

# HOPE



## A Weekend



## Unlike Any Other



**On the Cover**

*Sunday, May 6, was an extraordinary day—and not only because it saw the members of the Class of 2012 celebrate the conclusion of their college years and join the alumni ranks. In the afternoon, an unexpectedly speedy storm from the west prompted Commencement to be moved indoors less than 30 minutes before it was scheduled to begin. In the evening, Hope announced that President James Bultman '63 will remain in office for another year while the college continues its presidential search.*

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**"Quote, unquote"**

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



*Across 2011-12, the campus community celebrated the service of President James Bultman '63 and Martie Tucker '63 Bultman through events that anticipated their retirement at the end of the school year. With the presidential search process continuing the Bultmans have graciously agreed to stay another year (please see the story on page six), but the point of the events—affection and gratitude for a couple that has given selflessly to Hope for decades—remains.*

*Members of the campus community, as well as alumni and friends, filled Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, April 17, when President Bultman presented "Defining Decisions – Learning Lessons – Pleasing Places" through Mortar Board's "Last Lecture Series," outlining experiences from childhood through his tenure at Hope and the impact they had on him. In examining the seeds and how they took root in his life, he hoped especially to help the students to consider how they might live theirs.*

*President Bultman's address is available in its entirety at [www.hope.edu/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/nfhc). Here, as a complement, is the introduction by Marc Tori '12, president of Hope's chapter of Mortar Board, which helps show why a space as large as Dimnent Memorial Chapel was needed for the event. (An active student leader, Marc is pictured on page five presenting this year's H.O.P.E. Award.)*

"President Bultman has been involved in this campus for seven decades, as president for 13 years. His list of accomplishments is long, but I'm sure that's probably not what brought most of you here tonight. Rather, you're here because President Bultman has made a personal impact in your own life, just like he has in mine. Maybe

it's when he sat down with you at lunch on Sunday in Phelps Dining Hall. Or perhaps it was when he called you when you were still considering coming to Hope. He's probably come to one of your athletic or musical performances and congratulated you afterwards. President Bultman is a kind man who gives a smile and handshake to everyone. He's also a great leader on this campus.

"I'm sure if you're a faculty or staff member, President Bultman encourages you and supports you in your work. If you're a community member, thank you for coming tonight—and I know you've probably seen President Bultman downtown with his wife or at a Hope football game.

"We all have a President Bultman story. One of my favorites belongs to my friend, Luther. Luther was playing Frisbee golf with his friends one Saturday night. He threw the Frisbee and it landed in President Bultman's bushes behind his garage. And he was there searching for 15 minutes and he couldn't find it. His friends left to continue playing the round, but he stayed and looked. President Bultman came out the back door, and he offered to help Luther find the Frisbee. And he offered a flashlight, but Luther said, 'No, that's okay, I'll keep looking,' but he couldn't find it at all.

"So President Bultman went back inside and he brought out four Frisbees, one of which I have right here. Luther kept the Frisbee. And he didn't even finish the round of Frisbee golf because he was so inspired by that: 'I can't even use this. I lost the last one I'm not losing this one.' So, Luther kept the Frisbee, hasn't ever played with it. He was really honored by that.

"I'm sure we can all tell many stories just like that.

"President Bultman will be speaking tonight, and his words are going to mean a lot to us because this really is his last lecture as the president of Hope College. His service here has been long and very inspiring. We are so blessed to have a man like him as the president of our college and a leader of this community. In everything he does, he serves Christ by serving us. So, please join me welcoming President Bultman as he gives his Last Lecture, titled 'Defining Decisions, Learning Lessons, Pleasing Places.'"



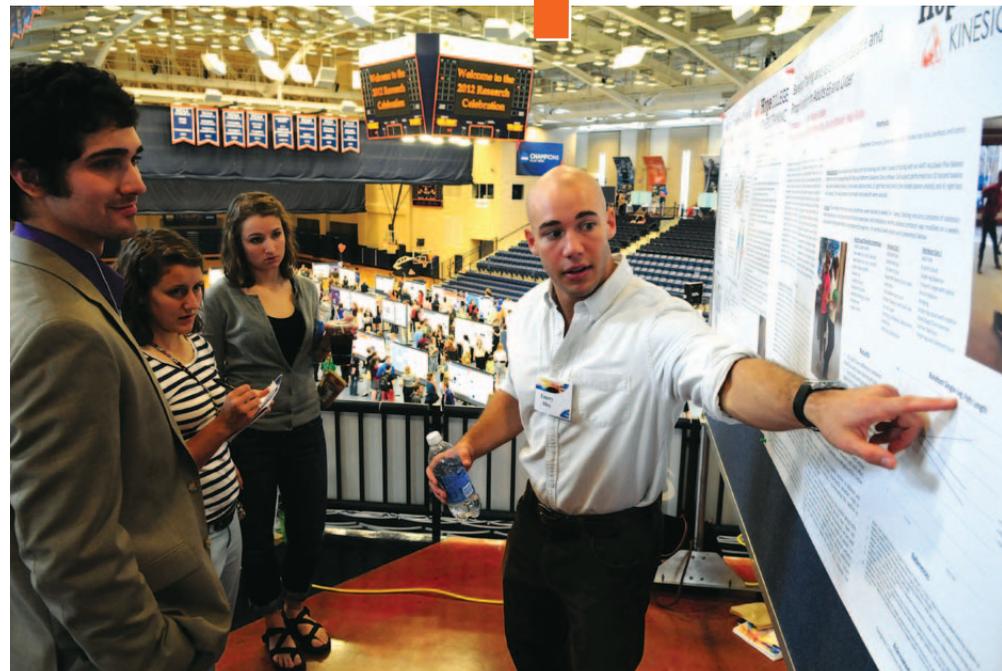
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## Distinctive Hope



The college's annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance is both medium and message. This year's event on Friday, April 13, featured poster presentations by students on 222 collaborative research projects, on topics ranging from anxiety levels in dancers, to mathematics education in Cameroon, to the use of infrared technology in evaluating bridge decks, to the public perception of wolves in northern Michigan. The volume is so large each year that it takes the college's largest space, the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse, to host it. The breadth and scale of the celebration reflect the breadth and scale of faculty-student collaborative research at Hope, a practice pioneered at the college more than half a century ago and now lauded as a model for others to follow. Students do the work part-time amidst their studies during the school year and full-time during the summer, more than 140 campus-wide this season. For more photos of this year's celebration, please visit the college online. [More ONLINE !\[\]\(cbe2492b119e39e02a1dab2af4a4b296\_img.jpg\) www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)



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# Events



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**May Term**—Through June 1

**June Term**—June 4-29

**July Term**—July 2-27

### Fall Semester

Aug. 24, Friday—Residence halls open for new students, 10 a.m.

Aug. 24-27, Friday-Monday—New Student Orientation

Aug. 26, Sunday—Residence halls open for returning students, noon

Aug. 26, Sunday—Convocation for new students and parents, 2 p.m.

Aug. 28, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.

Sept. 3, Monday—Labor Day, classes in session

Sept. 25-26, Tuesday-Wednesday—Critical Issues Symposium

Oct. 5-10, Friday, 6 p.m. to Wednesday, 8 a.m.—Fall Recess

Oct. 13, Saturday—Homecoming Weekend

Nov. 22-26, Thursday, 8 a.m. to Monday, 8 a.m.—Thanksgiving Recess

Dec. 7, Friday—Last day of classes

Dec. 10-14, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations

Dec. 14, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

### Spring Semester '13

Jan. 6, Sunday—Residence halls open, noon

Jan. 8, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.

Feb. 8-13, Friday, 6 p.m. to Wednesday, 8 a.m.—Winter Recess

March 15-25, Friday, 8 a.m. to Monday, 8 a.m.—Spring Recess

April 25, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

April 26, Friday—Spring Festival. Classes dismissed at 3 p.m.

April 29-May 3, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations

May 3, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.

May 5, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement

May 6, Monday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon

**May Term '13**—May 6-31

**June Term '13**—June 3-28

**July Term '13**—July 1-26

## ADMISSIONS

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

**Visit Days:** Visit Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The days for 2012-13 are:

Fri., Sept. 28	Mon., Jan. 21
Fri., Oct. 12	Fri., Jan. 25
Fri., Oct. 19	Fri., Feb. 1
Fri., Oct. 26	Fri., Feb. 15
Fri., Nov. 2	Mon., Feb. 18
Fri., Nov. 9	Fri., March 1
Fri., Nov. 16	

**Junior Days:** Spring-semester Visit Day programs designed especially for juniors.

Fri., April 5	Fri., April 19
Fri., April 12	

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395-7850, or toll free 1-800-968-7850; check on-line at [www.hope.edu/admissions](http://www.hope.edu/admissions); or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422-9000.



## DANCE

**Cecchetti International Ballet School Concerts**—Saturday, July 21

Knickerbocker Theatre  
10:30 a.m. and noon  
Admission is free.

## TICKET SALES

Tickets for events with advance ticket sales are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse, which is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.



## ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Bob DeYoung Golf Outing**—Monday, June 18

At the Ravines Golf Club in Saugatuck, Mich.

**Community Day**—Saturday, Sept. 1  
Includes the sights of Windmill Island Gardens, a picnic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the front lawn of the DeVos Fieldhouse and home football action with North Park University at 1:30 p.m. at Holland Municipal Stadium.

**Homecoming Weekend**—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 12-14

Includes new events for all alumni including the anniversary classes of 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007.

**Family Weekend**—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 2-4

**Alumni Weekend**—Friday-Saturday, April 26-27

Includes reunion class activities and the annual Alumni Banquet.

For more information concerning the above events, please call the Office of Public and Community Relations at (616) 395-7860 or the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (616) 395-7250 or visit the Alumni Association online at: [www.hope.edu/alumni](http://www.hope.edu/alumni).

**HSRT**  
HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

## HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

HSRT is presenting an exciting 41st season, including *Pride and Prejudice*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *An Inspector Calls* and *Songs for a New World*, as well as the children's shows *Diary of a Worm*, *a Spider*, and *a Fly*, and *Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells*, *Batman Smells!* More information can be found online at [www.hope.edu/hsrt](http://www.hope.edu/hsrt). Tickets are available at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse or by calling (616) 395-7890.



## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

**Opening Convocation**—Sunday, Aug. 26, 2 p.m.

DeVos Fieldhouse

**Pull Tug-of-War**—Saturday, Sept. 29, 3 p.m.

Across the Black River.

**Critical Issues Symposium**—Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 25-26

Topic: "Reconciliation: Hope in a Divided World"

**Nykerk Cup Competition**—Saturday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

Holland Civic Center

**Christmas Vespers**—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 1-2

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

**Honors Convocation**—Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

**Baccalaureate and**

**Commencement**—Sunday, May 5  
Dimnent Memorial Chapel and Holland Municipal Stadium (DeVos Fieldhouse if rain)

## SUMMER CAMPS

Throughout the summer, Hope will offer multiple science camps for children as well as sports camps in boys' basketball,



football, girls' basketball, soccer, tennis and volleyball. For complete information, please check [www.hope.edu/camps](http://www.hope.edu/camps), or call the following numbers: science camps, (616) 395-7640; boys' basketball, (616) 403-5291; football, (616) 403-5092; girls' basketball, (616) 395-7853; soccer, (616) 805-9303; tennis, (616) 395-4965; and volleyball, (616) 395-7682.

## INSTANT INFORMATION

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained online 24 hours a day at [www.hope.edu/pr/events.html](http://www.hope.edu/pr/events.html).





## A NEW GENERATION:

Tornado-speed winds in June 2011 devastated trees on the Hope campus, including several of the historic white pines in the beloved Pine Grove. Gifts from alumni and friends of the college are

funding a program to replace the trees.

The first replanting by Hope's grounds staff occurred on Friday, April 20, in conjunction with the college's commemoration of Earth Week. Symbolically, the 10-year-old white pine was planted near Hope's landmark Van Vleck Hall. Nearby white pines that survived the 2011 storm are estimated to be 80-90 years old.

An act of renewal, the planting helps assure that students in years to come will be able to enjoy the same peaceful space that generations before have treasured.



## DAVID KLOOSTER DIES:

Dr. David Klooster, professor of English, died on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at age 58. Cause of death was a brain tumor.

He had been a member of the Hope faculty since

2000. Through the years, his tenure at the college had also included serving as chairperson of the department of English and as faculty moderator.

His scholarly interests included American literature, especially of the 19th century; composition; pedagogy; literature of the American Civil War; American conversion narratives; American travel narratives; and the work of Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville.

For several years, he was actively involved as a volunteer, with his wife, Dr. Patricia Bloem, with the Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking Project (RWCT), an international effort to use reading and writing to help students become better democratic citizens. He presented collaborative workshops and seminars for educators in multiple nations, including Armenia, China, Russia, Liberia, Turkey and the Czech Republic. He and Dr. Bloem, along with Dr. Jeannie Steele, co-edited the 2000 book *Ideas Without Boundaries: International Education Reform Through Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking*, which describes the program.

Dr. Klooster was twice the recipient of awards through the Fulbright Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. He won a Fulbright Scholar award to teach and conduct research at the University of Klagenfurt, Austria, in 2005, and was a Fulbright Fellow at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia, in 1992-93. He had received a Ruth and John Reed Faculty Achievement Award from Hope in 2008.

In addition to his wife, survivors include their sons, Nathaniel, Benjamin and Gabriel.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 9, in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. A full obituary is available on the college's web site.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)

## VANDERBUSH-WELLER

**HONOREE:** Scott Plaster of the physical plant staff has been named recipient of the college's 13th annual "Vanderbush-Weller Award" for strong, positive impact on students.

The award recognizes and supports the efforts of Hope faculty and staff who make extraordinary contributions to the lives of students. Plaster, who is employed in custodial services in the Lubbers Hall academic building, was honored during a luncheon on Thursday, May 3.

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## NEW DEAN:

Dr. Scott VanderStoep '87 of the psychology faculty has been appointed the college's dean for the social sciences effective July 1.

A professor of psychology and chairperson of the department, he succeeds Dr. Caroline Simon, who has served as interim dean for the social sciences since July 2010. Dr. Simon assumed the interim position when the former dean, Dr. Richard Ray, was named the college's provost. Dr. Simon, a professor of philosophy, was recently appointed to lead the college's teaching and learning efforts, effective with the 2012-13 school year.

Academic departments in the social science division include communication; economics, management and accounting; education; kinesiology; political science; psychology; and sociology and social work.

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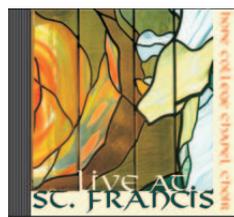


**CHOIR CD:** The new compact disc featuring the Hope College Chapel Choir celebrates the long-standing relationship between the college and St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church of Holland.

Titled *Live at St. Francis*, the CD includes 16 tracks recorded in 2010 and 2011 during the choir's annual post-tour "Home" concert, which the group has presented at the church each March for the past decade. The choir presents the concert the Monday following its spring-break performance tour, a tradition that through the years has taken the vocal ensemble to both coasts, south and in between, as well as abroad.

Copies of *Live at St. Francis* are available for \$10 at the Hope-Geneva Bookstore, which can be visited online at [www.hope.edu/bookstore/](http://www.hope.edu/bookstore/) or called at (616) 395-7833 or 1-800-946-4673.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)



**OUTSTANDING PROF:** Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown, associate professor psychology, was presented the 48th "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award during Commencement on Sunday, May 6. She is pictured with Marc Tori '12 of Pinckney, Mich., president of Mortar Board, who announced the award.



The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

Dr. Trent-Brown has taught at Hope since 2005. An outstanding teacher and research mentor, in January she received the college's "Janet L. Andersen Excellence in Teaching Award."

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**TENNIS TODAY:** The college's outdoor athletic facilities have received a major boost through the completion of the Vande Poel - Heeringa Stadium Courts, which opened earlier this month and join the six-court DeWitt indoor facility in comprising the Hope College Tennis Complex at the Ekdal J. Buys athletic fields.

The 12-court stadium, a resource for the entire campus as well as the greater Holland community, is already being put to use by the young athletes attending the annual summer Hope Tennis Academy. As a major addition to the intercollegiate athletic program, the courts will not only host home matches next spring in men's and women's tennis but present a top-flight option for tournament play.

Funding for the courts, constructed through the *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign, has included leadership gifts from the Etheridge, Heeringa and Vande Poel families. They are named for Earle Vande Poel '35 and George Heeringa '36, who were doubles partners on the Hope tennis team.

**HOPE IN PICTURES:** Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope. Pictured is a moment from Spring Fling, the descendent of the May Day



of years past, featuring carnival-type activities, the "Push" shopping-cart race, a band, and, most important, an opportunity for fellowship on the last class day before final exams.

**More ONLINE** [www.hope.edu/pr/gallery](http://www.hope.edu/pr/gallery)

# Gratitude for Service Past and Future

By Greg Olgers '87

Especially when the goal is to find a successor for a president who is not only effective but beloved, the motivation to make the best possible choice is exceedingly high.

Thus it was that the college made a historic decision as the search to find the right candidate to follow President James Bultman '63 continued into May without a clear answer: ask the president and Martie Tucker '63 Bultman to provide leadership for another year

to enable Hope to find the right person for the next presidential era.

It says everything about the Bultmans and the depth of their love for the college that they agreed.

