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HOPE CHANGES EVERYTHING

Fully funding tuition for every student is just the beginning

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A BRIDGE AT THE HEART

Hope and its hometown have traveled together since the college's beginning. It's a relationship reflected by close connections and cooperation between the college and Holland communities. It's embodied even more literally by Hope's proximity to downtown, and particularly by the college's Haworth Hotel. Located between 9th and 10th streets, the hostelry was envisioned as a bridge between downtown and campus when it opened in 1997. In 2021, that vision is enlarged thanks to a major renovation (celebrated with a June 16 ribbon-cutting) made possible through a gift from Haworth Inc. Now the hotel serves not only as a destination for travelers and as a conference site, but as a welcome center for the college — and a gathering place for everyone.



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ON THE COVER

*So, we're going to indulge our need to pun, with apologies to those who have no patience for such frivolity: **Hope Forward** has legs! Expressed less cheekily, but still in keeping with the theme: The college has set out on a ground-breaking journey to fully fund tuition for all students. Please visit the story beginning on page 9 to learn not only about the plan but the vision for enlarging the college's historic emphasis on changing lives.*

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Dear Friends and Family of Hope College,

Four years ago, about the time that I felt God calling me to apply to become president of the college, I was having dinner with a trusted friend in New York City. The ever-increasing cost of college education was on my mind. My friend, himself a proud graduate of another Christian college in the Midwest, said glibly, “Well, Hope College should do something really different. No one should have to pay for hope!”

We chuckled. It was a preposterous idea. But it was also a profound truth.

The hope we have in Christ is a gift – all grace – there is no possible way we can pay for it or earn it.

A few weeks later, I was taking a late flight back home after a business trip. As I dozed off, the pilot’s voice came over the intercom: “We’re now at cruising altitude, 33,000 feet.” That was nearly the same amount as Hope’s tuition at the time. As the plane descended into John F. Kennedy Airport, and the altitude dropped from 33,000 feet to zero, I saw it. I envisioned the tuition graph in my mind, taking the same trajectory, from \$33,000 to \$0.

We’re excited to share in this issue how we’re going to do just that. To be clear, this is not “free tuition”. Students will still pay. However, instead of asking students to pay a lot of money – at the poorest point of their lives – before they’ve received any benefits of their transformational Hope education, we are imagining a funding model where students pay through gifts after graduation. We’re calling the initiative *Hope Forward*, and we believe it’s a game-changer for higher education.

The approach aligns perfectly with Hope’s mission. It makes a Hope education accessible to every student regardless of ability to pay. It empowers our graduates to pursue positive impact in the world, because after all, the core message of the Christian gospel is: You are covered; now go and live differently. It also fosters a culture of generosity and gratitude. And it invites students into a learning community, moving away from what too often feels like a transactional relationship.

This is a long-term project, but we’ve started the journey. The first students enrolled through the pilot program will arrive this fall, and our ambition is that eventually *Hope Forward* will support every student.

For that to work, though, we need a lot of help — we need you! Please read the story in this issue, visit Hope online at hope.edu/forward for more information, and imagine with us what is possible.

Spera in Deo!



Matthew A. Scogin '02
President



QUOTE UNQUOTE

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



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hope wasn't able to hold a traditional Commencement for the Class of '20. With a year having passed by the time a large gathering could take place, the college instead held a celebration for the class in the Pine Grove on Saturday, May 22, that blended elements of the ceremony and a reunion. The speakers included class representative and 2019-20 Student Congress president Chandler Alberda '20, who reflected on how the class' senior year was affected and the perspective provided across the year that followed.

"Our reality was turned upside down. Those last six weeks of school were supposed to be filled with memories that we will never get back, lost time with our people in our place. And it hurt and it felt unfair. And frankly, it just kind of sucked. And as a class, we grieve the loss. And we walked around as students for the last time and we did not even know it. Final performances, athletic games, showcases, presentations, pinnings and social events — rites of passage that were anticipated for years — we didn't get, even a simple graduation.

"That kind of loss and that kind of hurt just makes you think, 'We deserve better. This is not what I expected.' But if there's one thing I've learned in the bumpy road of post-grad life, it's that all the things we think we deserve or how we think things are supposed to go or the expectations that we have are just empty promises to ourselves. Our expectations so easily get the better of us. And they make it difficult to recognize the

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simple power of each moment, especially the ones you never would have planned.

"The way we left Hope and the year to follow did not meet any of my expectations. In the funny nuances of Zoom classes. In finishing undergraduate just at the click of a button. There was less cold calling in class and more 'You're on mute!' The extra quality time with your family and rediscovering your own hometown. All these little things, like quarantining with your college off-campus house — you didn't know that you would find joy in those little unexpected pleasures. One of those is having the joy of being here right now on campus with all of you a year later, enjoying a meal in the Pine Grove while the sun sets and reuniting with people that I would not have seen again if it weren't for this.

"We graduated, we searched for jobs. We found jobs. We started grad school remotely. We're working full time in our childhood bedrooms. We got through a whole year of adulting in a global pandemic!

"Sure, I still have a lot of plans for myself. I have dreams for myself, and I have places that I know I'm going to go — just as every Hope College grad should. And they might not meet my expectations, but to have hope and wants and plans is what makes you a vibrant person and gives you that vibrant hope that we learn so much about at this school. So don't get caught up in how things should be. There's a simplicity in clarifying your true desires, the desires to love and be loved well and to build a community and be an active member of society, all of which we've learned to do in any circumstance. So if you want something, go get it — it's just a Zoom call away.

"So with that, I'm so joyful to be with you here right now and not to take for granted the pleasure of seeing your whole faces and to share a once-in-a-lifetime Hope College experience and recognize the truly unique honor it is to be the Class of 2020."

Please visit the college online for a photo gallery and additional coverage of the Class of '20 celebration.

 hope.edu/2020

NEW SCHOOL YEAR



The college is preparing for an in-person school year, with the incoming Class of '25 arriving on Friday, Aug. 27.

The Opening Convocation will be on Sunday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m. at the Ray and Sue Smith Stadium (at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse if it rains), and will feature an address by **Dr. Gerald Griffin**, interim provost and an associate

professor in the departments of biology and psychology. Classes begin on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

hope.edu/orientation



The global COVID-19 pandemic, which has resurged in recent weeks after seeming to be on its way out, continues to shape planning at Hope, as noted in an email to students and their families on August 3 by the college's Administrative Council.

"After an unprecedented 2020-21, we look forward to 2021-22 as a time to come together, fully and in-person, and enter wholeheartedly into learning, relationships and community with God and one another," the message states. "While our commitment to a 'normal' school year remains as strong as ever, we know that COVID-19 is not fully behind us. Therefore, we continue to assess and take actions to keep the Hope College community safe."

"[W]e now move forward with His provision, continuing to prayerfully consider COVID decisions which are informed by science, and guided by the recommendations and mandates of the local, state and federal health officials," it continues. "The COVID-19 virus is unpredictable and because of that, circumstances can rapidly change. We ask you, the Hope community, to remain nimble with us as we adapt to new safety needs that may be ongoing."

Hope continues to strongly encourage members of the campus community to be vaccinated, and is also seeking their vaccination status to inform planning. As during 2020-21, Hope will monitor campus wastewater for the virus. The college also continues to have a quarantine and isolation process, as well as safeguards for those who are not vaccinated that include pre- and post-arrival testing and surveillance testing.

Updates related to the pandemic are posted online.

hope.edu/coronavirus



TOP-10 FINISH

Hope College Formula Racing earned a top-10 finish in the Formula SAE competition held at Michigan International Speedway earlier this month.

The college's team earned 9th place overall out of the 45 teams participating in the competition, held on Wednesday-Saturday, July 7-10. Among the events that make up the score, Hope placed first in fuel efficiency.

hope.edu/formula

NEW TRUSTEES NAMED



The Hope College Board of Trustees has appointed two new members.

Newly elected for three-year terms are **Andrew Ohm '00** of Seattle, Washington, and **Laura Paredes** of New York City.

Re-elected to a four-year term is the Rev. Dr. Nathan Hart '01 of Greenwich, Connecticut.

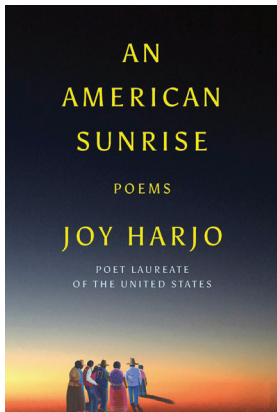


Trustees who have concluded service on the board are the Rev. David Bast '73 of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dr. Gerald J. Pillay of Liverpool, England; and Suzanne L. Shier of Chicago, Illinois.

Karl Droppers '82 of Holland, Michigan, is continuing to serve as chair and Dr. Stephen Boerigter of Los Alamos,

New Mexico, is continuing to serve as secretary. Newly elected as vice-chair is Dr. Matthew Wixson '08 of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who has succeeded Suzanne L. Shier.

BIG READ CONTINUES WITH NEW GRANTS



The Hope-organized NEA Big Read Lakeshore has received an eighth consecutive grant from the National Endowment of the Arts. The program will highlight poetry and Native American History this November.

This year's Big Read will concentrate on Poet Laureate Joy Harjo's *An American Sunrise*, a collection of poems that traverses the homeland from which her ancestors were uprooted in 1830 as a result of the Indian Removal Act. A writer

of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation, Harjo celebrates her ancestors and reminds the reader to remember the past. The Little Read Lakeshore accompaniment for children will feature the picture book *Fry Bread*, written by Kevin Noble Maillard and illustrated by Juana Martinze Neal.

The NEA Big Read Lakeshore has received \$20,000 from the NEA. The Little Read Lakeshore has received \$15,000 from Michigan Humanities.

 hope.edu/big-read-21



HOPE DINING WINS GOLD

Hope College Dining Services has won a gold award in the 2020 Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards program of the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS).

The dining service has been honored in the category of Residential Dining Concepts for medium institutions. Named for a NACUFS founder, past president, and highly regarded innovator, the dining awards celebrate exemplary menus, presentations, special event planning, and new dining concepts, and provide an avenue for sharing ideas and creative presentations in campus dining services.

Hope dining services programs have received several awards through the years, including most recently the national grand prize in the Residential Dining Concepts category in 2019 for excellence in offering international cuisine.

 hope.edu/dining-award-21

MAJOR GRANT SUPPORTS MONITORING PROJECT



Hope will expand its role providing wastewater monitoring as an early-warning system for the presence of COVID-19 not only locally but across southwest Michigan for the next two years through a \$7.5 million grant from the State of Michigan.

The award to Hope is among 19 for projects across the state that have

received a total of nearly \$49 million in grant funding announced by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on Thursday, June 24. The funding from the Centers for Disease Control supports the ongoing development of the state's SARS-CoV-2 Epidemiology – Wastewater Evaluation and Reporting Network, which uses locally coordinated projects to conduct wastewater surveillance for COVID-19. Partners include local health departments, tribal nations, wastewater treatment and environmental engineering agencies, colleges and universities, and public, private and academic laboratories.

Hope's program was developed and is led by a team of Hope biologists and chemists, and was established in August 2020 as a central component of the college's effort to mitigate the presence of COVID-19 on campus. Testing of campus wastewater will be continuing during 2021-22.

 hope.edu/wastewater-grant

CAMPUS AWARDS HONOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Three members of the faculty and staff were honored with this year's two traditional college-wide end-of-year awards.

Dr. Jennifer Hampton of the physics faculty, who was killed in an automobile accident in Holland on Sunday, March 14, received the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator Award during the Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 16. The H.O.P.E. award is presented by the members of the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

Eric Elgersma, custodian in Durfee Hall, and **Dr. Christopher Fashun**, assistant professor of music, received the Vanderbush-Weller Awards for strong, positive impact on students. The awards are presented based on nominations from the campus community and coordinated by the Office of Student Development.

 hope.edu/jennifer-hampton-award



IT'S A LOFTY AMBITION, BUT THEN AGAIN THE COLLEGE IS NAMED "HOPE," NOT "SETTLE."

HOPE COLLEGE'S NEW STRATEGY
FOR FULLY FUNDING TUITION
AIMS TO CHANGE LIVES FOREVER.

By Greg Olgers '87

**HOPE >>>
FORWARD**

ACCESSIBILITY

GENEROSITY

COMMUNITY

The college's new *Hope Forward* initiative seeks to fully fund tuition for every student up front. While that's the most tangible goal, it's only one of several.

"The whole world is asking why college has gotten so expensive," said President Matthew A. Scogin '02. "What if Hope could take the lead in solving that puzzle?"

"We're excited to be pursuing a new model for funding higher education," he said. "Rather than require students to pay for their education in advance, through what too often feels like a transactional relationship, we are working toward a funding model based on the biblical principles of generosity and gratitude. Once it's implemented, students will receive a transformational education funded by the generosity of others. Then, when they are graduates, we will ask them — out of gratitude for what they've received — to be generous in response by investing in future generations of students."

Announced in July and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees, the college-wide strategy is built on a foundation of three pillars: accessibility, generosity and community. Reflective of the three pillars, Hope's new tuition model uses a unique "pay-it-forward" approach. Participating students will receive a Hope College education with tuition fully funded by the generous gifts of others, and pay only for room and board. During their four years at Hope, students will explore gratitude, both as a beneficiary of others' generosity and as generous givers themselves. When, as alumni, they give to Hope after graduation, they will become part of a continuum of generational support for the students of the future.

"By eliminating the need for students to finance their education up front, we're pursuing a number of goals as a college community," Scogin said. "First, tied to our Christian mission, we want to make a Hope education available to all students. Second, we believe the business model of higher education is broken and we want to pursue a more sustainable



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

framework. Finally, we want to enable our graduates to enter their careers and communities with a focus on positively impacting the world unburdened by tuition debt. This vision will take many years to see to fruition, but the journey starts now and we are encouraged by early momentum.”

Hope Forward may sound a bit like “free tuition,” but that’s not quite it. It’s a subtle change in phrasing, but the concept is more accurately described as “tuition-free.” In other words, the aspiration is for Hope to no longer rely on tuition revenue at all.

