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Students on Hope's spring-break immersion trip to New Orleans work the land at a local schoolyard program that seeks to improve area wellbeing by integrating hands-on organic gardening and seasonal cooking into the curriculum. The trips — 15 this year, around the country and abroad — likewise nurture their 200 Hope participants. Coordinated by Campus Ministries, and emphasizing partnering with and understanding the communities visited, they endeavor to help students cultivate and live their faith as an integral part of who they are.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

The cover story for this issue of *News From Hope College* focuses on sustainability — a fitting theme for a month that includes the celebration of Earth Day. We often think of sustainability in terms of caring for God’s creation, and rightly so, for Psalm 24:1-2 tells us, “The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.”



There are so many responsibilities involved in caring for “the earth and all it contains.” Our world extends far beyond our backyard, and our neighbors live in places that are distant and unfamiliar. This reality can make it challenging to live in fellowship with “the world, and those who dwell in it.” To do so, we must consider how our decisions reflect our role as stewards of God’s many gifts. How do we maintain a spirit of fulfillment with what we have, a deep sense of gratitude for what we’ve been given, and a full-hearted commitment to giving back?

Stewardship happens in many ways, and the stories in this issue are a testament to that. Turn the pages, and you’ll read about Creation-Care champions who are leading sustainable practices on Hope’s campus. You’ll also meet three wonderful students and a recent graduate — Ismael, Irene, Nia and Taylor — who are sharing their passions in ways that honor and support others. You’ll learn about our three retiring faculty members who have dedicated their careers to the development of students. And, you’ll be moved by alumnus Latif Jigi, whose life journey led him back to Hope College last year. All are blessings to the Hope community.

With spring upon us, the snow is melting and the sun is beginning to shine (more regularly, anyway!). Let the promise of spring remind us of the splendor around us and inspire us to be stewards, each in our own way.

Spera in Deo,

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

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



QUOTE UNQUOTE



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

This year's annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Lecture marked three anniversaries.



First, held on national Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 15, the occasion celebrated the late civil rights leader's birth and his legacy. Second, it reflected on the 50th anniversary of his assassination on April 4, 1968, at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, and the work remaining to be done in realizing the vision he expressed for America. Third, it was the 30th year of the event, which across the past three decades

has featured insights from a wide variety of speakers regarding the state of the dream and the journey past and present.

A capacity crowd filled Dimnent Memorial Chapel for this year's lecture. And in an era of deep national division, in a week marked by news of an unprintable slur, the audience heard a call to action and encouragement from someone who had experienced the worst of an earlier time of brokenness: the Rev. Dr. Carolyn McKinstry, who as a teen survived the racially motivated bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama, on Sept. 15, 1963, that killed four of her friends brief moments after she had been with them.

McKinstry told of her life growing up in then-segregated Birmingham, of her involvement in the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and of meeting King. She spoke openly of the pain she experienced — of seeing her terminally ill, beloved grandmother relegated to the basement of a segregated hospital;

of being blasted by fire hoses during a march for equality; of the death of her friends; and of the terror when another bomb exploded near her home — and of the despair that followed.

"The next 20 years of my life, I would spend struggling with depression," she said. "I had no idea why we were hated so much. Why didn't God just allow me to die in the church bombing with my friends?"

From that low point, though, she has come to see hope in reconciliation, harkening back to the message of King in seeking to mobilize those who likewise hunger for better. It's perspective that she has since shared in eight countries and more than 35 states.

"There were many lessons, though very painful, that we learned from Dr. King, but 50 years later his messages and his lessons are just as relevant and timely today as when they were written," McKinstry said. "The titles that he chose tell us about his heart: *Where Do We Go from Here?*, 'I Have a Dream,' 'Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution' and 'Letter from Birmingham Jail.'"

"Love and nonviolence are what humanity needs most of all," she said. "This was what Dr. King first said to us. When we marched with Dr. King, we carried signs, and those signs said 'Can a man love God and hate his brother?' Love is what love does, and love does his neighbor no harm. Dr. King said that in the matter of nonviolence we will either learn to be nonviolent or we will be nonexistent."

"We must work toward the realization of the beloved community where all are valued," McKinstry said. "And you are never too young, never too old, to get involved."

Please visit Hope online for a gallery of images from the evening.

 hope.edu/mlk2018



GRADUATION WILL BE MAY 6

The college's 153rd Commencement, celebrating the graduating Class of 2018, will be held on Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m. at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Temple Smith, assistant professor of sociology. The Baccalaureate speaker will be Dr. Gerald Griffin, assistant professor of biology and psychology.

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

 hope.edu/commencement



HOPE IN PEACE CORPS TOP 25

Hope is in the top 25 among small colleges and universities producing Peace Corps Volunteers in 2017, as reported via the agency's 2018 list of top volunteer-producing schools.

Hope is ranked 22nd nationally, with 10 alumni serving as Peace Corps Volunteers. Hope is the only school from Michigan in the category, and is one of only three Michigan institutions of any size recognized for the number of alumni volunteers in 2017.

 hope.edu/peacecorps

BREAKING NEWS: HOCKEY WINS!

The college's club hockey team has won its first American Collegiate Hockey Association Division 3 National Championship! Please visit Hope online for more, including video of the title contest, and look for a feature on the team in our summer issue.

 hope.edu/hockeychamps



PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE

With all things made ready, the call for candidates for the college's presidency is about to begin — and the Hope family can help.

The national search for a new president to take the helm in 14-plus months will formally launch in May. To develop the best possible pool, the college is working with AGB Search, which since being founded in 2010 by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges has assisted with more than 500 full-time executive and interim searches at 325 institutions. As part of this process, the college is seeking recommendations from those who know and love Hope.


The Rev. Dr. Dennis Voskuil is serving as interim president of Hope College following the presidency of Dr. John C. Knapp. Voskuil is a former president of neighboring Western Theological Seminary as well as a former member of the college's religion faculty and director of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute.

The top priority is to find the right match for both the college and the candidate selected for the leadership role. The process is being coordinated by a 14-member search committee composed of trustee, faculty, staff, student and alumni representatives chaired by Suzanne Shier of the Board of Trustees.

Preparations for the search have been underway for the past several months. A profile informed by documents such as the college's strategic plan, *Hope for the World: 2025*, will help candidates understand the college and Hope's aspirations for the future. To shape the profile that will serve as a guide in evaluating candidates, the committee organized a series of individual interviews, focus groups and campus forums to gather input and information from the campus community and conducted an online survey of the extended Hope family.

The next six to eight months will see events move quickly. The goal is to develop the candidate pool this summer, narrow the pool during the fall semester and elect a new president during the winter of 2018-19 (past experience suggests sometime between the middle of December and late March).

For updates and more information, please watch for subsequent issues of *News from Hope College* (next published in August) or visit the presidential-search website. The website also includes information regarding how to nominate candidates.

 hope.edu/presidentialsearch



FROM BLOGS.HOPE.EDU

“What this has taught me is that I need to be willing to embrace my discomfort. Sure, I may cringe at the idea of a loose schedule now, but I am excited to see what it teaches me about myself.” — senior Allie Schultz

Hope students studying around the world share their experiences through on-going columns featured on the college’s Off-Campus Study blog. Writing from Hyderabad, India, senior Allie Schultz has been reflecting on the lessons that she is learning beyond her chosen field of communication — such as adjusting to an environment much less concerned with deadlines than her own. She writes, “[I]t is not enough to ‘just be yourself’ when abroad; you have to be willing to grow.”

The Off-Campus Study blog is among more than 40 on the college’s vibrant blog network, which shares accounts written by students, faculty and staff highlighting scholarship, off-campus study, individual academic and co-curricular programs, alumni activities and achievements — and more.

blogs.hope.edu/off-campus

SUMMER THEATRE NAMES ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Hope has named critically acclaimed director Lenny Banovez, whose experience includes nine years as an artistic director, actor and director in New York City, as artistic director of the long-running Hope Summer Repertory Theatre.

Banovez, who is working with director Anne Bakker ’85, HSRT’s managing director, is artistic director and co-founder of Titan Theatre Company in New York City. Because their seasonal schedules are complementary, he will split his time between Titan Theatre Company and HSRT, serving in New York from September through April and at the college between May and August.

hope.edu/hsrtbanovez



THEATRE AND STUDENTS EARN MULTIPLE HONORS

The Department of Theatre and students received multiple honors during the Region III Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival on Jan. 9-14 at the University of Indianapolis.

The annual festival is a gathering of more than 1,200 college theatre students and faculty who join together to showcase the best work of the four-state region of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Senior Akia Nyrie Smith (pictured) received the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Audition award for her audition with her scene partner, senior Sam Hill; sophomore Emmie Sandstedt received the Stage Management Fellowship; and junior Rachel Dion received for the KCACTF/Lort Leadership Award for artistic administrators. In addition, the department was selected to bring *The Line Between*, which it had staged at Hope in April 2017, as a participating production to the festival.

hope.edu/theatre-honors

SMITH RETIRES AS SOCCER COACH

Dr. Steven Smith has retired as head men’s soccer coach after 28 seasons.

His teams compiled a 372-154-44 record that includes nine MIAA championships and 11 NCAA Tournament appearances, and put him 11th in wins among active Division III men’s soccer coaches and in the top 50 nationally with a .691 winning percentage.



Although his tenure as coach has ended, Smith won’t be far away. He will continue teaching as a professor of kinesiology.

hope.edu/steven-smith

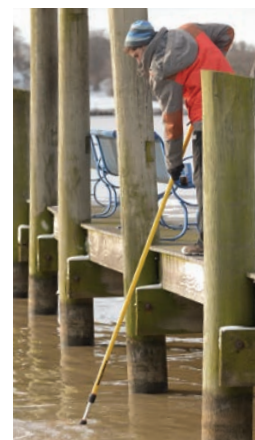
HOPE RECEIVES RECORD EIGHTH BECKMAN AWARD

Hope has received a record eighth Beckman Scholars Program award from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation in recognition of excellence in faculty-student collaborative research in biomedically related sciences. The program provides support for stipends and supplies for select students at recipient institutions to engage in in-depth research with designated faculty members in biomedically relevant science disciplines.

Hope was in the first cohort awarded a Beckman Scholars Program in 1998 and has had an active award ever since, more than any other college or university in the country. Only 12 received awards this year.

 hope.edu/beckman

DAY1: WATERSHED HONORED



The college's Day1: Watershed program has received the 2017 Watershed Stakeholder of the Year Award from the Macatawa Watershed Project of the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council.

Established in 2015, Day1: Watershed is a yearlong program that engages freshmen in research regarding the health of the 175-square-mile Macatawa watershed by measuring sediment runoff, the presence of nutrients such as phosphorus, and *E. coli* contamination.

 hope.edu/day1watershed



WINTER SPORTS REPORT

The first MIAA indoor women's track and field championship, and shares of MIAA men's and women's basketball titles, were among Hope College athletics highlights for the 2017-18 winter season.

Coach Kevin Cole's Flying Dutch placed first in two events at the track championships at Trine and recorded a winning score of 131.5 points. Women's basketball finished the season with a 29-2 record, advanced to the national quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III Tournament and tied for first place in the MIAA with Trine, with Francesca Buchanan becoming the 15th Hope player to reach 1,000 career points. Men's basketball reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament and became MIAA co-champions en route to a 19-10 record, with Jason Beckman setting Hope's single-season free-throw record at 91.4 percent. Swimmer Meg Peel qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke, and also swam with Emma Schaefer, Chloe Palajac and Sydney Asselin in the 200 and 400 medley relays at nationals.

 athletics.hope.edu

STUDENTS RECEIVE COMMUNITY YOUTH SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

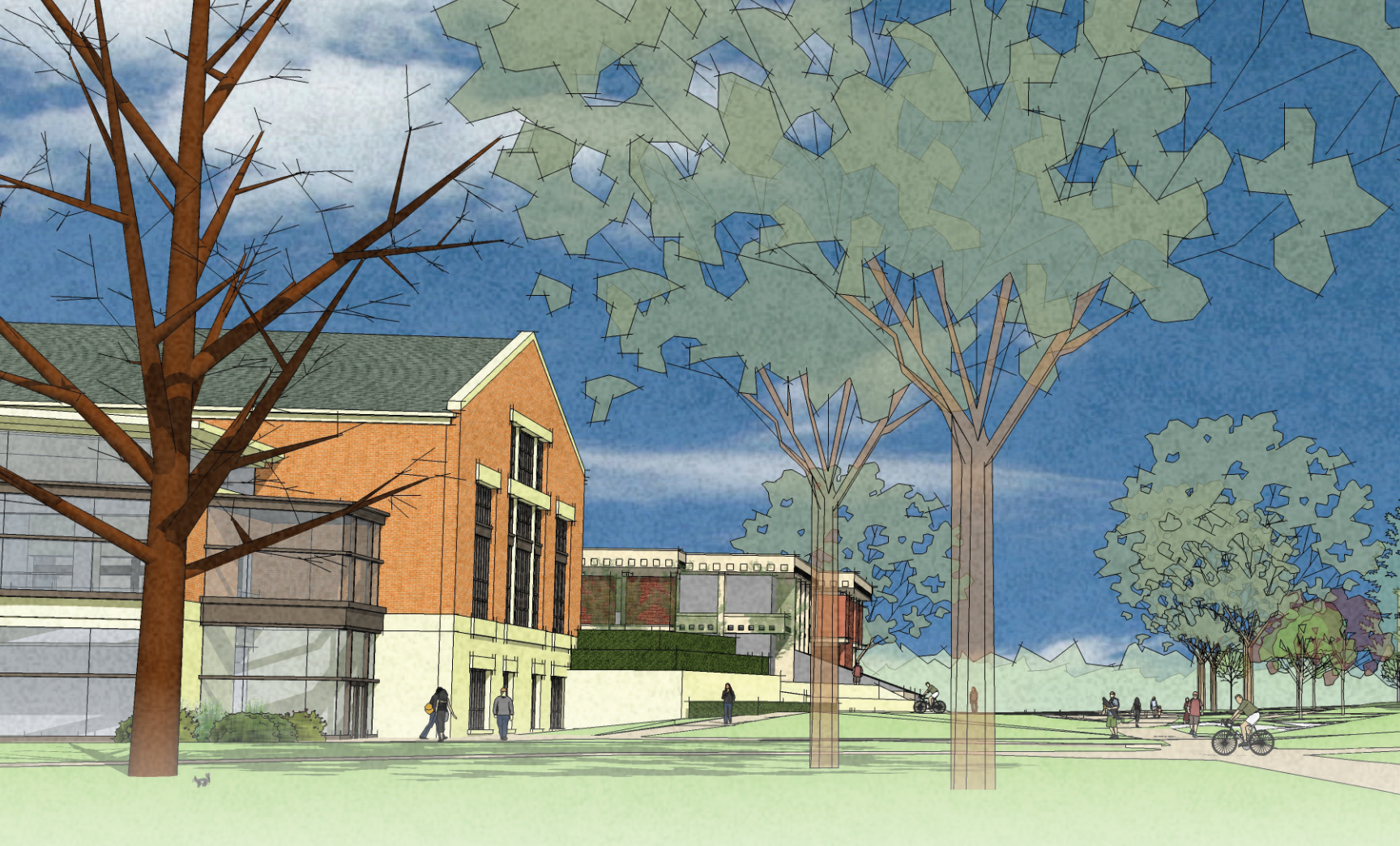
Hope students received the 2017 Youth Social Justice Award from Holland's Human Relations Commission for their leadership in organizing a march and rally this past fall to advocate for those impacted by DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

The award recognized the three student organizations that co-sponsored the Oct. 31 event — Hope Democrats, Hope United for Justice and the Latino Student Organization — and the six students who were its primary planners: junior Julia Fulton, sophomore Jocelyn Gallegos, senior Alejandra Gomez Limon, junior Ye Ji Jun, junior Frina Redoloza and sophomore Nancy Sierra. It was presented on Jan. 17.