"The presidency of Hope College is a special position," said Mary Van Dis '80 Bauman, chair of the Board of Trustees. "It became apparent to both the search committee and the Board of Trustees that we were not yet



President James '63 and Martie Tucker '63 Bultman reflect on their time at Hope via an interview during Chapel in April with Dean of the Chapel Dr. Trygve Johnson. Events across the school year scheduled in anticipation of their retirement this summer celebrated the Bultmans' selfless service to the college and showed the deep affection with which they're regarded across the Hope family. Their dedication to their alma mater led to a historic turn of events this May, when it became apparent during the meeting of the Board of Trustees that the college had not yet found the right successor for the next presidential era. At the college's request, they have agreed to remain while the presidential search continues during the coming year.

ready to appoint the 12th president of Hope College and so we have concluded that the process will continue."

"We are thrilled—and blessed—to have President Bultman's ongoing leadership at Hope for another year," she said. "Jim and Martie were anticipating a well-deserved retirement and have generously postponed those plans at the board's request. They are again putting the college first, as they always have, and all of us who love Hope are grateful."

President Bultman had announced in May 2011 that he planned to retire in a year's time, and Hope began its search planning to appoint a successor for the start of the fall 2012 semester. Two finalists visited with the campus community in December, but both ultimately withdrew from consideration and the search continued. Many at the college, including not only the extended constituency but the campus community, had anticipated that the college's new president would be announced at the board's May meeting, but the process had proven equally inconclusive across the spring semester.

It's not the first time that the college's presidential transition has required creative adjustment, according to Dr. Elton Bruins '50, who is the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professor Emeritus of Religion at Hope, and is also director emeritus and The Philip Phelps Jr. Research Professor Emeritus of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute. Following the departure

of founding President Philip Phelps in 1878, the Rev. Giles Mandeville, a pastor in the East, was appointed "provisional president" until succeeded by faculty member Rev. Charles Scott, who himself became provisional president in 1880 and finally Hope's official (constitutional) second president in 1885. After President Calvin VanderWerf '37 left in 1970, Hope operated led by a "chancellor," Dr. William Vander Lugt, and an executive council comprised of other senior administrators until the appointment of President Gordon Van Wylen in 1972.

Each time, it was worth the wait, with both President Scott and President Van Wylen providing strong and highly regarded leadership for the college. Fortunately, Dr. Bruins noted, the college was patient enough to continue seeking the *right* president, rather than over-eager to simply appoint a president.

"Finding the right person is absolutely crucial," Dr. Bruins said.

Multiple presentations across the school year, scheduled anticipating that the Bultmans would be retiring this month, made it clear how tremendously they are loved and would be missed, and reflect the powerful impact that the president has, from the H-Club's "Hope for Humanity" award during Homecoming, to the arts celebration woven into the Musical Showcase concert in March, to a resolution of appreciation passed by the faculty during their final meeting of the year, to a "virtual guestbook" filled with reminiscences from alumni, parents and friends of Hope. Students, faculty, staff and community members alike filled Dimnent Memorial Chapel to hear President Bultman speak through Mortar Board's "Last Lecture Series." Hope's hometown

of Holland also celebrated the Bultmans' tenure as community leaders, featuring them as the grand marshals during Tulip Time's GMB Muziekparade on Saturday, May 12.

No milestone, though, was more telling than this: during a busy evening in the latter half of April, despite the demands of end-of-year projects and looming final exams, hundreds of students gathered to celebrate the Bultmans in an "Anchors Aweigh!" event that students had also initiated and planned, a recognition that the couple's commitment to the college begins with them—and not merely in the abstract, but abidingly, writ in large ways and small across their time at Hope. The evening featured students performing multiple dance and music selections, including original works, as well as reflections from students college-wide.

One after the other, those who spoke recalled the Bultmans' presence in their lives, whether dining with them in Phelps Hall, attending their performances or group's activities, or offering a "well-done"—win or lose—after an athletic contest. The audience laughed affectionately when Mortar Board secretary Bethany Stripp '12 of Richland, Mich., shared how Martie, the chapter's co-advisor, even recruited President Bultman to churn butter for the group's Thanksgiving dinner for international students. Whatever the other draws on the Bultmans' time, and the students recognized that there were many, they were always present, always caring, and it showed.

"It was very obvious from the beginning that President Bultman and Mrs. Bultman have made a difference that most college presidents don't make," said senior James Bour of Kalamazoo, Mich., who played a leadership role in organizing the retirement farewell. "They were much more involved and they play a different role than they were asked to."

"It means something to the students and it's something we wanted to thank them for," he said. "So we thought it'd only be right for a non-traditional president to be sent on his way in a non-traditional fashion, and that is with the student body thanking him through their talents."

The same qualities that prompted such an outpouring of appreciation will continue serve the college well as it continues its search across the coming year.

"The heartfelt tribute we as the Hope community recently gave Jim and Martie demonstrates our high esteem for both," Bauman said. "We as trustees are confident in our search process as reviewed by the board, and look forward to another successful year in the life of the college with Jim leading us."



Provost Richard Ray Jr. presents Martie Tucker '63 Bultman with the hood for her honorary degree on Sunday, May 6.

## Role<sup>at</sup> Hope Honored

Most of those participating in Commencement on Sunday, May 6, knew that they were receiving a degree. Martie Tucker '63 Bultman didn't.

She received a Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) degree during a surprise presentation shortly before the graduating Class of 2012 crossed the stage at the DeVos Fieldhouse. The recognition celebrated her distinguished service to Hope and the Holland community and in special education, especially during the past 13 years that she and her husband have been the college's first couple.

Martie Bultman's honorary degree was one of two presented during the event. As announced in April, the college also presented a Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Joel Bouwens '74 of Holland, Mich., who chaired the college's Board of Trustees from August 2003 through July 2011.

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— Mary Van Dis '80 Bauman,  
Chair, Board of Trustees



# Many ways Memorable

By Greg Olgers '87

Even after 146 Commencements, there was room for a first.

It was 30 minutes before Hope's 147th Commencement on Sunday, May 6, was scheduled to begin at Holland Municipal Stadium. Family and friends were in the stands, the graduates were lining up and making ready to process to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," and... the skies rumbled.

Change of plan. Hope postponed the 3 p.m. ceremony to 4 p.m., and moved the event a few blocks north to the DeVos Fieldhouse, the previously arranged rain location. Graduates, audience, diplomas: all were in place and ready to go in the new site just one hour later than originally scheduled, a tribute, President James Bultman '63 noted as the ceremony began, to all involved.

"I would first of all like to thank all of you—parents and friends, graduates, faculty and staff—for your cooperation and your patience," President Bultman said to the approximately 4,000 in attendance. "I would also like to thank our facilities team for this contingency and also for implementing it so speedily."

College records don't indicate whether or not the ceremony has ever before been moved on the very cusp of beginning, but certainly it's never happened that way in living

memory. Most years, whether or not to move inside is obvious early in the day, and the announcement is made during the morning's Baccalaureate services.

If at all possible, Hope holds the ceremony outside because the stadium can accommodate a larger audience than the fieldhouse, and so the college had taken a chance based on the advice of the "Dutch meteorologists" that the morning's cloudy skies wouldn't lead to storms until well afterward. Unfortunately, the vagaries of the weather being what they are...

This year was only the fourth time that Hope has held Commencement inside since the college started holding the event at the stadium in 1983. The last time that the ceremony was held inside was in 2004, at Zeeland East High School in the pre-fieldhouse era.

Approximately 690 graduating seniors participated in this year's ceremony. The class consisted of students from throughout the United States as well as from overseas, including from Armenia, Brazil, China, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Palestine, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand.

In addition to celebrating the Class of 2012, the college presented honorary degrees during the ceremony to Joel Bouwens '74 and Martie Tucker '63 Bultman. Bouwens, of



Family, friends, faculty and—especially—graduates fill the DeVos Fieldhouse for the college's 147th Commencement on Sunday, May 6. Every graduation is memorable, a once-in-a-lifetime event for those celebrated, but this year's ceremony achieved added distinction that none involved are likely to forget. An unexpected thunderstorm prompted the event to be relocated from Holland Municipal Stadium just 30 minutes before it was scheduled to begin.

Holland, Mich., chaired the college's Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2011. Bultman, who didn't know in advance that she was receiving the recognition, has been an active member of the campus community as the wife of President James Bultman.

Also, the graduating class presented the 48th "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award to Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown, associate professor of psychology. The award, first given in 1965, is presented to the professor the class feels epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Heather Sellers, professor of English, who presented "And your homework is..." She asked the graduates as they commenced their post-Hope lives to complete the same assignment with which she noted that she ends every class: "Stay up late. Keep the music loud. Make interesting choices."

Each step offered a way to approach life with deeper meaning.

"Stay up late tonight, and every night; let your light shine," Dr. Sellers said. "Turn up the volume of your music, the music only you hear, so we can hear and be transformed. Make interesting choices. I hope your interesting choices are: heartfelt, affectionate, spirit-driven and ignited by hope. Hope is the ultimate interesting choice."

Sellers reflected, in offering her advice, on her experience with face blindness, the rare neurological condition she discussed in her award-winning 2010 memoir *You Don't Look Like Anyone I Know: A True Story of Family, Face Blindness, and Forgiveness*.

"Face blindness enforces humility," she said. "It's like graduate school for getting over yourself. However, even a mild case is socially devastating, and I've got it bad: I can't recognize my best friend on the street; I've walked past my own mother. Television and movies are overwhelmingly confusing. Dating? Yikes."

Since being diagnosed in 2005 and subsequently revealing the condition, though, Dr. Sellers noted that she has found others understanding and helpful. She also noted that she has learned from her students how to live with the condition by observing how they handle challenges of their own.

"Students, you've helped me shape and know my own story more clearly by bravely sharing your stories," she said. "What I've learned by working with you closely in the intimacy of writing workshops, is no matter how it looks from the outside, we all have something broken in us. This brokenness can separate us, or it can be the vehicle by which we connect with grace and authenticity."

She outlined ways that each of the three homework steps can support such authenticity.

Staying up late, she noted, supports Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to be watchful in their faith. Correspondingly, she asked the graduates "to be radically awake. Present. The Kingdom of God doesn't have a bedtime; why would you?"

"Stay up late, or, the way I do it, get up really early, but design a life that requires your presence mightily, all day, all night," Dr. Sellers said. "Keep your eyes open, and your heart opens. Your chance to transform yourself and those around you knows no bounds."

In keeping the music loud, she said, the graduates should "Harness the loud, boisterous, honest, possibly annoying part of you and use it for the power of goodness and transformation."

"Often we aren't scared of being loud when we are young, but as we get older we quiet," Dr. Sellers said. "Keeping audible the music of our soul takes a lot of energy, and a particular kind of close listening."

The key to making interesting choices with value, she said, is to make "choices based on creativity and integrity, not just cleverness."

"Interesting choices are genuine. They rely on trust," she said. "I'm calling for us to make choices that are way more than good choices. And I call for an interesting-ness that is motivated by depth, lit by grace, and bound by purity of action."

During the Baccalaureate services in Dimment Memorial Chapel earlier in the day, the Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson, who is the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel at Hope, delivered the sermon "So... now what?" It was a natural question, he noted, at a time of transition such as graduation.

He framed his discussion as a response to a "letter" to him from a dean of the chapel at the fictional "Despondent University" in the Pacific Northwest that asked him, if given the chance to speak during graduation, to ask the students to live for more than themselves.

Dr. Johnson grounded his answer in Matthew 6:24-33, from the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus instructs not to be anxious about worldly concerns but instead to seek God's kingdom and righteousness and to trust God to attend to the rest.

"Bend your will not just to your own perspective, but towards a will whose perspective is larger and more consequential than your own," Dr. Johnson said. "Pursue a vision that will give your life a steady direction and sustaining purpose. Strive to participate in a reality that will electrify your life with a significance charged by God's vision of reality."

"Seek first the Kingdom of God' is Jesus' answer whispered into the ear of all who are ready to commence into an undefined future," he said. "Its truth is so fundamental that to ignore it, is to put our soul into peril. The truth is not about money. Nor is it about clothes. Nor is it about food. It's not about what you will do with your degree. It's not about us at all. It's more elemental. It is a truth about God. A truth about what God has done, is doing, and is still yet to do. A truth that invites all who hear Jesus not to do more, but to be more." 🙌



In the morning, the weather was cooperative. Members of the Class of 2012 make ready to begin the traditional walk through campus en route to Baccalaureate.

College records don't indicate whether or not the ceremony has ever before been moved on the very cusp of beginning, but certainly it's never happened that way in living memory. This year was only the fourth time that Hope has held Commencement inside since the college started holding the event at the stadium in 1983.





# Engineering the Future



The new engineering wing being added to VanderWerf Hall through the *A Greater Hope* campaign will provide outstanding—and desperately needed—space for a program that has grown from a new major in 1997 to enrolling approximately 170 students in any given semester. Construction is underway and expected to be complete by the fall of 2013.

It's already making a difference. Thanks to the generous response of alumni and friends, the *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign is making good on the promise of its name.

That's true across all of the campaign's initiatives, but it's especially apparent through the facilities that are a crucial part of the mix. The Van Andel Soccer Stadium and Boeve Baseball and Wolters Softball stadia were completed early in the fund-raising effort, and the progress since the campaign was announced in October has been no less significant. In just eight short months, the college has started and nearly completed one project—the Vande Poel–Heeringa Stadium Courts (shown on page three), opening this summer, and is making ready to begin another, the engineering wing of VanderWerf Hall.

Additional support is still needed for the project, but leadership gifts from Haworth Inc.

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and the Haworth family and from the Peter C. and Emajean Cook Foundation are enabling Hope to break ground this summer on a 9,000-square-foot addition that will transform the college's popular and growing engineering program.

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It's none too soon. The college's engineering program, which began offering a major in 1997, is one of the top choices indicated by prospective students as they consider Hope. In any given semester, approximately 170 students are enrolled in courses in the department (and some of those in more than one course)—and the demand is only growing.

"A lot of students recognize that a career in technology is a good move in combination with the liberal arts," said Dr. John Krupczak, who is a professor of engineering and chair of the department. "We had to add two more sections of Introduction to Engineering last fall than we were even planning to add."

The program grew out of the department of physics, which began offering courses in engineering in 1979, although engineering instruction at Hope goes back at least three decades more, with the department of mathematics offering "Mechanical Drawing"/"Engineering Drawing" for several years beginning in the 1940s. Engineering became a stand-alone department in 2006, and now has seven full-time and three part-time faculty and offers many options. Accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, the college's Bachelor of Science in Engineering can include emphasis in biochemical, biomedical, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, environmental or mechanical engineering. Students also take advantage of the overall Hope



program to pursue majors and minors in other departments, from business to dance to Spanish, broadening their potential as professionals.

The strong student interest reflects strong external opportunity. A report by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, for example, found engineering among the most in-demand fields for firms planning to hire graduates with bachelor's degrees in 2012. Equipped with their degree from Hope—which is nationally recognized for high quality in the natural and applied sciences in particular—the program's graduates have readily found employment in industry or admission to graduate school; placement for those actively seeking one or the other is 100 percent.

The engineering program has exemplified the Hope way of doing things: make the most of the resources available, and do it so well that the results equal or exceed anyone's. Often, through the extraordinary dedication and ability of the faculty and staff, the college even makes it look easy.

But, the simple truth is, the successes have come despite major space limitations. VanderWerf Hall, built in the 1960s, was already at capacity even before the engineering program began, housing also the departments of computer science, mathematics and physics. In addition, designed as a classroom building, VanderWerf was never intended to support

the sort of technologically demanding research now asked of it. Renovations through the years, most recently in the summer of 2011, have helped all of the building's departments, but such work can only do so much.

"It's the details that get you," Dr. Krupczak said. "You need things like compressed air, three-phase electricity and chemical fire exhaust."

The combination of high quality and limited facilities caught the attention of Richard Haworth and his family and corporation, and they were pleased to provide

the department and its students with space in which to flourish even more.

"The program is ahead of the facilities," said Haworth, who is chairman emeritus of the company, a global leader in the design and manufacturing of office furniture and organic workspaces. "It's going to be giving that whole group better facilities and enable that whole team to continue to move up, to move forward."

Committed to the community and education, the Haworth family and company have a long history of supporting Hope, including through scholarship aid and the leadership gift for the Haworth Inn and Conference Center in the 1990s. Haworth noted that he appreciates that engineering has become a part of Hope, producing young professionals who not only have technical skill but, because of their liberal arts background, are able to see what they do in context and can work with others who bring their own perspective to the process.

"The world's gotten more complex," he said. "You can't do it in isolation."

"A really strong engineering program is broader than just the pure, functional design," Haworth said. "What we need to produce through our educational system are people who can bridge across, because we've gotten too siloed."

The new wing will be added at VanderWerf's northwest corner, and will integrate existing space as well. Spanning three floors, the wing has been designed to support not only the program's technical needs but the sort of teaching and interaction that makes engineering not only at Hope, but of Hope.

The ground floor will provide additional space for research and equipment, helping the department expand the opportunities that it

provides for students through collaborative faculty-student research and make the most of existing resources. For example, the program has an industrial-quality wind tunnel—built several years ago by students—that is currently in another building.

The first floor will house space especially for all types of engineering-student design projects as well as projects sponsored by industry on which students in the department work collaboratively. Currently, students have been spread out across the building and even in other buildings.

The top floor will allow the department to double the size of its heavily used computer-aided design lab, from 20 to 40 seats, and will include new introductory-laboratory space as well as faculty offices.