“College can never truly be free. It will always be very expensive. The question is who should pay for it,” Scogin said. “When politicians talk about free tuition, what they’re really talking about is taxpayers funding tuition without really changing the model of higher ed. We’re talking about a different funding model entirely.”

“At the end of the day, this is about the founding aspirations of our institution: to be a place that competes academically with the best schools in the world, to be a place that’s also decidedly Christian, and to be a place that can attract the most talented, promising students who are excited about our mission — and let them come here without any financial barriers to being here,” he said.

RECLAIMING A VISION

Hope Forward is a new — even revolutionary — approach to funding tuition (as best the college has been able to determine, no one else is doing it). At the same time, in a sense it’s reclaiming something that’s been in Hope’s DNA since the beginning.

Consider, for example, the following statement from the *Hope College Catalog* in 1866, the year that Hope was chartered. Although tuition was \$12 (remember, it was 1866), the publication states that tuition was “subject to a system of exemptions through benevolent contributions,” and that “no youth desirous of an education, yet not having the means to meet the expense will be turned from the doors of the institution on that account.”

By 1907, even the \$12 charge was gone: “The aim constantly kept in mind is to provide at Hope College everything necessary to a broad liberal education at the lowest possible cost. There are no regular tuition fees.”

Tuition fees had long since returned by 1976, but the priority as expressed by then-President Gordon Van Wylen was the same: “Our goal is to make a Hope College education available to every student who is admitted, regardless of the student’s financial resources... We must therefore have the lowest possible tuition.”

As explained in more detail in the accompanying story, *Hope Forward* is a distinctive model for fully funding tuition so that students can pursue impact instead of incurring debt and needing to chase income. Rather than require students to pay for their own degrees, the approach will ask them to contribute to the college after they graduate to support those who follow. It will be some years before the program reaches every student (increasing the endowment is a crucial part of the mix), but thanks to a generous gift the first 22 will be enrolled this fall. Some of their reflections are highlighted on these pages, showing the impact that *Hope Forward* not only can have but is having, and how its foundational values of accessibility, generosity and community inspire.

“This [Hope Forward] would make my dreams of going to college true. It motivates me to do the best that I can knowing that the Hope community believes in me and my dreams. It makes me want to give over 100%.”

ACCESSIBILITY

Scogin first shared his vision for fully funding tuition during his inauguration on Sept. 13, 2019. He noted that the nationally ubiquitous dynamic of annually raising tuition puts college ever more out of reach for many, an outcome that he hopes to see eliminated here. “The opportunity to be transformed by Hope should not be dependent on a family’s net worth or what zip code a student grows up in,” he said during his address. “Being transformed by Hope should not come with a price tag.”

Given the possibilities opened to those with a college degree, he emphasizes that removing barriers to attending Hope is also a way that the college can play a greater role in the pursuit of justice.

“Studies show that attending college is — or can be — the great equalizer,” he said. “For example, Raj Chetty of Harvard University has found that students from low-income backgrounds and high-income backgrounds who attend the same college have remarkably similar earnings after they graduate. That means attending college is the key to solving income inequality.”

“However, a large portion of low-income students don’t attend colleges they are qualified for,” Scogin said. “A primary reason is the ‘sticker shock’ of the high tuition price. Even if they’re eligible for high financial aid, it’s the high price tag that deters them from even applying.”

GENEROSITY

Hope Forward reflects the biblical message that everything which humans possess is a gift from God. Among other passages, it echoes 2 Corinthians 9:6-9, which stresses generosity and gratitude in response.

“It’s a model that for us at Hope is uniquely aligned with our values,” Scogin said. “We are a Christian college and the God we serve says over and over again in the Bible that He blesses giving in a way that He won’t necessarily bless paying the bills.”

“It’s very exciting that the college I’ve fallen in love with is actively trying to fix the high cost of college.”

“And of course, it’s freeing up our students to pursue positive impact unburdened by tuition debt,” he said. “*Hope Forward* is so beautifully built around the center of the Gospel, which says, ‘You are covered. Now, go and live differently.’”

It’s perspective that will be made explicit as the students who benefit from *Hope Forward* prepare for the lives they will lead after Hope. They will examine their sense of God-given purpose and calling as a lifelong member of the Hope community and as a leader in the global community.

COMMUNITY

Combine the importance today of earning a college degree with the high cost to acquire one, and the nature of the community cannot help but be affected — and not in a good way. “I think it’s toxic for higher education to have a transactional relationship with students,” Scogin said. “Students essentially become customers who pay for a service.”



Hope Forward seeks to realize a different vision, one that hews more closely to the reason that institutions of higher education were established in the first place: to serve as communities of teacher-mentors and students committed to learning. Given the rapidly changing demands of the workplace in the 21st century, Hope will also continue to emphasize that alumni remain a part of that community.

“*Hope Forward* transforms the relationship between the student and the college,” Scogin said. “Instead of a transactional relationship where students pay their bills and receive a degree in return, students become part of a learning community to which they are connected for the rest of their lives.”

“Lifelong learning, in today’s world of rapid change, has never been more important,” he said. “With this model, students sign up to attend college, not just for four years — rather, they are signing up for a lifelong relationship.”

***“If we could simply try to fix
our eyes on the needs of others
— speaking, observing, and
acting with sincere intentions
— then perhaps we can bring
hope to our community; by
rejecting bitterness when it
tries to make a home in our
hearts, and working hard to
love others well while we can.”***



GETTING THERE

Fully realizing *Hope Forward* will require several years and is being pursued via the largest comprehensive fundraising effort in the college's history. While it will be sustained by gifts, it will also rely on income from the endowment to offset the tuition revenue that provides much of the college's annual operating funding. Hope estimates that the endowment will need to increase by an additional \$1.2 billion (from its current level of \$284 million) for *Hope Forward* to support the entire student body of 3,000-plus students.

Fortunately, and crucially, it's not an all-or-nothing proposition. *Hope Forward* will be implemented in phases as fundraising proceeds.

All college fundraising, including capital campaigns, will support the *Hope Forward* strategy. A primary driver of the fundraising will be a robust affinity-based giving program, which will allow donors to give to what they love and in turn help build budget-relieving endowments that will strengthen the college's financial foundation.

"Think of the entire college budget as a big pie. We will try to endow each individual piece of the pie, and as we do so we will no longer be dependent on tuition revenue to fund the budget," Scogin said.

In addition, gifts from *Hope Forward* alumni will increasingly play a role as ever-larger cohorts graduate. Students who benefit from *Hope Forward* enroll knowing why their support in the future will be essential in the initiative's continued success. Although they will sign a commitment, they are not being asked to commit to a specific amount or percentage of their income.


"We want it to feel like a gift, not paying a bill," Scogin said. "The more prescriptive we get, the more it would feel like paying a bill, which then starts to feel like another flavor of student debt."

Alongside the drive to fund *Hope Forward*, Hope will continue to invest in its academic and co-curricular programs and physical plant. The college has also held tuition at the same level for the past two years and invested more than \$1 million each year in scholarships as benefits to all students even as *Hope Forward* becomes phased in.

Because of the current endowment and annual gifts to the college, it is already the case that no student pays the full cost of a Hope education. *Hope Forward* will be building on that foundation.

Hope anticipates adjusting the implementation based on experience, but at the outset the plan is this: In the initial stages, the college will enroll cohorts of students with fully funded tuition, increasing the number as endowment income becomes available. Once approximately 25% to 30% of students are fully supported, Hope intends to gradually reduce tuition for all students.

"As I consider what I want to study, I am looking into careers that will help others after I graduate. I am hoping to pursue getting an education certificate in order to teach in a high-need school system, using the training I receive in college and my own experiences in order to help underprivileged groups (such as inner-city high school students or newly arrived immigrants) to grow and excel."



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THE FUTURE IS NOW

Donors have already contributed more than \$31.1 million in support of the *Hope Forward* tuition funding model, and the college (including this publication) will highlight some of those gifts and their impact in the months and years ahead. First up: An anonymous donor has provided \$5 million to enable the inaugural 22 students to enroll this fall and to support a second cohort starting in the fall of 2022, with the funding continuing through graduation for each of these two groups.

In addition to receiving financial support, these pilot cohorts will be part of programming that is designed specifically for them with an emphasis on how the values embodied in *Hope Forward* can play out not only during their time as students but in their lives as leaders and agents of change in the years to come. During their four years, the cohort will attend seminars, take a course together, and participate in retreats and service-learning. As pilot participants, they will also help shape the model's implementation in the future, giving Hope a chance to learn and assess in the early stages of the *Hope Forward* journey.

Staff member Nicole Duntelman is program director of *Hope Forward*. In her new role, she is building on time at the college that has included serving as resident director in Dykstra Hall for four years, and as a member of the college's COVID-19 response team this past year, as well as prior experience in diversity, equity and inclusion programming; the first-year experience; and civic engagement and leadership development.

The students in the first *Hope Forward* cohort are from a range of socio-economic backgrounds, with approximately 50% non-white and 30% from abroad. As part of their application process, Duntelman explained, they were asked to reflect on areas of need in the world, and the difference that *Hope Forward* and Hope will make to them — and in turn enable them to make for others. Their responses (a few excerpts from which are shared with permission across these pages) show a group determined to make the most of the opportunity and eager to have an impact.

"These students have big hearts and big dreams, and the best part is, none of their dreams are about themselves," she said. "A Hope education and college experience will not only change their lives, but the lives of those they touch."

"The 'give what you have mentality' is so important because everyone will be at different points in the future or in their lives. The Hope Forward initiative will remind me in my future and my future field that others are the main focus. We do this for others — to help someone, to better someone, to support others. Hope Forward inspires you to receive what you need, then give it away."



Please visit the college online for more about *Hope Forward*, including additional background and videos that present more detail about the initiative and updates.

hope.edu/forward





WINDOW TO HOPE'S HISTORY

TIMELESS AND TIMELY

Although from an earlier era, this image is timeless in the ways that matter: students enjoying one another's company in the Pine Grove — one of the most iconic and beloved spaces on campus. The year in which it was taken, 1968, also shares a link to the present not visible: It was the last time that Hope was able to hold tuition steady prior to the fall of 2020 and this year. As explained in the preceding story, when the newly launched *Hope Forward* initiative is fully funded, the students who gather in the future will join their forebears of even earlier decades in not paying tuition at all.

A YEAR FOR THE BOOKS

By Alan Babbitt

Hope College student-athletes and teams from spring, winter and fall seasons packed a bevy of accomplishments and excitement into a compressed four-month schedule in 2021.

Amid 213 athletic competitions in a span of 129 days, Hope College claimed Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships in five different sports as well as five MIAA tournament titles. Four teams qualified to compete at the NCAA Division III Championships. Also, MIAA coaches awarded league most valuable honors to Hope student-athletes 11 times.

Women's basketball went undefeated and finished ranked No.1 for the second consecutive season. Led by MIAA MVP and senior guard Kenedy Schoonveld, the Flying Dutch posted a 16-0 record and extended their win streak to a school-record 45 games. It is the eighth-longest win streak in Division III history.

Women's track and field swept the MIAA indoor and outdoor titles. Sophomore Ana Tucker raced to All-America honors in the NCAA outdoor 5000-meter race with a fourth-place run and was the MIAA's Most Valuable Indoor Track Athlete. Sophomore Grace Behrens was the Most Valuable Outdoor Track Athlete.

Men's track and field saw junior Nick Hoffman race to the team's highest finish in the outdoor 800 meters at nationals with a third-place effort. Hoffman also swept the MIAA's Most Valuable Track athlete honors for indoor and outdoor seasons.

Men's lacrosse advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time with a 22-17 victory against Benedictine (Illinois). Led by MIAA Most Valuable Offensive Athlete and junior attacker Jack Radzville, the Flying Dutchmen qualified for their second NCAA postseason appearance by defeating Albion in the MIAA Tournament final on the road. Hope finished 13-2.

Women's tennis continued its dominance in the MIAA with its ninth consecutive league tournament championship. Led by Most Valuable Player and junior Sydney Jackson, Hope also won the MIAA regular-season title for a league-record sixth consecutive time. The Flying Dutch finished 12-3 after losing in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to Linfield (Oregon), 5-4.

Women's swimming and diving were MIAA champions for the second time in three years by winning the league meet hosted at Calvin University. Two-time MIAA Most Valuable Swimmer senior Emma Schaefer set MIAA and Hope records in the 200 breaststroke, and eclipsed her school record in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

Men's soccer captured its third MIAA Tournament title with a 2-1 overtime victory against Trine at Van Andel Soccer Stadium. MIAA Most Valuable Offensive Athlete and senior midfielder Ty Dalton scored the winning goal 5-and-a-half minutes into the first overtime. The Flying Dutchmen posted a 5-1-1 record.

Volleyball served up its fourth MIAA Tournament championship with a four-set victory at Calvin. Junior outside hitter McKenna Otto's 14 kills led the Flying Dutch, who finished with a 9-1 overall record.

Men's tennis celebrated its seventh MIAA Most Valuable Player honoree in program history. No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles player and sophomore Jacob Burkett claimed the award. He won all seven of his league matches.

Men's diver Kamaron Wilcox earned co-MIAA Most Valuable Diver honors this season after winning the 3-meter board at the league meet during his junior season.

Head baseball coach Stu Fritz reached the 600-win mark with a 6-4, extra-inning win against Albion at Boeve Stadium. Freshman Robbie Stuursma hit a two-out, two-run walk-off homer to secure the milestone victory.

Nick Hoffman '22



Emma Schaefer '21



Ana Tucker '23



Ty Dalton '24



MISSION DELAYED, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

By Dean Holzwarth

The Hope College ice hockey team felt like it had the potential to go the distance last season before COVID-19 spoiled its opportunity in 2020.

The Flying Dutchmen didn't miss out on a second chance.

Top-ranked Hope won the 2021 American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division 3 national championship in late April after blanking the University of Arkansas, 3-0, at Patterson Ice Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

It's the program's second national title after winning its first championship in 2018.

"This feels really good, especially after getting cut short last year," said graduating senior defenseman Cole Stenstrom, who was on the 2018 squad as a freshman. "We felt like we got [robbed] of an opportunity, and this year we wanted to make the most of it. We did our best to prepare for it and we did it."