The "Blessing Not a Burden" march and rally, which began in the college's Pine Grove and concluded at Holland City Hall, was held to raise awareness of issues of immigration, to show support for students and community members affected by the Sept. 5 announcement by Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinding DACA, and to empower students to action. Approximately 300 members of the Hope and Holland communities participated.

 hope.edu/daca-rally





Commitment to educating students in the context of the historic Christian faith has been a central part of the Hope identity since the college's founding more than 150 years ago. At the same time, Hope makes a point of being invitational rather than prescriptive when it comes to sharing that faith with the students in the college's care.

A new Campus Ministries house to be constructed starting this summer and ready to open in the fall of 2019 will embrace and embody both ideas, providing an inviting space in the most central campus location possible, along the former 12th Street between the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center and Wyckoff Hall. It's one of three components of the "Faith Formation Initiative," a \$10 million micro campaign that is also providing endowment support for a new chaplain in athletics and for programming. Sufficient funds have been raised to move forward with a groundbreaking and to hire for the new chaplaincy; however, further support is needed for the programming and endowment of the initiatives.

The three-pronged effort supports the college's strategic plan, *Hope for the World: 2025*, which across multiple goals — from academics, to Christian formation, to global engagement to community — emphasizes helping students engage with the Christian faith and understand how it can inform them as they study, pursue vocation and live in community with others in a diverse and interconnected world.

"Ours is a spirit of invitation and we want to make that invitation as inviting as possible," said the Rev. Dr. Trygve

Johnson, who is the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel. "Working in partnership with the rest of campus, our ministry strives to share the Christian faith in a way that is ecumenically expansive, intellectually rich and missionally imaginative. With the new space and resources, we'll be better able to serve the college as Hope moves into a new future."

The new center will succeed the Keppel House on 10th Street, a stately former private residence which has housed the program since 1994 but has become outgrown as Campus Ministries programming and student interest have expanded. Currently, for example, meetings that draw 50-some students are held in the building's basement, unheated and unfinished space never intended for such a role.

Designed to complement the surrounding campus architecture, the new building will include a balcony and covered porch facing Van Raalte Commons and the Pine Grove, and an amphitheater for outdoor events or for students simply to enjoy fellowship and their surroundings. Within, the facility will include small and large gathering spaces, a commons area, a library that can also be used for meetings, a prayer alcove and office space sufficient for a staff that is currently spread among other locations.

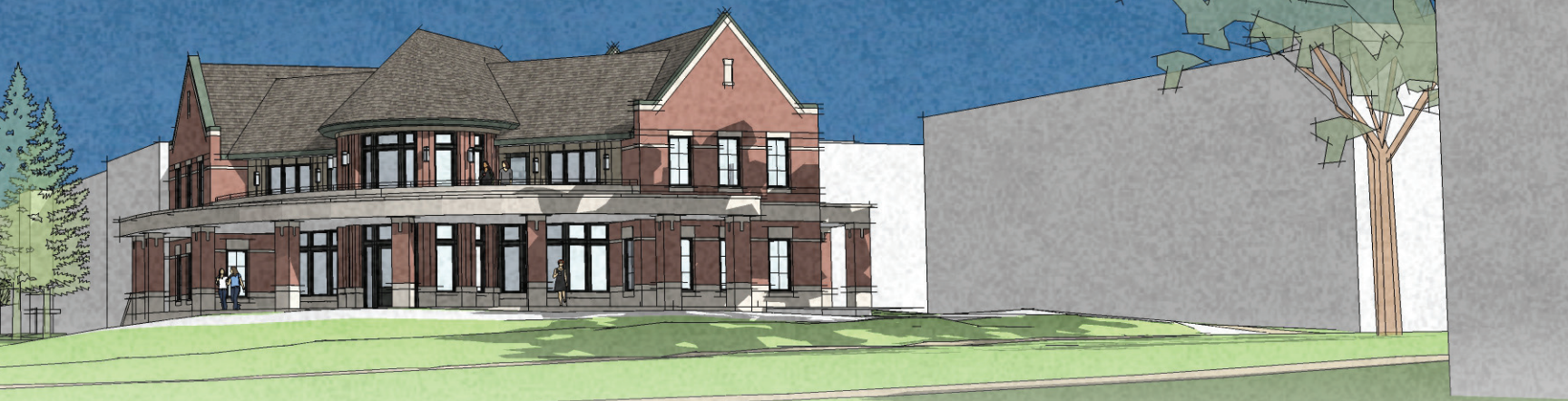
"Space communicates what we value," Johnson said. "At the center of campus we're putting a building that's dedicated to Christian formation and faith."

"The strategic location at the heart of the campus will provide a more central location to serve students," he said. "We also envision new partnerships with Western Theological Seminary

New Center Headlines

FAITH FORMATION INITIATIVE

By Greg Olgers '87



and the college's Student Development Office, both of which will be just steps away."

The center will entail an estimated project cost of \$5 million, including an endowment for ongoing building maintenance and operation. Crucially, noted Jeff Puckett, vice president of development and alumni engagement, none of the funding was at the expense of other needs at the college.

"We completed the project with a committed group whose passion was to support this specific project within the Faith Formation Initiative," he said. "In so many ways this effort complements our focus on growing the college's endowment so that Hope can continue to offer an outstanding education at an affordable cost."

The construction project means the removal of the Delta Phi Cottage and Fried Cottage. The Delta Phi Cottage has housed the sorority since 1980. Among other uses, Fried Cottage, which has an international theme, through the years had also served as the Alumni Office and college guest house, and housed the Office of College Advancement, Department of Education and the Office of International Education. Both the sorority and the internationally themed housing will be provided other cottages on campus, and while the Delta Phi house can't be saved, Fried (build in 1898) will be relocated.

The athletics chaplaincy, funded with a \$2 million endowment, will serve the approximately 500 students, more than 50 coaches as well as athletic training staff who are involved in athletics at the college, not only linking Campus

Ministries and a major co-curricular program more closely but also providing pastoral care grounded in understanding of the students' experience and sometimes-unique concerns. "What happens when a student blows out their knee and their athletic career is over?" Johnson said. "There are a lot of issues of identity at play."

The remaining \$3 million being raised for endowment will help underwrite programming and some of the current staffing, so that the work does not result in a greater cost for families. "College-wide, we want to continue to offer world-class opportunities not only in the classroom but in co-curricular activities in a way that is affordable," Johnson said. "We want to position the ministry so that it's not tuition, room and board that's funding it."

The Campus Ministries program took its current form — a dean of the chapel leading a team of chaplains and additional staff — during 1993 and 1994, through an expansion funded by the college's *Hope in the Future* comprehensive campaign, which included strengthening Christian life and witness as one of its four primary components. The college had previously had a chaplain and assistant chaplain whose offices were located on the lower level of Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Hope is committed to offering all students a robust Christian experience. Those who would like to know more about supporting this crucial initiative that supports the college's Christian mission should contact the college's development office at 616.395.7775 or development@hope.edu.

THE TOPIC NO ONE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT. UNTIL NOW.



Q&A with Sara Dorer

By Greg Olgers '87

Reports by multiple well-known female celebrities. The trial and conviction of Dr. Larry Nassar. The revocation this past fall of the 2011 “Dear Colleague” letter. High-profile news has made sexual assault a national conversation, building awareness of the problem, empowering victims, and turning a spotlight on organizations and how they respond. To explore how that looks at Hope, *News from Hope College* spoke with Sara Dorer, who as the college’s Title IX coordinator has a lead role in guiding the process.

THE GROUNDWORK

Q. What is Title IX?

A. Title IX is a federal law that passed in 1972 and was established to verify no one be excluded from participation or be denied benefits of education programs and activities on the basis of sex. In the beginning, most institutions focused on the implementation of this law in regards to athletic opportunities. However, in 2001 the government issued a “Dear Colleague” letter that outlined how sexual harassment and misconduct are forms of discrimination that are also covered under this law. The “Dear Colleague” letter people are more familiar with is the one that was published in 2011, as it provided additional, specific guidelines about how institutions should do this work. In general, though, it seemed to call attention to the fact that many institutions hadn’t done what was necessary based on the 2001 guidance, so it really sparked great movement and change nationally as institutions evaluated their policies and practices for managing reports of sexual harassment or misconduct.

Q. What is your role as Title IX coordinator?

A. Essentially, it is my job to verify the institution is in compliance with all aspects of the federal law. This includes work both to prevent and address issues of discrimination based on sex. A large piece includes oversight of our grievance procedures, as outlined in our Equal Opportunity, Harassment and Nondiscrimination Policy. It is my job to verify our investigations are fair, equitable and timely. This also involves establishing interim measures when needed and verifying remedy when violations occur. With that said, the essence of my job is equally important, which is to verify we are embracing the spirit of the law in how we do our work. Doing Title IX work at an institution with a Christian mission involves distinctively unique opportunities. Whether we are working with students who are going through the investigation process or providing educational training sessions, we have the opportunity to engage with them about their faith and about how our foundation in Christianity guide these discussions about healthy relationships, interpersonal violence and/or understanding and healing.

BY THE NUMBERS

Q. What do we understand about how prevalent sexual assault is on college and university campuses – nationally and at Hope?

A. First, we have to acknowledge that research has consistently found that sexual assault and misconduct is an under-reported crime. To address that concern, we here at Hope have conducted two campus climate surveys in the past four years. This helps us get a better picture of what is happening on campus, who students are using for support and what they need from us in terms of on-going prevention and education efforts.

The national average suggests that by the time they have finished college, one in four or one in five college-age women will have experienced some form of sexual misconduct. While our data shows that number is a little lower for students who attend Hope (currently around one in six), **we believe even one is still too many.**

Q. What accounts for the change?

A. I think the important thing to consider when we look at reporting trends is what else was going on in the environment.

Hope has put significant resources into the work of Title IX for the past four years. It's not that we weren't doing the work before then, we were. Matter of fact, Hope had a solid sexual harassment policy in place long before it was the "thing to do" or before the government increased its attention to this area. However, new attention has been afforded this work, and now we have four professionals on campus who all serve to assist with Title IX efforts: a victim advocate and prevention educator for students, an employee development manager in Human Resources, a dedicated Title IX coordinator and an experienced Title IX investigator. Additionally, we went through a major policy review and overhaul a few years ago, modeling our current policy on best practices. We've also created an online reporting form, developed online resources and implemented significant training and prevention programs across campus for both students and staff.

All of those efforts to improve our resources on campus and make people aware of their rights and resources naturally lead to an increase in reporting. It's not that there are more incidents happening on campus, but we believe people are more aware of their reporting options and resources and are engaging as we hope they would.

Q. How do those figures compare, say, with 10 or 15 years ago?

A. I would say from my experience and from speaking to those who were helping with this work before I started, anecdotally we would say reporting has gone up.

REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

Q. What are the reporting options at Hope if someone has been sexually assaulted or knows someone who was sexually assaulted?

A. There is no one or right way to report, they simply need to get in touch with our office in some way. They can use the online reporting form, which can be found at hope.edu/titleix, call us, schedule time to meet or send us an email if it's easiest. We encourage students who have just experienced an incident to contact Campus Safety, as they are always available and trained to help provide immediate assistance and information. Almost all employees on campus are mandatory reporters (including resident assistants), so if a student goes to another employee first not knowing where else to go, that person will inform them that I need to be made aware. The student still gets to decide what happens next, but it is a measure put in place to make sure there is a central location that has a broad understanding of all issues reported on campus.

We also offer several confidential resources on-campus, such as our Victim Advocate, Counseling and Psychological Services, Campus Ministries, and Health Center staff. Sometimes these are the places students feel safest at first, as they process how a situation is impacting them physically, emotionally and spiritually. These are also great resources for friends of survivors who need to know how to best support a friend who has disclosed to them, especially if that person hasn't told anyone else. We know from our climate survey that students are most likely to disclose to a peer before anyone else. When we provide training on campus we mention this, as we hope friends are prepared to suggest reporting and support options that exist. For an incident that just happened that could call for evidence collection, there are specific time frames and recommended actions involved in the response. If a friend knows to encourage a survivor to call Campus Safety for help, it can make a huge difference down the road.

REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

Q. What if someone is reluctant to report what happened or is worried about other people finding out?

A. We still want them to talk to us. Nothing has to happen in most cases if they don't want it to, so we want them to speak to us to verify they understand their options for reporting and support. They are still in full control of what we do next and who may or may not find out. We practice confidentiality, sharing information only with those who need to know to help address the situation. If we need to reach out to others on campus to help provide support or make campus adjustments, we keep the details of the situation private. When students report a crime to our office, we are required to report that information to Campus Safety for the purposes of reporting annual crime statistics, but we do not have to disclose the name of the student(s) if that is what's desired.

Additionally, our policy speaks very specifically against retaliation. If any person were suspected of behaviors that could be considered retaliation, we would take immediate action to investigate and address such behaviors.

Q. What does the campus investigation process look like?

A. We modeled our process off of the civil rights investigation model. Both parties receive equal rights throughout the process. This includes things such as the right to have an advisor present, the right to call witnesses and the right to appeal. Many times the parties meet with me first, prior to the investigation, to review campus resources, and to review the policy and process in detail. They then meet with a trained investigator to share their perspective and recollection of the event in question. While they are never in the room together, they have the opportunity to provide questions to the investigator to ask of the other party and/or any witnesses.

Once the investigation is complete, a report is generated by the investigator, including a recommended finding, and both parties have the right to review the report before it moves to a decision-making panel. Once complete, we redact the report of all names/identifying information and a two-person panel of trained faculty/staff review the report to determine if they agree with the finding recommended by the investigator. If there is a finding of responsibility, that panel also makes a decision around sanctions/outcomes for the responsible party.

There's been a lot said about the revocation of the 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter. Supporters of the letter say that it helped victims by requiring schools to take reports seriously. Critics say that it was unfair to those who were accused by leading schools to treat them from the beginning like they were guilty.

Q. Has, or how has, its revocation changed the process at Hope?

Q. Does the college handle the follow-up, or do the police become involved?

A. This completely depends on the wishes of the survivor. As we know, during the time of an incident someone took away their ability to control what was happening to them. We want to return the control and empower them to take the course of action that is most appropriate for them as they consider their healing needs, which for some may include seeking justice and for some may not. We explain reporting options to every student we speak to, which includes reporting to law enforcement, opening an investigation on campus, moving forward with both processes or not moving forward with any formal process.

If the student decides they want to report to the police, but also wants an investigation on campus, we work closely with law enforcement to verify we can start our investigation in a timely manner, while also not doing anything that could impact their investigation. We are lucky to have a strong relationship with Holland Public Safety and when we have a student who wants to make a report, they will come to campus to meet with the student, so we can also be close for support as needed.

A. When the "Dear Colleague" letter was revoked, the Department of Education also provided some new, interim recommendations. We have reviewed what was submitted and did not find anything in our policy that needed to be addressed at this time. Once the final rulemaking process is complete, we will undergo a full review against any new guidance to verify that our policy is in compliance. At this time, we are confident our process has a built-in system of checks and balances. We have trained our investigators to understand the importance of neutrality and fact-finding. **Overall, I believe our process is designed both to support survivors and to take their reports seriously, while also offering due process to those accused.**

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HOPE COLLEGE SUSTAINABILITY

SERVING
— AND —
PROTECTING
THE
GARDEN
THAT IS
EARTH

By Ben Beversluis

THE HOPE COLLEGE CAMPUS BUZZES WITH ENERGY EXPENDED, RESOURCES IN USE. STUDENTS LEARNING AND LIVING. STAFF AND FACULTY PROVIDING SERVICES, TEACHING CLASSES, DOING RESEARCH. CLASSROOMS, DINING HALLS, HOUSING AND OFFICES.