Dr. Krupczak especially values synergies not readily apparent from the floor plan, benefits that will make the wing greater than the sum of its parts and particularly important to the Hope way of teaching. He noted, for example, that the current CAD lab, while outgrown, has been successful not least of all because it is a communal workspace. Gathered together, the students interact, brainstorm and trouble-shoot with each other and faculty in ways that makes the experience more. He envisions the same for the design space.

"The CAD lab works really well because it is where everybody goes. In some ways, it is like a social hub of the department," he said. "We're hoping to create an equivalent center of gravity for the design experience, to help facilitate those informal contacts that are unplanned but tremendously valuable." 🐦



The largest single fundraising effort in the college's history, the \$175 million *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign will benefit every student as it strengthens the college's endowment, adds several new buildings, and supports immediate needs through the annual Hope Fund. For more information, and to explore supporting the college through the campaign, please visit Hope on-line at [www.hope.edu/agreaterhope](http://www.hope.edu/agreaterhope) or contact Mary Remenschneider, campaign director at [remenschneider@hope.edu](mailto:remenschneider@hope.edu) or 616-395-7775.



Laboratory space is a precious commodity in engineering which, as is true throughout the sciences at Hope, emphasizes active learning in coursework as well as through collaborative research. Above, students participate in the Mechanics of Materials Lab taught by Dr. Jeff Brown.





# Learning between the Lines

By Greg Olgers '87

It's a bad idea to write in a library book. Especially, it's a bad idea to write in the one-of-a-kind volumes in the college's Rare Book Collection.

No one should ever do that.

However, when it turns out that those notes were contributed by scholars centuries before Hope was even founded, they become the opposite of a nuisance. They offer a valuable insight into how the book was used, appreciated and understood at a time when printing was still revolutionizing the world.

And so, as he examined the college's 1544 copy of Euripides's *Tragaediae Octodidem* this past fall for a research project in art history, senior Jake Dombrowski of Saint Clair Shores, Mich., found himself not annoyed but edified. "It was just an amazing compilation of their opinions and additions and their process of learning," he said.

Dombrowski was among the students in "Special Projects in Art History" who spent the fall semester working with the Rare Book Collection, studying the volumes, investigating

their history, and through original research developing an exhibition for the De Pree Art Center, "Reading between the Lines: the History and Production of Books Highlighted by the Hope College Rare Book Collection." Featuring some 40 works gleaned from the 1,400 in the collection, the student-curated, February 24-March 23 exhibition, which was supported by the Hope College Patrons for the Arts, reflected on the art and technique of printing across time, as well as the origins and roles of the pieces, some more than half a millennium old.

Course instructor Dr. Anne Heath-Wiersma had had the idea in mind since joining the faculty in 2007, when she first had an opportunity to visit the collection, housed in the Van Wylen Library. An art historian, she recognized quickly its value as a teaching tool.

"My sensors immediately came up, and I knew that eventually I'd work with that material," said Dr. Heath-Wiersma, who is an assistant professor of art and director of the De Pree gallery. "I knew that it would be a really good source for students to learn how to handle objects that haven't been researched before."

The project reflects the priorities of Hope's art history curriculum, which emphasizes both instruction in theory and hands-on experience. It's also an example of the sort of learning that will be supported by the new Kruizenga Art Museum, which will provide space and resources for studying and displaying work from another institutional treasure--the college's permanent art collection--as well as elsewhere.

The college's Rare Book Collection spans more than five centuries, and includes examples of incunabula, books printed before 1501, in the first decades after the invention of the printing press. The oldest volume at Hope is the *Mammotrectus Super Bibliam*, a digest of



The college's Rare Book Collection in the Van Wylen Library provided a rich research opportunity this past year for the students in the college's "Special Projects in Art History" course, taught by Dr. Anne Heath-Wiersma (left). The students selected a mix of books from across the collection, which spans the 15th through 21st centuries, subsequently learning more about the individual volumes and compiling the history and background to accompany the books in an exhibition in the De Pree gallery in February and March.

the Bible printed in 1476; the newest is *The Four Holy Gospels Bible*, printed in 2011. The eclectic collection contains a mix of books related to art, history, literature, mathematics, science and theology. Among the notable individual volumes are a 1482 edition of Euclid's *Elementia Geometriae*, a 1611 King James Bible and an 1860 copy of John James Audubon's massive *Birds of America*.

The collection has existed since Hope's first decades, built book-by-book through donations from alumni and friends of the college beginning in the latter 1800s and through the current year. And while it has long been a boon to individual researchers, including not

only students and members of the faculty but visiting scholars, library director Kelly Jacobsma was pleased to see it play a larger role.

"It was a great opportunity for the library to partner with faculty in creating a unique learning experience for students," said Jacobsma, who is the Geneva Thome Begg Director of Libraries and an associate professor. "We've been trying to integrate the Rare Book Collection into student learning at Hope because there's a lot you can learn about history, literature, language and culture through the study of the history of the book."

The exhibition complemented the library's ongoing efforts to celebrate not only the

collection, but also the significance and art of the printed word. In addition to a series of displays throughout the year of individual works from Hope's collection, the library in March hosted "Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible," a traveling exhibition for libraries organized by the Folger Shakespeare Library of Washington, D.C., and the American Library Association Public Programs Office.

Preparation for the students' work with the college's collection was itself a faculty-student research project. Supported through a Hope faculty development grant, Dr. Heath-Wiersma spent the summer of 2010 reviewing the collection with junior Kristen Dunn of Grand Rapids, Mich., to become more familiar with its contents and pre-select some possibilities for further research. "We combed through the collection, book by book, to see what was there and what would be interesting from an art historical perspective," she said. The class also benefitted from the expertise of guest Martin Antonetti, curator of Rare Books at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., who came to Hope in September to give a full-day workshop on the history of the book. "A goal of our Special Projects in Art History class is to bring students in contact with experts in the field that we are studying," Dr. Heath-Wiersma said.

Dr. Heath-Wiersma and Dunn considered a variety of approaches—say, a focus on books from the 17th century—but in the end decided to reflect the collection's breadth, which would also give the students the greatest flexibility during the next phase of the project. They thus identified about 250 books as potential candidates for the exhibition, and then left it to the students in the class to choose five to seven favorites apiece to research further.

"It's tough to figure these books out, so you really have to love what you're working with," Dr. Heath-Wiersma said. "It's harder to teach the class when you let the students pick the books because you don't have control over the material, but it's more valuable for them."

Dombrowski, for example, was particularly interested in the cultural significance of the book throughout different time periods and in different societies.

Senior Athina Alvarez of Grand Rapids, Mich., however, was more drawn to the book as an object of art. The volume she most enjoyed was a 1532 work by the French mathematician and astronomer Oronce Fine, a large scholarly tome, rebound numerous times following heavy use, complete with pigskin covering and engraved frontispiece, and bound with clasps.

As engaging as it was, the research was only a part of the learning experience. The students were also responsible for the exhibition itself, adding teamwork and insights into how to share expertise with the general public.

"During our research process, we met with Taylor Wise Harthorn from the Holland Museum who taught us about exhibit design, including how to interact with gallery space, and how to design a natural order for visitors to follow. All of this was very enriching and was a great help in mapping out our very own floor plan for the show," Alvarez said.

The exhibition, of course, was transitory, opened and gone in just a short month's time. The work and learning that preceded it, and the exhibition catalog that the students wrote and published, however, will have a more lasting impact—and not only in the students' lives, although that would be enough. Jacobsma noted that it is also making a difference at Hope, where the students' research has added new information that will continue to inform others for generations to come.

"I thought it was really innovative that Anne came up with this idea to use the rare books as a way for students to gain curatorial experience and experience working with rare objects," she said. "An added advantage is that as part of the process of working with the rare books, we know a lot more about the books that we have." 🐦



The learning experience included designing and installing the exhibition. Senior Jake Dombrowski, left, helps prepare a display with faculty members Dr. Anne Heath-Wiersma and Steve Nelson.

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# Education Enlivened

The Baker Scholars' recent trip to China exemplifies the group's emphasis on connecting students with the business world in meaningful ways

By Greg Chandler

When she arrived at Hope four years ago, Ziye Liu '12 could not have imagined that she would help lead a group of her fellow students on a visit to her native China to learn about international business.

Liu, who graduated in May with a degree in accounting, was one of 10 students from the college's George F. Baker Scholars Program to visit China over 10 days during spring break in March. The China visit was a major highlight of a landmark year for the Baker Scholars program, which also celebrated its 40th anniversary at Hope. It was just the second international trip in the program's history.

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**— Vicki TenHaken '73, professor of management**

"This was very special. It's like bringing friends back home and showing them around," Liu said.

Baker Scholars is designed to provide real-world opportunities for Hope students to

connect with business executives and other leaders. About 250 students have been part of the Baker family since the first group of scholars was inducted in 1972. The Baker program at Hope owes its growth over the years to Anthony Muiderman, professor emeritus of business administration and longtime advisor to the Baker Scholars, who developed much of the programming that sets it apart from other similar initiatives.

"The general purpose of the program is to provide students with experiences outside the classroom that can enhance their business education," said Vicki TenHaken '73, professor of management at Hope and one of the Baker program advisors, along with Dr. John Lunn, the Robert W. Haack Professor of Economics. Professor TenHaken and Dr. Lunn accompanied the Hope students on the China visit.

In addition, the China trip reflected another goal of the Baker program of interweaving cultural, social and service opportunities with their business experiences. For Adam Simon, '12, who was president of the Baker Scholars program this past academic year, the trip was an eye-opening experience.

"It was the perfect combination of cultural exposure, learning about business and fun," said Simon, a native of Richland, Mich., who earned a degree in management in May.

The Baker Scholars visited 10 companies during their stay, most of them U.S.-based firms that operate in joint ventures with Chinese entities. One of the companies, Super 8 Hotels China, is run by chief executive officer Han Chen '92, who was a Baker Scholar during his time at Hope.

Other companies the students visited included Amway, Gentex, Shanghai General Motors, Johnson Controls Inc., Motorola,



A landmark trip to China in March exemplified the goal of the college's Baker Scholars program: provide students with real-world opportunities to connect with business executives and other leaders (just a few of the sites are shown at

lower right). A chance to learn history and enjoy stunning vistas during a visit the Great Wall of China shortly after a snowfall was a major bonus. (Photos these pages courtesy of faculty members Dr. John Lunn and Vicki TenHaken '73)

TRW, Dow Chemical and Coach, the maker of luxury handbags. They also visited Sino-Chem, a state-run enterprise that is one of the largest companies in China, to get a perspective on how a state-run business operates.

"A great deal of international business today has to do with China, and we wanted students to have first-hand, personal insights on how business is conducted there," Professor TenHaken said.

Simon said that one of the most significant lessons he learned from his experience is that while many products from U.S. companies are produced in China, the U.S. is not the primary destination for most Chinese products.

"The majority of products that are made in China are sold in China," he said. "You have this market potential that's unlike anything else."

Putting together the trip took more than a year of planning, with Liu and Simon leading the effort, the process itself intended to be a learning experience. "We talked with our Baker advisors, we talked with our Baker alumni, we talked to our department chairman, Dr. Stacy Jackson, professors, friends, even family connections," Liu said.

Because the trip was outside the United States, the Baker Scholars needed to connect with an international program to be supported by Hope. Working with the college's International Education office, the Bakers received help and support from director Amy Otis-De Grau '96, who connected them with IES (Institute for the International Education of Students) to coordinate this study-abroad opportunity.

and Shanghai, the scholars had a chance to visit such places as Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall of China. Simon says one of the biggest impressions he came away with was the people he met along the way.

"It was amazing. The people were so kind, so friendly and so willing to help. It taught me a lot about human nature in general," said Simon, who is working at Stryker Instruments, a division of Stryker Corporation in Kalamazoo, Mich., this summer before beginning graduate studies at Rush University in Chicago, Ill., in the fall.

While the Baker Scholars program over the years has visited major business centers such as New York and San Francisco, it has started to focus on expanding beyond the borders of the United States. Two years ago, the Baker program took its first international trip, to Panama, a visit that was coordinated by Baker alum Zach Barricklow '05.

Professor TenHaken says she expects the Baker program to continue to expand opportunities for international experiences for its participants. "We're hoping to be able to fund an international trip every other year in the future," she said.

About a dozen students participate in the Baker program each year. Six students are selected annually from the sophomore class of economics, accounting and management majors by business leaders with a connection to Hope, some of whom are alumni of the Baker program themselves, Professor TenHaken said.

In addition to meeting business leaders and visiting companies, the Baker students also have opportunities for community service, such as volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland, and tutoring.

Baker Scholars alumnus Dustin Ruch '07 noted that the program was invaluable in his professional development. Today, as a field communications manager for Whirlpool Corporation, he freely shares his expertise with the next generation of business leaders coming out of the Baker program.

"You have the opportunity to meet a lot of new people, the opportunity to learn a lot about yourself, and the opportunity to get some great interview experience," Ruch said in a recent presentation to Baker applicants. Ruch says he also owes a great deal to Professor Muiderman for his mentoring work, not only as a Hope student, but into his professional life.

"Simply put, Tony is one of the most amazing people I've ever met. He has helped me to be a better person in all aspects of life," said Ruch, who earned an MBA from the University of Notre Dame in 2009.

Professor Muiderman served as the Baker Scholars advisor for more than 30 years, and while he is now in retirement in Oregon, the program is never far out of his mind.

"I am in touch with a few of the current Bakers, and have a rather healthy and on-going contact and correspondence with Baker graduates," he said.

Ziye Liu says she may return to China someday to continue her career, but for now she will work as an auditor in the Detroit, Mich., office of the public accounting firm Deloitte. She leaves Hope with great memories of her experience as a Baker Scholar.

"Being a Baker Scholar is definitely the highlight of my college career, and being able to take the Bakers to China is the best memory of my four years at Hope," she said. 🇺🇸



# Run to Glory



Excellence in intercollegiate sport is a tradition that runs deep at Hope College. It is evidenced in numerous ways, many that are time-honored and others that are new-found. There were evidences of both throughout the 2011-12 school year.

Hope, for an unprecedented 12th consecutive year, claimed the Commissioner's Cup for having the best overall athletics program in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The college's margin of victory of 31 points in the final standings was the widest since the performances of men's and women's sports were combined to determine the winner in 1981-82. Hope has now achieved the distinction a record 34 times.

During the year, Hope advanced eight out of a possible nine teams to the MIAA's post-season tournaments which determine the league qualifier to the NCAA championships. In all, teams or individuals advanced to 11 NCAA championships during the year. Pictured below at center, MIAA Commissioner David Neilson presents The Cup to President Jim Bultman '63 and athletic directors Eva Dean Folkert '83 and Tim Schoonveld '96.

Spring teams were major contributors to the overall success with conference championships in three sports, including a major accomplishment in track and field. For the first time in school history, both



Hope track and field teams were conference champions in the same year, the men's team winning the title outright and the women's team gaining a co-championship with rival Calvin. The outright championship by the men was the first since 1986, when current coach Kevin Cole '88 attended his *alma mater* and established the school record in the 800-meter run. This spring the 800 mark was broken by junior Joel Rietsema of Rockford, Mich., who went on to achieve NCAA All-America distinction with a fourth-place finish at nationals. After setting the Hope mark in 1988, Cole was presented the track jersey worn by previous record holder Steve Hulst '80. He passed-on that jersey to Rietsema (pictured below at left).

An outright MIAA championship in women's tennis marked the sixth conference crown worn by a Hope team during the 2011-12 school year (pictured at left). The undefeated conference dual match record was accomplished under third-year coach Nate Price without a senior player on the roster. Baseball celebrated a significant milestone on the same day, when senior Adam Clements of Ann Arbor, Mich., became Hope's all-time winningest pitcher and coach Stu Fritz marked his 400th victory (pictured below at right). The MIAA-champion men's golf team advanced to the NCAA championships for the sixth time this decade. Lacrosse for men and women closed the book on their histories as club teams in anticipation of becoming intercollegiate sports next school year.

Three athletes received accolades beyond their respective All-MIAA recognitions. Junior softball player Laura Tjepkema of Dorr, Mich., and senior swimmer Chelsea Wiese of Rochester, Mich., were named Academic All-Americans and senior tennis player Bobby Cawood of East Lansing, Mich., was presented the MIAA's sportsmanship award.

An amazing blend of the old with the new in Hope's 147th year. 🏆

Visit the athletics website, [www.hope.edu/athletics](http://www.hope.edu/athletics), for an in-depth review of the spring sports season.

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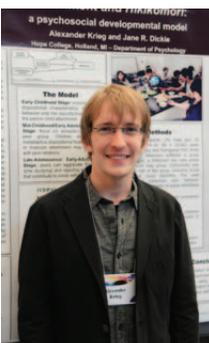


## GLOBAL SINGING SEMI-FINALIST:

Junior Israel Moore of Okemos, Mich., was one of only 16 McDonald's employees worldwide chosen to participate as a semi-finalist in the international Voice of McDonald's singing competition in April.

The largest global singing competition of its kind, Voice of McDonald's is open to the 1.8 million McDonald's restaurant employees around the world. The 16 competing in the event, held in Orlando, Fla., were selected from an initial field of more than 20,000 entries.

Moore, who has worked at the McDonald's restaurant in her hometown for about two years, became one of the three U.S. semi-finalists following an online vote conducted on the Voice of McDonald's website in the fall.



**PSYCHOLOGY HONORS:** Students have received three national or regional awards for excellence in research from Psi Chi – The International Honor Society in Psychology.

Xander Krieg '12 of Franklin, Mich., will receive a national Undergraduate Research Award for "Attachment and Hikikomori: a Psychosocial Developmental Model" during the national convention of the American Psychological Association in August.