Head coach Chris Van Timmeren '97 was named the ACHA Division 3 Coach of the Year, the fourth time he has received the honor — the most among the entire ACHA.

He said this national title was even more special due to the challenges of the pandemic.

"It's been so tough for these kids with COVID, and they had to go through all the testing three times a week," he said. "The mental strain of 'Am I going to play this week' made it tougher, so for these guys to win in a year of COVID is so impressive. And to do it in the fashion they did this week makes me so proud of them."

The Flying Dutchmen rallied from a three-goal deficit in the third period to force overtime against the University of Michigan's ACHA team in the national semifinal.

"This team just never quits," Van Timmeren said. "We knew we had three goals in us from the beginning. We scored two on them in the third period the last time we played them, so we came out ready to go."

Hope relied on its defense and penalty killing to shut down a potent Razorbacks' offense and secure the national title.

"This is a very skilled team that had the opportunity every time we played to win by multiple goals," Van Timmeren said. "I knew from the beginning that this was a special group that was going to make something happen at the end of the year."





THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

How a Major Grant is Enhancing Hope
and Holland's Symbiotic Relationship

By Eva Dean Folkert '83



"Home is the one place in all this world where hearts are sure of each other. It is the place of confidence. It is the place where we tear off that mask of guarded and suspicious coldness which the world forces us to wear in self-defense, and where we pour out the unreserved communications of full and confiding hearts. It is the spot where expressions of tenderness gush out without any sensation of awkwardness and without dread of ridicule. This is home."

— British clergyman Frederick William Robertson

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hether within the intimate confines of four walls or even more expansive city limits, the affectionate constructs of home and hometown go as naturally together as heart and heartbeat. It is that reality that makes Robertson's words as

apropos for 2,000 square feet as they are for 20 square miles. Each deeply affects and assists the other.

It is with this homey affinity in mind — to make hearts confident and honest and affirmed — that a new program has begun at Hope College, one that was recently funded by a 42-month, \$800,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Appropriately titled "There's No Place Like Home," it brings together Hope faculty and students in the humanities with Holland leaders in the non-profit sector to address "wicked problems" such as food insecurity, affordable housing, health care access, climate change, education equity, social mobility and civic culture. With the grant financially supporting these collaborative community partnerships, Hope faculty and students work alongside local organizations to better the community and its quality of life.

"'There's No Place like Home' connects two of the college's priorities: providing outstanding, transformational learning experiences for our students, and serving as a resource for the community," says Hope president Matthew A. Scogin '02. "At a time when our world is characterized by discord, this grant will provide an opportunity for Hope and Holland to focus on finding harmony in our diversity."

But why are humanities students and faculty in on these weighty social science topics? Because no true liberal arts education is "siloed" to one discipline or division, of course. Instead, it is found in all areas of learning. And the fundamental questions about the way individuals and societies live — and how and why and when — are at home in the humanities.

And those questions are plentiful for Hope and Holland, just like any home and hometown. To wit: How can and should a vision of home be understood and expanded with diversity and inclusion in mind? How does Hope educate its students to lead and serve the changing local community where they receive their education? What difference does it make? Why does it matter?

Here are some answers to those questions as the first three community partnerships have recently begun.

Food Disparities and Food Justice in Greater Holland

For decades, the Community Action House (CAH) has operated Holland's largest food pantry to assist roughly 300 families a month who experience food insecurity. But a paradigm shift is in the works, one that emphasizes high-dignity access to affordable, nutritious and culturally relevant food choices at a non-profit, member-based neighborhood grocery store.

When Dr. Berta Carrasco de Miguel, associate professor of Spanish, heard about CAH's new Food Club, her quintessential passion for giving Hope students community outreach and engagement experiences kicked in. With a \$50,000, two-year award through "There's No Place like Home" in hand, Carrasco de Miguel and a team of Hope students and other faculty are helping CAH discern not only what members would like to see in the Food Club but also why they want certain foods, how they use them, and when they need them.

"Food, culture and identity are three items that go together, and I would argue that without food, you cannot maintain the other two things," says Carrasco de Miguel, herself an immigrant from Spain.

"We want to create a dignified experience for all Food Club clients," continues Carrasco de Miguel, whose upper-level course, "Spanish for the Community," has a popular, outreach-minded curriculum. "The moment they step inside, they feel this is their store. They feel it serves their needs. They feel it serves their traditions and cultures. And it makes justice for them."

Community Action House director Scott Rumpsa '01 is delighted to have a Hope team — which besides Carrasco de Miguel also includes Dr. Lauren Janes of the history department, Dr. Regan Postma-Montaño of the world languages and cultures department, Dr. Elizabeth Sharda of the sociology and social work department, and students Kianna Novak and Maggie Gillich — work alongside his staff to reach 1,000 families with Food Club engagement.



“Supercharging” is the word he has used to describe how Hope’s participation is affecting CAH efforts. Rather than waiting for people in need to find their way to Food Club, Rumpsa’s staff, in partnership with the Hope team, are marketing the new initiative through interpersonal relationships that provide feedback loops.

“The more folks we have helping us reach out, engage and listen to some of our future members or prospective members [of Food Club], the more relationships we’ll build and that’s so important,” Rumpsa explains. “Those are going to be relationships that we’re able to carry forward as we continue to listen, reflect, adjust and change our services to make sure that they are culturally relevant, that they are meeting true needs, that they are driving the results that we want to see in what’s felt to be a welcoming and inclusive way.

“We’ve prided ourselves in doing as much of that as possible at our food pantry, but with this new Food Club approach along with our partnership with Hope, we’re really looking to supercharge these efforts.”

After diving into relevant readings before beginning her work with CAH, Gillich, a junior Spanish and psychology double major, says her eyes opened even wider to the depth and dynamics of need. She’s been introduced to terms she’s never heard before, such as trauma-informed care, that make her future work with CAH necessary and enlightened.

“I’ve learned food insecurity can cause trauma, or that trauma can be a cause of food insecurity,” says Gillich, who is a fluent Spanish speaker, “and it can be a cycle that is endless for some people. . . . I don’t want to be complicit with anything that deserves justice. So, I honestly hope that in working on this project, I can help support people and have them feel heard.”

That kind of reflection is more than music to Carrasco de Miguel’s ears; it is a lyrical affirmation that the work she does with and for students runs parallel to her own personal mission. “At Hope, we do much more than teach students and focus on our own research,” she exudes. “Helping the community is actually my favorite part of my job.”

Stories of Equity and Hope

Ready for School is a West Michigan-focused organization that helps to prepare children aged one-day-old to five-years-old for success in kindergarten by equipping parents and families through integrated support. As a force multiplier for children and families, the organization’s strategies and projects evolve to fill gaps and test solutions alongside community partners.

Yet, in Holland, disparities continue to exist in kindergarten readiness even though collaborative efforts in health, education and public awareness have increased the preparedness level from 43% in 2009 to 70% in 2019. Now with the assistance of a \$10,000 proof-of-concept award through “There’s No Place like Home,” Dr. Jesus Montaña of the English department and Dr. Regan Postma-Montaña of the world languages and cultures department are leading an effort to gather parents’ stories that better identify barriers and close the gap for the last 30%. They are doing so through a qualitative interview process with select parents as opposed to a quantitative survey that randomly reaches hundreds.

“I must admit that when I started seeing this opportunity with Hope and the Mellon Foundation, I was still looking for a quantitative partner,” says Dr. Donna Berkey ’89 Lowry, president and CEO of Holland-area Ready for School. “But the vehicle and the vision of the Montañas with the Mellon grant actually evolved my thinking about what was needed. They and their students have offered up a safe place of hospitality where people can share their own stories. These are not Ready for School stories; they’ve been given to us with consent to advise the work.”

And that is exactly what Montaña had in mind all along – to flip the script on who is considered the “usual expert.”

“When you’re a Hope College professor, people think you have all the answers,” he says. “But we really worked hard to take ourselves out of the expert mode and into the fact-finding, information-finding mode. Because community members, they are the experts, they are the advisors because they know where the struggles are, the obstacles are, the opened and closed doors are. They know this, so we wanted to just center their voices within what we wanted to do.”

Parents like Amanda Reyna '14 Rios, who also works for Ready for School, appreciated the platform to speak and be heard. More tellingly, she felt that her ideas would be of use.

“At the end of the interview, I was asked, ‘What would be your ideal event or idea of what would take us to the next level to be able to get these things into place [for school readiness]?’ That was exciting to just be able to think about having someone bring our different ideas forward. Even more parents’ input will bring us together as a community of parents because we are going through the same things.”



The collaborative nature of the project has been Postma-Montaño's favorite part of the partnership. She calls the team members — Dr. Llena Durante '00 Chavis of the sociology and social work department, Dr. Susanna Childress of the English department, junior Venecia Rodriguez, senior Samuel Vega, Shanley Smith-Poole '19 and Phil DiCicco '16 — the “true heroes” of the work. The student and alumni story-gatherers’ empathetic listening and questions especially impress and inspire her. Her interactions with local parents and Ready for School staffers, too, have only affirmed the triad nature of the project.

“It’s not just faculty, not just students and not just people in the community working in isolation, but we are all in on this wicked problem together,” she says. “For me, it’s just been energizing to work on this all together and to really start to see some results and to see some hope.”

Celebrating Holland’s Historical Diversity

Holland, Michigan is understandably equated with Dutch immigrants. There are enough Vander-this and Van-that around town to confirm its historical founding. Yet the community has grown increasingly diverse, with a large and thriving Hispanic population in particular. A look at 2019 demographic data for Holland reveals that 25% of residents are Hispanic or Latino.

Through a partnership with the Holland Museum, Susan Ipri Brown, assistant professor of engineering and director of ExploreHope, and senior Samuel Vega are exploring a portion of the region’s rich and diverse cultural history with a focus on bringing Hispanic voices, contributions and traditions into a digital narrative. To do so, the partners are creating a new interdisciplinary course, “Documenting Holland’s Historical Diversity,” in which Hope students will research a topic significantly impacted by the diverse community of the area, highlighted by a new in-person exhibit opening in August, and then use that material for a set of digital exhibits. The two-year, \$50,000 award that the partnership has received through “There’s No Place like Home” is also helping to fund internships for Hope students at the museum, and community programs, lesson plans and field trips to engage local students with the new exhibit portfolio.



“We have a very small staff and budget,” says Ricki Levine, executive director of the Holland Museum. “There are many things on our wish list that just can’t get done due to lack of staff and in some cases, resources. This project and goal to digitize an exhibit is beyond our scope without this partnership. So, working with Susan and her Hope students allows us to move an important community exhibition from a physical space, in place for only six months at a time, to a digital space that allows broader access for a considerably longer period of time. At this point there is no end date for a virtual exhibit. This provides more accessibility and more opportunity for individuals from a broader geographical range to experience the exhibit.”

How did Ipri Brown, an engineering professor, become interested in humanities inquiry for the community? It was a no-brainer really. She’s been about outward-looking, interdisciplinary work for much of her career at Hope.

“With ExploreHope, it is about sharing a lifelong love of learning with the community,” she says. “And so everything that I do is about that community interaction. Now I’m asking, ‘How do we excite our Hope students to be part of their interdisciplinary education and see the value of these partnerships?’”

Vega is a Holland native, and he has seen the value of such endeavors for much of his life in the area. The chance to play a part in leaving a lasting impact by bringing historical Hispanic narratives to light has been acutely meaningful for him as he works as Ipri Brown’s teaching assistant and the museum’s intern.

“I hope that the Hope community especially would be able to feel more challenged to explore the stories that often go unheard because, in many ways, those seem to have more value,” says Vega, an English-creative writing major and Spanish minor. “When I think about what it means to create a ‘legacy,’ a good place to start would be to invest in something where you might not see the immediate rewards. While we are just getting started with this project, there is nevertheless something beautiful about having hope for what’s to come because of the work you do for others beforehand.”

To learn more about how The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation supports numerous programs at Hope, go to: hope.edu/mellon

"I WAS IN PRISON,
AND YOU CAME TO
VISIT ME."



THE HOPE-WESTERN
PRISON EDUCATION
PROGRAM



By Richard Ray

My friend and colleague Jared Ortiz said to me one day back in 2017, “I’m teaching a religion class to guys in prison for the Calvin Prison Initiative. You know, Hope and Western Theological Seminary could partner to provide a similar program at another prison. You should get it organized.”

“Um, I don’t think so,” I replied. What did I know about prisons? Zip.

Jared — never one to back down from a challenge — asked, “Why don’t you come and spend a couple of hours observing my class and see if it changes your mind?”

Three weeks later I was frisked and escorted through the grim, clanging bars at Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia, Michigan. I hoped my anxiety didn’t show. After a stroll across what looked like a college quad, we entered the classroom where I took my seat as far back in the corner as I could. At 8 a.m., 40 men walked in — each dressed in well-worn, baggy prison-issued orange and blue clothing. Forty pairs of questioning eyes landed briefly on the stranger in the corner. Cue the anxiety again.

And then it happened. As the clock clicked to 8:03, a student raised his hand, was called upon, and stood to ask his question. “Professor Ortiz, can you explain what Irenaeus is saying on page 83 of our text? It seems to contradict what Origen professes in the footnote on page 153.” Jared called on one of four students whose hands shot up in response to the question. “If my colleague would read with greater care and attention,” declared the respondent, “my brother would note that Irenaeus goes on to explain himself in greater detail on page 96 such that his thesis comports perfectly with what Origen has to say in the footnote on page 153.”

“Huh?” I thought. “*Where am I?* Why don’t my students ask questions like that?”

This was my epiphany. My Damascus Road moment. I didn’t know what God had in store for what would eventually become the Hope-Western Prison Education Program, but one simple exchange between two incarcerated students was all it took for Jesus’ parable in Matthew 25:35-46 to come into bright, shining focus.