All that energy, all those resources support the college mission of educating students for lives of leadership and service. But the activity reflects another calling, too: “to care for all of God’s creation and ensure preservation for generations to come.”

Those latter words, from the Sustainable Hope website, describe a campus-encompassing movement that is making a difference at Hope and in its Holland community.

“I think a lot of alumni would be surprised at all the sustainability initiatives that are happening,” said Michelle Gibbs, director of the Holland-Hope College Sustainability Institute. A major initiative itself, the institute is a joint project between the college, the city and the Holland Board of Public Works.

Sustainability initiatives at Hope range from compost buckets in cottages to 35 courses in multiple disciplines, from trayless dining to changing out thousands of lights with energy-efficient LED bulbs, from compostable food packaging to motion sensors controlling room lights. The complete list could fill pages of this magazine — which, by the way, is printed with soy-based ink on sustainably certified paper.

And here’s the compelling bottom line: “The college’s carbon footprint has been reduced considerably from its 2008 level, even though the overall acreage and square footage of campus has increased dramatically,” according to Greg Maybury, director of campus operations and chief sustainability officer for Hope.



Sustainability practices extend to new construction at Hope. The Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, opened in 2015, earned Silver LEED certification for the way the project was managed from site development through ongoing use and maintenance.

What's made the difference in those 10 years?

► In 2007-08, a task force launched a continuing, campus-wide focus on sustainability. Proposed in a memo to President Dr. James Bultman '63 from professors Dr. Steve Bouma-Prediger '79, Dr. John Cox '67 and Dr. Greg Murray, the task force led to a standing Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee representing a cross section of campus interests, from student groups to faculty to plant operations.

“Having the physical plant operations folks, not just academic folks, on the Green Team, has been really important to the success of what we've been able to do,” providing perspective on what's possible as well as coordinated efforts, said Bouma-Prediger, long-time chair of the team.

One example: In a recent summer Green Team summer research internship, several students interested in water conservation studied toilets on campus. “They made a proposal to the physical plant about switching out some toilets, and they did it, because it made sense,” Gibbs explained.

“Our Green Team is really fantastic, because sustainability doesn't come from just one person, one office. It's all of these different departments and people working together to make changes in their everyday actions. I think that's a big part of what sustainability is.”

The Green Fund, supported by \$10 from each student activity fee, finances activities like the residence hall-based Hope Advocates, summer interns and student visits to conferences. Having a standing committee and fixed funding generates continuity and effectiveness.

“We have expanded our horizon over the past 10 years to include recycling, composting and more deliberate sustainable construction,” Maybury pointed out. The Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts earned Silver LEED certification in February 2017. In May 2017, Hope's ranking rose from bronze to silver in the Association of Sustainability in Higher Education STARS ratings.

“Lots of colleges are involved in sustainability,” Bouma-Prediger said. “Some are far ahead of us, others are far behind. We're sort of in the middle of the pack — a little bit better than average, but still a long way to go in terms of sustainability.” Big universities, however, might have a staff of 30 addressing sustainability. “Hope has one person part-time and a bunch of volunteers. But we've made a lot of progress, especially in the last decade.”

SUSTAINABILITY
DOESN'T COME FROM
JUST ONE PERSON



AT HOPE, THE EFFORT IS INFORMED NOT LEAST OF ALL BY FAITH.

“Because we’re a Christian college, our calling to work on sustainability comes from the faith commitment of the institution,” says Bouma-Prediger, a professor of religion whose academic career and five books have focused on environmental ethics.

The idea that humankind has “license for domination” over nature is a mistaken interpretation of Scripture, he said. He points to Genesis 2, which talks of how we come from the soil.

“Yes, we’re made in God’s image, but that isn’t for privilege. That’s the responsibility we have to cultivate the garden in ways that all creatures flourish. We’re called to serve and protect the garden that is the earth. That’s our calling.”

There are other reasons, too. “We’re doing it because we’re caring for creation, but we also want to care for and leave a planet that’s better than we found it for future generations,” Gibbs noted.

And don’t forget economic benefits. “They work hand-in-glove. We do what’s good because it’s the moral and right thing to do from a Christian point of view, and hey, by the way, it saves money,” Bouma-Prediger said. The return on investment of most sustainability projects is reasonably short, within 10 years.

“I have always been committed to stewardship of the many resources we have been given as a college, and the sustainability efforts by the college are very much in line with this stewardship mindset,” Maybury said. “Hope College has seen a tremendous savings in its energy costs over the course of these last 10 years. More efficient lighting, electric motors, steam delivery systems, heat recovery systems, building envelopes, windows, and weatherproofing/insulation have paid back the initial investment many times over.”

◀ **One example:** Lights in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse were retrofitted in 2016 to LED fixtures, cutting power use by 80 kilowatts per month and costs by about \$24,000 a year. Also, LED lights last a decade or more, compared to the old short-lived lamps, saving another \$10,000 to \$30,000 a year.

The area’s natural beauty is another motivation. “How can one not fall in love with this area?” asked senior Kyle Funk, a Sustainability Institute intern and former Green Team member. “I want to preserve and protect my home,” said the environmental studies and management major. “So that’s what I study here at Hope, the laws and life of God’s common home for all of creation. Doing so, I believe, will allow us to make right decisions now and for the future.”

Sustainability isn’t just about energy and nature; it involves livability in many forms. Hope events enrich lives. Research by professors and students enhances the area. This summer, student interns will work with the Holland parks department on an urban tree canopy assessment. And Gibbs chairs a Living Sustainably Along the Lakeshore community education project, a collaboration of Holland organizations.



Of course, there's more to be done. The dining service aims to buy more local products. Recycling participation needs to grow. Wind turbines and solar panels could capture renewable energy.

Hope has already "grabbed most of the low-hanging fruit" in energy reduction and recycling. Now, Maybury said, "the key activities that will have the biggest impact are awareness and education. Our student leaders have embraced these two issues


and have been working diligently in educating all of our students on how they can make a difference for the future. The passion these student leaders exhibit is contagious and is vital in sharing the vision of environmental stewardship with the larger student population."



"Being able to help students connect with sustainability projects they are passionate about is such a rewarding experience," Gibbs said, "because

I know we are helping students to become Christian leaders that will have huge impacts on the world."

Funk, for one, is optimistic.

"If the college continues to work like it has this last decade, I believe the college will continue to be on a bright path," he said. "I believe Hope can be a strong leader in sustainability for the Midwest, especially in terms of Christian earth stewardship. All it has to do is answer that call."

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THANK YOU!

While every path to teaching at Hope is unique, among the college's dedicated faculty there are also at least two traits that are omnipresent: a love of a discipline, and a passion for inspiring and mentoring new generations.

This year's three retiring professors are no exception. One flew above the skies of Europe and honed language skills with the U.S. Air Force and at graduate school; another shaped beginning learners and school and district curriculum; another danced and choreographed throughout Europe and North America; and each taught elsewhere.

And then they brought those experiences, that expertise, to Hope, making students, and the college, better for it.

Please visit the college online for biographical sketches of the retirees and stories by Eva Dean Folkert '83 featuring interviews with each.

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PATRICIA GRIFFIN
Assistant Professor of Education

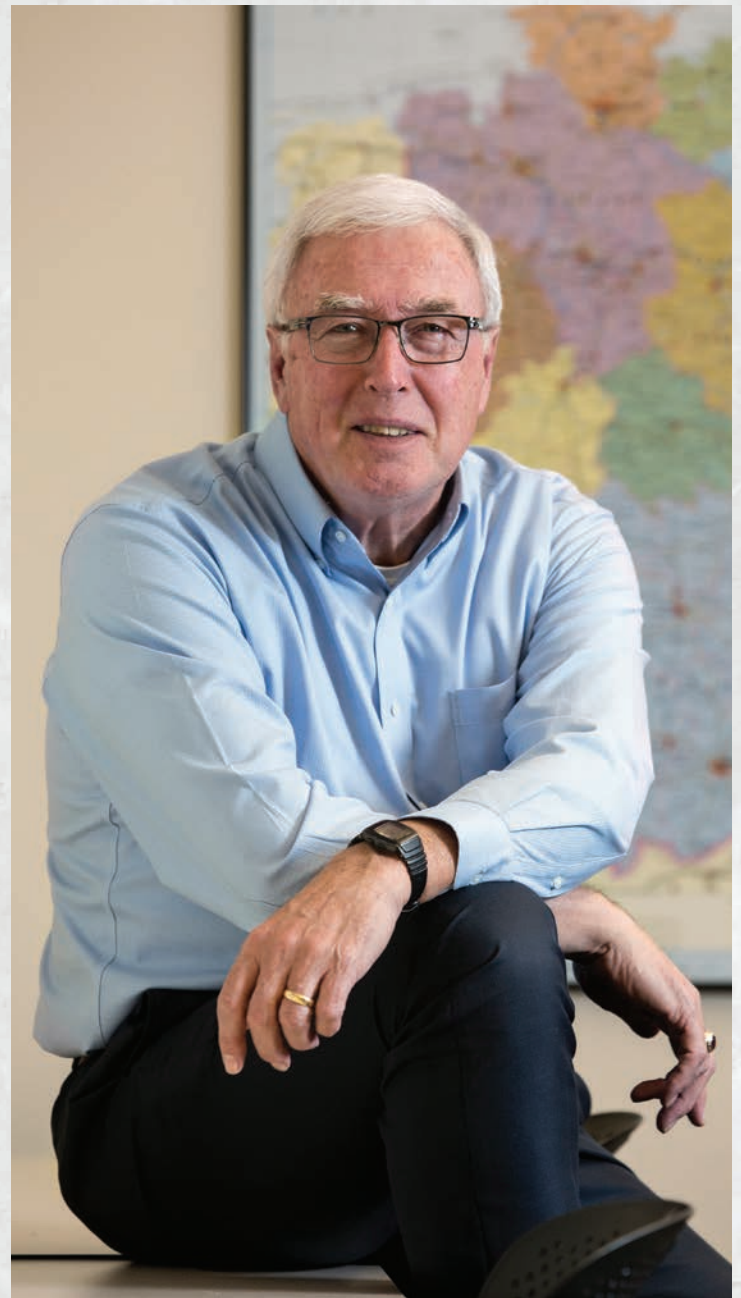
“All of the experiences that I had previously in early childhood education had conspired to make my role at Hope the absolute dream job for me. I have really enjoyed it immensely here.

Without a doubt, it has been the pinnacle of my career in terms of having the opportunity to pull everything together.”



STEVEN IANNACONE
Associate Professor of Dance

“The great thing I love about the dance program at Hope is that it’s always been universal and open. You wanted to dance? It didn’t matter if you never took a step in your life, we’ll help you. You want to be a dance major? Sure. Take these classes, and we’ll tap your potential. I’ve seen dancers leave this program and go on to do great things.”



SANDER DEHAAN
Professor of German and Dutch

“I’ve said on several occasions that it’s been nice of the college, year in and year out, to offer me a contract to teach classes here, because I’d have done it for nothing. Not that I didn’t need the paycheck! It’s just that teaching at Hope was so fun and so enjoyable that I could hardly call it work.”

A Gift WITH Gratitude FOR AN Unforgettable Act

By Greg Olgers '87

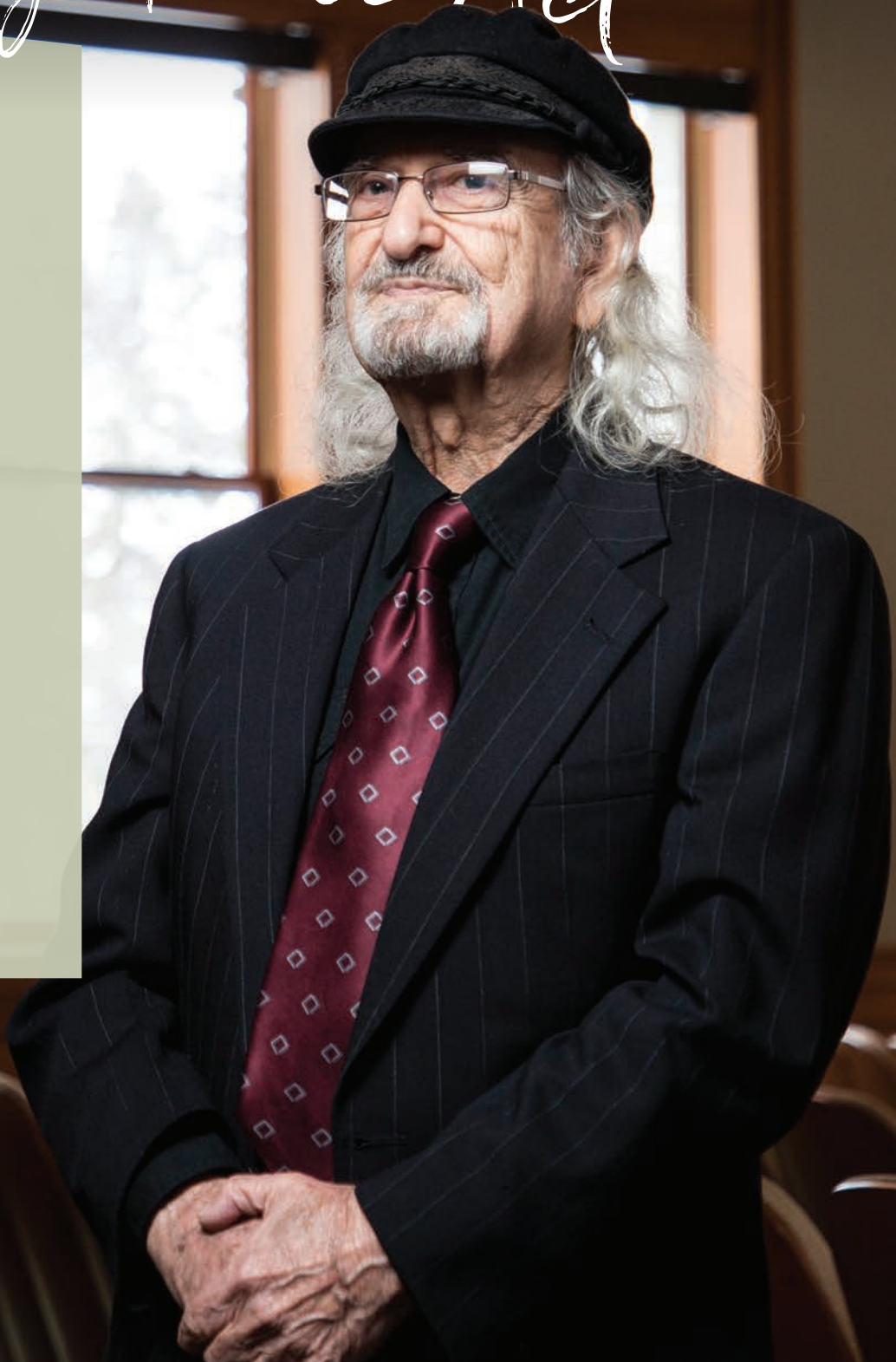
Search for Dr. Latif Jiji's name online, and you'll find articles in publications like *The New Yorker* and the *Washington Post* about his unique role as owner, with his wife Vera, of Manhattan's only vineyard — in the couple's 15-foot by 45-foot backyard.