In May, the Midwestern chapter of Psi Chi presented awards for two Hope studies. The team of senior Ariana Cappuccitti of Mount Prospect, Ill., senior Rachel Cho of Barrington, Ill., senior Allyson Dreger of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Heather Stiff '12 of Galena, Ohio, was honored for "Physiological and Psychological Anxiety Levels in Dancers during Performance Compared to Rehearsal." Elizabeth Fast '12 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was honored for "Lexical class and explicitness as modulators of the neural mechanisms of metaphor comprehension."



**GOLDWATER RECOGNITION:** Three seniors have received recognition through the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Andrea Rosnik of Shelby Township, Mich., has received a Goldwater Scholarship for the 2012-13 academic year, while Howie Dobbs of Warrenville, Ill., and Danielle Goodman of Big Rapids, Mich., each received honorable mention. The foundation awarded only 282 scholarships and 190 honorable mentions nationwide.

(Pictured from left are Howie Dobbs, Danielle Goodman and Andrea Rosnik.)

More about each recognition shared on this page is available on the college's website.

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**FULBRIGHT ASSISTANTSHIPS:** Three graduating seniors received English teaching assistantships through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Michael J. Blauw '12 of East Grand Rapids, Mich., will be teaching in Malaysia. Katelyn J. Hemmeke of Hamilton, Mich., will be teaching in South Korea. Amber N. Rogers of Hershey, Pa., will be teaching in Spain.



The U.S. Student Program is designed for recent college graduates, master's and doctoral candidates, young professionals and artists, with awards supporting an academic year of study, research or teaching assistantship experience, and operates in more than 135 countries.

## PRESENTER IN WASHINGTON:

Senior Katie Callam of Holland, Mich., was one of 74 undergraduates nationwide chosen based on original research they conducted to participate in the annual "Posters on the Hill" reception organized by the Council on Undergraduate Research and held in April on Capitol Hill.

The students presented their research, displayed on posters, to members of Congress, congressional staff members, federal government officials and others. Callam studied the way that composer Clara Schumann revised her 1847 work "Piano Trio in G minor, op. 17," providing insights into Schumann's creative process.



## RESEARCH AWARDS:

Multiple students received awards in the Undergraduate Student Poster Competition during the annual meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Caitlin Peirce '12 of Portage, Mich., and senior Marshall Willey of Holland, Mich., each won "Best Poster" awards for research into how cells recognize fats, or lipids. Senior Nick Hazekamp of Janesville, Wis., and junior Josh Kammeraad of Bethel Park, Pa., received an Honorable Mention and were chosen to give an oral presentation regarding their work on "CytoSEED," bioinformatics software that is now used by scientists around the world. Senior Danielle Goodman of Big Rapids, Mich., received a travel award for the event from the ASBMB.

(Pictured from left are Nick Hazekamp, Josh Kammeraad, Marshall Willey, Danielle Goodman and Caitlin Peirce.)



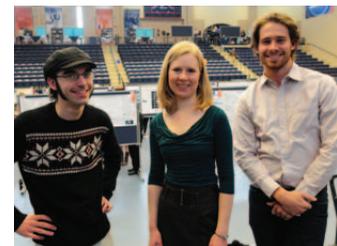
**NSF HONORS:** Three graduating seniors received recognition through the Graduate Research Fellowship program of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Anne Georges '12 of Ramsey, Minn., and Colin Rathbun '12 of Ada, Mich., each received fellowships. Patrick Lutz '12 of Canton, Mich., received honorable mention.

The NSF awarded 2,000 of the fellowships nationwide this year, and recognized another 1,835 students with honorable mention.

The awards are for students in the early stage of pursuing a research-based master's or doctoral degree in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines.

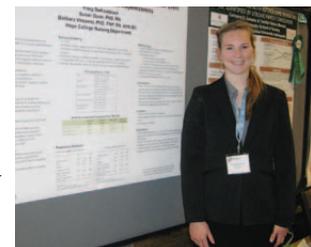
(Pictured left are Patrick Lutz, Anne Georges and Colin Rathbun.)



## NURSING RESEARCH AWARD:

Tracy DeKoeckoeck '12 of Martin, Mich., won first place in the undergraduate research poster competition of the 36th Annual Midwest Nursing Research Society conference in April.

She received the award for "Relationship of Activity Status Prior to Experiencing a Cardiac Event and Levels of State and Trait Hopelessness." Approximately 75 students from more than 100 colleges and universities participated in the competition.



**OPERA HONORS:** Brent Smith '12 of Owosso, Mich., and Caitlin McDougall '12 of Flint, Mich., won first and second respectively in the 2012 Opera Grand Rapids Collegiate Competition, held in April at the Betty Van Andel Opera Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

They were among nine finalists (four from Hope) from Grand Rapids-area colleges and universities competing. The other Hope finalists were Jenna Buck '12 of Elburn, Ill., and senior Haley Hodges of Hart, Mich.



**CIVIC FELLOW:** Junior Kelsey Herbert of Avon, Conn., was one of 162 student leaders from around the nation named a 2012 "Newman Civic Fellow" by Campus Compact for demonstrating a personal commitment to creating lasting change for the better in their communities.

The Newman Civic Fellows Award honors inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. As a Newman Civic Fellow, Herbert will join a network of Fellows around the country.



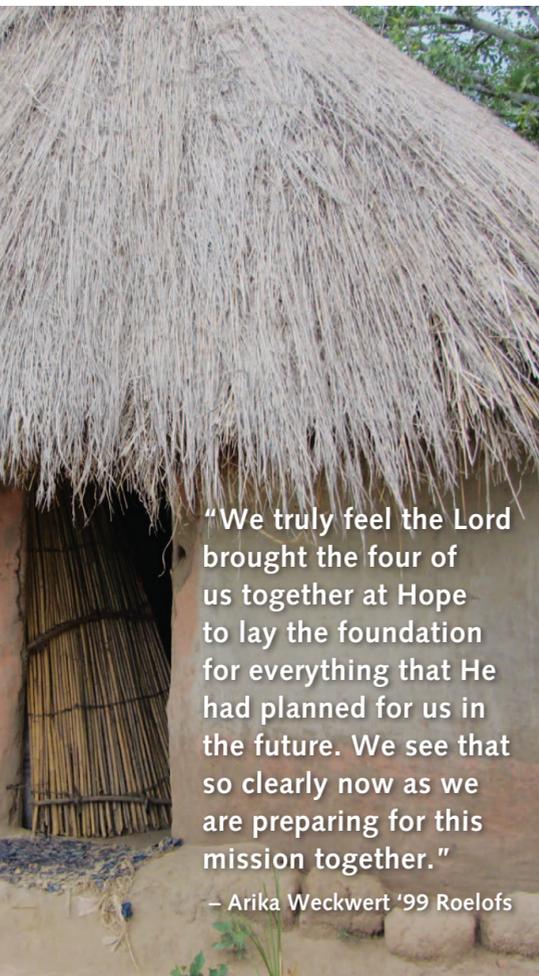
# Four One Hearts, Mission

By Chris Lewis '09



Hope ties have had a life-long impact on Tina Gill '99 DeKam, Kevin DeKam '99, Drew Roelofs '99 and Arika Weckwert '99 Roelofs, whose friendship since their college years and commitment to helping others is leading the couples and their families together to a two-year commitment to

work at a school in Zambia for orphaned and underprivileged children. Pictured at left in the back row are Tina and Kevin, with their children Rowan, Hudson and Clayton in front of them. At right in the back row are Drew and Arika, with their children Lauren, Will and Claire in front of them.



"We truly feel the Lord brought the four of us together at Hope to lay the foundation for everything that He had planned for us in the future. We see that so clearly now as we are preparing for this mission together."

— Arika Weckwert '99 Roelofs

Nearly 8,200 miles from the heart of Hope's campus, a shocking educational crisis is occurring in the south African nation of Zambia.

According to recent estimates, roughly 35 percent of all Zambian children have never attended school. And, perhaps even more astonishing, of the 65 percent that have been blessed with an opportunity to enroll in classes, 75 percent will drop out before ninth grade. Devastatingly, that means more than 750,000 children are not registered as either full-time or part-time students.

But one Grand Rapids-based non-denominational ministry – the GEMS Girls' Clubs – is determined to end Zambia's vicious cycle of illiteracy once and for all. And, to do so, the ministry will be utilizing the talents of four dedicated volunteers, two couples whose friendship deepened at Hope: Kevin DeKam '99, Tina Gill '99 DeKam, Drew Roelofs '99 and Arika Weckwert '99 Roelofs.

For the next two years, the couples will be working at a 25-acre educational establishment known as The Esther School, which has been funded by GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior), as well as additional donors. Located in the Zambian village of Chongwe, the establishment will provide hope and a future for hundreds of male and female orphans and underprivileged children, who likely would have never received an education. To help Zambia's youth become independent, self-sustaining caretakers of the world, The Esther School will offer a diverse curriculum, including courses which will develop their natural resource management and agricultural skills.

Founded on Christ-centered principles, the

school will also provide a Christian education to all students, as they learn about the ideologies of a biblical worldview. As students begin to seek out their true life purpose and discover their God-given talents, they will be prepared to serve others to their fullest potential, both inside and outside of their local communities.

Four years ago, Tina DeKam traveled to Zambia to train GEMS counselors, who had recently moved to the nation to share the Gospel with African children. A former graphic designer for GEMS, DeKam first heard about the prospect of The Esther School in 2009. Upon learning about its mission to enrich students' spiritual lives, she felt inspired to assist her employer with the development of the school.

"Through Tina's work as their graphic designer, we were literally able to watch the birth and infancy of this amazing project as it grew nearer to our hearts," Kevin DeKam said. "Increasingly, we were confronted with the question of actually moving to Zambia."

Last year, Tina met with Jan Boone, the executive director of GEMS, to negotiate a new contract with the ministry as a freelance graphic designer. After discussing The Esther School, Boone unexpectedly asked Tina if she and Kevin would be interested in working at the school as full-time administrators.

Piper Restaurant. From that day forward, they became life-long friends.

After the DeKams shared their intentions of fulfilling their calling to Zambia, the Roelofs wholeheartedly supported their mission commitment. Unbeknownst to them, they were about to receive the call to serve as well.

"As months passed and we prayed for them, the Lord really impressed on our hearts that we were to go to Zambia too," Arika said. "He continued to open doors to lead us to that decision and to show us how we were to serve." As Arika reflects on the two couples' friendship, it is now apparent why they were reacquainted at Hope in the first place.

"We truly feel the Lord brought the four of us together at Hope to lay the foundation for everything that He had planned for us in the future," Arika said. "We see that so clearly now as we are preparing for this mission together."

From this coming July to August 2014, Drew, a Certified Public Accountant and experienced financial manager, will serve as The Esther School's business administrator. He will be primarily responsible for processing all finance-related matters of the school, including the purchase of school supplies and the management of all self-sustainment components, like produce and livestock.

Kevin, on the other hand, will be serving as the chief executive of the school, ensuring the school carries out its vision – to create a community of servant leaders – and its mission – to provide a Christian education to students on a daily basis.

Meanwhile, Tina and Arika will be occupied with the development and management of a student lunch program, which will be launched this fall.

"A majority of Zambian children only have one meal per day, generally at dinnertime," Tina said. "Arika and I, along with other staff members, will likely be cooking hardboiled eggs and n'shima, their country's staple food, every day."

Tina and Arika will also establish a program for Zambian adults and children, known as *I Can Learn More*. Offered each Saturday, the program will feature a variety of classes, including nutrition, hygiene and English as a second language, as well as Bible studies and soccer clinics.

"The community is hungry for an education, not only for the children, but for the adults," Tina said. "I Can Learn More will provide them with that education, while also sharing Jesus' love with them."

Each couple also has three young children, who have been friends since birth. All six children, ranging in age from two to seven, will be living with their parents in an

administrators' duplex. The children will be actively involved at The Esther School, while attending programs, communicating with students and helping to cultivate the school's gardens.

Since 2009, Zambian residents have developed a library, a clinic, a preschool and a kindergarten classroom on the school's 25-acre property. In August, the school's first preschoolers and kindergarteners will attend classes. By 2014, 756 Zambian children, including first and second graders, will be registered as full-time students.

"It is amazing how God brought us together to serve others at such a time as this," Tina said. "But through our friendships and experiences at Hope, as well as the years after, our faith has been strengthened to the point in which we are ready to serve."

"Our friendships are much deeper now than they ever were when we were roommates at Hope," Arika said. "We went from college students, to young married couples, to first-time parents, to understanding what a true relationship with the Lord looks like, even if that includes following where He leads to the other side of the world."

"I couldn't imagine traveling to Africa with anyone else," Tina said. "The Roelofs have been such a blessing to us throughout this whole experience and we are certain that God brought us together to share our gifts in this part of His Kingdom." ✈️

*Editor's Note: Additional information about the DeKams' and Roelofs' two-year mission commitment may be obtained through their blogs, [www.roelofsinzambia.wordpress.com](http://www.roelofsinzambia.wordpress.com) and [www.dekamsinzambia.wordpress.com](http://www.dekamsinzambia.wordpress.com).*



The DeKams and Roelofs will be serving at the Esther School in Chongwe in Zambia. The school is serving children who likely would have never received an education.





**Scott Travis '06**  
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

In Benjamin Franklin's autobiography, first published in 1791, he offered insight into his philosophy regarding public service. In addition to reflecting on 13 virtues, including moderation, humility and sincerity, Franklin stated, "I shall never ask, never refuse, nor ever resign an office."

Now, 222 years later, this concept of service has another living example. On May 6, the Board of Trustees released a statement communicating that President James Bultman '63 will be serving another year while the search for the college's next leader continues. After stating an intention to retire at the beginning of this school year, the quote resonates, as Dr. and Mrs. Bultman will once again place Hope above self by continuing to lead in this transition.

The concept of stepping up when asked, but not actively seeking praise or position, has roots deeper than our country's founding fathers. It is written in Proverbs 27:2 to "let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips."

With this idea in mind, we asked you to share your praises for Jim and Martie Bultman through an online "open house" this spring. You shared memories of them as students, teachers, and leaders, and your thoughts filled books given to the Bultmans by reunion classes during Alumni Weekend. You can read the comments or add your own at [www.hope.edu/alumni/bultmans](http://www.hope.edu/alumni/bultmans). After reading this collection of experiences by many of the people their lives have touched, you can start to see why they are going to be a tough act to follow.

However, as Dr. and Mrs. Bultman will be the first to say, Hope's next president will come alongside dedicated faculty and staff to make Hope even greater. We can say this with great confidence. Since Charles Scott first followed Philip Phelps Jr. in 1878, Hope has improved through 10 such presidential transitions, spanning nearly 150 years. Throughout this time, the college has added value each day, combining academic excellence and a vibrant Christian faith in order to offer what is now a world-class education.

# Window to Hope's History



Although the major is relatively new ("relatively" meaning 15 years), engineering instruction has a long history at Hope. Here, Professor Charles Steketee '36 teaches "Engineering Drawing" in about 1956 in room 203 of Van Raalte Hall. Also called "Mechanical Drawing" and sometimes "Engineering Mathematics," the course began appearing in the college's Catalog in the early 1940s. Today's students more typically create on the computer than the drafting table, and their coursework is complemented by opportunities to participate in collaborative research with faculty or engage in projects for local industry. As noted in the story on page 10, an expanded laboratory for Computer Aided Design will be an important feature in the new engineering wing being added to VanderWerf Hall.

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News and information for class notes, marriages, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for *News from Hope College* by Julie Rawlings '83 Huisingsh. In addition to featuring information provided directly by alumni, this section includes news compiled from a variety of public sources and shared here to enhance its service as a way of keeping the members of the Hope family up to date about each other.

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, May 8, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, July 10.

## 50s

**Gordon Beld '50** of Holland, Mich., wrote "Grand Times in Grand Rapids," a collection of about 50 local history stories written for *Grand Rapids Magazine* during the past five years, it was published by *History Press* of Charleston, SC, and scheduled for release in April. The foreword is by Tom Rademacher, *Grand Rapids Press* columnist. Gordon began his writing career at the *Press* in 1944 when he

**Roger Rietberg '47** of Holland, Mich., received an advance birthday celebration during Alumni Weekend in April. Roger, who was a member of the Hope faculty from 1954 to 1990 and directed the Chapel Choir from 1975 until retiring, turns 90 on August 3. He was honored on Saturday, April 28, during the ceremony of the college's 50-Year Circle, which included an opportunity for him to again conduct in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. In gratitude for his years of service, he was presented with a compact disc collection of Chapel Choir concerts and other Hope musical performances between 1958 and 1989. The digitized compilation was converted by Dr. Ron Beery of Hudsonville, Mich., from

was a student at Wyoming Park High School. Besides his present position as a contributing editor for *Grand Rapids*, he is a regular contributor to *Michigan History*.

**Douglas van Gessel '52** of Artesia, Calif., is a spiritual advisor, counselor and pastor at Artesia Christian Home for the Aged.

**Phyllis DeWeerd '54 Post** and **Lynn Post '56** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in May.

**Harvey Doorenbos '55** of Holland, Mich., was inducted into The Medical Mission Hall of Fame in a ceremony at The University of Toledo Medical Campus on Saturday, April 28.

He served as a Reformed Church missionary for 34 years and then offered his services as a missionary surgeon replacement for eight months in each of the next 11 years. An early leader of the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons, he has assisted in training African national physicians to become surgeons in their home countries.