Fast forward to summer 2021. Hope and WTS have partnered (Drs. David Stubbs and Pam Bush are my WTS partners in this work) with each other and the Michigan Department of Corrections to offer the Hope-Western Prison Education Program — a Hope Bachelor of Arts degree at Muskegon Correctional Facility. But toward what end? HWPEP exists to:

- Extend the Hope and WTS missions to those living in incarcerated environments,
- Transform the hearts and minds of prisoners and all involved in the program, thereby enlarging their imaginations for purposeful living as flourishing, beloved children of God made in His image and likeness,
- Ease the burden to the community by reducing recidivism, lowering tax burdens associated with the corrections system, and improving the safety of and culture for prisoners and prison staff, and
- Bring together persons of good will from a variety of political, ideological and theological perspectives.

Twenty students were recruited from the Muskegon Correctional Facility “population” to form HWPEP’s first cohort. These pioneers have taken six non-credit courses as part of the program’s pilot phase. They will comprise the first group of students to begin the journey toward their bachelor’s degree in “Faith, Leadership, and Service.” Subsequent 20-student cohorts will be recruited from the 31,000 men incarcerated in the MDOC’s 26 prisons around the state. Once admitted to HWPEP, they will be transferred to MCF and begin their college education.

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How have the students in the first cohort tackled the challenges of college-level learning? Consider what one student had to say in the second week of the first class, back in March 2018:

Asked for his impressions about tackling Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* in only one week, this student responded "I didn't understand it at all the first time I read it. The second time was equally difficult. The third time I began to understand. Now that I've read it four times I can see how his ideas connect to Augustine, Aquinas, and Plato." The rest of the class nodded in affirmation, as if *everyone* had read Aristotle four times cover-to-cover in one week.

But a college education is about more than just learning facts, ideas, and skills. All colleges — but especially Christian liberal arts colleges like Hope — have a duty to form their students as whole persons — mind, body and spirit. Even in its pilot phase, HWPEP has worked to help its students understand themselves in new ways — ways connected to their status as children of a loving God in whose image and likeness they are made. As *new creations*. Consider how these students' sense of purpose and being is shifting as a result of their education:

"Going to college is equipping me with tools to build my community instead of destroying it."

"The chance to be a college student is another reminder that God is not finished with me."

"A Hope College education offers an opportunity to regenerate my soul, edify my spirit, and bolster my ability to be of service to others."

The mission statements of Hope College and Western Theological Seminary direct each institution to educate

students. But which students? Albertus Van Raalte and his hardy flock of Dutch immigrants created what are now Hope College and Western Theological Seminary to educate immigrants so they could enjoy the blessings of liberty in their new home. The HWPEP students are "educational immigrants" seeking the same blessings. The liberty they achieve has much in common with those early students. Both of their futures were and are being transformed by the freeing of their minds and the formation of their spirits. The same *Spera in Deo* — the same hope in God — was made possible by Hope and WTS in 1866 and now again in 2021 — in Holland *and* Muskegon.

The ways in which incarcerated students benefit from a college education are pretty obvious. But what about our traditional Hope and WTS students? How does having incarcerated peers advantage their educational and spiritual formation? There are and will be many opportunities. WTS is developing a Certificate in Restorative Justice for which traditional WTS students will take courses alongside incarcerated students inside the prison. Several WTS and Hope students have served as teaching assistants during the pilot phase of the program. Awareness of and contact with HWPEP is powerfully formative for our traditional students. Consider the impact on two of them:

"I remain blessed by the connections made with the HWPEP students, having seen the work they put into their writing and heard their wisdom weekly in the classroom. Walls and bars cannot contain the work of the mind. These students showed me that, and it is a lesson I will not soon forget."

"Listening to (the HWPEP presentation in) chapel today was inspiring for me, hearing that Hope College is trying to make a positive impact on a system that is so broken made me even more grateful that I chose to come to this school!"

Professors who teach inside prison walls are deeply impacted by the experience. The chance to teach diverse, eager students who have experienced the toughest circumstances imaginable leaves professors better equipped for the challenges of the Holland-based classroom. Consider the views of Dr. Steve Bouma-Prediger '79 of the Hope religion faculty:

"I can honestly say that teaching *"What is the Good Life?"* in the prison was one of the most challenging and rewarding courses I have ever taught. Challenging because the course material — a series of "Great Books" beginning with Homer and Plato and extending through the Bible and Augustine, Dante and Machiavelli, Shakespeare and Frederick Douglass, Marx and Tolstoy, and ending with Flannery O'Connor and Martin Luther King, Jr. — was demanding, asking each of us to think hard and long about justice and forgiveness and love. But it was also extremely rewarding. The 20 students met the challenge with their hard work, keen perseverance, and ever-present honesty, not to mention their good humor and care for me and each other. To see such a combination of virtues displayed is nothing short of exhilarating for those of us who teach. For a couple hours every Wednesday night it felt to the students like they were not in prison."

What can you do to become involved with Hope College's newest students in its newest location? Do what you've always done! Pray for these students. Remember them. Acknowledge their humanity, their yearning, and their essential worth. At this point I'll also note that none of the hard-earned tuition dollars from our traditional

Holland-based students are used to fund HWPEP. All of the costs associated are being provided by generous donors, who we continue to recruit, although by 2023 we also hope to access federal Pell grants to help offset the basic costs of each student's education. Please be sure to visit hope.edu/hwpep for more information about the program.

Author — and Hope-Western Prison Education Program co-leader — Dr. Richard Ray is a professor of kinesiology who has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1982. Among his other extensive service to the college, he was also formerly head athletic trainer, dean for the social sciences and provost, and developed Hope's academic program in athletic training, which under his leadership grew into a full major.

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More Than a Buzzword

By Jim McFarlin '74

Sus•tain•abil•i•ty

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noun

1. The ability to be sustained, supported, upheld, or confirmed.
2. One of the most overused, yet frequently misunderstood buzzwords of the 21st century.

Just what exactly is “sustainability,” anyway? At Hope College, it appears the meaning is well defined: it is a coordinated, multifaceted, campus-wide effort to engage and impact the Hope community — and beyond — by meeting our consumer needs in a responsible manner without jeopardizing future generations...all within the context of our Christian beliefs.

Hope’s faith component is exemplified in its new, official “Commitment to Sustainability” statement. The statement was crafted last year by the Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee — more commonly known as “the Green Team” — submitted to President Matthew A. Scogin ’02 and approved by the Administrative Council. It is being published in print here for the first time. It reads:

“Hope College strives to create a future in which our planet and all its inhabitants flourish. Rooted in the Christian faith, we embrace our calling to care for the Earth and we celebrate restoring God’s creation and sustaining our future as synergistic goals. We commit to build a sustainable world that promotes the holistic well-being of future generations and affirms the dignity of all people. By means of our academic curriculum, our scholarly work, our student life programs, the management of our campus, and our engagement with the local and global community, we educate students for a sustainable future that values the rights and opportunities of every individual, each of whom is created and loved by God. We humbly embrace this calling and shoulder these responsibilities with joy.”

“Hope is unapologetically Christian, though not a place where faith is forced on anyone, and our faith calls us to care for creation,” says Dr. Steve Bouma-Prediger ’79, the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Professor of Reformed Theology and co-chair of the “Green Team,” which was co-founded 14 years ago by Bouma-Prediger and since-retired faculty colleagues Dr. John Cox ’67 (English) and Dr. K. Gregory Murray (biology), and subsequently co-chaired by Bouma-Prediger and now-retired Director of Operations Greg Maybury. As Bouma-Prediger notes, “Into this statement we have consciously woven a concern not just for the natural world, but for social justice as well.”



And the concerns are paying off. Hope recently was named one of most environmentally responsible colleges in America by the prestigious Princeton Review in its Guide to Green Colleges: 2021 Edition and has held a STARS Silver rating since 2017 from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), the most widely recognized platform in the world for assessing such measures.

What is Hope doing to achieve such status? Tracking electric and gas consumption. Installing LED lights in most residence halls and academic buildings. Following green purchasing policies. Upgrading furnaces and water heaters, with costs offset by rebates. Trayless dining to reduce food waste. Composting by the Grounds Department and campus dining facilities. Replacing residence hall windows with better insulated models and adding insulation to cottage attics. Custodial staff using green cleaning products. Planting trees every Arbor Day and Earth Week, and an ongoing inventory of trees on campus and in Holland through its online app TreeSap. A successful drive to collect 500 pounds of plastic bags and film in less than six months, in partnership with the wood composite company Trex, will result in a park bench made from the materials to be donated to the college.

Hope even installed solar panels atop the Keppel Carriage House that houses its electric golf carts to power them, a 48-inch mower and handheld grounds equipment. That project is especially significant, as it involved faculty, staff and students from all corners of the campus.

The system was designed by first-year Hope engineering students in the Introduction to Engineering class. “We wanted a project substantial enough to require a reasonable amount of electricity, big enough to have an impact, but not so big that it was beyond what students would be able to accomplish in one semester,” explains





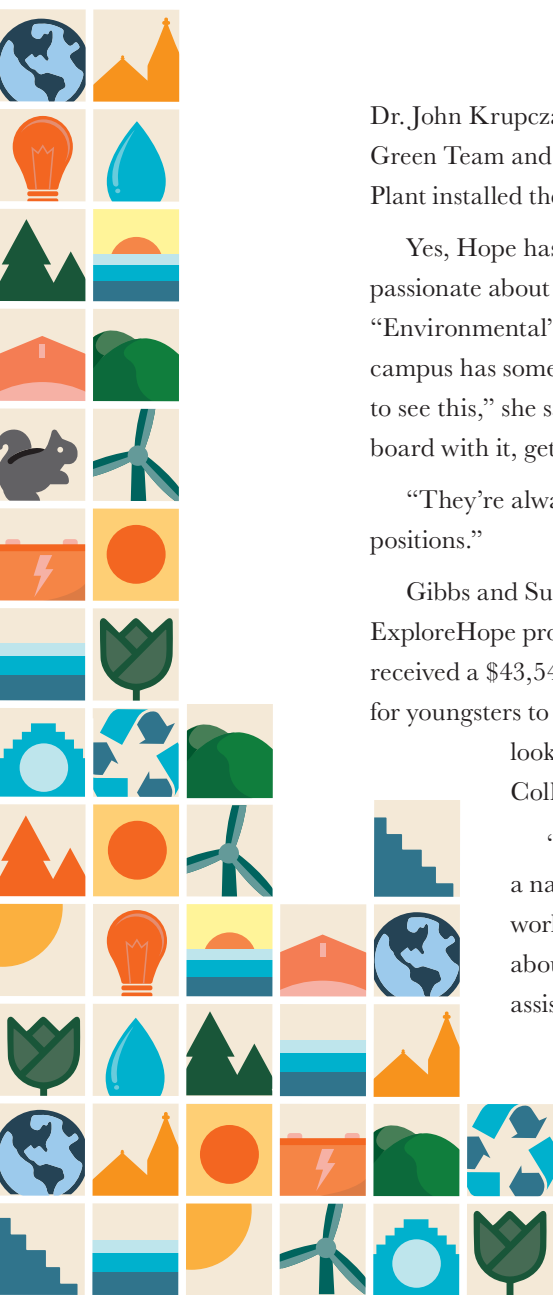
Dr. John Krupczak of the Hope engineering department. “It was a great real-world example.” The Green Team and Hope’s Office of Sustainability provided oversight, and a team from the Physical Plant installed the system. Thus far, more than 150 kWh of energy has been produced.

Yes, Hope has an Office of Sustainability. It is headed by Michelle Gibbs, who is so passionate about the calling that she opened a phone book in college and looked up the word “Environmental” in order to locate a summer internship. “I believe almost every department on campus has some kind of initiative that they’re working on, and I really think our students want to see this,” she says. “It may be a younger generation thing. You see so many of them getting on board with it, getting involved in climate action talks, waste reduction activities.

“They’re always asking questions. This past year we saw 44 applicants for just 10 internship positions.”

Gibbs and Susan Ipri Brown, assistant professor of engineering instruction and director of the ExploreHope program that brings K-12 students to campus for learning experiences, recently received a \$43,544 grant from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust Great Lakes Stewardship Program for youngsters to engage in hands-on stewardship and mentorship with college students. “When I look for grants for outreach, I think, ‘Where are areas that we can complement Hope College’s strengths and unique features?’” Ipri Brown says.

“Sustainability is a natural fit for that because you’ve got K-12 students who have a natural affinity for the environment,” she says. “They love to explore and know the world around them, want to be good little stewards even at that age, and you’ve heard about how phenomenal our Hope students have been in this area. This grant will assist in helping to mentor the younger students.”



Who knows? The experience could impact them the way it affected Jacob VanderRoest '21, co-president of Hope Advocates for Sustainability (HAS), an elite team of about 14 paid student representatives who seek to energize fellow students about such issues as recycling, energy usage and water conservation. He says he had no particular interest in such matters before enrolling at Hope.

“No, going into college, this was not on my radar at all,” says VanderRoest, a chemistry major with a minor in geology. “I took a class called Earth and Ethics taught by Dr. Bouma-Prediger all about the biblical reasons to get involved in sustainability and be a caretaker for Earth. So it was Hope College that introduced me to this concept; then Hope Advocates for Sustainability provided the vector for me to really try to make a difference.”

VanderRoest conceived and spearheaded the idea of “Less Meat Mondays” as a means to emphasize the advantages of a plant-based diet. “Meat would be served for students who prefer it, but plant-based meals will be highlighted,” he explains. “A plant-based diet has a huge impact in terms of reducing carbon emissions, reducing our water footprint, and the dining team was incredibly receptive to the idea. That was just an awesome, awesome experience to demonstrate that you can have an impact at Hope College if you really strive and put forth the effort.”

VanderRoest and his fellow co-president, Zoe Gum '21, both graduated from Hope in the spring, yet they are continuing to serve ex-officio with HAS until new leadership can be installed for 2021-22. “Even though I’m not technically at Hope anymore, Hope Advocates for Sustainability was one of the most important organizations I was in,” he says. “I think it was just as beneficial as undergraduate research, because you have the opportunity to make really tangible change on campus.”

While Hope’s sustainability grades continue to improve, Krupczak, for one, believes slow and steady improvement is the key.

“I’m a big advocate of sustainability, but doing some gigantic project that fails is not going to help anybody,” he says. “You need to build in stages, one step at a time, and learn from each step. I think that’s the correct way to make the transition, and we’re making progress.”