You'll find information about the respected texts that he wrote during his career as a professor specialized in mechanical engineering at The City College of New York.

You'll find accounts celebrating some of the many awards he received as an acclaimed teacher and mentor during some 50 years in higher education.

But there's another story that precedes those: of how he happened to land at Hope College from Basra, Iraq, in 1947. It's the reason that he returned on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, 70 years to the day after he first arrived: to say thank you.

As a Jew in the Iraq of the 1940s, Latif faced limited prospects. Jews, Christians and Muslims had previously coexisted peacefully in his hometown, but political developments across recent years had put that era in the past. Jews became targeted for violence — there were murders elsewhere in Iraq — and opportunities melted away. "I was qualified, but I knew that I was not going to be accepted to one of the universities in Iraq," he said.



Hope's parent denomination, the Reformed Church in America, still had a significant mission presence in Iraq at that time, including the School of High Hope (established by 1899 Hope graduate John Van Ess) in Basra, which two of Latif's sisters attended. He was instead at the local public school, but one of his teachers had attended Hope and encouraged him to apply. Latif gained admission for the fall 1947 semester, but at that point things went wrong.

"It was late in the fall of 1947 when I finally obtained all necessary documents to allow me to leave Baghdad for the USA," he recalled. "My last stop was at the American consulate in Basra to obtain a visa. To my horror, I was refused a visa because my admission to Hope College was for September, which had already passed. Only admission to the spring term of 1948 would be acceptable."

"This news shattered me," he said. "The various Iraqi travel permits I had struggled to obtain were only valid for short periods. To have all permits, including a visa, valid simultaneously was extremely difficult."

"Adding to the pressure of this tight time constraint was a major political development: The United Nations had just approved the partition of Palestine [Nov. 29, 1947], creating a hostile environment for Jews in Arab countries," Latif said. "Getting admission for the spring 1948 term quickly before other travel permits expired was urgent."

He anxiously sent a telegram to the college, seeking spring admission. Fortunately, Hope's director of admissions, Albert Timmer '23, responded almost immediately, and Latif was soon on his way. "Had the admissions telegram arrived just a few days later, other permits would have expired and my travel to the U.S. would have been derailed," Latif said.

Timmer's thoughtfulness continued after Latif's arrival. Considerate of Latif's faith tradition, he arranged an introduction to the only Jewish family in town at the time, Louis and Helen Padnos and their sons Stuart '42 and Seymour '43, who extended Latif's first dinner invitation in Holland.

Hope at the time didn't have an engineering major, so Latif spent only three semesters at Hope, transferring to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for his Bachelor of Science. He notes, though, that he was well served by his preparation at Hope.

"I consider Hope to be the foundation of my career," he said. "The outstanding education I received at Hope was instrumental in being admitted to MIT to complete my undergraduate education."

He also feels that Holland and Hope were the ideal introduction to America.

"I had no trouble adjusting. I had no trouble assimilating," he said. "It would have been overwhelming for me to start at MIT. I was extremely fortunate to start in a small, friendly town at a small, friendly college."

Holland was uncannily tranquil, as he found while boarding off campus. "When I asked the landlady for a key to the home, she said, 'I don't have a key. We don't lock the door,'" he said.



While visiting campus in December, Latif visited former Hope President Gordon Van Wylene, who coincidentally had been his mentor in the graduate engineering program at the University of Michigan in the 1950s and 1960s.

"You used to invite the graduate students to your home," he told him. "I learned that from you, and so when I became a professor I used to invite students to my home because I remembered how important that was to me."

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Morning Chapel at Hope was mandatory at the time (and through the latter 1960s) and, although he was Jewish, Latif was required to attend.

"People ask me, 'Did you mind?' No, I didn't mind," he said. "I was in America, learning something new. It was fine with me."

After graduating from MIT in 1952, he completed an M.S. in mechanical engineering at Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1953, and an M.S. in aeroscience and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan in 1958 and 1962 respectively. At U of M he was mentored by an engineering faculty member who still had Hope in his future: Dr. Gordon Van Wylen, who was Hope's president from 1972 to 1987.

Latif's visit in December also provided him with a chance to meet with Van Wylen, who still lives in Holland. Van Wylen had attended MIT as a graduate student, and the two reminisced about a professor who heavily influenced the way they each taught.

Latif also shared how Van Wylen had likewise influenced him. "You used to invite the graduate students to your home," he told him. "I learned that from you, and so when I became a professor I used to invite students to my home because I remembered how important that was to me."

Latif spent 60 years teaching in higher education, first at the University of Toledo and New York University and then, from 1954 until retiring in 2014, at The City College of New York. He received multiple teaching and mentoring awards at The City College, including the 1988 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. He received significant external recognition including a Fulbright Scholar award, the 2008 Ralph Coats Roe Award from the American Society of Engineering Education for outstanding teaching and contribution to engineering education, and the 1997 Faculty Advisor Award presented by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.



The vineyard and winery that he and his wife run happened by accident. Latif planted a small grapevine in the backyard in 1977, and as the years passed it all but took over, today climbing the entire height of the family's four-story Manhattan townhouse and across a rooftop trellis. In 1984, the vines produced 24 pounds of grapes, a number that has also grown. The record is 712 pounds, with 400 to 700 pounds being typical.

Wine-making has a family history: Latif's father had made wine as a hobby in Iraq. Latif and Vera named their label *Chateau Latif*, inspired by the renowned *Chateau Lafite* label. Harvesting and production provide an opportunity for family and friends to come together, resulting in 80 to 150 bottles of white wine per year.

As one reflection of his appreciation for the college, he presented one of those bottles to Hope during his visit. Its hand-drawn label shows the townhouse on one side and Graves Hall and the Hope College Arch on the other.

Later, though, he offered a second gift, establishing a scholarship in the name of Albert Timmer '23 and Timmer's secretary Dena Walters for making a difference, not only to him but to his 62 descendants and other relatives now in the U.S.

"I consider receiving the timely admission to Hope College the single act that changed my life," Latif said. "I am grateful to Mr. Timmer and to his secretary, Mrs. Walters. I include her because I now know that the efficiency of an office rests on the shoulders of people who normally are not recognized and often blamed when things go wrong."

"It is my sincere hope that the beneficiaries will remember these two individuals who helped a young man from Iraq to realize his dreams – and will be inspired to do their part to assist others who are in need," he said.

HOPE TO THE NTH DEGREE

What does a liberal arts education look like? What does a liberal arts education *at Hope* look like? There are 3,150 students at the college this year and just as many ways to answer those questions.

On the pages that follow are the stories of three of those students and one recent graduate, scholars with active minds who have made the most of the opportunity that they have found at Hope to explore varied interests deeply with the world around them in mind.

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ISMAEL BYERS '18

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CREATING A BRIDGE

By Josh Bishop

Trying to separate Ismael Byers' story into distinct threads — language goes over here, identity is over there; this one is medicine, that one is public health — is impossible. The threads overlap and intertwine and weave together in ways that can't be easily separated.

So how can we describe Byers? He's a graduating senior from Clarkston by way of Grand Blanc (both in Michigan); an Afro-Latino son of Spanish-speaking immigrants from Panama who didn't really learn Spanish until high school and college; a prize-winning documentarian who wants to work in medicine and public health; and an introspective student who's learned to be at home with himself and who feels a relentless pull outside of himself to help others, especially those on the margins.

Byers came to college, as many do, with no clue what to do after graduation.

"It started off really confusing and muddy," Byers said, in part due to his bicultural identity. "I grew up as an Afro-Latino not really feeling like I had a place either being black or Latino." Growing up, he felt ostracized, and his identity crisis compelled him to become conversant (he's hesitant to say fluent) in the language his parents spoke at home but never formally taught their children.

Accordingly, he decided to pursue a Spanish major and, eventually, to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country where he'd be able to hone his language skills — and get some hands-on experience in hospitals and clinics as part of his second major, biology, which itself overlaps with his pre-health career track in preparation for medical school.

For Byers, language and medicine go hand-in-hand. His family pediatrician, from Argentina, spoke his parents' native Spanish and provided a level of care that many Spanish-speakers can't find in a primarily English-speaking health care field. Byers wants to give others the same gift.

Before he left for a semester in Santiago, Chile, though, Byers found a job doing literature review work with Michigan State University's medical school in Flint, where he focused on the water crisis, child health and community research. To his surprise, he started to fall in love with public health.

He figured he'd use his time in Chile as a sort of experiment. He'd do some clinical observation and see what he wanted to do more: medicine or public health. But his study-abroad experience wasn't quite what he expected.

His clinical experiences reinforced his desire to provide patient care and, at the same time, made him question even more whether clinical health care alone is enough to adequately address

health issues. Most notably, Byers saw a lot of inequities related to the language barrier. "Language is a public health issue," he said.

He didn't just see it in Chile or with his pediatrician on the east side of the state; he sees it in Hope's hometown of Holland, Michigan, where he volunteers weekly at the free health clinic, providing education and translation for diabetic patients who speak only Spanish. Byers wants to close the disparity by being a bilingual practitioner and working to resolve systemic issues in health care.

"I decided I'm going to do both. The social problems in the field of medicine inspire me to pursue medicine and public health to address health disparities for all patients — for those who speak Spanish and for others who feel left out," he said.

Working for the underserved in health care may start with language, but Byers says his skin color and a growing empathy for those in poverty are part of it, too. "I want to work for the underserved," he said.

Overall, Byers says his experience in Chile was difficult — it was good, yes, but also painful. Byers describes it as "probably the loneliest time of my life." But even loneliness can be valuable. That theme was the subject of his award-winning documentary about his experience in Chile. As reported in the winter issue of *News from Hope College*, the film, *Solitude: A Companion Abroad*, won the grand prize in the 2017 IES Abroad Study Abroad Film Festival.

"I've learned to practice self-analysis and self-reflection," Byers said. The clarity he eventually found came in part from the opportunity that his semester in Chile had provided to look inside, and to his past.

"If I can use my identity to help people who feel marginalized by an unfair system — whether that's the government making decisions on behalf of a community to their harm, like the water crisis, or neglecting immigrants because they speak only Spanish — I hope to be that bridge, and to be the bridge between medicine and public health," he said.

After he graduates, Byers is planning to take a gap year to see more of the world before he attends medical school, where he's considering adding a master's degree in public health as a graduate-level dual degree. It's a path that the freshman who arrived on campus in August of 2015 wouldn't have predicted, but which the past four years and a lifetime of experience have made clear.

"I don't think an 18-year-old would've been able to have this idea of taking my identity crisis and using that for medicine and public health," he said. "I'm just beginning to understand that now. The light bulb is just turning on."



IRENE GERRISH '19

“I think to some extent everybody wants to change the world... I know there is only so much one person can do, right? But I have to try somehow. I mean, what else am I going to do with my life?”

ATHENS TO D.C.: A JOURNEY OF DEMOCRATIC PROPORTIONS

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

Wherever Hope College junior Irene Gerrish set foot in Athens, Greece, last fall, the lingering vapors of democratic musings seemed to brush against her, inspiring her to a deeper understanding and appreciation of millennia-old notions on democracy. For voting, jury selection and freedom of speech, Gerrish knew to thank the Greeks. It was in Greece, after all, that the concept of representative, elective government was born roughly 27 centuries ago.

So there, in the birthplace of democracy, Gerrish could hardly believe her good fortune. An economics and political science double major, she was among just 24 students from 13 countries chosen by the Global Liberal Arts Alliance, of which Hope is a member, to attend the *New York Times* (NYT) Athens Democracy Forum, an international event whose participants also included former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, senior government officials from around the world, international business executives and leading journalists from the NYT. There, in Athens for a week, she pondered the endurance of world democracies during these unique and challenging times. There, she walked ancient Athenian ground, listened to new-millennial minds, and then readily chimed in on panel discussions with her own insights on democracy and its future.

And through it all, Gerrish — bright, inquisitive, funny — couldn't help but wonder, "Could my life get any better than this?"

It could and it would. Gerrish is still living her best life, one any young political wonk with aspirations to change the world could want. This time, though, she's living it in Washington, D.C., as a student on Hope's Washington Honors Semester this spring.

"D.C. feels like home to me," confesses Gerrish, who makes this observation after living in the nation's capital for only three weeks and whose real hometown is Los Alamos, New Mexico. "It is not logical, I know. But I've always had this idea that I would be in D.C. someday so I suppose it makes sense to me. Like in Athens, I feel grateful constantly to be here."

If Greece gave democracy its birth, then it can be said that America made it famous. And the most famed symbol of democracy is the U.S. Capitol. Gerrish made a beeline for an internship there, working for Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow's office. The 20-year-old intern primarily writes policy memos on tax and finance matters, but she also must tend to quotidian tasks, like answering constituent phone calls. Even then, when communication is routinized to ensure consistency of information, she appreciates the necessity and difficulty of it all. Everyone should work in politics at least

one day of their lives, she thinks, just as those who work in the restaurant industry feel everyone should wait tables for a long shift, too. Then, anyone who has ever complained about the warmth of their food or of their politicians will get a taste for the complexities of service to all.

"We get calls from people on both sides," says Gerrish. "Calls come from Democrats and Republicans who are frustrated with the senator's voting behavior. It's very hard to please everyone."

Gerrish is not trying to easily explain away the reality of how hard it is to govern. Living and learning on the D.C. Honors Semester, under the direction of Dr. Jeff Polet this semester, has reinforced the humanity of those trying to lead a wounded country. Many view Congress as an uncooperative and dysfunctional bunch; Gerrish, who describes her political views as centrist to left-leaning, sees most U.S. politicians as hard-working and sincere.

"Irene is very thoughtful, very reflective, very open," compliments Polet. "She's simply interested in everything."

"Irene complements her keen intellect with an open and curious mind," adds Dr. Brad Richmond, professor of music, who knows Gerrish well since she is also a talented violist in Hope ensembles. "She exudes confidence without a hint of arrogance."

Playing viola at Hope is as important to Gerrish as reading *The Economist*, her favorite magazine. She has a wide-ranging, liberal-arts way about her. But it is politics that capture her imagination. Like a sports fan who can name team's offensive linemen in a crowd, Gerrish knows exactly who Senators Markey, Hirono and Booker are and which states they represent. Those senators may be obscure to some, but to Gerrish, each is an essential, familiar and celebrated cog in the U.S. political system.

And maybe, just maybe, she will be one someday, too. Perhaps she'll run for office, but she's also interested in working for the Treasury or the Fed or a policy think tank like Rand Corporation. She is ready to roll up her sleeves to go to work anywhere where she can "be part of a process that lends itself to optimal human flourishing," she says. In Athens and in D.C., Gerrish confirmed that democracy is that process.

"I think to some extent everybody wants to change the world," Gerrish reasons. "I know there is only so much one person can do, right? But I have to try somehow. I mean, what else am I going to do with my life?"



TAYLOR MILLS '17

“Students need to know that educational systems and institutions are made for them. I want them to feel like they are actual active agents of change in their schools and they can bring their own ideas and make this place, or any place, fit for them.”

RETURN OF THE RENAISSANCE WOMAN

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

It is a rare person who can say he or she has ever founded anything new or necessary or unique in a lifetime. It is a rarer person still who can say he or she founded anything at the age of 20.

Meet Taylor Mills '17, a rare person.

And it's not just because Mills co-founded the Undergraduate Network for Research in the Humanities (UNRH) three years ago while a rising junior at Hope. What also makes Mills rare is her distinctive intellect and interest in a wide number of subjects — music, art, Spanish, philosophy, psychology and even physical fitness. Dr. Maria Andre, professor of Spanish, summates Mills' persona, appropriately enough, as “a true Renaissance woman, a poster child of what the liberal arts is all about.”