## 60s

**David Bonnette '62** retired in July 2011 after 49 years in public education, including more than 36 years as a superintendent of schools in Michigan and Illinois. He earned a Ph.D. in school administration from the University of Michigan.

**Paul Hesselink '62** of Las Vegas, Nev., is an adjunct organ professor at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is the organist at Christ Church Episcopal.

**Barbara Mortensen '62 Sanborn**



media ranging from a 45 record to reel-to-reel tapes that were in the Hope College Collection of the Joint Archives of Holland (the new format by Dr. Beery is now also part of the collection). Dr. Beery, who donated his time and expertise to the task, taught physics at Hope from 1963 to 1970, and is president of Audio Scripture Ministries. Also to honor Roger, the college is raising donations to name a room for him in the new music facility and concert hall.



Although the four alumni who received awards during the Alumni Banquet all reflected during the event on Hope's lasting impact on them, it was the impact that they have had across their lives, especially on behalf of the education of young people, that earned recognition. Pictured on Saturday, April 28, from left to right are **Tom Renner '67**, associate vice president of public and community relations at Hope, honored for his long-time service to the college (Meritorious Service Award), **Jackie Nyboer '67 Van Wieren** and **Dr. Glenn Van Wieren '64**, honored for their impact as educators and in service in West Michigan, including together at Hope as Glenn served on the kinesiology faculty and coached for more than four decades (Distinguished Alumni Award); and **Dr. Everett Nienhouse '58**, honored for his decades on the chemistry faculty at Ferris State University and on-going volunteer service (Distinguished Alumni Award). Biographical sketches of all four alumni are available online. [More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfthc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfthc)

of Fort Collins, Colo., has been appointed professor and head emerita, department of biomedical sciences at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo., and professor emerita, department of biochemistry and molecular biology, University of Texas Medical School at Houston. She has been awarded the 2012 Distinguished Service Award by the Society for the Study of Reproduction. She and her husband will celebrate 50 years of marriage this summer.

**Ruth Wilson '62** of Gross Pointe Woods, Mich., retired from teaching from the Grosse Pointe Public Schools in June 2010.

**Martie Tucker '63 Bultman** of Holland, Mich., received a Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) during Hope College's commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 6. For more information, please see the story on page six.

**Peter Theune '65** of Spring Lake, Mich., has joined First Presbyterian Church as the new interim associate pastor.

**Sue Utzinger '67 Buchan** of Muskegon, Mich., participated in the implementation of a pilot program at Baldwin Family Health Care for the State of Michigan called S-BIRT in 2011. The goal is to survey and identify substance abusers early and accurately. She is currently working to provide integrated care with the Medical team at BFHC.

**Caron VandenHoek '67 Farmer** of

Muskegon, Mich., earned the AAGO (Associate of the American Guild of Organists) award in 2009.

**Wesley Granberg-Michaelson '67** of Kentwood, Mich., received an honorary degree from Central College in Pella Iowa, during the college's commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 12, and also delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduating class. On Wednesday, Feb. 29, he delivered the Inaugural Address on the Belhar Confession at the University of the Western Cape, near Cape Town, South Africa, at the invitation of the Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa. The Belhar Confession, written out of church's role in the struggle against apartheid, addresses the Gospel's call to unity, justice, and reconciliation and was adopted by the RCA in 2010. He and his wife, **Karin Granberg-Michaelson '70**, were honored as "Priceless" during the Parents are Priceless Gala at Deanna's Playhouse in Holland, Mich., on Thursday, April 26. **Gordon Korstange '67** of Saxtons River, Vt., recently spent six months in Armenia as a returned Peace Corps volunteer. He worked as a consultant with the Armenian National Institute of Education.

**Jeffrey Powell '67** of Seal Beach, Calif., volunteers overseas in pastoral work at international congregations. **Kenneth Zuihoff '67** of Sterling, Ill., has been the senior pastor of Bethel Reformed Church for 33 years.

He is a living works master trainer for applied suicide intervention skills training and has a senior certification from the International Conference of Police Chaplains.

**V. Peter Mulford '68** of North Muskegon, Mich., recently retired after a career in health care. He worked as a registered medical technologist for 13 years, and then obtained a Master of Arts degree from Central Michigan University in health care management.

**Joan DeBoer '69 Schmitt** of Broomfield, Colo., retired in September 2011 after 21 years at Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center. She was the administrator of early childhood and family support services.

## 70s

**Robert Kieft '70** of Los Angeles, Calif., won the Reference and User Service Association's 2012 Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award, the highest honor for contributions to the field of reference librarianship. He is the college librarian at Occidental College.

**Andrew Mulder '70** of Holland, Mich., was recognized at the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys spring conference for his services as board president. He is an attorney and partner with Cunningham and Dalman PC.

**Shellie Midavaine '72 Cook** recently retired from Grand Haven Area Public Schools after more than 30 years of teaching.

**Jonathan Glerum '72** of Catonsville, Md., is an IEEE-certified software development professional (CSDP). He recently retired from Northrop Grumman after almost 40 years of software engineering.

**Robert McAndrews '72** is a pastor



The student-organized "Anchors Aweigh" farewell event held on Thursday, April 19, in honor of **President James '63 and Martie Tucker '63 Bultman** provided an occasion to celebrate not only the Bultmans' 13 years as Hope's first couple but also connections of longer standing. Here, President Bultman, an alumnus of the Fraternal Society, is pictured with the current membership immediately afterward.

on staff at the Community Church of Douglas, Mich.

**Gerald Sittser Jr. '72** of Spokane, Wash., is chair and professor in the department of theology at Whitworth University. He married Patricia Sittser in 2010. He published *Water from a Deep Well* in 2009 and *A Grace Revisited* in 2012.

**Deborah VanDyk '72 Woodard** of Dunedin, Fla., is a Taoist Tai Chi instructor, and is a commissioner on the Clearwater Housing Authority in Clearwater, Fla., and on the board of directors at St. Mark Village in Palm Harbor, Fla.

**Christine Bush '73** of Center Valley, Pa., received two awards for her latest novel of romantic mystery, *Cindy's Prince*, which was voted 2011 LASR Best Book of the Year by *Long and Short Reviews* and 2011 Golden Leaf Award – Best Short Contemporary Novel by New Jersey Romance Writers for Region 1 RWA. *Cindy's Prince* is her ninth published novel, available in print and eBook formats.

**Deborah Smith '73 Cook** of Springfield, Va., is the dean of the College of Securities and Investor Protection at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Jim McFarlin '74** of Champaign, Ill., underwent a successful kidney transplant in November 2011. His blog "JK - Just Kidneying," chronicling his kidney disease, has led to several speaking engagements. He has written first-person accounts for the *Huffington Post* and the May 2012 issue of *HOUR Detroit Magazine*. He is a freelance writer and editor, and is a member of the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Kathy Jo Blaske '75** in February 2012 was installed as vice president of the Classis of Greater Palisades of the Reformed Church in America. She is also serving on the RCA Nominations Commission. Currently her ministry is as one of four RCA chaplains at The Christian Health Care Center in Wyckoff, N.J.

**Neil Clark '75** of Marietta, Ga., is the dean of college counseling and guidance at The Walker School, and was awarded the William Starling Award for Mentorship. This award recognizes counselors with a record of outstanding mentorship who display outstanding skills in assisting students and families and mentoring others within the profession.

**Alfred Fedak '75** of Albany, N.Y., was among the organists featured on the nationally distributed weekly radio program *Pipedreams* during the week of April 9, which was built around the theme "Spring is Here." He performed one of his own works, "Variations on *Beach Spring*," recorded at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, where he is a minister of music and arts. Like Hope, the church has a Skinner organ. **LuAnn Athey '77** of Holland, Mich., has been running an antique shop for

the past six years. Her mother started the business in 1967.

**David De Block '77** of Holland, Mich., consults as a volunteer for Hope Church, Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity and the City of Holland.

**Rachel Hesselink '77** of Salisbury, Md., is employed as a financial management analyst for the U.S. Navy facility in Wallops Island, Va. She also plays clarinet in the Salisbury Community Band and Asbury Woodwind Ensemble.

**Jean Lightowler '77 Kirchner** of Chesapeake, Va., is the assistant director of training, center for personal and professional development for the U.S. Navy. The center is charged with developing and delivering most non-military, behavioral, and leadership training for the Navy. Along with other topics, the center's current focus is on the reduction and elimination of sexual violence.

**Kenneth Lobb '77** of Bethlehem, Pa., was ordained as a RCA Minister in 2010 and serves at Annandale Reformed Church in Annandale, N.J.

**Marie Sherburne '77 Mercier** of Tustin, Mich., retired from teaching special education for 31 years for Cadillac Public Schools in 2010. She now provides day care for two teachers.

**Brenda Heath '77 Vander Meulen** of Holland, Mich., earned certification as a Keirse team temperament advisor. She helps businesses maintain high performance and morale with their employees.

**Sharon Adcock '78** attended this year's Golden Globes ceremony & VES Awards (Visual Effects Society) in Los Angeles, and the BAFTA Awards (British Oscars) in London. Sharon is a voting member of both BAFTA & VES.

**Lynn Owen '78 Kraker** of Hudsonville, Mich., was the keynote speaker during Hope's Disability Awareness Week on Wednesday, April 11, presenting "6 Legs are Better Than 2!" She was accompanied by her Paws with A Cause service dog, Caddy.

**Shelley Driesenga '79 Stauffer** of Holland, Mich., is working part-time at Hope College in the admissions office, welcoming and assisting visitors.

## 80s

**Rick Zoulek '80** of Shelby, Mich., recently finished his 27th season as the boys' basketball coach in Shelby. He was also named *The Muskegon Chronicle's* Class C-D Coach of the Year.

**Martin Klein '81** of Morristown, N.J., has been named acting CEO of Genworth Financial Inc.

**Paul Lange '82** of Waterford, Mich., has concluded his term as president of the Oakland County Dental Society. He has been involved in organized dentistry for more than 25 years. He teaches dental hygiene at Oakland Community College, and he and his



The celebrations across the 2011-12 school year of the service of **President James '63 and Martie Tucker '63 Bultman** included artistry from a Hope classmate that will become a lasting part of the campus. At the conclusion of the student-organized "Anchors Aweigh!" event on Thursday, April 19, the Bultmans were presented with a stained-glass work crafted by the **Rev. Dennis DeWitt '63** of Holland, Mich. Featuring the Hope seal and emphasizing the collegiate orange and blue, an identical piece will be installed in the 42,000-square-foot Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center that will be constructed in the central campus through the *A Greater Hope* comprehensive campaign.

wife have a dental practice in Pontiac, Mich.

**Nancy MacArthur '82 Smith** of Clifton, Va., has begun to direct musicals. Her first musical was *Les Misérables* in 2011, followed by *Hairspray*. This year, she is directing *Legally Blond* and *The Sound of Music* at local community theaters. She is still teaching private voice lessons to 35 students and sings early music and solos in churches.

**Mary Cassell '83** of Delray Beach, Fla., is the lead author of an internationally peer-reviewed publication titled *Revisoning the Public Library as an Oasis of Adult Learning*.

**Amy Glass '83** of Kalamazoo, Mich., has served as president of Michigan Mediation & Arbitration Services since 1995.

**Cynthia Socall '83 Smith** of Saint Louis Park, Minn., has retired from Wells Fargo after 25 years to become senior vice president and deputy chief lending officer for Commercial Banking at TCF Bank.

**Janet Swim '83** of Boalsburg, Pa., spoke during the 20th anniversary of women's studies at Hope College on "Feminist Perspectives on Environmental Sustainability" on Tuesday, March 6. She was also a guest panelist on the same day, in conjunction with the celebration. She is professor of psychology at Penn State University.



**Johnny Marmelstein '85** of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., led the St. Margaret's girls' varsity soccer team to its second consecutive CIF-Southern Section Championship. The Tartans upset the #1-ranked team in the division to earn the division title. He was named the CIF-SS Division 6 Coach of the Year and his daughter, McKenna, was named the CIF-SS Division 6 Player of the Year. He has an overall high school coaching record of 381-157-52, and he has won three championships at St. Margaret's and five overall in his 27-year career.

**Mike Schipper '85** of Middleville, Mich., has been appointed to be the new district court judge of Barry County, Mich.

**Abby Madison '86 Reeg** of Spring Lake, Mich., was elected president of PEO, Chapter DS. PEO is an international philanthropic organization that funds projects to educate women through scholarships, grants, awards and loans. She was the Hope Fund Director at Hope for the past three years and is now a regional advancement director for Hope.

**Mark DeWitt '87** of Hudsonville, Mich., was recognized in the *Holland Sentinel* for his work as a volunteer with the Holland Free Health Clinic. He is the director of corporate and foundation relations at Hope.

**David Kuiper '88** of Zeeland, Mich., has been named one of the top loan officers in the country according to *The Scotsman Guide and Mortgage Executive Magazine*. He also received the Excellence in Service to the Medical Community award from MD Preferred Physician Services.

**Kathleen McGookey '89** of

Middleville, Mich., has had two books published, a chapbook, *October Again*, and a translation of French poet Georges L. Goedau's book *We'll See*.

**Anne Wheatley Parker '89** of Ann Arbor, Mich., is the owner of Wahoo Composites LLC. Wahoo manufactures the Wahoo Walls basement finishing system, as well as carbon fiber robotic arms for the automation industry.

## 90s

**Brett Holleman '90** has taken a new position with Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., as a major gifts officer in Mayo Clinic's office of development.

**Kristen Lambrides '91** of Swartz Creek, Mich., again served as sign interpreter during the Baccalaureate services and Commencement ceremony at Hope, held this year on Sunday, May 6. It was her 20th year doing so.

**Jeananne Reich '92** of Noblesville, Ind., has been promoted to director of training at AYS Inc., a non-profit agency for before/after school programs.

**Cara Sonnemann '93** of Pocatello, Idaho, received the 2011 Elementary/Middle School Educator of the Year award in March.

**Stephanie Grier '93 Van Koevering** of Dewitt, Mich., recently published a book, *Victory on the Home Front*. A story of four brothers coming of age during WWII, the book is partly set in Michigan and the stories based on those of her father and his brothers.

**Jennifer Chilcoat '95 Shaw** of Columbus, Ohio, was recently interviewed on the *Hour of Power*

regarding her faith through her father's illness and parenting a special-needs child. Her newest album is titled *Love Broke Through*, and her new book is titled *Life Not Typical*.

**Cary Stamas '95** has been accepted as a Ph.D. student in Western Michigan University's Educational Leadership program.

**Mary Gergely '96** of Schoolcraft, Mich., is a trust relationship officer for Greenleaf Trust.

**Anne Lucas '96** of Cincinnati, Ohio, spoke during the 20th Anniversary of women's studies at Hope on "Laying the Foundation: How Majors in English and Women's Studies Shaped a Public Interest Law Career" on Monday, March 5. She was also a guest panelist on Tuesday, March 6, in conjunction with the celebration. She is a housing attorney for low-income people in Cincinnati.

**Robert Lunn '96** of Holland, Mich., a classical guitarist, performed at Hope College on Thursday, March 29. He is an adjunct professor of music at Lake Michigan College.

**Jodi McFarland '97 Friedman** of Midland, Mich., is the managing producer and supervisor for the *Bay City Times*.

**Matthew Bredeweg '98** of Pleasant Ridge, Mich., is a member of Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, P.L.L.C.

**Michael Lemorie '98** of Alexandria, Va., is currently serving at Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, D.C. as a flight commander for the United States Air Force Honor Guard.

**Glyn Williams '98** of Chicago, Ill., was promoted recently to director of the central region at Outdoor Advertising Group (OAG), an out-of-home media agency within IPG. He oversees both the Chicago and Detroit offices, with accounts including Chrysler, Kaiser Permanente, Sharpie, Taco Bell and others.

## 00s

**Meredith Arwady '00** of Kalamazoo, Mich., performed at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts on Tuesday, April 10.

**Dan Patterson '00** of Carpinteria, Calif., opened a new art gallery called Gallery Acero. He also owns Santa Barbara Forge & Steel.

**Erin Selmer-Beaver '00** was a guest panelist for the department of art and art history at Hope College on Friday, April 13, sharing advice regarding the art and design world. She is a New York-based artist.

**Steve Rypma '01** of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a partner in Hongman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, a law firm.

**Scott Vroegindewey '01** of Zeeland, Mich., is the senior loan officer for the Michigan Certified Development Corporation.

**Katie Bozek '02** of Grand Rapids, Mich., was a guest panelist for the Asian



**Kathy Button '79 Beauregard** of Portage, Mich., was the winner of the Lifetime Woman of Achievement Award given out by the YMCA of Kalamazoo. She is the athletic director of Western Michigan University. She was also named Athletic Director of the Year for WMU's region and division by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics in 2011.

Adoption Panel during Hope's Asian Awareness Week, March 5-8. She has a master's and Ph.D. from Michigan State University in marriage and family therapy, and has a private practice in Grand Rapids, working with individuals, couples and families with a variety of issues.

**Susan De Kam '02** of Dallas, Texas, presented an organ recital at Northwestern State University on Thursday, March 22. She is an artist-in-residence at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Dallas.

**Steven Haulenbeek '02** of Chicago, Ill., was a guest panelist for the department of art and art history at Hope College on Friday, April 13, sharing advice regarding the art and design world. He is a product designer for Design Concepts Inc.

**Lana Krolikowski '02** of Ann Arbor, Mich., spoke at Hope College during the Physics Seminar "Oh the Places You Could Go" on Tuesday, April 3. She is working on her master's at the University of Michigan in educational studies.