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Selections from an Interesting Life

By Josh Bishop

A new exhibition opening at Hope's Kruizenga Art Museum this fall reflects the lasting power of the college experience — and the unexpected ways that even one part of it can enrich a life for the 60-plus years (and counting) that follow.

“Color, Texture, Form: Modern European and American Art from the Brummel Collection” will feature 62 paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures selected from the personal collection of Hope alumnus, avant-garde textile designer and world traveler Mike Brummel '57. Opening on September 10 and continuing through December 11, the exhibition will tell two stories: of the traditions represented by the pieces on display, and — indirectly — of Brummel.

“Mike’s collection is a very personal collection,” said Charles Mason, who is the director and Margaret Feldmann Kruizenga Curator of the Kruizenga Art Museum.

“I tried to organize the exhibition in a way that the collection shows something of broader historical developments of art, but also connected to Mike’s life,” Mason said. “For me, that’s one of the ways that art can be read like a text, like a book. It gives you insight into people’s lives and the interesting things they’ve done. And Mike has had a very interesting life.”

Untitled 1982

Alexander Liberman (American, born Ukraine 1912-1999)

Painted steel

Loan from the M.L. Brummel Collection

Brummel's interesting life began in West Michigan, where he was born and raised and where he still has family. He came to Hope College with the intention of staying for just two years of general education before moving on to a design school — but he loved it so much that he stuck around for the full four years. He also joined the Knickerbocker fraternity, and he has maintained strong connections with many members since. “They were very formative during my four years on campus,” he said.

The summer after he graduated from Hope College with a degree in biology (Hope didn't have a formal art major at the time), Brummel joined the Vienna Summer School with Dr. Paul Fried '46, who he remembers fondly as “a great mentor, a great man.” In fact, Brummel credits the genesis of his interesting life to this first visit to Europe.

“After Vienna, I stayed in Europe to travel,” he said. “We went straight back to Paris, which is such a beautiful city.” All in all, he spent about two months in Europe that summer.

When he returned to the United States, Brummel studied at the Pratt Institute in New York City. He completed his studies at Pratt in 1960 and made his principal home in New York. While he was still in his 20s, he co-founded two companies that specialized in designing and producing textiles, wallpapers and home furnishings.

The first of these, Kirk-Brummel, was a high-end business that served architects and designers in showrooms throughout the U.S. — Miami, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles — and in Europe. “It was a modernist company, and we received a lot of publicity, a lot of press,” he said. “It was very avant-garde.”

He also founded Raintree Designs, which served a more mass-market clientele through distributors. Here, he introduced the fabrics and wall coverings by designer Laura Ashley.

Both of his businesses “became very prominent, contemporary companies in the United States and abroad as well,” he said. Brummel designed wallpapers for the president of Mexico and worked with famous English novelist Dame Barbara Cartland. He was involved with textile mills across



Cubist Figure 1939

Léopold Survage (French, born Finland 1879-1968)

Oil on canvas

Loan from the M.L. Brummel Collection

Europe and established a second home in Paris. And he did some work in real estate, including luxury restoration work on brownstones and townhouses in Brooklyn Heights.

Through it all, “the exciting thing has always been art,” he said. “Art has always influenced me in my textile work.”

His business travels on two continents and his connections in the art and design world perfectly suited his interests as an art collector, and he developed relationships with auction houses on both continents. Brummel bought his first artwork in Michigan when he was 18, and he hasn't stopped in the 70 years since.

“I'm always hunting for wonderful things,” he said. “It's been a fascinating life. It wasn't a 9-to-5 life. I covered a lot of territory and had a lot of wonderful experiences.”

**September 10 –
December 11**

“Color, Texture, Form: Modern European and American Art from the Brummel Collection” at the Kruizenga Art Museum will tell two stories: of the traditions represented by the pieces on display, and — indirectly — of the path Mike Brummel '57 has traveled since being inspired by his participation in the Vienna Summer School more than 60 years ago.



Garden Sunflowers (Tournesol de jardin) 1966

Françoise Gilot (French, born 1921)

Gouache on paper

Loan from the M.L. Brummel Collection

Today, Brummel splits his time between a Central Park apartment in New York City and a home in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Talking to him about his life is like reading a laundry list of names and places: New York, Paris, Switzerland, Mexico, Southern California, the Netherlands. But, he says, “like a homing pigeon, I keep coming back to West Michigan.”

He’s pleased to see his artwork coming back to West Michigan, too. “Color, Texture, Form” serves as an overview of the development of art in two cities, New York and Paris, both of which served as anchoring points for the wide-ranging orbit of Brummel’s life.

“The New York School of abstraction is a very favorite school of mine, as well as artists from the School of Paris and earlier,” Brummel said.

One part of the exhibition focuses on the School of Paris from the 1920s through the 1970s, a period marked by cubism and later developments in perspective, deconstruction and surrealism. Another part features the New York School from the 1940s to the early 1990s — think here of abstract and non-representational art from artists like Jackson Pollock.

“Part of what I’m trying to do with this exhibition is to tell the story of Mike as a collector, but also of these two schools of artists and their impact on the world,” Mason said.

Serving as a bridge between the two schools, and forming the third part of the exhibition, are selections of artwork by François Gilot, who lived in both Paris and New York and who has contributed to both schools over a decades-long career. Gilot will celebrate her 100th birthday this November. An exceptional artist in her own right, Gilot also lived for nearly 10 years with Pablo Picasso, with whom she had two children.

According to both Mason and Brummel, Gilot is experiencing something of a renaissance in the art world. “She’s such a fascinating artist,” Mason said. “She’s a strong woman who made her own way in a very male-dominated art world.”



Self Portrait 1946
Françoise Gilot (French, born 1921)
Graphite on paper
Loan from the M.L. Brummel Collection

In May 2021, Gilot’s *Paloma à la Guitare* (1965) sold for \$1.3 million at a Sotheby’s auction that exclusively featured work by female artists.

Brummel began collecting pieces by Gilot after seeing her work at a small gallery in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Later, the two became friends. “I’ve known her very well for many years. I was introduced to her through a well-known art curator and historian in New York,” he said. “I would see her in Paris. She maintained a wonderful studio in Montmartre.”

Through all his globetrotting, Brummel has remained a friend of Hope College, making contributions to the Kruizenga Art Museum’s permanent collection and donating a piece to the Nyenhuis Sculpture Garden. This new exhibition of pieces from his collection is just another way for Brummel to come home and to give back.

“I hope it’s inspirational,” Brummel said.

Coffee Shop a First but also Familiar

By Greg Olgers '87

With the addition of the Biggby Café, overnight and conference guests aren't the only ones invited to spend time at the college's newly renovated Haworth Hotel.

Cafés operated by major regional and national chains are a staple of hotels, but it's a new feature for the Haworth Hotel, which previously had a lightly staffed nook for continental breakfasts and coffee. The Biggby shop was added not only as an amenity for those staying at the hotel, but in keeping with the hotel's expanded role as a welcome center for first-time visitors to Hope — and as a welcoming place for alumni and the campus and Holland communities.

"This is the part of the renovation that I'm always most excited about," said Derek Emerson '85, who as director of events and conferences at Hope has administrative responsibility for the hotel. "We've been looking forward to connecting with students especially, providing a place for them to relax or study alone or with friends while enjoying coffee or a snack together, as well as a drop-in destination for anyone visiting Hope or neighboring downtown Holland."

Although hosting a franchise on campus is a first for Hope, the relationship is grounded in a mutual understanding of the college and its mission. The café is owned by alumnus Mark Dykema '07, who also has multiple other Biggby shops in Holland, Zeeland and Allegan.

"This is a natural fit for us," said Dykema, whose wife, Jennifer Stults '07 Dykema, is a Hope classmate. "Our company culture is 'Be happy, have fun, make friends, and drink great coffee,' and that aligns well with the type of place that Hope is."

Dykema is committed to hiring Hope students to staff the operation, and a percentage of all profits are going to Hope (as is true with all income from the hotel). Dykema is also looking forward to connecting with campus life, hoping to partner, for example, with the student-organized Dance Marathon fundraiser held on behalf of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, an activity in which he had participated when he was a student.

The café at Hope opened on June 1, a couple weeks ahead of the reopening of the rest of the hotel. Hope hosted a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 16 with representatives of Haworth Inc. and invited guests. The hotel will host an open house for the campus community and general public this fall.

For more information about the Haworth Hotel and the renovation project, please visit haworthhotel.com



**Mark Dykema '07 and
Jennifer Stults '07 Dykema
with their children.**





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Submissions for the Winter 2021 issue are due by Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

50s

L. James Harvey '52 was recently presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who as a leader in the fields of education, academic administration and business consulting. His biography will appear in the new Marquis Who's Who publication. He has also recently published his 14th book, *1001 Sentence Sermons*, which is his fifth book of sentence sermons.



Carl Ver Beek '59 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, received the Justice Foundation of West Michigan's Lifetime Achievement Award on Thursday, May 13. The award recognizes a member of the Grand Rapids Bar Association for special contributions in service and support to the mission of GRBA and JFWM, the community at large, and the practice of law in West Michigan. He has been a labor and employment attorney at Varnum for more than 40 years.

60s

George Boerigter '61, founder of SoundOffSignal, participated in the groundbreaking of a new 100,000 square foot office and factory. This facility will enable the company to keep up with its historic growth pattern of doubling every five years. The new facility will ultimately house approximately 250 new employees. The company currently has about 175,000 sq. ft. of office and factory with about 350 employees. The company is the major funder of the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career at Hope.

Darrel Staat '64 has written his fifth book, *Higher Education Planning in an Exponential Age: A Continuous, Dynamic Process*, which was co-published by Rowman and Littlefield and the American Association of Community Colleges, (AACC) in April 2021. The book was featured by Rowman and Littlefield at the virtual AACC Convention in May 2021. Darrel was promoted to associate professor at Wingate University, where he has worked as the coordinator of, and a faculty member in, the higher education executive leadership doctoral program since 2015.

George Arwady '69 was elected board president of the New England Newspaper & Press Association. He is publisher and CEO of *The Republican* newspaper of Springfield, Massachusetts, having held similar positions in Michigan, New Jersey and Massachusetts for the past 41 years.

which was founded in 1972 through the collaboration of the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church in the Denver area. The organization owns and manages 22 senior housing communities in Colorado and five other states. She notes that the learning curve as a new board member has been very challenging with COVID-19 raging. Christine has become the chair of the Board Governance Committee, which is responsible for board member recruitment and education, and soon will be joining the Healthcare Ethics Committee.

Beverly Kerlikowske '76 Rose retired from Wells Fargo's commercial banking division in San Francisco and moved with her husband to a small farm in Portland, Oregon. She reports that she is at work on her second novel, tending flower, herb and vegetable gardens, and raising a few chickens.

\$27,285

The Class of 1970 recently completed endowing a class scholarship to celebrate its 50th class reunion. Members of the class contributed \$27,285, which will currently provide annual support of more than \$1,200 for a student's education. The first named recipient will receive The Class of 1970 scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year. The committee that has been heading the fundraising campaign included Carol (Pearce) McGeehan, Christine (Peacock) Powers, Stan Sterk, Tom Thomas, Eric Witherspoon and Tom Henderson (deceased 2020).

70s

Christine Peacock '70 Powers of Denver, Colorado, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Christian Living Communities,

John Vander Kolk '78 started Touch of Hope International, a non-profit organization that provides dental work for Syrian and Lebanese refugees. **Dutch '74** and **Cyndy Hartman '74 Nyboer** recently helped out through a church in Zahle, Lebanon.

80s

John Hakken '80 and **Susan Zobl '84** were married in a small ceremony on Feb 28, 2021.

Robin Bost '80 Sharp was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in March 2021. She was called to serve as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Waterford, Pennsylvania.

Cheryl Schemper '82 Ramey retired after 39 years as a resource specialist with Ripon Unified School District. She reports that she is looking forward to traveling, camping, and spending time with her husband, Mike.

Greg VerBeek '83 moved from Chicago, Illinois, to Austin, Texas, to head up the global contracts and strategic pricing operations for National Instruments.

Annette Kingstand '86 Ziegler is the chief justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Dan Boerigter '88 is the executive chairman of the family company, SoundOffSignal, and led the groundbreaking for a major addition to the company. The new 100,000 square foot office and factory will enable the company to keep up with its historic growth pattern of doubling every five years. The new facility will ultimately house approximately 250 new employees. The company currently has about 175,000 sq. ft. of office and factory with about 350 employees. The company is the major funder of the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career at Hope.

Tracy Boockmeier '89 Brower has published a second book, *The Secrets to Happiness at Work*, which is about empowering people to create and choose the conditions for happiness, wellbeing, fulfillment and success. She is a PhD sociologist studying work-life fulfillment and happiness. Her previous book is *Bring Work to Life by Bringing Life to Work*. She is a principal with Steelcase's Applied Research + Consulting group and a contributor to Forbes.com and Fast Company. In addition, her work has been featured in *TEDx*, *Inc. Magazine*, *Fortune*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *HBR France*.

90s

Christopher Carpenter '90 and **Panechanh Choummanivong '93 Carpenter** report that they enjoyed watching their daughter **Kayla Carpenter '24** compete on Hope's undefeated JV women's basketball team this season despite COVID-19 chaos. He was also happy to serve as a consultant for Hope College's COVID-19 planning team based on his work describing the diagnostic approach to SARS-CoV-2 with the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, American College of Emergency Physicians, and National Institutes of Health. Finally, his multi-generational Hope College experience was highlighted in the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine member profile in March 2021, including a photo in front of the chapel as they dropped Cameron off for freshman year.

Jason Elmore '93 was elected to the bench for the 28th Circuit Court for Wexford and Missaukee Counties, Michigan. He is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves JAG Corps. He recently published his first novel, *The Field*.

Sandy Frieling '93 Washington is teaching drawing and painting, photography and ceramics at Marist High School in Chicago, Illinois.

Shelli Rottschafer '96 published her debut novella *Stay North* through Atmosphere Press in Austin, Texas.