Mills is, of course, humbled by such lofty descriptors, but they are not sobriquets she ever sought. She's simply curious about so many things that it's hard for her to draw a hard line at what or when or where she'll stop learning... if ever. Besides being a Mellon Scholar, Phelps Scholar, flutist in Hope's concert band, soprano in Chapel Choir, Spanish minor, composite major in moral philosophy and psychology, and regular runner (pew, are you keeping up?), Mills also co-created UNRH — a national and international conference organized by and entirely for humanities undergraduates in 2015 with six other undergraduate cohorts. Here's how Andre recounts Mills making UNRH a thing:

“Taylor was a student in my Advanced Spanish grammar class (her sophomore year) and I could tell she was outstanding which is why I invited her to join me to participate in a four-day humanities workshop at the Institute for Liberal Arts Digital Scholarship in New York. At the time, we were collaborating on a mapping project on Mexico City funded by the Great Lakes Colleges Association. Not only was Taylor extremely tech-savvy at producing and learning about digital scholarship, she was also highly entrepreneurial, to the point that, by the third day of this workshop, she was co-creating a similar digital humanities organization with other undergraduates [in attendance].”

For its first two years, UNRH was hosted at Davidson College and Washington and Lee University, since two of Mills' co-conspirators in UNRH's creation were students there. This year, with Mills on Hope's staff as the Post-Baccalaureate Fellow for the

Mellon Scholars Program, UNRH was hosted at Hope. “Thirty-two students from nine countries and a bunch of U.S. states all converged at Hope and it was just really exciting to see them here,” Mills says.

Her reasons for creating UNRH were as much personal as altruistic. Giving undergraduates their own platform to display and explain their scholarship was powered by Mills' desire to embolden the voices and works of other students as well as her own need to drive down another avenue of creativity. “I really enjoy the creative process,” she says, “and what I love about research, especially research in digital humanities, is that it's extremely interdisciplinary and creative. You pull from all of these different fields and see how they connect... So building websites and maps and other digital tools is far more interesting to me than just writing a paper.”

Besides her post-graduate role at Hope, Mills is also working for Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates, a non-profit law firm in Holland, as their community coordinator during her gap year between Hope and either law or graduate school. Delving into matters of social justice is another Mills interest, one that again gives others a platform to find their voices. She believes strongly in the ability to have a say in the future, whether one is an undergraduate liberal arts student or an immigrant seeking citizenship.

It can be said that the once self-described “shy-and-quiet” Mills is now anything but. Her own vision and voice, admittedly discovered prior to her undergraduate years but strengthened by her Hope education, have a clarity of purpose, seen through multiple lenses and uniquely Millsian. And as she's always done, Mills is willing to share both.

“I hope that my legacy [with UNRH and Hope] is one of empowering students,” concludes Mills. “I think a lot of students are used to having the professor tell them what to learn. And while I have the utmost respect for professors — my family has generations of teachers and I want to be a teacher, I think — I do think that students need to know that educational systems and institutions are made for them. So I want them to feel like they are actual active agents of change in their schools and that they can bring their own ideas and make this place fit for them.”

NIA STRINGFELLOW '18

“I’m inspired to make long-lasting work in the same way that my great uncle has, to use the gifts I’ve been given to leave an impact on what art means.”



RESEARCHER, DANCER, SCHOLAR, NIECE

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

Her only recollection of him was at a funeral. His funeral. Nia Stringfellow hazily remembers paying her last respects to Allen Stringfellow, her great uncle, when she was 7 years old at an art-gallery-turned-funeral-home in Southside Chicago. As it turns out, it would not be the final time the younger Stringfellow would honor her elder.

Since the fall of 2016, Hope College senior Nia Stringfellow — an exercise science major, dance performance minor and Mellon Scholar — has researched and revealed a man she barely knew. That Allen Stringfellow was a prolific African American artist in the mid-20th century could have been reason enough for Nia to bring his story to more prominent light. That he happened to be a family member, well, that was an endearing, added bonus.

“The Man Who Wore Red” is what they called Allen Stringfellow, and that is the title of the research project Nia presented at three different academic conferences in 2017-18 from Atlanta to Chicago to Holland, Michigan. Red was the color that defined Allen’s daily wardrobe “because it was powerful to him,” explains Nia.

But it was Allen’s watercolor and collage art of daily African American life — depicted peacefully and joyously at church, jazz clubs, picnics or busy streets — that was powerful to Nia. In them, she finds the emotive representation of a culture she knows well, if not the man who painted it. In them, she sees art, and a great uncle, who bear witness to enduring social activism created from a highly expressive palette of and for all colors.

“The best way I can explain my uncle’s expression of social justice is that it wasn’t angry. It was not pervaded by any negative emotions,” she says of his art created during the Great Migration and Civil Rights Movement, some of which is owned by Oprah Winfrey and the late Whitney Houston. “It didn’t make anyone feel angry or feel bitter. Rather, he took some of the most comforting moments of African American life, and he celebrated the social history and the social strength of black people.”

The research was not easy. Information about Allen’s life was not laid at Nia’s feet, the primary tools she uses to brilliantly learn and move on point as an artist herself. “It took a lot of digging,” she says, to find a good number of images of Allen’s works and stories about his life. The Internet or printed texts were not rife with them. But her great aunt Shirley was. In her home in Montgomery, Alabama, Shirley provided Nia with an oral history about Allen “and our family on that side that I didn’t

really know too well. And maybe some information that I wasn’t supposed to know,” she chuckles.

While Nia’s research was personally satisfying, the main reason she undertook the project was to make Allen’s art and life relevant for all audiences. Professor Linda Graham, her Mellon advisor, prompted her to do so because “Nia’s intellect and experience as a dancer and artist provide her with a unique empathy, an understanding through embodied perspective, as well as the ability to perceive, abstract, explore, shape and form a narrative in an organized multimedia way,” Graham says.

“I’m just incredibly grateful to have had this opportunity through the Mellon Scholars Program to perform historical research that I would not have had as an undergrad in other places,” says the Frankfort, Illinois native.

With a major housed in the social sciences, a minor in the arts and research in the humanities, the pragmatic and intuitive Stringfellow is as well-balanced a scholar as she is dancer. Even as she was researching and presenting “The Man Who Wore Red,” Stringfellow was also creating and performing a solo work of art of her own. Called “The Will,” it is a potent piece in classic modern technique expressing tenacity of will in the face of oppression. Stringfellow debuted the work at a student dance concert in spring 2017, then presented it again two months later at the Centre de Danse du Marais while she was studying on a May Term in Paris, France. Subsequently, “The Will” and a work by senior Emily Mejicano-Gormley titled “Memory” were combined and selected for adjudication at the regional American College Dance Association conference in March. “The Will/Memory” became one of the only 11 pieces chosen for the event’s Gala Concert and one of the only two alternatives from the region for the national ACDA festival.

“I will say that through my participation in the dance department, I’m inspired to make long-lasting work in the same way that my great uncle has, to use the gifts I’ve been given to leave an impact on what art means,” says Stringfellow, whose ultimate goal is to open her own studio center that promotes health and the arts for young developing artists and dancers in low-income areas. “To me, and I think to him, it means to be honest, to be joyful, to be raw and authentic.”

“I just hope to leave an impact as Nia Stringfellow. Then maybe one day, some random great niece of mine will do research on me,” she says, and a calm but infectious smile crosses her face. “I’m not counting on it, but that’s the effect that I’d like to have.”

824 AND COUNTING

The Flying Dutch have become just the seventh NCAA Division III women's basketball team to reach 800 all-time wins (824 through the end of the season). Although outside competition in women's basketball at Hope began during 1904-05, the NCAA tally starts with the team's varsity debut during 1972-73. The achievement includes 1,132 games, two national championships, 18 NCAA appearances, 15 MIAA championships, five home-court venues, 10 head coaches, hundreds of players, thousands of enthusiastic fans leading the division in (regularly attendance) and countless memories.

With more to come.

CARNEGIE-SCHOUTEN GYM

Competition on campus in 1977 at Hope's Carnegie-Schouten Gymnasium, built in 1906 and razed in 1982



1972

Game action in the 1970s at the Holland Armory, which still stands on Ninth Street west of Central Avenue

THE ARMORY



A 1980s-era contest at the college's Dow Health and Physical Education Center, home court from 1978 through 2004



DOW CENTER

DEVOS FIELDHOUSE

Inaugurated as Hope's new home court in 2005, the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse sees Hope playing Calvin in 2015



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Celebration after winning the national championship in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 2006

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Dina Disney '91 Hackert at the line at the Holland Civic Center before sinking the tie-breaking, after-the-buzzer free throw for Hope's first-ever national championship in 1990, dubbed "The Miracle on Eighth Street"

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A SEASON OF SUCCESS

Appropriately, the team achieved its most recent win during an NCAA Division III tournament run, playing in the Sweet Sixteen in a packed Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse on March 9 and advancing to the Elite Eight.

HONORS A PLENTY

Awards and recognition received by Hope faculty and staff across recent months (July – January) reflect the campus-wide breadth and strength of scholarship and professional involvement.



Dr. David S. Cunningham, as the director of the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education and professor of religion, edited the book *At This Time and in This Place: Vocation and Higher Education*, which earned recognition as one of three finalists for the 2017 Lilly Fellows Program Book Award sponsored by the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts. The award honors an original and imaginative work from any academic discipline that best exemplifies the central ideas and principles of the Lilly Fellows Program, including faith and learning in the Christian intellectual tradition, the vocation of teaching and scholarship, and the history, theory or practice of the university as the site of religious inquiry and culture.

Dr. Christopher Fashun, assistant professor of music and director of orchestras, has received a Postdoctoral Scholar Award in All Disciplines through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. The award includes support to spend May-August 2019 in Salvador da Bahia in northeastern Brazil. Throughout his career as a music educator, he has valued the opportunity to teach Brazilian music and culture, and his classes at Hope include a world music course focused on Brazil and the Brazilian Drumming Ensemble. Through the intercultural exchange, he seeks to develop an even deeper understanding of Afro-Brazilian music, religion and culture, and how that knowledge will enrich the educational experiences of not only his students at the college but those beyond the Hope campus.



Nicole Flinn, associate professor of dance, received the Executive Director's Award for Outstanding Advocacy from the National Dance Education Organization. She was honored for her leadership working with stakeholders around Michigan to garner support for the state to continue to require that K-12 teachers of dance be certified in the discipline. Michigan's Department of Education announced last April that it was eliminating the requirement for dance and 11 other subject areas beginning this past summer. With the issue continuing, Flinn is leading a team to create recommendations and credentialing for future dance education throughout the state.



Dr. Greg Fraley, professor of biology, received the Midwest Poultry Consortium's Pullet-zer Prize for outstanding teaching, selected by the 36 members of the 2017 graduating class of the consortium's Center of Excellence Scholarship/Internship Program, based at the University of Wisconsin. He has been volunteering to teach the graduate-level avian physiology course since 2010. (While echoing the well-known journalism and literary awards, the playful "Pullet-zer" name reflects the consortium's focus: a pullet is a young hen, typically less than a year old.)





Dr. Kristen Gray, associate dean for health and counseling and director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Hope, received the national President's Award from the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors. The award was presented, the citation notes, "in praise for many years of meritorious service and valuable contribution to the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors." Gray, who joined the Hope staff in 1987, has been active with the association as a presenter and program facilitator for several years.

Dr. Charles Huttar, professor emeritus of English, received the inaugural Margaret Patterson Hannay Service Award from the Conference on Christianity and Literature. He was a founding member of the conference in 1956 and has been actively involved in the international organization ever since, including serving terms as secretary and president and (since 1994) as historian; serving on the board of directors and on various committees; organizing three regional conferences; and making presentations.



Dr. Jeffrey B. Johnson, associate professor of chemistry, was elected a Fellow of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science. Election as a Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers because of their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. Johnson was chosen for engaging undergraduate researchers in advances in transition metal-catalyzed carbon-carbon single bond activation and its use in synthetic materials. A total of 396 AAAS members have been elected Fellows this year, and Johnson is one of only four from undergraduate colleges. Most are from institutions such as national or private research laboratories, scientific associations and comprehensive universities.



Tim Koberna, assistant professor of kinesiology and head athletic trainer, received Student Senate Preceptor of the Year award from the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association for his outstanding work with students. Nominated by his students at Hope, he was selected from among all of the athletic trainers who serve as mentors in a region including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.



The late **Billy Mayer**, professor of art, who died on Nov. 11, 2017, has been honored as a Past Master by the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts. He was recognized during the council's annual conference on March 14-17, and with an illustrated feature in the 2018 *NCECA Journal* published in conjunction with the conference. He will also be celebrated at Hope from May 29 to September 8 with an exhibition of his work at the Kruizenga Art Museum. The pieces will be available for purchase, with the proceeds supporting the student scholarship fund at Hope established in his name.





Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, director of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute and provost emeritus and professor emeritus of classics, received a West Michigan Dutch-American Leadership Award during the West Michigan Dutch-American Heritage Day celebration on Nov. 14. Nyenhuis, who is also editor-in-chief of the institute's Van Raalte Press, has been active as a scholar and ambassador of Dutch-American heritage for more than 20 years.

Pam Ourada '87 Van Putten, coordinator of mentoring and internships for the Studies in Ministry minor, has been named among Western Great Lakes Young Life's Women of the Year for 2018. Her abundant experience in many ministry settings in the area includes recently serving as director of discipleship for student ministries at Central Wesleyan Church, and with her husband, Mitch Van Putten '85, having been actively involved in Young Life and in youth ministry at Christ Memorial Church.



Ray Smith, professor emeritus of kinesiology and former athletic director and football coach, was inducted into the 2017 Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame class as the recipient of the Warren Reynolds Lifetime Achievement Award. Smith coached Hope football for a quarter of a century (1970-94). When he retired, he was the winningest football coach in the history of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and his 25-year tenure was the longest of any football coach in America's oldest college athletic conference.

Dr. Gordon J. Van Wylen, president emeritus, received on-court recognition as the Toyota Hero of the Game during the University of Michigan's home basketball game versus UCLA on Dec. 9. The program honors active-duty members and veterans of the U.S. military. Van Wylen, Hope's president from 1972 until retiring in 1987, was in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving as a lieutenant aboard the submarine *USS Hardhead* in the Pacific Theater. Prior to coming to Hope he had been dean of engineering at U of M, where he had also earned his B.S.E. in 1942 and M.S. in 1947. More than 20 members of his family — children through great-grandchildren — attended the recognition event. In addition, as shown, Hope marked his 98th birthday (Feb. 6) during the home men's basketball game on Feb. 7.



Dr. Roger Veldman '89, professor of engineering and department chair, received a 2017 Alumni Excellence Academy Award from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences of Western Michigan University. Veldman, who holds his master's and doctoral degrees from the university, has been on the Hope faculty since 1998. He teaches a variety of courses in the department, including the engineering-design capstone sequence. His research focuses on theoretical and experimental analysis of explosive impacts on structures.

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THROUGH THESE DOORS

The Class of 1970 pours from Dimnent Memorial Chapel following Baccalaureate. Through the years some particulars have changed — Baccalaureate and Commencement were on consecutive days instead of the same day until 1974, and larger classes prompted Hope to begin holding two Baccalaureates in 1993 — but the essence has not. In 2018 as in 1970, or as in 1929 when the chapel hosted its first Baccalaureate service and before, the event celebrates Hope's newest graduates as they exit one period of life and step into the next.