**Mari Titcombe '02 Lee** (please see "Marriages") is the technical director and visiting associate professor in the environmental science program at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Andrew Riker '02** of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been promoted to senior wealth management advisor with Greenleaf Trust.

**Matt Scogin '02** of New York, N.Y., spoke at the Hope College Business Club on Thursday, March 29.

**Anna King '02 Vest** of Chicago, Ill., is a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Franciscan St. Margaret Health in Hammond, Ind.

Creating "Window to Hope's History" is a treat for *News from Hope College*. We value the opportunity to spend time exploring the college's past and then share moments from it with the Hope family, and especially enjoy when we hear from alumni and friends who know more of the story behind the images. We're exceedingly grateful to the multiple alumni who took the time to respond to the photo in the April issue, which shows the loading/unloading of an instrument at Nykerk Hall of Music.

From those who wrote, we understand that standing at left in the photo are James Tallis, who was an assistant professor of music at Hope from 1964 to 1968, and his wife Joan, who was a special instructor in music at the college. The action shows a harpsichord, either one of Professor Tallis's own (he shared them for events



at the college) or perhaps the new instrument that the college acquired through a 1966 grant from the DeWitt Foundation of Zeeland. In addition to teaching, Professor Tallis founded the Motet Choir, a small ensemble that performed on campus and beyond, including in Illinois and during an East Coast tour.

Professor Tallis left Hope for a teaching position at Southern Methodist University, and died on Sept. 23, 1969, following surgery for a brain tumor. A service was held in his memory at Hope in Dimnent Memorial Chapel two days later.

**Larry Wagenaar '87** of Ada, Mich., was recently appointed to the Michigan Historical Commission by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. The appointment to the Commission is in recognition of his service and experience as Executive Director of the Historical Society of Michigan since 2001 and also publisher of *Michigan History* magazine since 2009.

**Shannon Wixson '02** of Kalamazoo, Mich., continues as a certified diabetes educator at Borgess Diabetes Center. She was recently honored by the Friends of Borgess Nursing Endowment Fund with the Clinical Excellence Level I award for 2012.

**Sarah Doyle '03** of Holland, Mich., was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Brazil beginning March of 2013.

**Jason Kehrer '03** of Holland, Mich., participated in a panel discussion at Hope College on Monday, April 16, regarding careers in social media. He is the COO and account strategist at The Image Group.

**Rebecca Rasdall '03** recently transferred to Washington, D.C., to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as an international trade specialist. Her new role focuses on agricultural trade policy.

**Andrew Lick '04** of Chicago, Ill., was a guest panelist for the department of art and art history at Hope College on Friday, April 13, sharing advice regarding the art and design world. He is the director of Asian Art at Leslie Hindman Auctioneers in Chicago and has recently been elected to a two-year term to sit on the Acquisition Committee of the Asian Art Council at the Art Institute of Chicago.

**John Mackinnon '04** will be attending the Harvard school of education for a master's in human development and psychology during the 2012-13 year.

**Christopher Major '04** of Holland, Mich., recently received an award for residential landscape design by the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association.

**Andrea Brani '04 Marietta** of Spring Lake, Mich., has accepted a job as the composition and literature instructor in the PATH program at Hope College.

**Miranda Rooy '04** of Beaver Island, Mich., received national board certification in early childhood in November 2011. She is now one of only 357 National Board Certified teachers in the state of Michigan. She was also nominated for an OPIE (Outstanding Person in Education) award at the beginning of May in the Northern Michigan region.

**Jake Taber '04** as been appointed

head coach of the swimming and diving program at Albion College. He has been the coach at Olivet College for the past five years.

**Chris Van Pelt '04** of San Francisco, Calif., spoke at two Silicon Valley conferences in early April. He is the co-founder and chief technology officer of CrowdFlower.

**Christiana Watkin '04** has been working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Cameroon, Africa, since 2007. She studied at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics in Dallas, Texas, and is a literacy specialist. In 2011, she studied French and lived with a Cameroonian family. Her internship was with the Kom language group, visiting village schools, and assisting teachers in literacy. Recently she moved to Jos, Nigeria.

**Tonzia Buor '05** is a human resources generalist with Community Health Network in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Anna Cook '05** of Allston, Mass., spoke during the 20th anniversary of women's studies at Hope on "How I Set Out to Become a Librarian and What I Found When I Got There" on Monday, March 5. She was also a guest panelist on Tuesday, March 6, in conjunction with the celebration. She is an assistant librarian at the Massachusetts Historical Society.

**Rob Knecht '05** of Ada, Mich., was involved in a panel discussion at Hope College, on Monday, April 16, for careers in social media. He is the director, compliance and e-commerce at EverGreen Nutrients.

**Steffanie Rosalez '05** of Grand Rapids, Mich., was a guest panelist for



**Cindi Bannink '99** of Madison, Wis., was named 2011 National Coach of the Year by USA Triathlon. She is the coach of a 2012 U.S. Olympic Triathlon Team member who under her guidance won the USA Triathlon Elite Race Series. Cindi herself earned USA Triathlon All-American honors as an athlete. Since 2006 she has been the owner and coach at Madison Multisport, which has become the premier coaching and training opportunity in the Madison area. Photo by Paul Phillips/Competitive Image.

the department of art and art history at Hope College on Friday, April 13, sharing advice regarding the art and design world. She is an artist, musician and program director at the Cooks Arts Center in Grand Rapids.

**Pamela Van Dort '05** of Washington, D.C., spoke during the Computer Science Colloquium on "Computer Science & Law" at Hope College on Thursday, March 28. She is an investigative attorney at the Office of Investigations with the Office of Inspector General at the National Science Foundation.

**Jenna VanWagoner '05 Weiler** of Holland, Mich., is moving her art company Ambrose closer to downtown Holland. She started the company four years ago.

**Peter Wright '06** of Palo Alto, Calif., has been promoted to a project manager with Oracle Corporation in Redwood Shores, Calif.

**Jason Cash '07** of Hudsonville, Mich., participated in a panel discussion at Hope College, on Monday, April 16, regarding careers in social media. He is the coordinator of advancement communications at Hope.

**Jeff Layman '07** and **Lissa Moore '07 Layman** of Columbia, S.C., will be moving to Kuwait City, Kuwait in August. They will both be technology coaches for the American International School of Kuwait.

**Joey Muthengi '07** has been selected for Channel O's Africa team of six new VJs from across Africa. Joey will be presenting the "Hits Not Homework" show.

**Stelios Alvarez '08** of Grand Rapids, Mich., spoke at Hope during the French Cultural Studies Colloquium on "Life after Hope: Leveraging Language Skills in Global Business" on Wednesday, April 4. He works at Amway as a market research analyst for Artistry, the company's beauty brand.

**Rosemarie Villarreal '08 Daly** of Holland, Mich., was a guest panelist for the department of art and art history at Hope College on Friday, April 13, sharing advice regarding the art and design world. She is an AmeriCorps leader and Faith in Youth Partnership director.

**Daniel Lalli Hills '08** graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in May 2009. He then joined the family medicine residency team at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in Lee's Summit, Mo., in June 2012. He also attended the National Outdoor Leadership School's Medicine in the Wild certification course in spring 2012.

**Katherine Janczak '08** (please see "Advanced Degrees") is beginning an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Animal Referral and Emergency Center of Arizona, in Mesa, Ariz.

**Teri O'Meara '08** won the 2012 North Carolina Coastal Reserve-North Carolina Sea Grant Fellowship. She plans to use the funding to study nitrogen recycling.

**Kyle Barnes '06** of Auckland, New Zealand, is pursuing his Ph.D. at Auckland University of Technology. During this time he has been coaching in various places and started to coach a female runner. She has qualified for the Olympics in the Women's 1500m and, he notes, is one of the best female middle distance runners in the world.

**Andrew Overweg '08** is a senior production planner for Schlosser Forge in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

**Kristin Raley '08** will be moving back to the Chicago area for a residency in hospice chaplaincy with Rainbow Hospice and Advocate Lutheran General Hospital (please see "Advanced Degrees").

**Gretchen Davis '09** is attending the Erikson Institute: Graduate School of Child Development and will be receiving a certificate in infant studies (Ages birth-three years).

**Erin Fortner '09** is moving to Peachtree City, Ga., to join the Tolliver & Gainer, LLP law firm in Conyers, Ga. (a suburb of Atlanta). (please see "Advanced Degrees") At the same time she is preparing to take the July Georgia bar exam.

**Hilary Holbrook '09** of San Diego, Calif., has accepted a job with Mexican Medical Ministries, a non-profit organization based just outside of San Diego, that provides healing and hope to the people of Mexico by partnering with churches, clinics, hospitals, and orphanages. She is working primarily with Gabriel House, an orphanage for children with moderate to severe disabilities in Ensenada, Mexico. She is focusing on advocacy for the kids through grant writing, research and development, and special projects. She is also coordinating the delivery of donations and medical supplies across the border and hosting teams of volunteers as they serve at Gabriel House. She invites you to stay up to date with what she's doing by visiting her blog at [www.hilaryholbrook.blogspot.com](http://www.hilaryholbrook.blogspot.com).

## 10s

**Michael Brotherton '10** of Houston, Texas, is an auditor with Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP.

**Stephanie Dykema '10** has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in counseling psychology at The University of Akron and will begin that program in the fall.

**Susan Kioko '10** of Albany, N.Y., was a guest panelist for the 20th anniversary of women's studies at Hope College on Tuesday, March 6, and spoke on



“Meaningful Work” on Wednesday, March 7. She has her BSN and RN degree and is currently working on her Ph.D. at Columbia University/New York Presbyterian Hospital, and is also working with underserved populations in New York City.

**David Moore '10** of Holland, Mich., participated in a panel discussion at Hope College, on Monday, April 16, regarding careers in social media. He is the e-marketing specialist at Gordon Food Service.

**Dave Sherry '10** has been hired at WBNG, the CBS affiliate in Binghamton, N.Y., as a photojournalist for their news department. It is his second job in the news industry.

**Christina VanderGriend '10** of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a librarian at Kelloggsville High School.

**Lucas Wolthuis '10** of Yuma, Ariz., placed 411th in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 16, with a time of 2:57:01.

**Courtney Blackwell '11** of White Lake, Mich., has joined Nine Short Months Doula and (home-birth) Midwifery Services as an apprentice.

**Matthew Borst '11** is attending the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

**Gretchen Geuder '11** is working for the Alzheimer's Association's National Office in Chicago (please see “Advanced Degrees”).

**Emily Kreichelt '11** of Northville, Mich., is teaching biology and anatomy/physiology at Old Redford Academy in Detroit, Mich.

**Marissa Lintemuth '11 Stauffer** of Holland, Mich., is a pre-school teacher in Vail, Colo.

**Sarah Stern '11** of Houston, Texas, is training and performing with Ad Deum Dance Company and teaches dance at

Chara Christian Dance Academy.

**Ty Tanis '11** of Jenison, Mich., signed a one-year contract to play professional basketball in Australia, and in his debut scored 47 points.



## Class of 2012

**Katherine Adkins '12** will pursue a degree in occupational therapy at Grand Valley State University.

**Keegan Aguilera '12** is a marketing and events coordinator for downtown Holland.

**Farah Ahmad '12** is working at the Disney College Program.

**Amy Alvine '12** is an account executive for Yelp in Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Alyssa Ambrose '12** will move to Morocco for two years to teach kindergarten at the school American Academy-Casablanca.

**Emilee Anderson '12** will attend the clinical doctorate of physical therapy program at Grand Valley State University.

**Katie Anderson '12** will be substitute teaching, and working as a bookstore sales associate and a pharmacy sales associate.

**Whitney Askew '12** will travel to the Dominican Republic to visit with friends she met during her study-

aboard program last spring. When she returns she will work at Gentex Corporation in Zeeland, Mich.

**Emily Atsma '12** is working at the Plante Moran accounting firm in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Claire Bailey '12** is working for The Stow Company in Holland, Mich., as an executive assistant.

**Gretchen Baldwin '12** is volunteering at the Bukavu Youth Action Center in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo. She will be coordinating development-related art classes with the NGO (Non-Government Organization) which is run by **Lora Nelson '12**.

**Michael Blauw '12** is working out west as part of a team for Fly Fishing excursions in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. This winter he will be leaving for Malaysia as part of an English teaching assistantship through the United States Fulbright Program.

**Kylen Blom '12** is continuing to work with My Great Lake, which he co-founded.

**Lindsey Boeve '12** will attend graduate school for a Master of Social Work degree. She is also employed at Evergreen Commons as the home-delivered meal coordinator.

**Kristy Borgman '12** is working at Jill's House in Washington, D.C., a respite home for children with intellectual disabilities.

**Marly Borovich '12** is working at Wedgwood Christian Services as a youth treatment specialist.

**Alyssa Boss '12** will pursue a Master of Social Work with a concentration in interpersonal practice and mental health at the University of Michigan School of Social Work.

**Ashli Brennan '12** will pursue a



**Marie Blauwkamp '62, Linda Strouf '84, David Schout '00, Susan De Kam '02, Sara Bolkema '04 Good, Richard Newman '06, Chris Dekker '09 and Kaitlin Davis '12** played in the annual Tulip Time organ recitals held on Hope's campus at Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Wednesday-Saturday, May 9-12. Also performing were Dr. Elizabeth Claar and Dr. Huw Lewis, who like Linda are members of the Hope music faculty, and Sara's husband Aaron Good.

Master of Science degree in clinical psychology and counseling, at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, Ill.

**Spencer Brown '12** will leave in August for Honduras to teach for two years at the International School. He will be teaching English and social studies.

**Lien Brusselmans '12** is working as an obstetrics registered nurse in Pennsylvania.

**Chad Buchholz '12** will attend Grand Valley State Police Academy.



ReBecca Renner '00 Anderson and Andrew Anderson

## Community Involvement

For Andrew Anderson and ReBecca Renner '00 Anderson, supporting Hope College comes naturally. Andy married into a family with deep ties to Hope and joyfully became a part of the college community. Becky and Andy are deliberate in supporting and engaging themselves in the communities in which they live and work. They are active ambassadors for Hope by encouraging others to support the college, having a regular presence at college events, and giving of their time and resources. For Becky and Andy, including Hope in their estate was an easy decision.

Hope is grateful to all of the 700-plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting the students and faculty of the college. For more than 30 years, planned gifts from donors like Becky and Andy have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community.

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**Brandon Buikema '12** will attend graduate school in Chicago for his MBA in finance.

**Lauren Bull '12** will pursue a master's in fine arts in poetry at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

**Hilary Bultman '12** will pursue a Ph.D. in zoology at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

**Hannah Bush '12** is working at Camp Fowler in New York, as an outcamp/backpacking leader for kids.

**Christian Calyore '12** will pursue a Master of Science degree in biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan.

**Elena Caruthers '12** will pursue a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at the Ohio State University.

**Allie Cerone '12** traveled to London, Edinburgh and Paris in May and will work at Caterpillar Inc. as a mechanical engineer beginning in August.

**Adam Clements '12** is working at Thierica Equipment in Walker, Mich., as a controls engineer.

**Erika Coombs '12** will attend the Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

**Christopher Cox '12** is moving to downtown Grand Rapids, Mich., living and working in a storefront apartment in an area called the "Avenue of the Arts." He will be doing photography and design work for **Jacob Bullard '11's** upcoming record and will be working on an exhibition for ArtPrize.

**Rebecca Danforth '12** will pursue a doctorate in chemistry at Montana State University.

**Nickolas Davros '12** will teach biology and physical science at Rifle High School in Rifle, Colo. He will also be coaching varsity and junior varsity football.

**Scott DeClair '12** is working for Jackson National Life Insurance as an actuarial student.

**Radhajyoti Deitenbeck '12** is beginning the Episcopal ordination process at Grace Episcopal in Holland, Mich.

**Daniel DeVries '12** will pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary.

**Jenna Dickman '12** is working in the Gold program at the Northern Trust Company.

**Michael Dirksen '12** is working for AmeriCorps in Holland, Mich.

**Allyson Dreger '12** will attend massage therapy school in Kalamazoo while finishing up requirements for physical therapy school.

**Ashley Drew '12** will pursue a Ph.D. in brain and cognitive science at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Sara Duhr '12** will pursue a social work degree at the University of Michigan School of Social Work.

**Eric Dulmes '12** is working for Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in Schenectady, N.Y., as an associate mechanical engineer.

**Eric Engerman '12** is working at Nissan Motors as a mechanical design engineer.

**Liz Fast '12** will pursue a Ph.D. in psychology, studying perception and cognitive neuroscience at the University of Minnesota.

**Lauren Ferin '12** will attend the University of Michigan School of Public Health, studying industrial hygiene.

**Tom Fifer '12** will pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Duke Divinity School.

**Ben Fineout '12** is working in the R&D engineering department at Stryker Instruments.

**Patrick Frayer '12** is working with the public accounting firm Crowe Horwath as a member of the international tax group.

**Lauren Gaines '12** will pursue a master's in physician assistant degree at Central Michigan University.

**Katherine Garcia '12** is working as a chemist with LECO in St. Joseph, Mich.

**Katie Garrett '12** is the camp director at The Great Escape, a camp under the organization Neighbors Plus in Holland Mich.

**Anne Georges '12** will attend Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., pursuing a Ph.D. in biochemistry.