Hillary Heinze '97 is chairing the new department of behavioral sciences at UM-Flint. The new department combines four units: psychology, sociology, anthropology and criminal justice. She has served as chair of the psychology department for the past year.

Greg Vlietstra '97 is the campaign treasurer for Michigan Governor candidate Garrett Soldano.

Matthew Kuiper '98 is an assistant professor of religious studies at Missouri State University and has published his second book, *Da'wa: A Global History of Islamic Missionary Thought and Practice*, which was published by Edinburgh University Press in late January 2021. Matthew, who is married to **Laurie Byington '96 Kuiper**, spent nearly three years researching and writing this book while teaching full time at Missouri State. He will join Hope's religion department as a faculty member in the fall.

Glyn Williams '98 acquired Mahlmann Media, and is serving as CEO. Mahlmann



Bill Boerman '94 of Zeeland, Michigan, was named National Amazing Teacher of the Month by Gannett Publications. He is a STEM teacher at Holland Middle School. One project that his students work on is a greenhouse that provides free, fresh produce for district families and community members.

Media is an out-of-home advertising media owner, operator, and representative that has been in business for over 30 years, previously owned by Richard and Susan Mahlmann. After nearly 20 years at outdoor advertising agencies, he started at Mahlmann Media in 2019 as chief revenue officer and was then elevated to president in 2020. As president, Glyn steered MMI successfully through the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn by increasing its footprint to over 150 locations across 12 cities.

00s

Amy Shineman '00 Carter graduated with a Master of Science in Nursing, family nurse practitioner degree from South University in December 2019 and accepted a position with a hematology/oncology practice in Savannah, Georgia, in March 2020.

Heidi Huebner '00 Wheeler earned her Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. Her doctoral project was "Addressing Racism and

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The Grand Rapids (Michigan) Triathlon on Saturday, June 19, served as a mini-reunion for six alumni of the Cosmopolitan fraternity who were Hope contemporaries. Pictured from left to right after completing the contest are **Andy Ruemenapp '06**, **Todd Neckers '04**, **Devin McNeil '06**, **Nick DeKoster '06**, **Mike DeYoung '06** and **Lance Postma '07**.



Promoting Equity in a College of Nursing through Cognitive and Emotional Perspective Interventions.” She is an assistant professor of nursing at Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Eric Schrotenboer '01 and **Meredith Ter Haar '03 Schrotenboer** have created a Christmas family activity set, *The Wandering Wise Men*, that includes a picture book, a 37-day family devotional and three plush toy wise men for parents to hide around the house. **Joel Schoon-Tanis '89** painted the illustrations for this product. It is currently running a Kickstarter campaign.

Mary Disbrow '02 Kroeger received a master's degree from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, for teaching and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Delta Phi.

Katie Budris '04 of Woodbury, New Jersey, has had her second chapbook of poetry published. *Mid-Bloom*, released this month by Finishing Line Press, explores her experience with breast cancer just two short years ago, including the connection the experience gave her with her late mother, who passed away from cancer in 1998. Katie notes that the poems are not all filled with grief, but also with nostalgia, nature and peace.

Katherine Van Oss '05 and Brad Malat announce the birth of Leon Robertson at the end of November 2020. He is named after Brad's grandfather, who was a Holocaust survivor, and his middle name is Kate's grandmother's maiden name and Scottish clan.

Megan Chambers '06 and Eric Simonson were married on March 12, 2021, in Tucson, Arizona. She is a middle school language arts teacher in Vail, Arizona.

Suzanne Rogier '06 Horan and John Horan announce the birth of Willow Jean on Jan. 29, 2021. She joins big sister, Iris.

Amy Sisson-Strutt '06 received her master's degree from the University of Iowa and lives in Dallas Center, Iowa, with her husband, Tom, and children, Elizabeth, (5) and Evelyn (2). Amy works for Wells Fargo, is a city commissioner and this year was named one of the 12 most Inspiring Women of Iowa, and one of the Des Moines area Business 40 under 40 recipients.

Lyndsey Yonker '07 Huisman and Ben Huisman announce the birth of Arthur David on Nov. 9, 2020.

Carrie Thomason '07 Johnson and **Eric Johnson '07** announce the birth of Caden James, who joins older brother, Connor.

Joseph Seymour '08 and **Sarah Burrichter '10 Seymour** announce the birth of June Honora on April 17, 2021.

Cynthia Riley '09 Krumlauf and Andrew Krumlauf announce the birth of Charlotte Elise on Dec. 27, 2020.

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Luke Hoogeveen '11 and **Leah Patenge '12 Hoogeveen** announce the birth of Alba Ruth in February 2021.

Ben Mahaffie '11 and **Katie Sawyer '11 Mahaffie** announce the birth of Claire Lois-May on Feb. 18, 2021.

Ella Vandervlugt '11 Moehlman received a call to word and sacrament ministry in the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and was ordained Feb. 14, 2020. She is serving as associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisbon, North Dakota.

Audrey Griffith '11 Snoor and Greg Snoor announce the birth of Amelia Grace on April 18, 2021.

Aaron Szarowicz '11 and **Margaret Livingston '12 Szarowicz** announce the birth of Katherine Jane on Feb. 1, 2021.

Ashley Boss '12 Berry received a Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Michigan. She and Blake Berry announce the birth of Cambry Holland on Dec. 31, 2020.

Bethany Stripp '12 Cullen and Joe Cullen announce the birth of Cecilia Joy on Feb. 21, 2021.

Rebekah Taylor '12 Folkert and **Brandon Folkert '12** announce the birth of Blaine Matthew on March 17, 2021.

Jillian Conner '12 Michalenko and Nicholas Michalenko announce the birth of triplets, Nico Alexei, Sadie James and Chloe Quinn, on March 1, 2021.

Jamie Benjamin '12 Slenk and Elliot Slenk announce the birth of Rylee and William Slenk on Feb. 26, 2021.

Brian Yount '12 is the associate pastor at Springhill Presbyterian Church in Bozeman, Montana.

Lindsey Boeve '12 Zona and **John Zona '13** announce the birth of Theo James in October, 2021. He joins sister, Rose (2).

Leigh Clouse '13 graduated from the University of Michigan with a master's of science in information, specializing in digital archives, library science and preservation.

Eric Greve '14 and **Felicia Mata-Greve '14** earned their Ph.Ds. in clinical psychology and chemistry, respectively, from Marquette University in 2020. Eric is a fellow at Seattle Children's Research Institute and Felicia will be starting a fellowship in rehabilitation psychology at the Seattle VA.

Jenna Blankespoor '15 and Jon Maggio were married on Jan. 3, 2021, in Florida, where they both live and work.

Joey Droppers '15 and **Lindsey Boeve '15 Droppers** announce the birth of Willem Joseph on Jan. 14, 2021.

ALUMNI BOARD UPDATE

The Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors appointed four new members and elected three new officers during its April meeting.

The board's new members are: Naod Estifanos, a junior from Silver Spring, Maryland; Tracey Forbes '03 Hoesch of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Michael Magan '88 of London, England; and Jacob Sitati '01 of Vernon Hills, Illinois.

Newly elected as the board's three officers are: president, Jon Soderstrom '76 of Madison, Connecticut; vice president, Lindsay Allward-Theimer '11 of Atlanta, Georgia; and secretary, Anna Leach '12 Hartge of Washington, D.C.

Terrell Solberg '21 of Traverse City, Michigan, formerly Senior Class Representative, was appointed representative of the most



Naod Estifanos '23 Tracey Forbes '03 Hoesch Michael Magan '88 Jacob Sitati '01

recent graduating class. Grace Purdue '22 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, formerly Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

The board members who have completed their service are: Chandler Alberda '20 of Austin, Texas; Katie Bauman '03 Schubert of Frankfort, Illinois; Matt Wixson '08 of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Hideo Yamazaki '76 of Tokyo, Japan.

Kaysee Stevenson '15 Dunifin and **Tyler Dunifin '17** announce the birth of Wallace Thomas on Feb. 22, 2021.

Rebekah Llorens '15 Streeter and Joe Streeter announce the birth of Wyatt on May 2, 2021.

Ethan Beswick '16 and **Onika Bouwkamp '21** were married in July.

Becky Compton '17 and **Michael Stephan '17** were married on Dec. 19, 2020.

Karyn Schmidt '17 and Brent Veerman were married on Oct. 17, 2020, in Risingsun, Ohio.

Jonathan Schoenheider '19 had a classnote written about him that was not correct in the Spring issue of *News from Hope College*. He is not currently married.

Collin Thomas '19 and **Sarah Olen '21** were married on Saturday, July 24, 2021. Sarah will be attending The Ohio State University Optometry program and Collin recently graduated from Princeton Seminary.

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Mariah Noble '20 is pursuing a Doctor of Occupational Therapy through Baylor University's hybrid program.

Hailey Pickelheimer '20 Spry and **Jacob Spry '20** were married on Dec. 19, 2020. Hailey started in the physician assistant program at Indiana State University in January 2021.

Steve Wilbur '20 is a wealth management associate with Greenleaf Trust. He is responsible for supporting the wealth management team in the development of comprehensive wealth management plans, execution of goal-based planning and the management of investment portfolios.

Grace Alex '21 and Alex Cornell were married in July 2021 in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Grace is pursuing a career in law.

Andie Alsgaard '21 is a quality engineer at Steelcase in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Hannah Ashby '21 is interning as an event/marketing coordinator at the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce in Chicago, Illinois.

Barry Bait '21 and **Maggie Swafford '21** were married on Saturday, May 29, 2021, and will be residing in Chicago, Illinois. Barry is attending Northwestern University's Prosthetics and Orthotics program.

Reganne Balow '21 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Michigan.

Cal Barrett '21 is a design engineer at Yanfeng in Novi, Michigan.

Samantha Beck '21 is pursuing a DPT from Oakland University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Katrina Clayton '21 Beltz and **Caleb Beltz '20** were married in May 2020. Katrina is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in leadership with a concentration in student affairs in higher

education at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Caleb is a staff engineer with Basis Partners in Colorado Springs.

Parker Billings '21 is a safety electronic engineer at Tesla.

Onika Bouwkamp '21 and **Ethan Beswick '16** were married in July.

Kimberly Breyfogle '21 is pursuing a Ph.D. in nautical archaeology at Texas A&M University.

Claire Butcher '21 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Michigan.

Dominick Byrne '21 is a credit analyst at Mercantile Bank for the summer and will return to Hope to play soccer for one more year.

Ernesta Cole '21 is pursuing a degree at the University of Michigan's master's program of international regional studies with a focus on African studies.

Quentin Couvelaire '21 is a software developer for General Motors in Detroit, Michigan.

Lauren Cribbs '21 is working with the wastewater monitoring team at Hope.

Kara Dahlenburg '21 is a recruitment and retention specialist at HOPE International.

Vanea Dawson '21 is teaching STEM, art therapy and the Hawaiian language/Hawaiian literacy to children this summer on the big island of Hawaii, where she is from.

Adrian Deneen '21 is pursuing a law degree at Indiana University McKinney School of Law in

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Indianapolis, Indiana.

Lydia DeVinney '21 is an RN at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dominic DeVito '21 is pursuing an environmental Juris Doctor degree at Elizabeth Haub School of Law in White Plains, New York.

Reganne Diener '21 is working at Holland Heights Elementary School.

Taylor Dunn '21 is an outreach specialist with Community Action House in Holland, Michigan. She and **Nick Wyatt '21** were married on Sunday, July 25, 2021.

Amy Dykstra '21 is a business analyst trainee at Meijer.

Maria Egloff '21 is a pediatric registered nurse at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

Rachel Elder '21 is an apprentice at Petoskey Farms Vineyard and Winery.

Audrie Flinsky '21 is a human resource manager for Countryside Industries Inc. in Illinois.

Allison Fuller '21 is a second grade teacher at Larson Elementary School in the Harrison Community School District.

Cameron Geddes '21 is a charter associate with the NPD Group in Chicago, Illinois.

Mallory Gerber '21 is an ophthalmic

technician at Midwest Retina Consultants.

Maria Gomez '21 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Michigan.

Delaney Groves '21 is a family case manager with the Department of Child Services in Elkhart County, Indiana.

Anna Hagner '21 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Jack Hamilton '21 is a sales representative for Advantage Label and Packaging in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Reed Hanson '21 is an apprentice teacher with Great Hearts Academy Live Oak in San Antonio, Texas.

Safia Hattab '21 is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree in nonfiction at Columbia University in New York, New York.

Ashley Hayden '21 is working in a grant-funded research position.

Maya Hecksel '21 is pursuing a clinical doctorate in audiology at Northwestern University.

Gregory Hedrick '21 is working for Pfizer as a scientist on the COVID-19 vaccine.

Jasmine Hoffman '21 is a ministry service representative at Our Daily Bread Ministries.

Ruth Holloway '21 is pursuing a Ph.D. in political science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Samuel Hopkins '21 is a commercial account executive for Ringnald & TenHaken Insurance Group.

Hannah Jones '21 is pursuing an MS/LIS degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Kara Joseph '21 is a special education teacher at Murphy Creek P-8 School in Aurora, Colorado.

Evelyn Kamradt '21 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Michigan.

Jacob Kelley '21 is a custom solutions analyst for NielsenIQ in Chicago, Illinois.

Merritt Kramer '21 is pursuing a Master of Science degree in art administration at Boston University.

Mary Laffey '21 is working at Messenger Public Library in North Aurora, Illinois.

Kworweinski Lafontant '21 is pursuing a master's in exercise science degree concentrating on strength and conditioning at the University of South Florida.

Julia Loula '21 is working at Western Michigan University's Children's Trauma Assessment Center.

Meghan Maikowski '21 is working as a nursing assistant at Michigan Medicine.

Emily Merrick '21 is a nurse on the medical/surgical unit at Beaumont Royal Oak Hospital.

Benjamin Meyers '21 is pursuing a Doctorate of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Michigan Dental School.

Kameron Miller '21 is working for Plante Moran's business valuation team in Chicago, Illinois.

Rachel Netz '21 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Michigan.

Leah Newhof '21 is interning at the national tennis campus in Orlando, Florida.

Janae Nutter '21 is a pro sales associate with Herc Rentals.