WINDOW TO HOPE'S HISTORY





CLASSNOTES!

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Submissions for the Summer 2018 issue are due by May 29, 2018.

40s

Arthur Van Eck '48 and his wife, **Beatrice Van Heest '53 Van Eck**, continue to live in Fife Lake, Michigan, where he is a member of the Friends of the Library Board. During the fall of 2017 he gave two lectures on “The Making of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible,” a lecture on “The Impact of the Dead Sea Scrolls on Biblical Translation” and a lecture on “The 500th Anniversary on the Reformation.”

50s

John “Dave” Haas '53 of Palm Desert, California, reports that at age 85 he is in good health; plays some golf; and teaches in a program for students 55 or older, called OSHER. He writes that he just had a brother-in-law pass away at age 87 (attended Hope but did not graduate; lived his entire life except for army service in Holland; and was a Korean War veteran, infantry). John’s ex-wife lives in Holland, where she was born and raised. She also attended Hope but graduated from Utah State University. He notes that they are great friends and always will be. John was a Cosmopolitan and misses fraternity brothers who have died or are disabled.

Janice Polhemus '56 Jessup of Virginia Beach, Virginia, was named an honorary member of the fraternity of Omega Tau Rho by the State of Virginia and Hampton Roads Associations of Realtors on Oct. 3.

60s

Anne Wiegerink '60 Anderson of Sandwich, Illinois, has published a memoir, *My Griefcase*.

The “Griefcase” looks deep into the heart of grief, and through a personal narrative provides a list of tips for survival. The tips enable the grieving and their support systems to learn to make the most of each day and to cope with the daunting and unimaginably painful process of loss. It is available on Amazon.com.

Kathryn Kurth '60 Scudder of Dearborn, Michigan, recently had her fourth book on faith and prayer, *Looking to Jesus*, published. Her other books, *Everyday Prayers and More* (2014), *Prayer Thoughts for Every Day* (2015) and *Prayers, Praise, and People* (2016), are all available online. Although retired from elementary teaching, she

continues to be an active volunteer in her church and at a local hospital.

George Boerigter '61 has been elected to the board of the New Mexico Symphonic Chorus, making him the only person to serve on the boards of the three major New Mexico music organizations: NM Symphony Orchestra, Opera Southwest, and now the NM Symphonic Chorus. This past October, George’s company SoundOff Signal had a two-day celebration for 25 years of consecutive growth and profitability.

Vicki VanEck '66 Hill and Louis Quondamatteo, Jr. were married on July 9, 2017,



Thomas K. Johnson '77 was among the leaders of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) who met with Pope Francis in the Vatican on Dec. 14 to discuss closer cooperation with the Catholic Church, particularly regarding issues of religious freedom and persecution of Christians around the world. Tom is WEA’s religious freedom ambassador to the Vatican. His specialty is human rights and religious freedom issues, and he has traveled extensively to meet with others to bring about change in the area of religious persecution. Founded in 1846, the WEA represents more than 600 million Christians in 129 countries.

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Randy Zomermaand '72 (Tampa, Florida), **Conley Zomermaand '77** (Xenia, Ohio) and **Mike Zomermaand '81** (Canton, Michigan) met in Mt. Dora, Florida, and proudly represented Hope College at the Mt. Dora Bicycle Festival Oct. 5-8. The brothers, originally from Holland, Michigan, rode routes of 25, 56, 62 and a hilly 37 miles over the course of the four-day festival. They agreed that folks who think Florida is flat have never ridden in this festival. Vigorous competition and good fellowship accompanied the brothers during this mini family and college reunion.

in Jenison, Michigan. They honeymooned via a hot-red Mustang, from the Badlands to Paradise, Michigan. She reports: "no longer a widow with a cat, be encouraged, youthful folk!"

David Weddle '66 retired from Colorado College in 2014 as professor emeritus of religion. He has pursued his work in comparative religion that began with the book *Miracles: Wonder and Meaning in World Religions* (New York University Press, 2010) and continues with *Sacrifice in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (New York University Press, 2017). He and his wife, Sharon, live in Woodland Park, Colorado, and enjoy frequent visits by their two grandchildren, Ellyson and Nicolas.

Alan Jones '69 of Burr Ridge, Illinois, had his

latest book, *The First 100 Days in the Main Office: Transforming School Culture*, published. Further information on the book, and others he has written, can be found on his web page.

70s

Ruth Folkert '71 Trippy of Auburn, Georgia, recently published her third novel, *A Western Beauty – Colorado, 1879*. Her first book, *The Soul of the Rose*, can be found in Hope's library.

John Rothenbuhler '72 of Farmersville, Texas, retired on Oct. 1, 2017.

Chadwick Busk '74 of Rockford, Michigan, had the article "Using 'Shall' or 'Will' to Create Obligations in Business Contracts: Once More Unto the Breach" published in the October 2017 issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. He continues to practice information technology and corporate law from his home office and has a blog/newsletter at busklaw.blogspot.com.

David DeKok '75 of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has been working as a contract correspondent in Pennsylvania for Reuters, the worldwide news service, since 2014. He has written several stories in the past year related to the fraternity hazing death of Timothy Piazza in 2017 at Penn State University, and the hazing death of Chen "Michael" Deng, who was a freshman at Baruch College in Manhattan and died during a hazing weekend in 2013 in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains. The legal proceedings against the young men who were charged in Deng's death concluded in January 2018 in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Karen Johnson-Weiner '75 of Canton, New York, had a second edition published of her book *New York Amish, Life in the Plain Communities of the Empire State* (Cornell University Press). More than 20 new Amish communities in New York were established between the publication of the first edition in 2010 and the appearance of the second edition this spring. Karen is a distinguished service professor of anthropology emerita at SUNY Potsdam.

Nancy Bennett '76 Staal and her husband, Tim, are currently living and working in Tokyo, Japan where she is teaching grade four at Tokyo International School and Tim is the school librarian.

Amy Henrickson '78, Clark Matthews '61

and **Steve Maas '81** have come together to create the Grandville Community Choir. The choir of more than 50 area singers performs at various community events in addition to holding two special concerts each year, in December and April. Keep up with the choir on its Facebook page (search for: Grandville Community Choir).

Tom Allbaugh '79 of Rancho Cucamonga, California, had his first novel, *Apocalypse TV*, released by eLectio Publishers on Sept. 12, 2017. It concerns an English professor who appears on a religious reality show.

80s

Kathleen VandeZande '80 Fairbanks of Burke, South Dakota, was selected from parent nominations for the 2017 South Dakota Special Education Staff of the Year award. She has taught for 36 years, with 25 years as a special education teacher.

Johnathan Lein '83 of Altamonte Springs, Florida, delivered the keynote address "Why Psychology?" in April at the fourth annual University of Central Florida Psychology Conference. He is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Southern California and the University of Central Florida graduate schools of social work.

Sally Budd '85 of Alexandria, Virginia, retired in April 2017 after 32 years of service in the federal government. She spent 10 years on Capitol Hill working for Congressman William D. Ford (D-MI), followed by 22 years at the United States Department of Education.

Diane Boughton '85 Walker of Manning, South Carolina, is teaching physical education

Kevin Rebhan '84 of Holland, Michigan, has been inducted into the American College of Dentists in Atlanta, Georgia. The ACD is the oldest major honorary organization for dentists, and its mission is to advance excellence, ethics, professionalism and leadership in dentistry. Induction is a distinct honor as only 3.5 percent of dentists in the United States have been granted Fellowship in the College. Kevin is with Zeeland Family Dentistry in Zeeland, Michigan.

CLASSNOTES

in pre-K through sixth grade and coaching high school cross country and track with Clarendon County Schools District One. She recently became a certified track and field official with USATF. She has completed the USATF Certification 1 class to improve her coaching skills.

Julie Van Heest '86 Gortsema is founder and president of a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization, All Our Kids Inc., which is committed to Christ's call to care for orphans in distress. They serve in Tijuana, Mexico, where due to extreme crime and poverty, children are often abandoned at birth, forced into human trafficking or sold into the sex trade. Others live within deplorable housing with no running water or basic sanitation. AOK strives to combat the problem by sponsoring three children's homes that meet the essential needs for nearly 100 children, seeking to promote the well-being of the children from cradle to career. Ultimately, AOK strives to foster a generation of youth who will in turn serve Christ within their local communities in Mexico.

Alan Supp '86 of Rockford, Michigan, recently ended his role as a board member at Blandford

Nature Center due to term limits. While there, he served as treasurer, vice-chair, chair of the Donor Development Committee, co-chair of the Investment Committee and a member of the Capital and Endowment Campaign which recently concluded by raising more than \$10 million for the center. Alan and his wife, Sharon, continue to be active volunteers at Blandford Nature Center and their church, Our Lady of Consolation. He recently became an alternatives investment director at Morgan Stanley, where he continues his wealth-management practice in downtown Grand Rapids. His son, Joshua, and his family live in Frederick, Maryland, where he serves his country as a Navy corpsman. His daughter, Whitney, works as a social worker at Pine Rest and resides in Ada.

Amy Affleck '88 Meyer reports that after 15 years of tending the home fires and freelance editing and teaching, she has returned to full-time work at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as director of children's and family ministries. She states that she loves the new adventure and is grateful for the seeds that were planted when she was a student at Hope.

90s

Jen Baker '91 recently moved to Bath, England, and reports that she is excited to discover the beauty found in the stunning and historic city. She has written three more books which will be published this year (January, April and September) and enjoys traveling internationally, speaking about the wonderful freedom found in Christ. She also recently obtained a Nespresso machine and is fairly certain life will never be the same.

David MacIntyre '92 of Waukesha, Wisconsin, has been elected faculty president at Carroll University, where he teaches kinesiology in the exercise science program. He has been at Carroll since 1995. He is the first non-tenured, non-tenure track, clinical faculty member to serve as faculty president.

Michelle Ready '92 of Nunica, Michigan, was named the 2017 Gerri Allen Communicator of the Year by the Michigan School Public Relations Association. She is the director of communications and integrated marketing for Ottawa Area Intermediate School District.

Mike Nowlin '93 reports that his family recently repatriated to central Ohio after working in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, for nearly four years. He was the executive director for Hagar Cambodia, a Christian non-profit ensuring that survivors of human rights abuses such as human trafficking, gender-based violence and abuse receive trauma recovery services. He reports that living abroad was a wonderful personal and professional opportunity: They were able to help those in their time of need; take in new cultures as they traveled to numerous international destinations in the region; and develop friendships with people from around the world. He continues working with the same global organization, but now as the executive director of Hagar USA in a fundraising and advocacy role. They continue adjusting to the cold weather, the countless choices while shopping and the lack of traffic in Columbus.

Trent Wakenight '93 of Lorton, Virginia, has been working in the field of graphic facilitation and graphic recording since 2002, helping the federal government and industry-leading companies develop visual solutions to complex challenges and create poster-sized drawings in real-time at conferences and events. In 2017, he started his own firm, Marker Ninja LLC, and

Shaping Lives



Anna Gibbs '20

As an international student, Anna Gibbs '20 appreciates the care and support of the professors and staff here on campus. She states, "This is a place where I can learn more about the importance of faith in the Hope community and be engaged in conversations that are challenging to me."

Anna is a recipient of a scholarship designated for students from Central Europe. She was born in Austria and is from Bad Homburg, just outside of Frankfurt, Germany.

By planning a gift to support Hope's future, you help the college carry forward its mission of educating students like Anna for lives of leadership and service — nationally and internationally.

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also self-published an illustrated book on the first 100 days of the Trump presidency.

Christopher Wirth '96 was reappointed to Governor Rick Snyder's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect for the next four years.

John Bateman '97 and **Anita Van Engen '98** Bateman announce the birth of Ella Joy on July 18, 2017.

Miriam Beyer '98 and Thomas Meadows were married in November in Brooklyn, New York. She is the director of communications at The School at Columbia University, the K-8 school affiliated with Columbia. Tom is a product support analyst at Macmillan Publishers. They reside in Brooklyn, New York.

00s

Becky Renner '00 Anderson of Grand Rapids, Michigan, attended the annual Barron's Top Financial Advisors Summit in Palm Beach, Florida, on Nov. 29, 2017.

Jaclyn Vande Wege '00 Brummel and Mark Brummel announce the birth of Emily Ruth on Nov. 3, 2017.

Beverly Katt '00 Haycraft and Shannon Haycraft announce the birth of Ivy Marie on Aug. 26, 2017.

Renee Lick '00 Nicholas and Trevor Nicholas announce the birth of Ethan Loren on Sept. 1, 2017.

Adam Magers '01 has been appointed Cascade Township's new fire chief.

Ryan Smarszcz '01 and Stephanie Lelo were married on Dec. 2, 2017, in Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Rebecca LaRoy '01 Town reports that after 11 years of ministry in Prattsville, New York, she and her husband, **Greg Town '02**, recently moved to New Paltz, New York, with their three children. Becky will serve as one of the pastors at the Reformed Church of New Paltz. The move also gets them a little closer to Greg's office in Tarrytown, New York, where he continues to serve as Minister of Revitalization for the Regional Synod of New York.

Laurie Karsten '02 and Andy Pryor were married on Oct. 14, 2017, in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS BEING PRESENTED DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND

The Hope College Alumni Association will honor two alumnae during the annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, April 28.

The association will present Distinguished Alumni Awards to **Meredith Arwady '00 Kahlr** (left), an acclaimed contralto based in Kalamazoo, Michigan, who has performed with opera companies and symphonies around the world, and award-winning author **Lynn Davis '71 Austin** (right) of Holland, Michigan, whose 24 books have sold a combined total of more than one million copies worldwide.

Arwady has performed with opera companies and symphonies including the Metropolitan Opera, the San Francisco Opera, the Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Houston Grand Opera, the Opera Company of Philadelphia, English National Opera, Oper Frankfurt, the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony and the Toronto Symphony. She has won several competitions and awards, including the Metropolitan Opera National Councils, the George London, the Licia Albanese/Puccini Competition, the Marian Anderson Award, a Sara Tucker as well as a Richard Tucker Career Grant from the Tucker Foundation, a Grammy and several scholarships.

Austin is the author of 23 novels and a memoir, *Pilgrimage: My Journey to a Deeper Faith in the Land Where Jesus Walked*. Her novels, some historical and some set in the present, address Christian themes, with the central message, as she has said, "that God loves us and He'll never forsake us no matter how difficult life becomes." Eight of her novels have won Christy Awards for excellence in Christian fiction, and she was named to the Christy Award Hall of Fame in 2013. Her seventh novel, *Fire by Night*, was one of only five inspirational novels chosen by *Library Journal* as a top pick of 2003; her 16th, *All She Ever Wanted*, received the same honor in 2005. In 2006, her novel *Hidden Places* was made into a movie that starred Shirley Jones for the Hallmark Channel.

The banquet is scheduled in conjunction with Alumni Weekend (April 27-28). Additional information about the weekend and more extensive biographical sketches of both alumni are featured online.

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Kristen DeYoung '01 Van Noord and **Jared Van Noord '02** announce the birth of triplets, their eighth, ninth and 10th children: Titus Owen, Naomi Karolyn and Simeon Whitefield, born on June 6, 2017.

Lori Brown '02 Kemp and John Kemp announce the birth of Reagan Elise on Jan. 22, 2018.

Chris Working '02 of Holland, Michigan, was named Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Council of Teachers of English. He is a literacy coach for the Grand Haven Areas Public Schools.

Carrie Meulenberg '03 Quist and Aaron Quist announce the birth of Betsy Lucille.

