 73. Survivors include her siblings, Lee Clark and Judith Clark Rosen.

Bruce Ming '68 of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018. He was 88. Survivors include his wife, Karen Ming; children, Jo-Ellen (David Hering) Ming '90 and Abbie-Jo Ming '94 (Ryan '96) Wilcox; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and in-laws, Donald (Jean) Lam and Judy (Jim) Ludens.

Warren Van Kampen '69 of Saugatuck, Michigan, died on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018. He was 71. Survivors include his daughters,

Lisa Van Kampen '91 (Michael) Johnson and Jackie (Shawn) Rivas; six grandchildren; and grandfather's wife, Lorayne Van Kampen.

James Buter '71 of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019. He was 69. Survivors include his wife, Stephanie Buter; and sister, Jane Buter '80 (Kevin '78) Clark.

Donald Viel '71 of DeWitt, Iowa, died on Monday, Jan. 28, 2019. He was 69. Survivors include his wife Suzanne Rutledge '72 Viel; son, Jason (Carrie) Viel; two grandsons; sister, Nancy (Don) Simmons; and sister-in-law, Char Ewan.

Pat VanderBie '72 Lampen of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018. She was 68. Survivors include her husband, Larry Lampen; children, Mike Lampen, Chip Lampen and Julie (Zac) Prys; eight grandchildren; siblings, Tom (Barb) Vander Bie, Mark Vander Bie, Jim (Judi) Vander Bie and Sandy (John) Ireland; and in-laws, Robert Lampen, Kathy Dykstra and Harold (Sandy) Lampen.

David Jensen '74 of Pensacola, Florida, died on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018. He was 67. Survivors include his daughters, Hadley (Cliff) Kelly and Elsa (Ryan) Boccuzzi; and siblings, Meredith Jensen '87 McCarthy, Stu (Lisa) Jensen and Steve (Nancy) Jensen.

Patricia Kiser '75 Popenoe of Corvallis, Oregon, died on Friday, Jan. 11, 2019. She was 65. Survivors include her husband Mike Popenoe; children, Rebecca Clarke, Samuel Popenoe and Margaret Kurtz; brother, Tim Kiser; and sister, Lynn Eisler.

Stephen Bergmann '76 of Prescott, Arizona, died on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018. He was 64. Survivors include his wife, Shelley Bergmann; two step-children; brother, Bernie Bergmann; sister, Phyllis (Andy) Noftsier; brother-in-law, John Hornbach; and two step-grandchildren.

Lisanne Leech '84 of Northbrook, Illinois, died on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018. She was 56. Survivors include her mother, Marilyn Leech; and sister, Lynda (Garry) Baker.

Heather Jacob '88 Schaap of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 29, 2018. She was 52. Survivors include her husband, Todd Schaap; children, Zoey, Emma, Eli and Zachary Schaap '16; parents, George (Barbara) VanderWerf '64) Jacob '63; brother, Shawn Jacob '91; in-laws, Richard (Carol) Schaap; and sister-in-law, Jodi (John) Robertson.

Mary Jan Weber '89 of Nashville, Tennessee, died on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2018. She was 84. Survivors include her children, Steve (Sue) Weber, Tim (Mary Brugh) Weber, Jim (Mary Beth) Weber and Alene Weber '90 (Cris) Arnold; 16 grandchildren; and brother, Allen Pearce.

Jason Eshuis '97 of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018. He was 43. Survivors include his mother, Joan Eshuis; siblings, Joseph (Elizabeth) Eshuis and Jill (Brian) Porritt.

Bethany White '03 Schklar of Chattanooga, Tennessee, died on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2019. She was 37. Survivors include her husband, Joshua Schklar; son, Noah Schklar; parents, Patty (Dennis) Avery and John White; in-laws, Susan Spencer, Raymond Schklar and Kenneth Kanter.

Matthew Worden '05 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018. He was 38. Survivors include his siblings, Carrie (Demetri) Gregg and Jason Worden.

Blake Johnson '18 of Houston, Texas, died on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019. He was 23. Survivors include his parents, Eric and Tammy Johnson; siblings, Paige Johnson and Mason Johnson; fiancée, Katrin Kelley; and grandparents, Dave (Pat) Rexroad and Martha Fielding.

99. He and his wife, Dede, who survives him, contributed a leadership gift on behalf of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, and the college named the recital hall in their honor. In addition to his wife, survivors include his son, Brian Howard; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



The family of **Stephen Taylor** of Holland, Michigan who died on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019. He was 74. He was a member of the chemistry faculty at Hope for 24 years. He received a 1995-

96 Camille and Henry Dryfus Scholar/Fellow Award for Undergraduate Institutions which provided the opportunity to mentor a post-doctoral fellow at Hope for two years. Survivors include his children, Daniel (Jennifer) Taylor '99 and Melissa Taylor '09; two grandchildren; sister, La Donna Taylor; and brother, Roland Taylor.

The family of **Wayne Boulton** of Indianapolis, Indiana, who died on Friday, February 1, 2019. He was 77. He was a member of the Hope religion faculty from 1972 until leaving in 1992, to become president of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. While at Hope, he taught a variety of courses at Hope, including Christian Ethics, Christian Love and Religion and Society, received recognition including the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award in 1978, and being invited to deliver the Commencement address in 1984 and the Baccalaureate sermon in 1989. Survivors include his wife, Vicki Boulton; sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew (Elizabeth Myer) Boulton and Christopher (Libby) Boulton; and four grandchildren.

The family of **Marlene Reus** of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019. She was 73. She worked for 29 years in the physical plant department at Hope. Survivors include her husband, Bill Reus; children, Nancy Reus '96 (Bill) Pifer, Brian Reus, Tim Reus and Dan Reus; three granddaughters; and siblings, Dennis Snyder, Janice (Ron) Immormino and Dave (Bev) Snyder.

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The family of **John Dykstra** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019. He was 76. He worked in Hope's Van Wylen Library after retiring from the National Security Agency, and his wife,

Linda LeFever Dykstra was a member of the college's music faculty from 1997 until retiring in 2017. Survivors include his wife, Linda Dykstra; daughter, Amanda (Greg) Esposito '04; one grandson; brothers, Ralph Dykstra and Robert Dykstra; sister, Marge (John) TenDolle; and in-laws, Minnie Dykstra, Lillian Dykstra; John Ten Dolle and Eugene Wassink.

The family of **John Howard** of Holland Michigan on Friday, Nov. 16, 2019. He was



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Jewellynne Richardson of West Michigan Jewels of Africa speaks to a capacity audience in Dimnent Memorial Chapel during the group's presentation of African culture as part of the college's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Lecture on Jan. 21. Presented first in 1989, the annual event has grown across the decades into a large-scale celebration including not only a keynote address (this year by researcher, author and educator Dr. Joy DeGruy) but song, dance and more.





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