Sarah Olen '21 and **Collin Thomas '19** were married on Saturday, July 24, 2021. Sarah will be attending The Ohio State University optometry program and Collin recently

10 UNDER 10 AWARDS

Hope College and the Alumni Board of Directors is proud to announce the recipients of the third annual 10 Under 10 Awards. The awards are designed to honor alumni within 10 years of graduation making significant contributions in the local and global community by living out their calling.

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NATALIE BROWN '17
PALMER D'ORAZIO '16
JIM DELBENE '12
DIVYA DHALIWAL '14
LARISSA FALL '14
ANYSIE ISHIMWE '16
EMERY MAX '12
KARLY M. MURPHY '11
BRANDON SIAKEL '11
MOLLY GREENFIELD '15
SKAWSKI

NSF PROGRAM HONORS

Six recent graduates have received recognition through the prestigious Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation (NSF) this year.

Kathleen Muloma '19 received a fellowship. Receiving honorable mention were **Brandon Derstine '17**, **Megan Elizabeth Edwards '17**, **Ford Fishman '19**, **Ashley Trojniak '19** and **Jacob VanderRoest '21**.

Muloma will be pursuing a Ph.D. in physical chemistry at UC Berkeley, and VanderRoest will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at Colorado State University. The others are continuing graduate studies: Derstine in chemistry at Stanford University; Edwards in social psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia; Fishman in ecology at Indiana University; and Trojniak in chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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graduated from Princeton Seminary.

Katelyn Ornduff '21 is a sixth grade English language arts teacher at South Middle School in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Emma Passaglia '21 is volunteering as an English language and photography/videography instructor at Children of Faith Missions in Visakhapatnam, India, junior college (middle school) students.

Katherine Peltz '21 is a staff auditor at Plante Moran in Chicago, Illinois.

Anna Peterson '21 moved to Bethesda, Maryland, to participate in Fourth Presbyterian's Fellowship Program, where she is leading ministry, taking seminary classes and working in D.C. for a year.

Maryah Phillips '21 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Nicole Prihoda '21 is a certified nursing assistant for Spectrum Health.

Mackenzie Ralston '21 is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Grand Valley State University.

Hope Reynolds '21 is attending Duke University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Jessica Robinson '21 is a nurse on the cardiothoracic stepdown unit at Meijer Heart Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Carleigh Robinson '21 is attending the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy.

Drew Schmitz '21 is a private bank analyst at JPMorgan Chase.

Andrew Schenkel '21 is an account manager in executive sales for Gartner in Fort Myers, Florida.

Erik Schoonover '21 is pursuing a Ph.D. in geology at Pennsylvania State University.

Terrell Solberg '21 is a clinical care assistant at Copper Ridge Surgery Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

Gia Spriet '21 is a marketing analyst at GP Reeves.

Christopher Stamatopoulos '21 is a project engineer at Stryker Corporation in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Maggie Swafford '21 and **Barry Bait '21** were married on Saturday, May 29, 2021, and will be residing in Chicago, Illinois. Maggie will be teaching at Chicago Public Schools.

Zachary Theis '21 is working for Auto-Owners Insurance.

Ashleigh Thomas '21 is an ICU nurse at Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital in East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Lauryn Thompson '21 is pursuing a Doctorate in Physical Therapy degree at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Thomson '21 is a staff accountant for Ernst and Young in Greenville, South Carolina.

Jacob VanderRoest '21 is pursuing a chemistry Ph.D. at Colorado State University.

John Vander Vliet '21 is working as a financial service office assurance staff member at Ernst and Young in Chicago, Illinois.

Will von Seeger '21 is pursuing a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Notre Dame.

Amelia Waalkes '21 and Josiah Hanson were married on May 23, 2020, in Zeeland, Michigan. Amelia owns and operates a wedding rental business, Pair-a-docs Event Rentals LLC.

Emma Wabel '21 is working at Acadia National Park in Maine for the summer and will then pursue a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences at Michigan State University in the fall.

Abigail Wallar '21 is pursuing a master's degree in architecture at Penn State University.

Caitlyn Walsh '21 is teaching with Hamilton Community Schools.

Amanda Warner '21 is a tax associate for BDO USA, LLP in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mia Wiley '21 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Claire Williams '21 is a registered nurse at the Duke University Hospital in a cardiac/pulmonary clinic.

Riley Wilson '21 is an actor in New York City. He recently worked on Amazon's *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*.

Rachel Wishop '21 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at Michigan State University.

Abbey Woodruff '21 is an admissions coordinator for National Heritage Academies in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jordan Young '21 is an administrative assistant for the RCA Global Missions.

Camryn Zeller '21 is an elementary school teacher for Great Hearts Arlington in Arlington, Texas.



IN MEMORIAM

The college is often privileged to receive additional information in celebration of the lives of members of the Hope community who have passed away. In addition, because this thrice-yearly magazine can lag several months behind in reporting the deaths of retired faculty, the notices within are brief synopses of the fuller tributes developed for Hope's website when the college learned of their passing. Please visit Hope online for the expanded obituaries and articles.

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Vernon Boersma '44 of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, June 19, 2021. He was 99. He was a former president of HASP (Hope Academy of Senior Professionals) and the group's last remaining charter member. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1975 and was the college physician for a number of years. Survivors include his wife, Lois Hinkamp '44 Boersma; children, Mary, Timothy '73 (Margie) and Robert; five grandsons; three step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandson; and brother, Phillip (Julie) Boersma.

Pauline Stegenga '48 Breen of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021. She was 94. Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Linda Breen; children, Stephen (Linda) Breen, Mary (James) Veldkamp, Ruth (Robert) Stacey and Elisabeth (James) Koerner; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and sister, Lillian Stegenga '51 (Wendell '51) Rooks.

Emily "Jackie" Boerman '48 Stark of Muskegon, Michigan, died on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020. She was 93. Survivors include her children, Kathlynn VanDam '75 (Frank) Martin, Laurel VanDam, Joan (Thomas) Cole and Eric VanDam; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several step-children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Alida Keizer '49 Vande Bunte of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Sunday, March 7, 2021. She was 94. Survivors include her children, David (Barbara) Vande Bunte, Lee (Nancy Petroelje '77) Vande Bunte, Jane Vande Bunte '77 (Todd '77) Knecht, Tim (Nancy) Vande Bunte '83 and Paul (Conni) Vande Bunte '86; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Aileen (Lee) Kingma, Harriet Buffinga and Joan (David) Earnhart.

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Helen Dykstra '50 DeLoy of Lancaster, South Carolina, died on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021. She was 93. Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Gerald DeLoy; sisters, Joyce (Jack) Twiest, Margaret (Bud) Hall, and Mary (Brian) Connell; sister-in-law, Marlene DeVette '56 Dykstra; children, Dave DeLoy, Don (Dee) DeLoy, Dale (Becky) DeLoy '86 and Darlene (Tom) Lekowski; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Marion Reichert '50 Fairbanks of Huntington, Connecticut, died on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. She was 97. Survivors include her children, Carol (Terry) Fairbanks and Robert (Tracey) Fairbanks; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Marcia Den Herder '50 Kempers of Naples, Florida, died on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. She was 92. Survivors include her husband, Roger Kempers '49; children, Mary (Walter) McCarthy, Tom (Kristi) Kempers '78 and Steven (Jane Lindholm) Kempers; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sisters-in-law, Judy Den Herder, and Joy Kempers '53 Fuder; brother-in-law, David Kempers '55; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Margery Kempers '61 (Ron '61) Wiegink.

Laurence Masse '50 of Barrington, Illinois, died on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021. He was 94. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Pamela Masse; children, Laurel Masse, Babette (Christopher) Brown, Heather (Gene) Tipton and Edward Reavey; three grandchildren; and brothers-in-law, Lawrence (Ann) Bateman, Michael (Christine) Bateman and Peter Bateman.

Robert Westerhoff '50 of Springdale, Arkansas, died on Monday, May 3, 2021. He

was 94. Survivors include his daughters, Susan Gorney and Mary-Ann Westerhoff; son, Steven Westerhoff; son-in-law, Robert Gorney; sisters-in-law, Kathleen Westerhoff, Helen Koepke and Eileen (Chuck) Young; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Russell Korver '51 of Urbandale, Iowa, died on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020. Survivors include his children, Jill Korver and Brent (Debbie) Korver; and two grandchildren.

Thomas McCloud '51 of Kansas City, Kansas, died on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021. He was 93. Survivors include his children, Phil, Chris and Carol.

Beth Thomson '51 Murley of Adrian, Michigan, died on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. She was 92. Survivors include her children, Janice Murley, Judy (Neil) Barker, Tom (Connie) Murley and Brian Murley; five grandchildren, and three great-grandsons.

John Van Eenenaam '51 of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 4, 2021. He was 91. Survivors include his wife, Marianne Wierks '56 Van Eenenaam; children, Susan Van Eenenaam '80 (Orlando) Fiallo, James (Sblendia) Van Eenenaam '88 and Julie Van Eenenaam '92 (Chris '91) Barrett; nine grandchildren; siblings, David (Elena) Van Eenenaam '57 and Isla Van Eenenaam '59 (Victor) VerMeulen; and sister-in-law, Jeanne (Tom) Birch.

Nancy Vyverberg '51 Van Hall of Midland, Michigan, died on Saturday, May 29, 2021. She was 91. Survivors include her daughter, Lynne (Dan) Plisek; son, Richard (Teresa); and four grandchildren.

Raymond Bishop '52 of Old Bridge, New Jersey, died on Monday, Oct. 26, 2020. He was 91. Survivors include his children, Beth Ann (Thomas) Romano and Scott Bishop; and three grandchildren.

Michael Romano '52 of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, died on Saturday, March 27, 2021. He was 93. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Fikse '50 Romano; children, Stephen, Philip and Cynthia; six grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Sally Ann Palen '53 Pontier of Hillsboro, Oregon, died on Thursday, March 4, 2021. She was 89.

Roger Vander Meulen '53 of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, June 5, 2021. He was 83. Survivors include his wife, Karen Vander Meulen; children, Rick Vander Meulen; Rhonda (Troy) Stahl; five grandchildren; and in-laws, Mary Vander Meulen, Phyllis Kragt, Rosie (Harlan) Lubbers, Ron (Pam) Nienhuis, Bob (Andy) Pippel, and Howard (Mary) Pippel.

Warren Westerhoff '53 of El Cajon, California, died on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020. He was 89. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Westerhoff; children, Lisa, Eric, Shawn and Dana; and brother, Robert Westerhoff '50.

John Busman '54 of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Thursday, March 11, 2021. He was 89. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Pennings '56 Busman; sons, Dan (Tamara), David and Doug (Lisa) Busman; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Joseph Fowler '54 of White Lake, New York, died on Saturday, May 22, 2021. He was 88. Survivors include his wife of nearly 67 years, Bernice Keizer '54 Fowler; children, Aleta (David), Nicholas (Sheila), Jane (Denise), and Timothy (Suzanne); three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

John "Jack" Lamb '54 of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, June 10, 2021. He was 89. Survivors include his wife, Lois Lamb; children, John (Kris) Lamb, Bob (Stacey) Lamb '80, Tom Lamb, Mike (Barb Cochran '83) Ellis '86 and Kathy Ellis '90 (Bryan Jones) Frieling; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Carole Estroe '55 Bakker of Pleasant Valley, Connecticut died on Saturday, May 8, 2021. She was 87. Survivors include her children, Marie Bakker-Lovley, Jennifer (George) Bakker-Miller and Peter (Brenda) Bakker Jr.; and six grandchildren.

William Siderius '55 of Elmhurst, Illinois, died in November 2020. He was 87. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Siderius; children, Sue Siderius, Beth (Bill) Heaton, Jeffrey (Beth) Siderius and Julie McCray; and seven grandchildren.

Richard Spieldenner '55 of Portage, Michigan, died on Thursday, May 13, 2021. He was 87. Survivors include his wife, H. Elaine Vrugink '56; children, Laura Spieldenner '82 (John '81) Strain, Lisa (Ed) Schering and Roger (Denise) Spieldenner; seven grandchildren; and in-laws: Darle (Shirley) Vander Schuur, Mel (Gloria) Drew and Don (Jan) Vrugink.

Donald De Braal '56 of Glendora, California, died on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020. He was 88.

Barbara Larsen '56 Klett of New York, New York, died on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021. She was 85.

Marjorie Newton '56 Lanier of East Glenville, New York, died on Friday, March 19, 2021. She was 86. Survivors include her children, Lauri (Terry) Gordon and Scott Lanier; two grandchildren; sister, Shirley (Ronald) Phillips; and two brothers, Howard Newton '51 and Richard (Evelyn) Newton.

Richard Ortquist '56 of Baytown, Texas, died on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. He was 87. Survivors include his children, Leslie Ortquist '83 (Thomas) Ahrens and Bruce (Mindy) Ortquist; three grandchildren; stepchildren, David (Michelle) McSkimming, Cynthia (Rick) Erwin, Janet (Jimmy) Richmond and Allen (Laura) McSkimming; five step-grandchildren; siblings, Jackie Martin and Sharon (Dick) Ward; and sister-in-law, Cody (Jim) Greenwood.

Karl Vander Laan '56 of Ada, Michigan, died on Thursday, May 6, 2021. He was 86. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Jean Albers '58 Vander Laan; children, James (Kathy Jo) Vander Laan '82, Scott Vander Laan and Susan Vander Laan '88 (Bruce '90) Vander Kolk; and four grandchildren.

Lois Vandelinder '56 Wright of Amarillo, Texas, died on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021. She was 87. Survivors include her son, Charles (Corinne) Wright; two grandchildren; brother, Lee Wright; and sister, Jean Wright.

Joan Fendt '57 Souder of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, June 6, 2021. She was 86. Survivors include her children, Diane (Bob) Hogg and Jim (Heidi) Souder; seven grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Judy Cook.

George Vande Woude Jr. '57 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. He was 85. Survivors include his children, Sue (Edward Hoover) Vande Woude; Gail Vande Woude, Cindy Vande Woude and Alice (Pete) Fens; five grandchildren; brother, Michael

(Nancy) Vande Woude; and sister, Sue (Dave) Birdsall.