**Heather Gill '12** is working as a wedding assistant at Windmill Island Gardens in Holland, Mich., for the summer.

**Christine Gobrogge '12** will pursue a Ph.D. in physical chemistry at Montana State University.

**Jensen Goczalk '12** is working as a customer development manager for PepsiCo in Norfolk, Va.

**Shaun Groetsema '12** is working for Terryberry in a sales role.

**Andrew Haggerty '12** will pursue a master's in college student affairs administration at the University of Georgia. He will also have a graduate assistantship in the UGA Center for Leadership and Service, and work with Volunteer UGA.

**Matthew Hartwell '12** will attend medical school at the University of Michigan.

**Diane Hawke '12** is interning at the House of Hope, a girls' home, in Chile in South America. The program is through Vision for Chile.

**Dean Hazle '12** is working at the United States Geological Survey in New Cumberland, Pa.

**Karen Heck '12** will pursue a doctorate in physical therapy at Grand Valley State University.

**Katelyn Hemmeke '12** received a Fulbright award to teach English in South Korea at the secondary level.

**Ross Heneveld '12** is working with TIME Ministries in the Dominican Republic this summer. In August, he will join Stryker Medical as a design engineer.

**Lisa Heyboer '12** will be student teaching at Quincy Elementary School in Holland, Mich.

**Erin Hildebrandt '12** will attend the Ph.D. graduate school program at the VanAndel Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Lia Holwerda '12** is working as a registered nurse at Spectrum Health Zeeland Community Hospital on the

Med/Surg/Peds floor.

**Xisen Hou '12** will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at Northwestern University. **Anne Jamieson '12** took a May Term in Scotland and then will be attending graduate school.

**Mariana Janbaih '12** is working for Kellogg in the human resources department.

**Erica Jansen '12** will attend the University of Michigan to study epidemiology in the master's of public health program.

**David Jenkins '12** is working at Apex Controls as a control engineer.

**Kaitlin Johnson '12** is working at BDO in Troy, Mich.

**Sarah Johnson '12** will pursue a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan.

**Jared Kimber '12** is pursuing a career with the Michigan State Police.

**Katherine Kirby '12** will pursue a Master of Science in historic preservation at Eastern Michigan University.

**Jacqueline Kirsch '12** is a mechanical engineer at Dematics Corp. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Emily Kirschbaum '12** will pursue a master's in social work with a concentration in mental health at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Jane Addams College of Social Work.

**Meghan Klaasen '12** is working at Holland Hospital in the medical surgical unit.

**Caitlin Klask '12** will pursue a Master of Arts in journalism at Michigan State University.



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**Laine Klopfenstein '12** will work for Teach for America in Chicago, Ill., teaching high school chemistry.

**David Krombeen '12** will pursue a doctorate in physical therapy at the University of Michigan-Flint.

**Bryan Kunkler '12** will attend the University of Michigan Medical School.

**Trevor Lake '12** is living in Grand Rapids, Mich., and working for Farmers Insurance Group.

**Jacob Large '12** is working for Pfeiffer Infiniti as a service advisor.

**Jennifer Laroche '12** is an outdoor education intern for the Bald Head Island Conservancy in North Carolina.

**Kaitlyn Leikert '12** will pursue a degree in school psychology at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis.

**Sara Little '12** is working for Plante Moran in Grand Rapids.

**Ziye Liu '12** is working for Deloitte in Detroit, Mich., as an auditor.

**Kelly Lufkin '12** will be starting PA school at Central Michigan University.

**Tiffany Lumley '12** is serving with Global Visionaries as an assistant program manager through the Lutheran Volunteer Core in Seattle, Wash.

**Patrick Lutz '12** will attend Princeton University for graduate studies in organic chemistry.

**Ryan McCall '12** is a production support engineer at Gentex in Zeeland, Mich.

**Laura McCambridge '12** will pursue an educational specialist degree in school psychology at Michigan State University.

**Caitlin McDougall '12** will pursue a master's degree in vocal performance at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music.

**Erin McIntyre '12** is working as an auditor for Deloitte in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Kyle McLellan '12** is working at Disher Design and Development in Zeeland, Mich., as a product development engineer.

**Elizabeth Miller '12** will attend Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, to study Polish and work in chemistry research.

**Kelsey Moore '12** will pursue a Ph.D. in neuroscience at the University of Minnesota.

**Jennifer Muisenga '12** will be student teaching at Whitney Young Magnet High School in Chicago, Ill.

**Elizabeth Nelis '12** is working for Egemin Automation as an electrical engineer.

**C.J. Newendorp '12** will be a discipleship/social media intern at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Paramount, Calif. He will also pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Fuller Theological Seminary.

**Brittini Nowicki '12** is working this summer as a stage manager for The Black Hills Playhouse in Custer, S.D., for the musical *Godspell* and the play *The Three Musketeers*.

**Christopher O'Brien '12** is the account manager for *Varsity News Network*.

**Brooke Osekavage '12** will spend a year teaching third grade in Honduras. She is teaching through Abundant Life Christian Schools in their English immersion school.

**Rebecca Palmitier '12** is living in Nicaragua this summer doing occupational therapy with children with special needs. In the fall she will attend Grand Valley State University studying occupational therapy.

**Leah Patenge '12** is traveling to Cameroon with Hope's chapter of Engineers Without Borders.

**Tanya Paul '12** is moving to New Delhi and interning with Save the Children India for six months and then will pursue a Master of Social Work degree.

**Caitlin Peirce '12** will attend the University of Michigan Medical School.

**David Penning '12** will attend Western Theological Seminary, pursuing a Master of Divinity.

**Shelby Peterson '12** will pursue a Ph.D. in cellular and developmental biology at the PIBS program at the University of Michigan.

**Andrew Peterson '12** will attend Princeton Theological Seminary, from which he has received the Presbyterian Leadership Award.

**Ali Pirich '12** is working for the Truscott Rossman public relations firm in Lansing, Mich.



**Alexander Porte '12** will attend medical school this fall.

**Kelly Potilechio '12** is working for Young Life's Frontier Ranch in Buena Vista, Colo.

**Julie Powers '12** will student teach at Hamilton High School.

**Sara Pridmore '12** is working for Quicken Loans as a client care specialist.

**Colin Rathbun '12** will pursue a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at the University of California at Irvine.

**Kristen Reschke '12** will student teach in India and then head to Port Au Prince, Haiti, to do mission work.

**Blair Riddle '12** will pursue a master's at University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work.

**Aaron Rittenhouse '12** is working for ProTrans International in the Farmington Hills office.

**Kelsey Jo Ritter '12** will pursue a industrial/organizational psychology doctoral degree at Bowling Green State University.

**Kirstin Robinson '12** will attend Michigan State in the fall as a graduate assistant athletic trainer. She will also

be working with the women's soccer team and teaching two classes.

**Claire Roembach-Clark '12** is moving to Seattle, Wash.

**Amber Rogers '12** will be an English teaching assistant in Spain through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

**Richard Sanchez '12** will pursue a Master of Arts in philosophy at LSU.

**Mia Savagian '12** will attend Michigan State College of Human Medicine in the fall.

**AmberLyn Scheeringa '12** will be heading overseas to teach.

**Lindsay Schell '12** will attend Central Michigan University in the physician assistant graduate program.

**Dale Schipper '12** is working for Amway as an associate scientist.

**Lauren Schira '12** is working for the Judson Group in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a recruiter.

**Sarah Schrottenboer '12** will be working for Teach for America in a South Dakota reservation as an elementary classroom teacher.

**Alyssa Shaler '12** will pursue a Master of Social Work degree at Grand Valley State University.

**Sioned Sitkiewicz '12** is moving to Alaska to work on the Chukchi Sea Project, studying benthic ecology in the Arctic Ocean.

**Karlyn Sikma '12** is self-employed at Highpoint Landscape Management and Ada Beef Company.

**Jessica Simmons '12** will attend the University of Minnesota medical school.

**Lindsey Sisson '12** will attend Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions in Boston for speech-language pathology.

**Stephanie Skaff '12** is working for Dow Chemical as a commercial development representative in training for account management.

**Nathan Sklenar '12** is working for Gordon Food Service in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a cost analyst.

**Heather Smith '12** will pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Loyola Institute of Pastoral Studies.

**Nathan Smith '12** is working for Spectrum Health as a business systems analyst.

**Kerry Smith '12** will pursue a Ph.D. in counseling psychology at Ball State University.

**Brent Smith '12** will pursue a Master of Music in vocal performance at the University of Northern Iowa.

**Jessica Snitko '12** will study for two months in Spain.

**Emily Staley '12** will pursue a master's in nursing, adult acute care at the University of Michigan.

**Brittany Steeg '12** is traveling to Costa Rica to dance with Arrows International, a dance company based in Edmond, Okla.

**Heather Stiff '12** will attend The Ohio State University School of Medicine.

**Bethany Stripp '12** is working for

*Chicago Athlete Magazine* as the online editor and copy editor.

**Mariah Tamanaha '12** is working at a travel agency in Minnesota.

**Alexandra Day '12 Vanden Bosch** (please see "Marriages") will attend Cooley Law School in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Sarah Van Hamersveld '12** will attend Loyola University Chicago to pursue a master's in clinical social work.

**Gina Veltman '12** will pursue a master's for teaching French as a foreign language and a joint certification in TESOL at New York University. She has received an English teaching assistantship in France for the following school year.

**Ryan Ver Meer '12** has moved to Tulsa, Okla., to start his training as a corps member with Teach For America. He will be teaching high school mathematics for the coming school year, beginning in August.

**Lauren Verner '12** will pursue a Master of Arts in applied linguistics: TESOL at York St. John University in York, United Kingdom.

**Katherine Voorhorst '12** will pursue a doctorate in physical therapy at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

**Jordan Walters '12** is working as the advocacy coordinator at Poetice International, a local nonprofit working with AIDS in Zambia.

**Kevin Watson '12** is working for Gordon Food Service Canada as the e-marketing specialist.

**David Whitaker '12** will work at Plante & Moran beginning in August.

**Sarah Wilhelm '12** will pursue a master's degree at the University of Toledo.

**Angelica Willis '12** will pursue a Maser of Public Health degree with a concentration in epidemiology at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

**David Winters '12** is working for Huizenga Group in Grand Rapids, Mich., as an assistant controller.

**Renee Wynveen '12** will pursue a Master of Arts in international relations at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

**Lauren Zandstra '12** will attend Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

## Marriages

Cynthia Socall '83 Smith and Jerry Smith, Jan. 7, 2012, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Wendy Hughes '96 and Paul Nemzek, Dec. 17, 2011, Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Mari Titcombe '02 and Grace Lee, Sept. 10, 2011, Denver, Colo.

Paula Grahmann '06 and Lucas Ward, Oct. 1, 2011, New Glarus, Wis.

Michael Vagle '06 and Maggie Meyer, Dec. 30, 2011.

Daniel Hills '08 and Adrienne Lalli, February 2010.



Aaron McBride '08 and Rachel Van Hamersveld '08, Aug. 19, 2011, Traverse City, Mich.

Erika English '09 and Nathaniel Mayer, May 27, 2012, Lisle, Ill.

Cynthia Fein '09 and Chris Riley, May 26, 2012, Traverse City, Mich.

Valerie Rideout '09 and Jason Utley, Oct. 15, 2011.

Shirley Bradley '10 and Thomas Dean, July 23, 2011, Holland, Mich.

Michael Brotherton '10 and Sarah Stern '11, July 16, 2011.

Jessica Jeffery '10 and Nicholas VanVoorst '10, March 3, 2012.

Troy Page '10 and Haley Barton, May 27, 2012.

Alexandra Day '12 and Kyle VandenBosch, April 12, 2012.

Eric Dulmes '12 and Kate Schrapfer '12, June 2, 2012.

Scott Martin '12 and Denae Caldwell, Aug. 7, 2010, St. Joseph, Mich.

Aaron Mutschler '12 and Mieke Hoksbergen '12, June 1, 2012.

Lindsey Sisson '12 and Robinson Hicks, June 16, 2012.

Heather Smith '12 and Trever Taylor, June 1, 2012.

Andrea Toren '12 and Nathan Erber '12, May 19, 2012.

## New Arrivals

Kurtis Haverdink '95 and Margaret Haverdink, Alexander Henry, April 8, 2012.

Jennifer Alexander '97 Francis and Scott Francis '98, Jonathan Levi, Sept. 8, 2011.

Jennifer Strauss '97 Looman and Ryan Looman, Lillian Emery, Feb. 29, 2012.

Tyler Lee Smith '97 and Rosalinda Smith, David Tyler, Jan. 26, 2012.

Jessica Mixer '98 Armock and Scott Armock, Brayden Thomas, Dec. 28, 2011.

Kristin Zimdahl '98 Brunschmid and Josef Brunschmid, Jakob Anton, Feb. 5, 2012.

Nicholas Holtvluwer '98 and Jennifer Levan '99 Holtvluwer, Luke Nicholas, April 5, 2012.

Heather Maas '98 Roden and Scott Roden '11, Alex and Ella, March 20, 2012.

Brian Slenk '98 and Ellen Colenbrander '00 Slenk, Peter James, March 17, 2012.

Matthew Klein '99 and Abbie Tanis '01 Klein, Greta Elaine, April 26, 2012.

Paul Berke '00 and Lauren Hermes '02 Berke, Katherine Mae, Aug. 18, 2011.

Carrie Demske '00 and Mark Demske, Blake Lauren, April 11, 2012.

Jonathan Dobbins '01 and Jennifer Dobbins, Daniel Creighton, March 1, 2012.

Julie Barton '01 Grech and Anthony Grech '02, Olivia Carmen, March 1, 2012.

Nathan Hansen '01 and Rachel

Hansen, Andrew Nathanael, March 19, 2012.

Jessica Hungerford '01 Moilanen and Todd Moilanen, Clare Suzanne, Feb. 7, 2012.

Michelle McDougal '01 Yurk and Brian Yurk '03, Marjorie Elizabeth, March 25, 2012.

Stephanie Schaap '02 Bauman and Josh Bauman '03, Charlie Schaap, March 20, 2012.

Whitney Hadanek '02 Sauer and Brian Sauer, Lucas Christopher, Jan. 26, 2012.

Brian Leicht '02 and Faith Ferrara '02 Leicht, Charles Robert, Jan. 22, 2012.

Joel Schick '02 and Taya Drost '04 Schick, Ellie Christine, Oct. 10, 2011.

Matthew Vanderhyde '02 and Beth Vanderhyde, Clara Rose, April 2, 2012.

Breanne Borin '02 Wallaker and Douglas Wallaker, Lucy Jayne, Oct. 7, 2011.

Daniel DuPuis '03 and Karissa DeYoung '03 DuPuis, Liam Daniel, March 22, 2012.

Leticia Grandia '03 Dykema and Robert Dykema, Tinley Joy, Feb. 24, 2012.

Joshua Ruch '03 and Sara Kouchnerkavich '03 Ruch, Ayla Madeline, April 5, 2012.

Kelly Parker '03 Slagh and Ryan Slagh, Camryn Ann, April 13, 2012.

Brian Slagh '03 and Haley Martin '04 Slagh, Conrad William, April 16, 2012.

John Vinke '03 and Shereen Vinke, Auden Timothy, Feb. 21, 2012.

Monica Merkley '04 Lininger and Chris Lininger '05, Jordyn Hope, March 17, 2012.

Brandon Maas '04 and Jillian Pettijohn '05 Maas, Ainsley Jane, April 14, 2012.

McKenna Troyan '04 Reitz and Greg Reitz, Karsen Marie, March 14, 2012.

Cristi DeGraff '05 Boersma and John Boersma Jr. '05, Sadie Jane, April 27, 2012.

Chrystial Agre '05 Hedding and Leon Hedding, Asher Samuel, March 20, 2012.

Eric Post '05 and Lisa Bauer '05 Post, David Robert, March 2, 2012.

Jason Wagenmaker '05 and Lindsey Wagenmaker, Natalie Lynn, March 17, 2012.

Erika Byker '06 Blom and Joshua Blom '07, Parker Jude, April 20, 2012.

Candice Evenhouse '06 Fetzer and Derek Fetzer, Breanna Grace, March 29, 2012.

Jen Gable '06 Garoutte and Aaron Garoutte '07, Charles Michael, Nov. 1, 2011.

Brandon Hazen '06 and Kellyn Rumpsa '06 Hazen, Jasey Alana, April 19, 2012.

Scott Travis '06 and Ashley Travis, Evelyn Claire, May 2, 2012.

Kimberly VanBronkhorst '07 Bartz and Richard Bartz, Benjamin Jon, April 11, 2012.

Stacy Nienhuis '07 Duimstra and

Justin Duimstra, Genevieve Jane, March 20, 2012.

Kari Luenberger '07 Nelessen and Benjamin Nelessen, Camden Jeffrey, March 2, 2012.

Joel Borst '08 and Marie Borst, Abigail Claire, April 17, 2012.

Nicole Brummel '08 Mosterd and David Mosterd, Judah Joel, March 7, 2012.

Daniel Sultz '08 and Vera Dusenbery '09 Sultz, Spencer Matthew, Feb. 23, 2012.

Emily Seib '09 Winchowky and Grant Winchowky, Hadley Rae, Feb. 9, 2012.

Kristin Stefan '11 Compagner and Ryan Compagner, Reagan Leigh, April 28, 2012.

Briana TerAvest '12 Russcher and Andrew Russcher, Birch Andrew, Nov. 30, 2011.

## Advanced Degrees

Mary Cassell '83, Ph.D. in educational leadership/adult community education, Florida Atlantic University, August 2011.

Tracy Boockmeier '89 Brower, Ph.D. in sociology, Michigan State University, October 2011.