Kimberly Lauver '04 Fletcher and Mark Fletcher announce the birth of Maura Winifred on Aug. 23, 2017.

Jill Van De Water '04 Isola was installed as the pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Hickory, North Carolina, on Nov. 19, 2017, in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Northminster Presbyterian Church is a More Light Congregation and a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Tiffany Zylstra '04 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is the director of admissions at MIO Dental Careers.

Joe Dykstra '05 and Caroline Hannema were married on July 14, 2017, in Holland, Michigan.

Jessica Nelson '05 Maynard and Lewis Maynard, along with their three children (Caeleb, Micah and Joseph), moved to Bucharest, Romania, in November 2017 to serve as full-time missionaries. Both Jessica and Lewis are serving at Bucharest Christian Academy. Their sending agency is ReachGlobal. More about their mission is available on their website, maynardsinmissions.com, or on their Facebook page (search for "Bucharest and Beyond").

Andrew Meyers '05 and **Julie Wiant '05 Meyers** announce the birth of Emmett Allen on Dec. 9, 2017.

Nathan Clinton-Barnett '06 graduated with honors with a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Chatham University on Dec. 14, 2017. A few days later, on Dec. 20, Nathan and **Lindsay Meek '07 Clinton-Barnett** welcomed the birth of Wells Phillip, who joins brothers Avery Reid and Brady Scott. Nathan is a partner at Safe Balance, a fall-prevention technology firm for hospitals and home health agencies located in Birmingham, Michigan, where he serves as chief clinical officer. Lindsay is a

special education teacher with a self-contained ASD class at Waterford Public Schools.

Jessica Bodtke '06 Hammer and **Peter Hammer '06** moved to France in November 2017 after being awarded the French Passport Talent visa (renewable for up to four years) to choreograph for and dance with the tap dance company Tapage in Toulouse, France. Peter will also be teaching classes and workshops in the Jump Rhythm Jazz and Tap techniques in Toulouse and other cities throughout France. He has been a company member with Jump Rhythm Jazz Project in Chicago, Illinois since 2010. Jessica plans to use this opportunity to further her knowledge of French cheese and wine, having spent the previous year working as a cheesemonger in one of Chicago's premiere cheese and wine shops.

Jaime Jo Sabol '06 Huff and Derrick Huff announce the birth of Heidi Wynn on June 15, 2017.

Caleb Walcott '06 and Meleah Walcott announce the birth of Eloise Ruth on Dec. 21, 2017. She joins big brother Silas.

Stephanie Beach '07 and Tony Messplay were married on Oct. 14, 2017, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Kurt DeHorn '07 of Hamilton, Michigan, joined Macatawa Bank mortgage sales team as vice president, mortgage loan originator in the Grand Rapids, Michigan, market.

Sarah Mignin '07 McCabe and **Matt McCabe '08** announce the birth of Winifred Louise on Oct. 26, 2017. They reside in Chicago, Illinois.

Barbara Schornstein '07 received her doctorate in sport and exercise science: biomechanics from the University of Northern Colorado in December 2017.

Sarah Herington '08 Charles and Lee Charles announce the birth of Gavriela Merida on Dec. 1, 2017. Sarah also received her CPHQ (Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality) designation. They live in the Lansing, Michigan, area.

Kayla Katterheinrich '08 Germann and Philip Germann announce the birth of Elliott Fernandez in November 2017. He joins big brothers, Marshall (age 4) and Barrett (age 2). Kayla is a home health physical therapist and Philip is a prosecutor for the city of Lima in Ohio.

Chris Maybury '08 and Jessica Moore were married on Sept. 23, 2017, in Holland,



Lindsey Hall '07 is an education volunteer in Uganda with the Peace Corps. In announcing that Hope is on this year's listing of the 2018 Top Volunteer-Producing Colleges and Universities, the Peace Corps included a profile of Lindsey that reflects on her work and how her time at Hope helped shape her interest in service. A total of 10 Hope alumni are currently Peace Corps volunteers, serving in Ecuador, the Kyrgyz Republic, Lesotho, Nepal, Rwanda, Senegal, Uganda and Zambia.

Michigan. They reside in Sydney, Australia, where Jessica is from.

Alexa Jansma '08 Powers and Adam Powers announce the birth of Calvin Von on July 3, 2017.

Elissa Preseau '08 and Bradley McBride were married on Sept. 16, 2017, at Ciccone Vineyard & Winery in Suttons Bay, Michigan.

Nicole Schrier '08 of Lake Mills, Wisconsin, was promoted to partner at Neuberger, Griggs, Sweet & Smith LLP. Her legal practice concentrates in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration, real estate and municipal law.

Lynde Seaver '08 Szczembara and Daniel Szczembara announce the birth of Fletcher Timothy on July 30, 2016.

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Alison TenHaken-Meshkin Sale '10 and Scott Sale announce the birth of Hendrik John on Oct. 29, 2017.

Elies Aguilera '10 Sietsema and Casey Sietsema announce the birth of Austin Henry on Jan. 18, 2018.

Carl Dunker '11 and Raquella Tunzi were married on Oct. 7, 2017, in Holland, Michigan.

Katherine Krueger '11 Leedy and Carson Leedy announce the birth of Ari Quinn on Nov. 11, 2017.

Audrey Griffith '11 Snoor and Greg Snoor announce the birth of Anna Joyce on Dec. 30, 2017.

Andrea Toren '12 Erber and **Nate Erber '12** announce the birth of Solomon James on Dec. 1, 2017.

Amanda French '12 and Paul Jacobs were married on July 28, 2017, in Holland, Michigan. She is an eighth-grade resource room teacher at East Middle School in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Grace Gonzalez '12 and Joseph D'Agostino were married on Aug. 26, 2017, in Park Ridge, Illinois.

Chelsey Huisingh '12 and **Nicholas Leonard '12** were married on June 10, 2017, in Holland, Michigan.

Carter Piers '12 of Honolulu, Hawaii, graduated with a Master of Social Work from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in December. He is employed by Hina Mauka Teen CARE, where he serves as a certified prevention specialist.

Lauren Welsch '12 received a Ph.D. in health services research from Old Dominion University.

Briana Beyer '13 received a 2017 "Top Producer" award from Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Holland, Michigan.

Adrienne Brown '13 and **Jordan Rose '14** were married on Sept. 30, 2017, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Brittany Pieters '13 and Mark Winter were married on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, in Augusta, Georgia.

Kyle Sutton '13 and **Sara Yockey '15** were married on Sept. 30, 2017, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jon Redeker '14 is the quality architect on the application services team for Gordon Food Service.

Taylor Votto '14 and Daniel Blauvelt were married on Sept. 23, 2017, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Emilie DeFrain '15 joined the Grand Rapids

Downtown Market as the market events coordinator in 2017. She and Adam Gleason were married on June 3, 2017, in Oxford, Michigan.

Samuel Horsch '15 is pursuing a M.Div. degree at Boston University School of Theology. He is the supervisor at the School of Theology Library and operations manager for the Boston University Marsh Chapel. The choir with which Sam performs recently released a new album *Kallembach: Most Sacred Body*.

Courtney Kayne '15 reports that after job searching for quite some time as a long-term substitute last spring, and leaving East Aurora School District 131, she started this school year as an eighth-grade Spanish teacher in Huntley School District 158. She is very happy as a colleague of two other middle school Spanish teachers, in addition to helping with Spanish club when her schedule allows. She is also exploring a new community, as she has moved away from Wheaton to be closer to Huntley. She is extremely grateful for her God-given gifts and talents, and how she is utilizing them in her professional life. "Thank you to all who have supported me on my journey to finding the right position," she writes.

Holly Thompson '15 was selected for the 2017-18 Douglass Fellowship Inaugural Class by Human Trafficking Institute. She is supporting the institute's efforts and will coordinate an event at Vanderbilt Law School.

Luke Boeve '17 is an engineer at Lear Corporation in Southfield, Michigan.

Robert Henry '17 and **Jessica Vlisides '17** were married and are living in Salt Lake City, Utah. Robert is attending the University of Utah as a Ph.D. student in clinical psychology and Jessica is pursuing a Master of Science in athletic training at Weber State University.

Rachel Hibbard '17 is currently serving a two-year term in the Peace Corps. She is teaching English to students in Lesotho in southern Africa.

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The college is often privileged to receive additional information in celebration of the lives of members of the Hope community who have passed away. Expanded obituaries are available online.

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Nola Nies '42 Van Oss of Exeter, New Hampshire, died on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017. She was 96. She was the Campus Queen in 1942. She worked in retail and taught French and English, and had a brief employment as a radio personality. Survivors include her son; daughter-in-law; and two grandchildren.

Florence Dykema '43 Morgan of Boonville, New York, died on Monday, Dec. 25, 2017. She was 96. She was an elementary teacher from 1962 to 1977 at Westmoreland Central School. Survivors include her children, Julie Morgan '69 (Jack) Pounders, Susan Morgan, Ellen Morgan '72 and Margaret Morgan; three grandchildren; and siblings, Marjorie Dykema (Robert '51) Visscher and Alan (Mary Jane Adams '56) Dykema '55.

Irene Lundie '45 Rypstra of Hamilton, Ohio, died on Friday, Oct. 27, 2017. She was instilled with a lifelong interest in history and literature. Survivors include her daughter, Ann Rypstra; and brother and sister-in-law, Watson (Sandra) Lundie.

Mary Lou Hemmes '46 Koop of Hamilton, Michigan, died on Saturday, March 10, 2018. She was 93. She was a volunteer with Haven Reformed Church. She and her husband, Harvey Koop '43, received the Hope Distinguished Alumni Award in 1979. Survivors include her children, Mary Lynn Koop '69 Arwady, Brian (Cathy Walchenbach '71) Koop '71, Barbara Koop '74 (Carl '74) Folkert and Janet Koop '75 (Roger) Brondyke; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Robert (Marilyn) Koop; and special friend, Raymond Lokers.

Marian Dame '47 Hoekstra of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 23, 2017. She was 92. She taught for four years in Holland, Michigan, taught in Kalamazoo Public School

as a substitute, and worked part-time at the Blossom Shoppe and Hoekstra Sales Co. Survivors include her sons, David Hoekstra and John (Marj) Hoekstra '79; three granddaughters; and sister-in-law, Marie Dame.

Arlene Eilanded '48 Ligtvoet of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017. She was 91. She was a teacher prior to starting a family. Survivors include daughter, Pam Ligtvoet; son, Jon Ligtvoet; daughter-in-law, Colleen Ligtvoet; sister, Barbara Eilanded '50 Stockman; sister-in-law, Eleanor Bax; and brother-in-law, Gerald Bax.

Paul Alderink '50 of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017. He was 91. Enlisted in the Navy in 1944, he served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He taught six and seventh grades at North Park in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and pastored churches in Jamestown, Michigan; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Annville, Kentucky; and Platte, South Dakota. He also served as director of the Annville Institute and Jackson County Ministries. Survivors include his wife, Doris Prins '50 Alderink; children, Bruce (Barb) Alderink, Tim (Karen) Alderink, Sue (Dan) Kappers, Mark (Katy) Alderink and Scott (Julie) Alderink; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Maxine Waalkes '50 Paesens of Farwell, Michigan, died on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017. She was 89. She was a first grade teacher at Farwell Schools. Survivors include her children, Kerwin "Kap" Paesens, Gary (Sandra) Paesens, Dean (Lana) Paesens, Susan (Daniel) Lyon and Patti (Paul) Williams; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and brothers, Kenneth and Stuart Waalkes.

Shirley Nienhuis '50 Proctor of Indianapolis, Indiana, died on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018. She was 89. She was an artist. Survivors include her sons,

Kris (Erin) Proctor and Dean Proctor; and two grandchildren.

Lois Timmer '51 Appledorn of Beverly Hills, California, died on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. She was 89. Survivors include children, Steven (Karen) Appledorn, James (Denise) Appledorn and Martha (Peter) Littrup; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother, Albert Timmer.

Harold Cupery '52 of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. He was 87. He served as a minister in Eddyville, Iowa; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Kalamazoo and Portage, Michigan. Survivors include children, Steven (Lorna) Cupery, Kathleen Cupery '94 (Roger) Nemeth and Dennis (Mary VanderBerg '77) Cupery '78; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Postuma, Donna Taves and Mary Lynn Voelz; and sister-in-law, Helen Slager.

Donald Lokker '52 of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017. He was 87. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was employed as an accountant for Dunn Manufacturing. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Donna Lokker; daughter, Diane (Jack) Wiest; daughter-in-law, Mary Lokker; five grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Bette Visscher and Linda (Larry) Topp; and brother-in-law, Robert Brewer.

Elizabeth Dowd '52 Smouse of Antioch, Illinois, died on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017. She was 87. She was a registered nurse in the children and teens unit at Condell Memorial Hospital in Libertyville, Illinois. Survivors include sons, Steve (Gerianne), Jerry (Jody), Rick and Jeff (Shari) Smouse; one daughter, Betsy; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and brother, Richard (Anita) Scherpenisse.

Kenneth Bauman '53 of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017. He was 88. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany for two years. He taught and coached in the Hudsonville and Holland Public School districts and served as the athletic director for 10 years for Holland Public Schools. Survivors include his children, Nora Bauman '75 (Darrel) Joyce; Ken (Mary Beth VanDis '80) Bauman '79 and Julie Campbell; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Audrey (Elmer) DeJonge.

Jacquelyn Ferris '53 Beerthuis of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018. She was 87. She started the restaurant Jackie's Place in Holland. Survivors include her children, Kirk (Barb) Beerthuis, Claire (Mike) Rotman, Kevin (Pam) Beerthuis, Daniel Beerthuis and David (Karen) Beerthuis; sisters, Maralyn Slikkers and Barb Scholten; six grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Jack DeWaard '53** of Mesa, Arizona, who died on Monday, June 5, 2017. He was 86. Survivors include his wife, Catherine Jones '55 DeWaard.

Robert Perkins Jr. '53 of East Helena, Montana, died on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018. He was 89. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a manager of Minute Man National Historical Park and retired from Bridger-Teton National Forest. Survivors include his wife, Mary Perkins; sons, Jim (Stacy) Perkins and Dave (Richa) Perkins; four grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

John DeWeert '54 of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018. He was 85. He served in the U.S. Army for two years. He spent his career in the printing business at Harris Corporation, and started a new business, Clean Print Systems, with friends. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Jean DeWeert; children, Jan DeWeert '78 (Dave '78) Zessin and Tom (Sue) DeWeert; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

David Kempker '54 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018. He was 87. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He taught and counseled students at Lowell, Hudsonville and Holland High. He coached football for 23 years, the last 17 at Holland High. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Mary Lammers '60 Kempker; children, David (Karen) Kempker '83, Daniel (Karen Hulst '86) Kempker '84 and Susan Kempker '87

(Peter) Kempker; 10 grandchildren; and brother, Jack (Ann) Kempker.

Jeanne Bondhouse '54 Thomas of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017. She was 86. She worked for Langeland Family Funeral Homes. Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Gordon Thomas '53; children, Lynn Thomas '77, Sharon Thomas '78 (Fred '77) Schlemmer, Gretchen Thomas '81, John (Christina) Thomas '83 and William (Jennifer Davis '86) Thomas '86; seven grandchildren; and in-laws, Gayle Thomas and Shirley (Cornelius) Hegewald.