James Cook '59 of Apopka, Florida, died on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021. He was 84. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Cook; children, Wendy (Tom) Lyons, Mary (Jim) McGee and Amy Cook; sister, Elsie Kloote; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Carol Hondorp '59 Wagner of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, April 8, 2021. She was 83. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Jan Wagner '57; children, Ken (Jill) Wagner '81, Bob (Sandy) Wagner and Jeanne Wagner '85 (Patrick) Kellner; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and brother, Gordon (Mary Lou VanEs '57) Hondorp '57.

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Thorval Hansen '60 of Jenison, Michigan, died on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. He was 83. Survivors include his children, Peggi (Bob) DeGraff and Kristi (Mark) McKamey; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Jack Kraai '60 of Downers Grove, Illinois, died on Monday, Jan. 11, 2021. He was 82. Survivors include his children, Karin (Bill Dusz), Kelli (Peter Markuson) and Kristin (Kevin Keely); six grandchildren; and sister, Margie (Don) VanderMeeden.

Gretta Bouman '61 Xander of Vienna, Virginia, died on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020. She was 81. Survivors include her husband, Tom Xander.

Roger Achterhof '62 of Rochester, Minnesota, died on Monday, April 26, 2021. He was 80. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Carole Risselada '64 Achterhof; daughters, Kristin (Glenn Ronaldson) Achterhof, Linda (Jim) Davis, and Marta Achterhof; three grandchildren; and siblings, Douglas (Karen) Achterhof and Beverly Rohl.

Harold "Shorty" Brown '62 of Kimberly, Idaho, died on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. He was 81. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Heldred DeWitt '62 Brown; children, Connie and Nicholas (Kerri); and five grandchildren.

Ingrid vonReitzenstein '62 Claussner of Tucson, Arizona, died on Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. She was 82. Survivors include her husband, Eberhard Claussner; and daughter, Maureen.

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Dale Church '62 Paarlberg of Jacksonville, Florida, died on Thursday, May 6, 2021. She was 80. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, P. John Paarlberg; children, Philip John (Angela) Paarlberg III, Jessica (Dan) Mathews and Jonathan (Jessi) Paarlberg; seven grandchildren; and brother, William R.K. Church '64.

Mary Jane Dykstra '63 Havlicek of Pahoehoe, Hawaii, died on Friday, May 28, 2021. She was 79. Survivors include her husband, Stephen Havlicek '63; children, Lani (Illya Quandt) Havlicek, Malia (Gordan Gjerapic) Havlicek and John (Maricar Souza) Havlicek; and five grandsons.

John Oosterbaan '63 of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021. He was 79. Survivors include his wife, Christine Oosterbaan, children, J.P. (Joan) Oosterbaan, Anna (George Mixon) Oosterbaan and David (Lindsay) Oosterbaan; nine grandchildren; and sister Irene Oosterbaan '67 (Ronald) Zuiderveen.

Thomas Van Kley '63 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. He was 79. Survivors include his wife, Rosalie Van Kley; children, Brian Van Kley, Jennifer (Joshua) Wise, Matthew and Rhonda Van Kley; step-children, Travis (Tonya) Barber, Michael Barber, Katherine (Eric) Voight and Miranda (Joseph) Reddy; sisters, Mardee Mott and Peggy (Larry) Busscher; mother-in-law, Elaine Knoll; brother-in-law, Michael (Rebecca) Knoll; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Paul Welwood '63 of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, died on Monday, June 7, 2021. He was 80. Survivors include his wife, Joann Welwood; children, Dale (Alan Greczynski) Welwood, Jay (Joann) Welwood and Benjamin Welwood; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Anne Hutchinson '65 Bao of Roswell, Georgia, died on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021. She was 77. Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Benjamin Bao '66; son; daughter; and four grandchildren.

Rebecca Allen '65 Hintze of Pleasanton, California, died on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. She was 77. Survivors include her husband, Ray Hintze; children, Brian, Nicholas and Maria; and two grandchildren.

Suzanne Radliff '65 Sather of Stanwood, Washington, died on Sunday, May 2, 2021. She was 77. Survivors include her husband,

Lawrence Sather; daughters, Charlotte Sather Davis and Victoria Sather; one granddaughter; and sister, Nancy.

Maria Rodriguez '65 Toy of Spring Lake, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021. She was 95. Survivors include her sister, Raquel Sanders.

Mary Handlogten '67 of Gainesville, Florida, died on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021. She was 76. Survivors include her brother, Gordon Handlogten; and sister, Jane Handlogten '64 (Ross '62) Hamlin.

Carol Jacobusse '68 Hahnfeld of Milton, Massachusetts, died on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Survivors include her husband, John Hahnfeld '66; daughter, Rachel; two grandchildren; and brothers, David Jacobusse, Lloyd Jacobusse '62 and Steven Jacobusse '71.

Norman Schwab '68 of Sanford, North Carolina, died on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. He was 75. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Paulette Schwab; sister, Cathie Morey; children, Scott Schwab, Sharon (Timothy, Sr.) Girardin and Joy (Scott/Soprano) Velasco; and 10 grandchildren.

Mary Alice Marosy '69 Berlino of Troy, Michigan, died on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. She was 73. Survivors include her husband, Joseph Berlino; step-child, Joseph (Heather) Berlino; sister, Susan (Edward) VanDungen; and three grandchildren.

Raymond Fylstra '69 of Hinsdale, Illinois, died on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021. He was 73. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Charlotte Buis '68 Fylstra; children, Helen Fylstra '05, Margaret Fylstra '07 (David) Jaglowski and Henry (Stacy) Fylstra; two grandchildren; and siblings, Daniel (Hilary) Fylstra, David (Shirley) Fylstra and Mary (Cameron) Artigue.

Loren Reynolds '69 McCaleb of Fennville, Michigan, died on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. She was 74. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Robert McCaleb; siblings, Megan (Greg) Walker and Robert (Briana Glauvitz) McCaleb; four grandchildren; sister, Frances (Rick) Steffen; and brothers, David (Ari Sumargo) Starkey and Don (Sherry) Starkey.

was 73. Survivors include her husband, David Edyvean '70.

Bonita "Bonnie" Everts '70, formerly of Westfield, New York, died on Thursday, May 6, 2021. She was 73. Survivors include her son, Graham Burdick Everts and Trish Lowe; her mother, Patricia Everts; and siblings, Gary Everts, Barbara (Everts) and Herb Johnson, and Laurie (Everts) Santorno.

Robert De Vries '72 of Traverse City, Michigan, died on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. He was 73. Survivors include his wife; children; grandchildren; and siblings.

Karl Esmark '72 of La Fayette, New York, died on Friday, Dec. 17, 2020. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Morris Esmark, children, Katherine (Joe) Wilburn, Jeffrey (Charity) Rarick, Richard Rarick and Valerie Rarick; two grandchildren; and brothers, Kenneth (Jeni) Esmark and Keith Esmark.

Ellen ten Hoor '72 Fitch of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020. She was 70. Survivors include her children, William Perec, Margaret (Matt Fletcher) Perec, Kevin P.H. Fitch and Jude Fitch; sisters, Joan (James Dobson) ten Hoor '66 and Lois ten Hoor '70 Sterenberg; and in-laws, Robert (Yolanda) Fitch and Noreen Fitch.

Carl Gomes II '72 of Parrish, Florida, died on Monday, March 15, 2021. He was 70. Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Lowe; their son, Ryan Gomes; former wife, Ann Marie (Trozzi) Gomes; their children, Kevin Gomes, Becky McBride and Matt Gomes; one granddaughter; and brother, David Gomes.

Thomas Kapral '74 of Pearland, Texas, died on Saturday, May 8, 2021. He was 68. Survivors include his wife, Jane Johnson '73 Kapral; son, Andrew Kapral; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Stephan Kapral; two granddaughters; and siblings, Wayne Kapral (Stephanie), Karen Morrison (James), and Richard Kapral.

Frederick "Rick" Stevens '74 of Tucson, Arizona, died on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021. He was 69. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Stevens.

Rudell "Rudy" Broekhuis '75 of Fennville, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021. He was 67. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Diane Broekhuis; children, Ryan (Maria Hernandez) Broekhuis, Dawn Broekhuis '02 (Chad '00) Joldersma and Emily Broekhuis '04 (Anthony '99) Petkus; six grandchildren; and in-laws, Barbara (Robert) Slikkers, Larry (Maria)

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Karen Chase '70 Edyvean of Schenectady, New York, died on Monday, April 6, 2021. She

Zuidema and Marilyn Broekhuis.

Jodi Japinga '75 Syens of Holland, Michigan, died on Feb. 5, 2021. She was 67. Survivors include her husband, Marv Syens '75; daughter, Rachel Syens '11; mother, Shirley Japinga; sister, Julie Japinga '85 (Kevin '84) Van Oordt; and brother, Jeff (Jennifer) Japinga.

Janette Vandenberg '79 Aardema of East Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Monday, May 17, 2021. She was 63. Survivors include her husband, Bob Aardema; children, Christina Aardema '13 (Maitlan) Cramer and Bobby Aardema; one grandchild; and sister, Wendy (Ken) Yerkes.

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Michael Geib '83 of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, May 8, 2021. He was 59. Survivors include his parents, Jim and Dorri Geib; sister, Tammi (Dan) Griswold; and stepson, Blake Stewart.

Scott Baar '84 of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, May 8, 2021. He was 59. Survivors include Lisa, Matt Baar '16, Ellie, B. Koraima, George, Stella, Sarah Baar '87 VandenBerg, Steve, Zach, Morgan, Ella, Annie, Ed, Hannah, Connor, Heidi, Joelle, DJ, Uncle John, and Uncle Jim, Aunt Mary, Tom, Mike, Betsie, Steve, Ann, Bill; and his mother, Judy Rypma '57 Baar.

Brent Deters '86 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. He was 57. Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Jillane Deters; children, Nicholas (Megan) Deters, Elizabeth Deters, and Emily Deters; mother, Irene Deters; brother, Drew (Deb) Deters; and mother-in-law, Maria Van Dam.

Bret Sunnerville '89 of Plainwell, Michigan, died on Monday, May 10, 2021. He was 56. Survivors include his wife, Paula Sunnerville; children, Jack, Sam and Chloe; parents, Ernest (Jerrilyn) Sunnerville; and siblings, Laura (Jose) Martinez, and Sue (Tracy) McConnell.

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Dana "Max" DeVries '93 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, May 21, 2021. He was 50. Survivors include his wife, Lisa Wierenga '90 DeVries; children, Ben, Tristan and Tyler; father, Brian DeVries; siblings, Rebecca (Mark)

Monteforte, Rachel (Mike) Mraz, JB DeVries and Sam DeVries; mother-in-law, Judi Meister; and sister-in-law, Kim (Brad) VandenHeuvel.

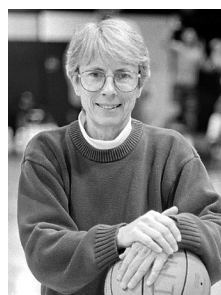
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Matthew Workman '03 of West Olive, Michigan, died on Thursday, March 11, 2021. He was 40. Survivors include his wife, Laurel Workman; children, Avery and Grayson; parents, John (Kathy) Workman '70; brother, Mike (Ella) Workman; and sisters-in-law, Linda (Scott) Sowles and Susan (Phillip) Heinlen.

Bradley Bechard '09 of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, May 30, 2021. He was 33. Survivors include his parents, Joseph (Sonya) Bechard; sisters, Gabrielle and Monique (Joe); and grandparents, Henry (Margaret) Eshuis and Susan Bechard.

Sympathy to

The family of **Emery Blanksma** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Monday, May 31, 2021. He was 83. He worked as the maintenance supervisor in the physical plant department at Hope. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Sharon Blanksma; children, Laurie (Charlie) Snedeker, Michael (Aaron Edwards) Blanksma '83 and Julie Blanksma '86 (Keith) Sauter; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Henry Blanksma; sister, Sue Krebs; and sister-in-law, June (Michael) VanderVeen.



Anne E. Irwin of Fennville, Michigan, died on Saturday, April 3. She was 79. She was a professor emerita of kinesiology at Hope, having joined the faculty in 1976 and retiring in 2003, and was the college's first

director of women's athletics. During her time at Hope, the women's teams grew to 10 — and its participants more than three-fold — at the time of her retirement in 2003. While she administrated, she coached, too — as head coach of women's basketball (1976-79), softball (1977-87), and field hockey (1979-80) and as assistant coach of women's soccer and volleyball. Survivors include her partner of 31 years, Kay

Zuris; brother, Dr. Charles F. Irwin, and sister, Emily Jean Irwin. For more about her impact on Hope athletics and career, including a photo gallery, please visit: hope.edu/anne-irwin.



The family of **Elliot A. Tanis** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Thursday, July 22, 2021. He was 87. A specialist in statistics, he retired from the Hope faculty in 2000 as a professor emeritus of mathematics after teaching at

the college since 1965. His tenure included serving interim dean for the natural sciences in 1993, and taking students to Japan for May Term at Meiji Gakuin University. In 1989, the graduating class presented him with the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award. Survivors include his wife, Elaine (Buteyn) Tanis; their three children, Philip Tanis '87 and Gretchen Schoon Tanis '99, Joel Schoon-Tanis '89 and Kathryn Schoon Tanis '95, and Ellen Tanis '90 Awad and Habeeb Awad; and six grandchildren.

The family of **Kate Veldink** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Monday, May 31, 2021. She was 23. Kate graduated from Ready For Life in 2020 and had participated in the 2019 Celebration of Undergraduate Research at Hope and was an honorary member of the Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society. Survivors include her parents, Dave (Mary VanZoeren '91) Veldink '91; sister, Abby Veldink '18 (Max) Sievers; and grandparents, Keith (Ann) VanZoeren, and Larry (Ginny) Veldink.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 4, at noon on the green space across from the Dow Center in remembrance of dance department founder Maxine DeBruyn, who died on December 9, 2020. It will include a performance of "Snickerdoodles," an original work by DeBruyn that premiered during Dance 18 in 1992; reflections by colleagues; and an opportunity for guests to share their memories.

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