Amy-Lynn Halverson '98, Master of Education in special education, Grand Valley State University, May 2012.

Sarah Rutherford '99 Guarin, Master of Business Administration, University of Maryland Graduate School of Management and Technology, May 2012.

Mari Titcombe '02 Lee, Ph.D. in physical chemistry, minor in environmental health, University of Minnesota, February 2012.

Anna King '02 Vest, MSN with a specialty in nurse anesthesia, DePaul University/NorthShore University Health System, August 2011.

Monica Merkley '04 Lininger, Doctor of Philosophy in evaluation, measurement and research, Western Michigan University, April 2012.

Chris Lininger '05, Master of Science in engineering management, Western Michigan University, April 2012.

Landon Lapham '06, A.A., anesthesiologist assistant, dean's list, Nova Southeastern University, August 2011.

Katherine Janczak '08, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, May 2012.

Kristin Raley '08, Master of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School, May 2012.

Gretchen Davis '09, Master of Social Work, University of Denver, June 2010.

Erin Fortner '09, J.D., University of Iowa College of Law, May 2012.

Stephanie Dykema '10, master's in education in psychological counseling, specialization in mental health

counseling, Teacher's College Columbia University, May 2012.

Gretchen Geuder '11, Master of Social Work, Loyola University of Chicago, May 2012.

## Deaths

The college is often privileged to receive additional information in celebration of the lives of members of the Hope community who have passed away. Please visit the expanded obituaries we have made available online if you wish to read more about those whose loss is noted in this issue.

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**Tammy Nantelle '93 Anderson** of Sparta, Mich., died on Sunday, April 29, 2012, after a long battle with cancer. She was 41.

She worked as a registered nurse in the Spectrum Butterworth NICU for 15 years.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Charles Anderson.

Survivors include her husband Perry Anderson; children Brittney and Ryan Scheuneman, Megan Anderson, and Kaitlin Anderson; parents Robert (Kim) Nantelle and Veronica (Jim) Van Dusen; sister, Tawnya Nantelle; brother Kyle (Ashlee) VanDusen; mother-in-law, Ethelyn Anderson.

**Gladys Dornbos '40 Bauman** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, March 10, 2012. She was 94.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lorman Bauman; brother, Gerald Dornbos; and sisters, Frances Colenbrander and Margaret O'Dean.

Survivors include her children, Neale (Jeanne) Bauman, Mark (Janet) Bauman, Gerry (Susan) Bauman, Arlene (Doug) Jackson and Charlie (Sunny) Bauman; 19 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

**Stanley Boven '36** of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. He was 100.

He ran Boven Dry Goods Store, which his father opened in 1921.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Elizabeth Goehner '36 Boven; brothers, Gelmer Boven '28 and Ronald Boven '50; and sister, Ardene Boven '40 Anderson.

Survivors include his three children, Douglas Boven, Richard (Sally) Boven, and Jean Boven '75 (Steve '74) Norden; his sister, Phyllis Agnew; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Boven; brother-in-law, Lawrence Anderson; seven grandchildren, including William (Mara) Norden '04 and Pieter Norden '11; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews, including Lynda Boven '73 (Steven '71) Farrar, Paul Boven '53, George Goehner '69, Sharon Boven '75 Carter and Peter Boven '79.



**Ruth Ellison '46 Brandt** of Alameda, Calif., died on Friday, Feb. 24, 2012. She was 86.

She was an elementary school teacher.

Survivors include her children, Merrilee (Paul) Laugeness, Kimberly (Ken) Rocks, Mark (Amy) Brandt and Paul Brandt; and four grandchildren.

**Adrian Bruininks '53** of Fort Pierce, Fla., died on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. He was 83.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force.

He worked in outside sales in the wholesale plumbing industry.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Gore '52 Bruininks; and sister, Alice Herington.

Survivors include his son, John Bruininks; daughters, Debra Bruininks '79 Davidson, and Betty Bruininks; and three grandchildren.

**Milford Decker '58** of Utica, N.Y., died on Saturday, April 14, 2012. He was 75.

He served as a minister in the Reformed Church in America in New York and Pennsylvania, and also as the Montgomery County historian and archivist.

Survivors include his partner, Jeffrey Sterling; five children; many grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Lela (Kushma) Decker.

**Beverly DeWolf '52** of Rochester,

N.Y., died on Wednesday, July 27, 2011. She was 81.

She was retired from Eastman Kodak Company.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Joyce DeWolf; and parents, Abram (Alice) DeWolf.

Survivors include her cousins, Gail DeWolf '56, John (Annette Siderius '52) DeWolf '51 and Dorine DeWolf '53 (Eugene) Jelensperger.

**Irene "Ike" Boer '47 DeYoung** of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Thursday, March 1, 2012. She was 86.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Peter Boer and Gordon Boer.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Robert DeYoung '50; daughter, Diane DeYoung '79 (Bruce) Callander; three grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Boer and Betty Slikkers; and two brothers, Ed (Bobbie) Boer and Calvin (Karen Arnold '70) Boer '67.

**Harlan Failor '50** of Champaign, Ill., died on Monday, April 9, 2012. He was 85.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was one the first physicians in the Carle Clinics Department of Internal Medicine to use chemotherapy to treat cancer. He helped form and develop Carle Care HMO, now Health Alliance Medical Plans, and was its first medical director.

Survivors include his wife,

Patricia Failor; son, Bruce (Kathryn) Failor; daughter, Kathryn (William) Chapman; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Carlton (Marilyn) Failor Jr. '56; and sister, Marilyn Failor '52 (Robert) Waehler.

**Timothy Field '73** of Frankfort, Ill., died on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012. He was 60.

He was the founder of Field Surgical Associates and worked for 28 years at Ingalls Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Field; children, Timothy II (Lauren) Field, Kristen Field, Sean Field and Kelly Field; step-children, Matthew Frame and Christie Frame; brothers, Robert (Jenny) Field, David (Jean) Field, Scott (Lynda Rice '76) Field '76 and Paul (Barbara) Field '81; and one granddaughter.

**Thomasine Flanders '88** of Gloversville, N.Y., died on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012. She was 45.

She worked at the Christian schools. During her time off, she worked at Starbucks.

Survivors include her brothers, Thomas (Kimberly) Flanders, Patrick Flanders; and extended family, Don (Vicki Kolling '87) Carmichael and their children.

**Myrtle Hazen '69 Forsten** of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, April 24, 2012. She was 82.

She taught at Fennville Christian Academy and in the Hamilton Public Schools.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Ralph Forsten; daughters, Nancy Forsten and Diane VerHey; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Phyllis Vander Schaaf '53 Good** of Butler, N.J., died on Tuesday, Aug 9, 2011. She was 86.

She served in the U.S. Navy for 25 years, retiring as a Master Chief Petty Officer.

She was an antiques dealer in New York City.

Survivors include her husband of 42 years, George Good.

**James Heersma '46** of Marshfield, Wis., died on Monday, March 19, 2012. He was 87.

He served in the Korean War as a naval officer and medic, earning the Silver Star for bravery.

He practiced pediatrics and was an assistant professor of pediatrics at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He continued his practice in Muscoda, Wis., until his retirement in 1990.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Heersma; son, Richard Heersma; and three siblings, Gerald Heersma '34, Sidney Heersma '30 and Mabel Heersma.

Survivors include his three

children, Virginia Heersma (William) Covert, Thomas (Connie) Heersma and Laura Heersma (Rolland) Mays; his sister, Ruth Polk; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Doris VanHoven '42 Kleinheksel** of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. She was 91.

She was a vocal music teacher in the West Ottawa Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Kleinheksel II '44.

Survivors include her children, John (Karen) Kleinheksel III, Kathleen (Ronald) Rumble, Mary Kay (A.J.) Visser; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

**Everett Kleinjans '43** of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, April 30, 2012. He was 92.

He served as an infantryman in Europe during the Battle of the Bulge.

He received the Hope Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1976 and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the college in 1984.

He taught for many years at Meiji Gakuin in Tokyo and later became a professor at Hawaii Pacific University earning Teacher of the Year. He spent time in Cambodia, helping to establish the Center of Advanced Studies.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Edith Klaaren '43 Kleinjans.

Survivors include his five children, Brian, David, John, Monica and Connie; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and his second wife, Jackie Young.

**Bruce Linroth '61** of Douglas, Mich., died on Monday, Jan 2, 2012. He was 73.

He served in Company C of the 588th Engineering Battalion the United States Army, earning a Good Conduct Medal, and was a Marksman.

He owned Green Thumb Nursery Landscaping.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his brother, Bill Linroth.

**William McCullough '62** of Lebanon, Maine, died on Wednesday, April 4, 2012. He was 72.

He was a piano tuner/technician, and served several churches as organist and choir director.

Survivors include his wife, Lori Tierney McCullough; daughter, Marcie (Stephen) Yager; son, Colin (Jennifer) McCullough; his stepchildren, Karin Tierney, Heather (Ben Madore) Tierney; four grandchildren; brother, Douglas McCullough '64; and father-in-law, Don Williams.

**Betty Fuller '47 Meiners** of Las Cruces, N.M., died on Monday, Feb. 27, 2012. She was 87.

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She was a librarian at Las Cruces High School until her retirement in 1991.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Meiners '47; and daughter-in-law, Leigh Meiners.

Survivors include her children, Margaret (Chuck) Vander Hart, Paul (Liz) Meiners, Jo (Steve) Barrett, Gordon (Candy) Meiners, and Jim (Rachael) Meiners; 21 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

**Matthew Otte '48** of Stevens Point, Wis., died on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. He was 86.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was the associate director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, retiring after more than 34 years with the association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, James Otte; four brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Otte; children, Steven (Debbie) Otte, Patricia (George) Ladecki, Robert Otte, and Amy (Scott) Townsend; two grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; sisters, Edna Mae (Walter) Wenholt, and Gloria (Larry) Oppenorth; brother, Clifford (Haleta) Otte; and sister-in-law, Nancy Otte.

**John Padgett '58** of Jenison, Mich., died on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. He was 80.

He was a pastor in the Reformed Church in Piermont, N.Y., Doster, Mich., Pine Rest Christian Hospital and Fair Haven Ministries.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Marilyn Padgett; children, Derek Padgett, and Nancy (Tom) Ooms; two grandchildren; and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Martha Padgett, Nick Havinga, and Sena (Bob '61) Bonnette.

**Stuart Padnos '42** of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. He was 90.

He served in World War II and was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. He was a corporal in the Army infantry.

He was senior vice president of Louis Padnos Iron and Metal Inc. and founding member of the Holland Economic Development Corp.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Padnos.

Survivors include his sons, Doug (Nancy) Padnos, Jeff (Margaret '95) Padnos; and brother Seymour (Esther) Padnos '43.

Word has been received of the death of **Ellene Bosland '47 Pfromm** of Fort Myers, Fla., who died on Monday, March 12, 2012. She was 85.

**Joan Rypstra '48 Roth** of Lowell, Mich., died on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012. She was 89.

She was a partner in the family business, Roth Surge Dairy Farm Equipment, for 33 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Roth; and brothers, Maurice Rypstra and Alfred Rypstra.

Survivors include her children, David (Anita) Roth, Lind (John) Affholter, and Gary (Suzanne) Roth; six grandchildren, including Michelle Affholter '08 (Steven) Feutz and Alison Roth '10; sisters-in-law, Irene Rypstra and June Roth; and brothers-in-law, Edwin (Doris) Roth and Walter (Kapua) Roth.

**James Schmidt '76** of Combined Locks, Wis., died on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012. He was 57.

He was a project engineer for Jacobs Engineering.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Schmidt.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Schmidt; children, Paul Schmidt and Rachel Schmidt; his mother, Evelyn Jannenga '50 Schmidt; four brothers, John (Dawn Boelkins) Schmidt '73, Myron (Denise) Schmidt '74, Edward (Jennifer Bartels '77) Schmidt '77 and Warren (Sherry) Schmidt '80; two brothers-in-law, James (Bonnie) Reeder and Jeff (Sherry) Reeder; his mother- and father-in-law, James (Beverly) Reeder; and many nieces and nephews, including Rebecca Schmidt '98, Emily Schmidt '06, Gretchen Schmidt '05 (Timothy '05) Fry, Jessica Schmidt '06 and Matthew (Hillary Byker '08) Schmidt '08.

**Carl Selover '50** of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. He was 86.

He was a teacher in Honor, Whitehall and Holland, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Prudence Haskin '50 Selover.

Survivors include his children, Prudence Carlene Selover '86 (Lawrence Kurtz), Renee Selover '86 (Steven) Schrems, Lloyd (Theresa) Selover, and Conrad Selover; nine grandchildren, including Katherine Alverson '00 (Terry) Abitz; six great-grandchildren; brother, Robert (Patricia) Selover; and in-laws, Phyllis Haskin '47 DeNeve, Edward Roberts and Sam Speranza.

**Lee Sneden '50** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012. He was 83.

He worked as an organist, choirmaster, teacher (high school and college), writer for Whirlpool, researcher and forecaster, and a clinical social worker.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Sneden, and his second wife, Cornelia Kool-Sneden.

Survivors include his children, Thomas (Donna) Sneden and Julie (Bob) Sneden-Carlson; his step-children, Kathy (John) Edgren, Lawrence (Eva) Kool and Dennis (Sandy) Koll; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**LaVern Van Kley '39** of Zeeland, Mich., died on Monday, March 19, 2012. He was 94.

He served as a major in the U.S. Army with the Amphibious Tank Corps during World War II.

He had his dental practice in Zeeland, retiring in 1980.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Betty DePree '41 Van Kley; children, Thomas (Rosalie) Van Kley '63, Mardee (Phil) Mott and Peggy (Larry) Busscher; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother and sister, Allen (Helene) Van Kley and Juanita Ritsema; in-laws, Merle DePree '38 Schaap, Max (Esther) DePree '48 and Pat DePree; and many nieces and nephews, including Kris (Barbara Tacoma '81) DePree '81, Gregory (JoAnn) DePree '66, David (Cheryl) DePree '78 and Nancy DePree '78 (David '84) Van Dyke.

**Teunis Waalkes '41** of Stafford, Va., died on Thursday, April 19, 2012. He was 92.

He worked for the Public Health Service, National Cancer Institute, and was chair of oncology at Johns Hopkins University.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Waalkes '15; and sister, Marian Waalkes '40 (Peter '38) Veltman.

Survivors include his sons, Richard Waalkes, Steven Waalkes, Michael (Michele) Waalkes '75 and Robert Waalkes; two daughters, Kelly and Nancy; 11 grandchildren, including Phillip Waalkes '04 and Thomas Waalkes '12; and one great-grandchild.

**Kathryn Solms '76 Wheeler** of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, April 28, 2012. She was 57.

She wrote several children's story books, and earned a paralegal certificate and worked with civil rights and consumer protection.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Wheeler.

**Willis White '50** of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., died on Thursday, March 15, 2012. He was 87.

He was in the Navy as an aviation machinist.

He was executive program administrator for the NYS Division for Youth, retiring in 1979. He then opened his own counseling practice.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria White.

Survivors include his children Ronald (Cathy) White, Michael (Julie Rodriguez) White and Jonathan White; a sister, Joan Bowen; brother-in-law, Regis Percey; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## Sympathy to:

The family of **Fred Coates**, who died on Saturday, May 5, 2012. He was 81.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He worked for Hope College as director of the physical plant from 1977 to 1998.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gerda Coates.

Survivors include his children, Eric (Stephanie Lignell '89) Coates '88 and Audrey Coates '97 (Thomas '97) Akland; and five grandchildren.

The family of **Richard Den Hartog**, who died on Thursday, March 8, 2012. He was 92.

Richard worked as a head maintenance person at Hope College for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Den Hartog, who worked for Hope for 25 years.

Survivors include his children, Randall Den Hartog and Rita Den Hartog '75 Stevens; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother Donald (Audrey) Den Hartog '56.

The family of **Frank C. Sherburne Jr.** of Holland, Mich., who died on Monday, June 4, 2012. He was 83.

He was a member of the college's mathematics faculty for 35 years, retiring in 1994. Across his career he had taught several courses in the department, including "Calculus I, II and III," "Survey of Calculus," "Finite Mathematics" and "History of Mathematics." He had developed the course sequence "Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I and II."

He served the college in a variety of ways through the years in addition to teaching, including as secretary of the faculty; ticket manager for football and basketball; his department's liaison to the college's library; and a member of the Distinguished Alumni Award Committee. Among other activities, he had portrayed Professor Willard in Hope Summer Repertory Theatre's 1989 production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Dorothy; two children, Marie Sherburne '77 (Randy) Mercier of Tustin, Mich., and Richard Sherburne of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and grandchildren.

The family of **John Vennema**, who died on Thursday, April 19, 2012. He was 93.

Among other support of Hope, he and his wife, Joanne, contributed a Dutch Statenbijbel (State Bible) and other items for the VanRaalte Institute.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne; and his sister.

Survivors include; his three children; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.





# All Together

Nykerk tradition by its nature links participants. Even-Year mentors Even-Year; Odd-Year mentors Odd-Year, juniors, freshmen; and seniors, sophomores. Each class does its best to win, becoming a team in the process, but at the end of the Nykerk Night competition in November all meet in the middle, differences more symbolic than real. In the same spirit, students from all four current classes' Nykerk Song sections met in the DeVos Fieldhouse for the student-organized "Anchors Aweigh!" farewell celebration in April, lending their talents together to thank President James '63 and Martie Tucker '63 Bultman for their service to Hope.

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