Avis South '55 Boelkins of Muskegon, Michigan, died on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017. She was 84. She was a teacher aide at Michigan Dunes Montessori School. Survivors include her husband, Bill Boelkins '50; children, Dawn (John Schmidt) Boelkins, Lynn (Bruce) Dake and Leigh Boelkins '80 (Case '77) Van Kempen, Neal (Mary Jo Jaskiewicz) Boelkins, Paul (Mary) Boelkins and Karl (Stacie) Boelkins; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother, Laverne (Floraine) South '53; and brothers-in-law, Robert (Inge) Boelkins and Dennis (Mary) DeWitt.

Barbara Lowing '56 Brink of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018. She was 86. She was a volunteer at Third Reformed Church. Survivors include her children, Jeanne Brink '83 (Jay '81) Lindell, Anne Brink '85, Robert (Karine Renard) Brink '88 and Mary Brink '89 VanKula; four grandchildren; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Brink.

Audrey Nienhouse '56 Fritts of Williamsburg, Virginia, died on Friday, Oct. 27, 2017. She was 82. She represented the United States in Luxembourg, Japan, Indonesia, Sudan, Rwanda and Ghana while her husband was a Foreign Service Officer. Survivors include her daughters, Susan and Robin; and grandchildren.

Evon Dalman '56 Pluister of Boyne City, Michigan, died on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017. She was 84. She spent 23 years at the Boyne City Elementary School helping students with reading and math. Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Robert Pluister '56; children, Diane Godfrey, Cathlene (Dan) Zondervan and Tom (Barb) Pluister; and four grandchildren.

Bernard "Bunk" Van Ark '56 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017. He was 83. He taught mathematics at Forest

Hills Public Schools for 32 years and coached football for 25 years. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Norma Van Ark; sisters, Gloria Slagter and Sandy (Bob) Katsma; daughters, Cindy Van Ark '81 (Jim '80) Kessel and Jill (Kelly) Paffhausen; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Elsie Lower '57 Hamrick of Ocala, Florida, died on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017. She was 82. She taught in schools in Michigan and Florida for 34 years. Survivors include her children, Steve (Betty) Hamrick, Mike (Diana) Hamrick and Susan (Charles) Hines; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Jan Lower.

Charles Lindahl '57 of Rochester, New York, died on Friday, Nov. 17, 2017. He was 82. He was a research librarian at the Eastman School of Music. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Patricia Lindahl; his children, Kristin, Soren and Colin; and five grandchildren.

Georgia McCormick '58 Brookstra of Davenport, Iowa, died on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017. She was 83. She was an independent interior designer for 55 years. Survivors include her husband, Donald Brookstra '56; daughters, Deborah Brookstra '82 (Larry) Orendorff and Sonya Brookstra; sister, Patsy Manus; brothers, William (Lynn) McCormick and Edward McCormick; son-in-law, Jim French; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Marie Cossin '58 Hansen of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017. She was 81. She worked for Grand Rapids City Income Tax. Survivors include her children, Karyl (Bob) DeBruyn, Karyn (Randy) Lee and Mitch (Chris) Bakker; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

David Woodcock '58 of Jenison, Michigan, died on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018. He was 82. He taught at Romulus, Brown City, Port Huron Catholic, Flint Southwestern, Royal Oak Shrine, Detroit Catholic Central, Gaylord St. Mary's, Belding and Jenison. He taught social studies and coached most sports, including football for 52 years continuing after retirement. Survivors include wife of 59 years, Parm Woodcock; children, Lynne (Gerald), Susan, Charles (Kelley) Patricia (Brandon) and Michael (Jenni); eight grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Austin Aardema '59 of Fort Myers, Florida, died on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017. He was 80. He was a family physician for more than 50 years, practicing in Muskegon, Michigan, until moving

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to Fort Myers. Survivors include his wife, Adele Aardema; children, Chuck Aardema, Jim Aardema, Kristin (Aardema) Faigh, Jill (Aardema) Long and Jeff Peterman; sister, Paula (Aardema) Dufford; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Paul Benes '59 of High Falls, New York, died on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018. He was 80. He pastored many churches during 55 years of ministry. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Marilyn Hendrickson '60 Benes; children, Joy (James) Smith, Brenda (Christopher) Lane, Maribeth (Thomas) Gougoutris, Kristin Benes '88 (Nicholas) Brown and Doreen (Kevin) Harney; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Dorothy Benes '57 Weiss.

Wayne Platzer '60 of Castleton on Hudson, New York, died on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017. He was 78. He taught biology at Niskayuna High School for 26 years.

Robert Bronk '60 of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, died on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017. He was 80. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked in many capacities throughout secondary and higher education in New York State. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Susan Bronk; children, Juli LaDue and Chris Bronk; and four grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Bill Kutzing '61** of Playa Vista, California, who died on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. He was 78.

Ronald Snyder '61 of Everson, Washington, died on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2017. He was 79. He was a social worker at the Bellingham Whatcom County Health Department. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Martha Snyder; children, Susan Brouwer, Kristen (Bill) Rossey, Sarah Hughes and Emily Archambault; seven grandchildren; brother, Jim (Sharyn) Snyder; sisters, Janet Champanois and Karen (Wayne) DePree; and sister-in-law, Marty Sult.

Sara Vande Poel '62 Van Hekken of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018. She was 77. She taught elementary school in Zeeland, Michigan. Survivors include her husband of 55 years; Jim Van Hekken; children, Matthew (Debra) Van Hekken, Daniel (Kimberly) Van Hekken '89 and Rebecca Van Hekken '91 McIlwaine; six grandchildren; and siblings, Mary Vande Poel '59 and James (Irene) Vande Poel '60.

Bruce Roe '63 of Grantsburg, Wisconsin, died on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017. He was 75. He was

a professor of biochemistry at the University of Oklahoma. Survivors include his wife, Judith Pessek '63 Roe; children, Nathan (Sarah) Roe and Caroline (Jon) Stolp; two grandchildren; and sister, Joyce Schirmer.

Roger Mulder '64 of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017. He was 75. After retiring from ministry he worked at Camp Geneva for 16 years. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Judy Mulder; children, Sheryl (Mike) Boes, Dawn (Jim) Van Kampen and Carla (Jim) Bos; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Delwyn (Jean) Mulder and Mary (Gilbert) Gutierrez; and brother and sisters-in-law, Roger (Joanne) Grotenhuis, Karen (John) Meiste and Fern (David) Slotman.

Larry TenPas '64 of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, died on Monday, Aug. 28, 2017. He was 75. He owned and operated TenPas Painting and Decorating. Survivors include his siblings, Kathleen (Robert) Sorrens, Susan TenPas, Dale (Ann) TenPas, Richard (Laurie) TenPas and Peter TenPas.

Charlene Leong '66 Axelrod of Plymouth, Michigan, died on Sunday, May 14, 2017. She was 73. She was retired from teaching middle school English. Her husband passed away six days after her. Survivors include children, Robert (Chau) Axelrod and Deborah (John Shreck) Axelrod; four grandchildren; and siblings and in-laws, Linda Golumbia, Richard Axelrod, Alvin (Ernelle) Leong and Ronald (Pamela) Leong.

Thomas Cook '67 of Cascade, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018. He was 72. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He joined the Air National Guard and was active until 1988. He owned the Car Barn and then Al & Bob's Sports. Survivors include his wife of almost 50 years, Marcia Cook; children, Ryan (Jessica) Cook '96 and Kristen (Mike) Herweyer; four grandchildren; and brother, Steve (Betty) Cook.

Sharon Pluister '67 Vaughn of Allegan, Michigan, died on Friday, Oct. 27, 2017. She was 74. She had worked more than 25 years as an emergency dispatcher for Allegan County. Survivors include her children, BJ Vaughn and Doug (Michelle) Vaughn; brother, Bob (Evon) Pluister; sister-in-law, Romaine (Ron) Stassin; two grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Janice DeBoer '70 Currie of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 30, 2017. She was 69. She was actively involved with Helen

DeVos Children's Hospital. Survivors include her husband, Bill Currie '69; children, Mike (Missy) Currie, Jason Currie, Ryan (Megan Beatty '99) Currie and Courtney (Alex) Currie-Bianchi; 14 grandchildren; and siblings, John DeBoer, Linda Clodfelter and Patti Sori.

Cecile Gaillard '70 Spitters of Richland, Michigan, died on Friday, Oct. 13, 2017. She was 69. She was employed by Gull Lake High School for more than 24 years. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Alan Spitters '70, children, Scott (Joanne) Spitters and Steve (Lisa) Spitters '97; brother, Norm (Phyllis) Gaillard; five grandchildren; and father-in-law, C. Frank Spitters.

Larry Smith '71 of Hudsonville, Michigan, died on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017. He was 68. Survivors include his wife, Elaine Smith; children, Jennifer (Curt) Day, Jason (Michelle) Smith, Jillian (Steve) Branderhorst, Jaclyn Smith, Justin Smith, Joshua Smith and Jordan Smith; 10 grandchildren; sister, Sheryl Smith '73; sister-in-law, Karen (William) Elgersma; and brother-in-law, Jack Kunnen.

Dale Merrick '71 Hillermeier of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, died on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017. She was employed by Fleet Bank (Bank of America). Survivors include her husband, Edwin Hillermeier.

James Watters '71 of Friesland, Michigan, died on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018. He was 69. He was employed at several local businesses. Survivors include his siblings, Denise (Jerry) Vant Hoff, Steven (Kristi) Watters and Mary Watters.

Mary VanRegenmorter '71 Welton of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. She was 78. She was an educator, day care provider, reporter, bookkeeper and sales associate. Survivors include her children, Dee Dee (Drew) Torres, Darcy (Bill Fluharty) Komejan, Courtney Welton '97 VanLonkhuyzen and David (Deborah) Rausch; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and siblings, Patsy VanRegenmorter and Richard (Elva) VanRegenmorter.

William Smith '74 of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017. He was 65. He taught science during his 31 years as an elementary school teacher. Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Marcia Meoli Smith; children, Elizabeth Smith, Andrew Smith and Joel (Danielle) Smith; brother, Rick (Susan Boers '76) Smith '76; and three grandchildren.

Mark Mc Cullough '76 of Glen Rock, New Jersey, died on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017. He was 63. He served as a councilman for Glen Rock for three years. Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Suzanne Audet McCullough; children, Roxanne and Brian; and several siblings, including Stephen (Ellen) Mc Cullough '79.

Word has been received of the death of **Jan Ergenzinger '79** of Hamburg, Germany, on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017. He was 60.

Sara Renkes '84 Neevel of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017. She was 55. She worked for MacMillan Publishing, working primarily on psychology textbooks with Dr. David Myers of the Hope faculty. Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Neevel '84; children, Kelli (Steve) King and Alison Neevel; two grandchildren; parents, Phil (Maisie) Renkes; in-laws, Jim (Barbara) Neevel; sister, Ann Renkes '78 (Dave '77) Smazik, and sister and brothers-in-law, Kay (Scott) Brown, John (Karen) Neevel and Jeff (Kelly) Neevel.

Sharon Walburg '87 Fales of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017. She was 52. She worked for many years at Providence Health Care in Zeeland and the past few years at Holland Home. Survivors include her husband of three years, Bill Fales; children, Jenna (Adam) Houghton and Allison Tooker; stepchildren, Matthew, Madison and Brianna Fales; one granddaughter; mother, Mary Walburg; and sisters, Amy (Kipp) Bertke and Julie (Ryan) Visser.

Mary Heering '91 Hoats of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018. She was 86. She worked at Herrick District Library for 25 years and sewed costumes at the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre in the 1990s. Survivors include her children, Jacqueline (Gary) Shields, Charles (Holly) Hoats and Betsy Hoats; five grandchildren; and sister, Susan Sanford.

Kerstin Byorni '92 Manley of Austin, Texas, died on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018. She was 47. She taught Latin at John B. Connally High School in Austin, Texas. Survivors include her husband, Robert Manley; father, John (Sharon) Byorni; brothers, Michael (Tracy) Byorni and Christopher Byorni; sisters-in-law, Kati (Stephen) Garrett and Shelley Manley; and brother-in-law, David (Katerina) Manley.

Geoffrey Legg '94 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017. He was 45. He worked

at Holland Public Schools in many different positions. Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Karen Elshoff '94 Legg; children, Natalie and Andrew; parents, Richard (Antoinette) Legg; brother, Chris (Beth Perry '97) Legg '97; parents-in-law, Jim (Diana) Elshoff; and brother-in-law, Brian (Madi) Elshoff.

Brent Williams '96 of Arlington, Massachusetts, died on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017. He was 43. He was employed by Northrop Grumman Corporation for 17 years. Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Joy Williams; sons, Fisher Eric and Ruben Thomas; parents, Lana (Steve) Williams; and grandparents, Joyce (Larry) Williams.

Christopher VanderSlice '99 of Wyoming, Michigan, died on Saturday, Oct 28, 2017. He was 40. He was a teacher and administrator with Grandville Public Schools for 17 years. Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Tonya Rouse '02 VanderSlice; daughters, Hannah and Elizabeth; parents, Gordon (MaryJo) VanderSlice '74; sisters, Amy VanderSlice '01 (Case '99) McCalla and Julie VanderSlice '06 (Marc) Damstra; mother and father-in-law, Stephen (Judith) Rouse; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dave (Melissa) Fink, Aimee (Rick) Oleniczak, Joel (Becky) Fink and CJ Rouse; and grandparents, Johanna VanderSlice and Robert (Kathlyn) Niemeyer.

Nancy Ramirez '17 of Dallas, Texas, died on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018. She was 22. Survivors include her parents, Martin (Leticia) Ramirez; sisters, Veronica, Sirah and Irina Ramirez; brother, Martin Joshua Ramirez; and grandparents, Jesus Gonzalez and Teresa Rodriguez.

Sympathy to

The family of **Ion Agheana** of Holland, Michigan who died on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017. He was 80.

He was a member of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages from 1979 until retiring as professor emeritus of Romance languages in 2014. He taught primarily Spanish but also French, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian. He joined the faculty as an associate professor and was promoted to professor in 1986, and chaired the Department of Modern and Classical Languages from 1984 to 1987.

The graduating senior class named him the recipient of the "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award in 1983, the first year of his eligibility. In 2009, he was invited by the college's chapter of the Mortar Board honorary society to speak through the chapter's "Last Lecture Series" featuring members of the faculty.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Pat Agheana; daughter, Deborah Agheana; and grandson, Ian (Heather) Pierce.

The family of **Landrum Bolling** of Arlington, Virginia, who died on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018. He was 104. His career included serving as president of Earlham College from 1958 to 1973. While at Earlham, he played a leadership role in the 1961 creation of the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA), of which Hope is among the founding members. He was the first chair of the GLCA's board of directors.

The family of **Harry Boonstra** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who died on Monday, Oct. 23, 2017. He was 81. He served in World War II. He was on Hope's faculty from 1977 to 1990. He served as director of libraries and associate professor of library science from 1977 to 1983, an associate professor of English from 1983 to 1986 and an adjunct professor of English from 1986 to 1990. He was also the theological librarian at Calvin College. Survivors include his wife, Thelma Boonstra; daughters Jeanne Boonstra '83 (Joseph) Ditta, Anne Boonstra (William) Peterson and Sarah Boonstra '89 (Rodney Sullivan); and eight grandchildren.

The family of **Ann Farley** of Huntington Beach, California, who died on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018. She was 89. She was an administrative assistant to the dean for fine and performing arts and arts and humanities at Hope for 25 years. Survivors include her children, Martha Farley '77, Ann Farley '85 and Richard Farley '83.

The family of **Ruth Van Kampen** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017. She was 91. She was an instructor of sociology at Hope for nine years. Survivors include her children, Warren Bruce Van Kampen '69, Sandy Van Howe and Deb Van Kampen '75 (Tim) Locker; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.



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Artwork by Joel Schoon-Tanis '89

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